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Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce Annual Inspirational Breakfast to Focus on Opioid Crisis

Keynote speaker Chester County District Attorney Thomas P. Hogan and other community leaders examine opioid crisis May 17, 7-9:30 am at Mendenhall Inn

West Grove, PA - The Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual Inspirational Breakfast Thursday, May 17, beginning at 7 am at The Mendenhall Inn. The keynote speaker is Chester County District Attorney Thomas P. Hogan who will present "To Live and Die in Chester County: The Opioid Crisis." Hogan will be joined by Jacki Smiro, Executive Director of [Live4RJ](#), and Brandt Norton, of Behavioral Wellness & Recovery, in an examination of the prevalence and ramifications of opioid usage in Chester County and beyond. Pennsylvania ranks 4th in the United States in number of drug overdose deaths per year; ¹in 2016, more than 4,600 Pennsylvanians died as a result of drug abuse, with thousands more affected by addiction, either personally, or through family, friends, and loved ones.

The Inspirational Breakfast welcomes business and community leaders from across the region. The fee is \$45 for Members and \$55 for Non-Members. Visionary Tables are available for \$375. To register, visit www.scccc.com.

The event includes a coffee reception at 7:00 am with Reception Sponsor, *ServPro of Kennett Square/Oxford*, followed by a sit-down breakfast and program at 8:00 am with Presenting Sponsor, *DNB First*. Special guests include Leon R. Spencer, the Chamber's 2016 Outstanding Citizen of the Year, who will perform *The National Anthem*, and the American Legion Color Guard of Kennett Square Color Guard Post 00491, led by John DiMatteo, Corporal, United States Marine Corp and local business owner and Chamber member.

Thomas Hogan is the Chester County District Attorney, the chief law enforcement officer in Chester County. Mr. Hogan previously served as a federal prosecutor for the United States Department of Justice, where he prosecuted violent crime, drug trafficking organizations, political corruption, and terrorism. In addition to serving with the Department of Justice, Mr. Hogan was an Assistant District Attorney in Chester County and was a partner in a law firm. Mr. Hogan received his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. During his tenure as District Attorney, Mr. Hogan has received awards for his work in the areas of homicides and domestic violence.

¹ Analysis of Overdose Deaths in Pennsylvania, 2016 Joint Intelligence Report, DEA Philadelphia Division and the University of Pittsburgh



About Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce

The Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce, the region's leading pro-business member organization, is dedicated to the growth and development of its members and the business community by providing opportunities to connect businesses and support sustainable economic development. Founded in 1929 in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, the Chamber's nearly 500-member businesses consist of influential business leaders and professionals, not-for-profits, institutions, legislative leaders, and more. The Chamber hosts more than 70 events and programs each year in the Southern Chester County region. To join or learn more about the Chamber, visit www.scccc.com.

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Please note: Members of the media wishing to attend and cover the event are welcome to do so free of charge. All members of the media must be pre-registered. Please contact Cheryl Kuhn at ckuhn@scccc.com or 610.444.0774 to register.

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