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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Montgomery Township Police Department Completes One Mind Campaign Initiative In Response to Persons with Mental Health Issues

Montgomeryville, PA—The Montgomery Township Police Department and Chief J. Scott Bendig are pleased to announce that they have completed a pledge they took to improve their response to those suffering from mental illness in their community. The pledge is part of an initiative called the One Mind Campaign started by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

In completing the One Mind Pledge, the Montgomery Township Police Department established a sustainable partnership with a local mental health organization, developed and implemented a model policy to address officers' interactions with those affected by mental illness, and ensured that all of their officers received mental health awareness training, with over 40 percent of the department completing the more intensive Crisis Intervention Specialist training.

The most significant benefit in adopting all the strategies of the One Mind Campaign pledge has been an increased overall awareness in understanding how better to deal with and help those suffering from mental illness within our community.

With the completion of this pledge, the Montgomery Township Police Department becomes only the fourth (and the largest) agency in the Commonwealth to complete this initiative, and the first in Montgomery County.



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The Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors congratulates the officers of the Montgomery Township Police Department for their successful completion of the *One Mind Campaign* and commend Chief J. Scott Bendig for his commitment to this mental health initiative and for constantly striving to position this Police Department to continue to be at the forefront in law enforcement.

For more information about the One Mind Campaign, visit the IACP's website at <https://www.theiacp.org/projects/one-mind-campaign>

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