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*MALVERN BOROUGH COMPLETES ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW
OF MAY 19, 2022 POLICE INVOLVED SHOOTING*

Today, Malvern Borough Mayor Zeyn B. Uzman announced that the Malvern Borough Police Department has completed its administrative review into the fatal shooting involving a Malvern Borough police officer which occurred in the 800-block of Charleston Greene on May 19, 2022. The administrative investigation reviewed the actions of the involved officers to determine if the officers' actions were in compliance with the Department's policies and procedures. The Borough's review found that the actions of the three Borough officers involved in the shooting incident were in accordance with the Department's administrative policies and procedures.

The Chief of Police, the Mayor, and the Borough's special counsel completed that review pursuant to the requirements of the Department's Use of Force Policy. The Borough utilized a review process that has been used by law enforcement agencies across the United States involving Use of Force investigations. The Department's review was guided by the best practices of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the police training requirements of the Municipal Police Officers Education & Training Commission. While the administrative review utilizes a different legal standard from the criminal investigation conducted by the Chester County District Attorney's Office, the review considers the findings, conclusions, and evidence determined through the independent criminal investigation. The DAO found on June 2, 2022 that the involved officer's use of deadly force was justified under the circumstances and that it was a lawful use of force by police.

The Department's administrative review in this matter determined that the actions of the three officers were within Department policy and reasonable under the circumstances. Additionally, the officer's use of deadly force was reasonable and in compliance with the Malvern Police Department Use of Force Policy as it relates to use of deadly force.

The Department's administrative review confirmed that the deceased subject's actions placed the officers and the public in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury. By waving her firearm with her finger on the trigger while struggling over the gun, she jeopardized the lives of all present and the nearby residents of the Charleston Greene community. The officers were forced to act to ensure their safety and the safety of the neighbors. The deceased created a situation where the police officer had a reasonable belief that his life, and the lives of others, were in danger of serious bodily injury or death, thereby justifying the use of deadly force according to Pennsylvania law and Department policy.

Mayor Uzman thanked the Department, Chief Marcelli, and its officers for their professionalism in responding to this difficult situation. "This incident highlights that there are no 'routine' calls for police officers and that violent incidents like this can happen anywhere." Borough Council and the Mayor pledged to continue to safeguard the highest quality of training for our officers to ensure that the Department is prepared to respond and protect the Borough residents no matter what the situation.

Mayor Uzman reminded Borough residents that if you or someone you care about is experiencing a mental health or emotional crisis, please call the Valley Creek Crisis Center at **610-280-3270**. The Valley Creek Crisis Center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and provides free services to Chester County residents.