



FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER

18th Annual Summer Intern Mock Trial Competition

The Mock Trial competition was held over two weeks in the Montgomery County Courthouse. Law students prosecuted a variation on a real trial with added legal hurdles and factual inconsistencies. The winners were Teresa Benavides from the Drexel University Thomas L. Kline School of Law and Danton Moyer from the Temple University Beasley School of Law. Taking second place were Marissa Booth and Samuel Cooper, both from the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law.



National Night Out

Dozens of detectives, prosecutors and staff members from the Montco DA's Office attended National Night Outs across the county.

Anonymous Texting App : MontcoCrimeTips

This summer I invited residents to be partners in crime fighting as Montgomery County became the first county in the Commonwealth to launch an anonymous crime tips app for residents, called "MontcoCrimeTips." The crime tips app, called STOPit is a joint venture undertaken by the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety and the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office in an effort to make every citizen a partner in crime fighting. Please consider downloading the app and supporting this joint effort.



Mobile Drug Take Back Car

We announced a new avenue for fighting the heroin-opioid epidemic —“The Pill Take Back Mobile MINI,” a mobile Drug Take Back car containing a MedReturn Box able to accept unwanted and expired medicines to public events. This is an extension of the Drug Take Back Days our office conducts twice a year. Instead of waiting, the Pill Car will be at events across the county raising awareness of the need to get unnecessary medications out of the medicine cabinet and destroyed safely.



“Operation Safe Homes,” Free Gun Turn-In Event

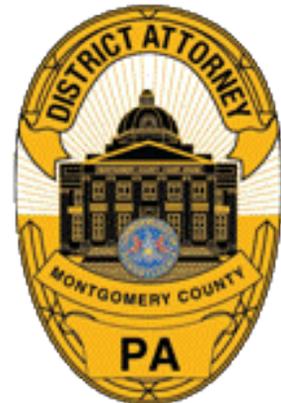


Many people have both guns and children or grandchildren in their homes and are uncomfortable with that fact. In cooperation with police departments across the county, we hosted two free gun turn-in events to make it easy to get rid of unwanted guns and make sure they are destroyed. 107 guns were turned over during the 2 day event last week.

2017 Annual Report

I couldn't be more proud of everyone on our team—prosecutors, detectives and staff. The hard work that each person does every day is what leads to our many successes and to making a difference in peoples' lives. Our team is made up of truly dedicated public servants, always striving to serve Montgomery County residents and be an exemplar for other district attorneys' offices around the country. The 2017 District Attorney's Office Annual Report can be viewed here:

<https://www.montcopa.org/DocumentCenter/View/21869/2017-MCDA3-Annual-Report>



Wheels of Justice



Thanks to everyone who supported and rode with Wheels of Justice. We raised \$84,000+ to put our team at nearly \$575,000 raised in 10 years--all for the families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty and for the Montgomery County Hero's Fund.