

Central Bucks Regional Police Department

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Dear Borough Council Members:

The Central Bucks Regional Police Department has entered its third year of regionalization with tremendous success as we welcomed our third municipality in March of this year.

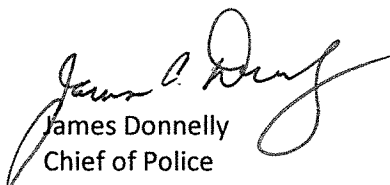
The feedback we continually receive from residents, visitors, and business owners in the tri-municipal jurisdiction has been overwhelmingly positive. We believe the design of police coverage through sectors and sub-sectors was one of the major conduits to this success. It allows for police saturation and high visibility while empowering officers to have ownership and accountability for the conditions in their subsector.

Quality of life has improved throughout the municipalities through reduction of Part I and Part II crimes. The crime rate dropped 20% from 2014 to 2015. Clearance rates for Part I crimes is at 56%; a dramatic difference to the County 29% and the State 32%. Clearance rates for Part II crimes is even greater at 70%; County 55% and State 60%. This is a direct result of pooling resources of the municipalities into one highly-trained Detectives Division that work full time on solving crimes.

In today's national climate toward police, the regionalization has allowed CBRPD to place additional focus on implementing officer accountability measures. Increased communications and information sharing has been a pivotal aspect of officer reception to this change in accountability that had not previously been accepted. The outcome of this effort is the development of a new high-performance culture that is becoming the accepted standard among our officers.

CBRPD recommends departments follow suit in regionalization as there is tremendous benefits to all parties involved. If you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me at 215-345-4143.

Sincerely,


James Donnelly
Chief of Police