
MIDDLETOWN

Area departments help Middletown

Ten area police departments and the Bucks County detectives will pitch in to provide coverage in Middletown so department members can mourn and attend the funeral of Officer Chris Jones on Thursday, Middletown acting Public Safety Director Patrick McGinty said.

McGinty said all Middletown police personnel will be off from 7 a.m. Wednesday until 7 a.m. Friday, when they will return to normal duties.

During the two days, officers from Newtown, Newtown Township, Bristol Township, Falls, Morrisville, Upper Southampton, Lower Makefield, Langhorne Manor, Warminster and Hulmeville will patrol Middletown and also staff the police building at 3 Municipal Way, just off North Flowers Mill Road. The Bucks County detectives will provide any detective services needed during that time, McGinty added. Bensalem police also are helping their brothers in blue by stationing an officer at the funeral parlor for a sevenhour shift. The other shifts are covered by Middletown police.

"The other police departments have been fantastic in helping us out," McGinty said.

The administrative side of the municipal center, which includes the manager's office, parks and recreation, licenses and inspections and other nonpolice departments, will be closed from 3 p.m. Wednesday until 8:30 a.m. Friday.