

UPDATE ON THE MERGER OF THE BOROUGH OF BOYERTOWN AND COLEBROOKDALE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENTS

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On June 1st, 2020 the Borough of Boyertown and Colebrookdale Township Police Departments will merge, finalizing the creation of the Eastern Berks Regional Police Department.

The new department was created by ordinances and an intergovernmental agreement jointly adopted by Boyertown Borough Council and the Colebrookdale Township Board of Commissioners, on December 2, 2019.

The EBRPD is governed by representatives appointed by the both municipalities to serve on the Eastern Berks Regional Police Commission. The Police Commission has named Barry Leatherman, Jr. to serve as Chief of Police of the EBRPD.

The Department will be headquartered at the new Boyertown Police Station located at 16 W. Philadelphia Avenue, Boyertown. Existing telephone numbers for both the Boyertown and Colebrookdale Departments will connect to the new department.

Police vehicles, uniforms, and building signs will get a new look along with the new name, the dedicated officers from the former departments will continue to work together, although now as a single cohesive unit, as they continue to serve Colebrookdale Township and the Boroughs of Boyertown and Bechtelsville with the same dedication and commitment as in the past.

Due to the planning and logistics involved in transitioning the fleet of police vehicles, some of the vehicles may be re-marked as Eastern Berks Regional Police prior to June 1st, and some may remain marked as Boyertown or Colebrookdale for a short while following June 1st.

A web site for the department is under development, and expected to be ready for public release very shortly. A link to the EBRPD web site will be posted on the Borough of Boyertown website as soon as available.

The merger is an effort to sustain the service the community expects and needs now, and to continue to meet changing needs well into the future, based upon the belief that we can do better together, working with our neighbors. Anyone with questions about the merger should contact Chief Leatherman at 610-369-3033 or Boyertown Borough Manager Pat Loder at 610-369-3031.