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Photo Caption: Coroner Christina VandePol, M.D.

Coroner Christina VandePol, M.D., and the staff of the Chester County Coroner's Office are hosting a Public Information Session on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, from 6-7:30 pm. The event will be held in the Community Room of the Henrietta Hankin Branch Library at 215 Windgate Drive, Chester Springs, PA.

Those arriving early are welcome to stop by the Coroner vehicle in the parking lot to meet some of the staff. The meeting itself will include a showing of an original short video entitled "Forgotten No More" about the history of Chester County's unclaimed. There will also be a display about identification of non-human remains, and information on natural and accidental deaths in Chester County. Accidental deaths include those due to drug overdose as well as those due to falls. Current trends concerning the opioid epidemic and accidental falls will be presented. Coroner VandePol will also be deputizing a new Deputy Coroner and explaining the process of becoming a Deputy Coroner.

"This is an opportunity for the public to learn more about what we do than what they may see on television," said Dr. VandePol. "It's complicated, because what the Coroner does affects public health, public safety, and the justice system. In addition to that, we have an important social responsibility because we play such an important role in many people's personal lives when a death occurs. This is going to be an informal event and there will be lots of time for questions. For those who are concerned, there won't be any bodies, not even in photos! We do ask that children under 13 not attend, however."

For further information, please contact the Coroner's Office at 610-344-6165.