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Chester County Sheriff Receives State Crime Prevention Award

Harrisburg – The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency has chosen Chester County Sheriff Carolyn Welsh as this year’s winner of the Crime Prevention Office of the Sheriff Award.

The award, a joint endeavor of PCCD and the Pennsylvania Sheriffs’ Association, is given annually to a county sheriff who has demonstrated a strong commitment to crime prevention and crime reduction efforts.

Welsh has supported a number of crime prevention efforts in her community, including the “Think Safe” program, which provides young children with an action plan in the event of a dangerous situation; the “Triad” program, which provides older adults with crime prevention tips; and the “Bullying Hurts” program, designed to educate children on the dangers and consequences of bullying.

Welsh, who has served as Chester County sheriff since 2001 and is a member of the Pennsylvania Sheriffs’ Association, also received this award in 2008.

James Strader, deputy director for PCCD’s Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements, will present the award to Welsh this evening at the 89th Annual Pennsylvania Sheriffs’ Association Convention in Gettysburg.

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency is the state’s lead agency for criminal justice policy issues and is committed to providing essential support service to law enforcement agencies, responding to and supporting victims of crime and strengthening communities.

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