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### **DCED Secretary Recognizes Police Department in Union County for Regionalization Efforts**

**Harrisburg** – Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Secretary C. Alan Walker today presented a certificate of recognition highlighting community dedication and intergovernmental cooperation to Union County’s Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department for its multi-municipal police consolidation.

“I am proud to recognize the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department for its consolidation efforts,” said Walker. “With assistance from DCED you were able to achieve a common goal; greater efficiency at a reduced cost for the taxpayers.”

The Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department received a certificate of recognition at the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Education and Training Conference of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. Walker recognized the department for its exceptional public service, professional dedication, and intergovernmental cooperation.

In 2005, due to a need for greater efficiency, the Lewisburg Borough and East Buffalo Township police departments agreed to consolidate operations to provide stronger coverage at a reduced cost to the municipalities. During the consolidation process, the police departments worked with local and state officials to address the communities’ need for a larger and more efficient police department.

“Your consolidation is proof that perseverance and working as a team can have a positive impact on the local community,” Walker said.

The consolidated department began operations last February, joining 34 other consolidated departments that have formed in the state since 1979. The department currently has 20 officers covering both municipalities.

The Governor's Center for Local Government Services (GCLGS), housed within DCED, aided with the consolidation process. GCLGS provides technical resources and assistance for municipalities, consolidation, regional efforts and also serves as a resource for local government officials, developers, and citizens interested in planning to improve, grow and enhance communities. To learn more about police regionalization and other DCED programs, visit [www.newPA.com](http://www.newPA.com) or call 1-866-466-3972.

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