



## **School Resource Officers**

The West Goshen Police Department has actively partnered with the West Chester Area School District for more than 30 years. This relationship began in the 1980's with the advent of the "Officer Friendly" program. That program focused on the elementary schools and the "Stranger Danger" concept. Since that time our participation in all of the township's schools has grown.

In 2018, West Goshen Township expanded the Juvenile Unit to three officers. This increase placed an officer at the East High School/Fugett Middle School campus during each school day. These officers are all trained as School Resource Officers and in addition to providing a police presence in the schools, these officers give all students and faculty an opportunity to get to know the police. We hope this will be the start of a life-long, trusting relationship between the young members of our community and the police.

The success of this program drew attention and accolades from the school district. In January of 2020 the Township and the School District reached an agreement which saw the expansion of the Juvenile Unit to four officers and the placement of an officer at the Peirce Middle School campus during each school day.

I look forward to a growing and successful future with the West Chester School District and Superintendent James Scanlon as we all work together for a brighter tomorrow. Together we can achieve our goals and improve the lives of everyone in our community.

Michael P Carroll

Chief of Police