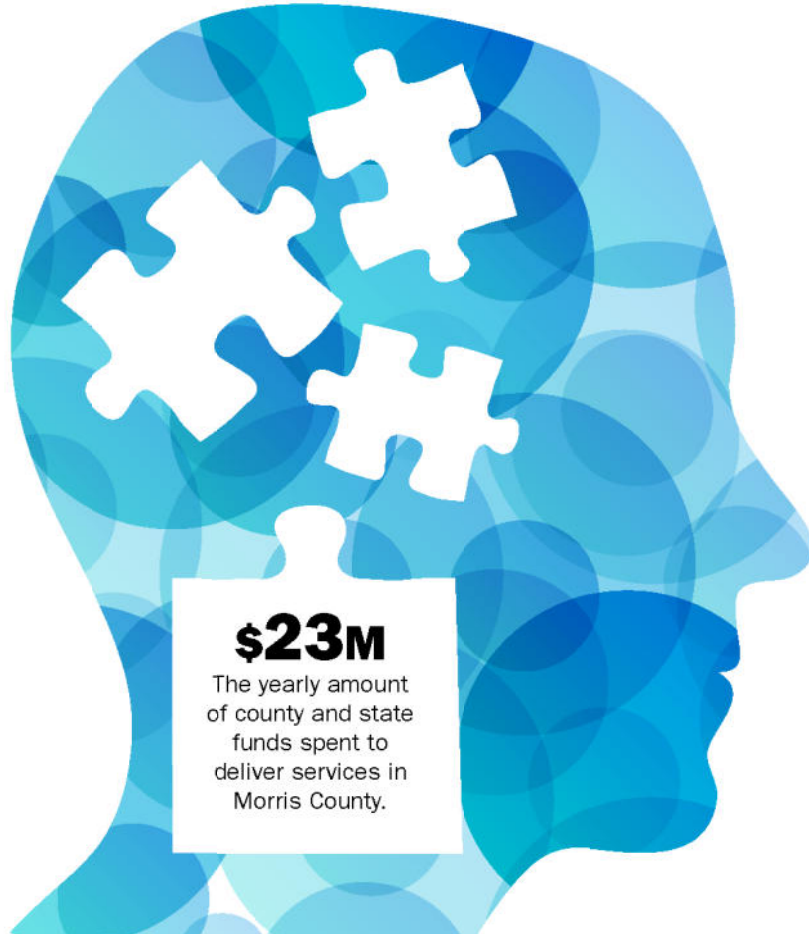


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The yearly amount of county and state funds spent to deliver services in Morris County.

MORRIS' MENTAL HEALTH CHECK

Summit looks at services that work, what needs to improve

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Some 200 people recovering from mental health and substance abuse problems voiced what's working — and what's missing — in services in Morris County during the 21st annual public forum on the topic at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morris Township Tuesday night.

Yearly, \$23 million in county and state funds is spent to deliver services in Morris County, according to Laurie Becker, the county's mental health administrator.

The annual feedback session, sponsored by the Morris County Mental Health Substance Abuse Advisory Board and the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is designed to ensure the money goes where it's most needed.

Those gathered gushed with praise for supportive housing by the nonprofits Community Hope and New-Bridge Services, the Program of Assertive Community Treatment at St. Clare's Behavioral Healthcare Ser-

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Morris County Freeholder Director Kathy DeFillippo addresses Tuesday's forum on mental health, addictions and human services held at Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morris Township.

"The court systems have sentences for the addict, which involves treatment programs, but the family is not pointed in the right direction. I notice in the literature distributed tonight that, under National Self-Help Organizations, AA and NA are listed, but Al-Anon and Nar-Anon are not. I think it's important to list them."

ROCKAWAY WOMAN, MOTHER OF A DRUG ADDICT

Investment in early child care pays off, experts, business leaders say

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BOONTON — Nonprofit groups teamed with members of the Morris County business community Tuesday to launch a conversation about the value of investing in early childhood development in the United States.

Rebekka Zydell, executive director of the Mount Arlington-based Child & Family Resources, hosted the event at the Darress Theatre, which included a screening of the first episode in a new documentary series "The Raising of America."

Screenings of the documentary — which explains how the United States is lagging behind other developed nations in providing financial support for working and low-income parents — are taking place across the nation this month, including every New Jersey county.

"It is part of a national conversation to look at why investing in high-quality, early-care education is important not only from a family perspective, but from a socioeconomic perspective," Zydell said.



Sen. Anthony R. Bucco addresses a crowd of child-development experts and business leaders prior to a screening of a documentary Tuesday night at the Darress Theatre in Boonton.

"Our nation, measured across multiple dimensions of child care support, ranks 26th out of 29 rich nations," the documentary narrator states. "Why that is, and what we can do about it, matters."

An economic analyst interviewed in the documentary adds that studies have shown quality early-childhood care and education can produce a "7 to 10" percent annual return on investment to the economy by producing more productive, resilient and skilled adults for the workforce.

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Dover mayor: Put more cops on street

Proposal calls for cutting 4 detectives from force

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DOVER — The mayor and Board of Aldermen have proposed changes to the organization of the 34-officer Police Department that would reduce the number of detectives from six to two and put more officers on the street.

The proposal was introduced Tuesday night as Ordinance 11-2015 and is scheduled for a public hearing on June 23.

Police Chief Harold "Butch" Valentine, who unsuccessfully challenged Mayor James P. Dodd for the mayoral seat in the June 2 Democratic primary, was at the Board of Aldermen meeting Tuesday but was ill Wednesday and not available for comment.

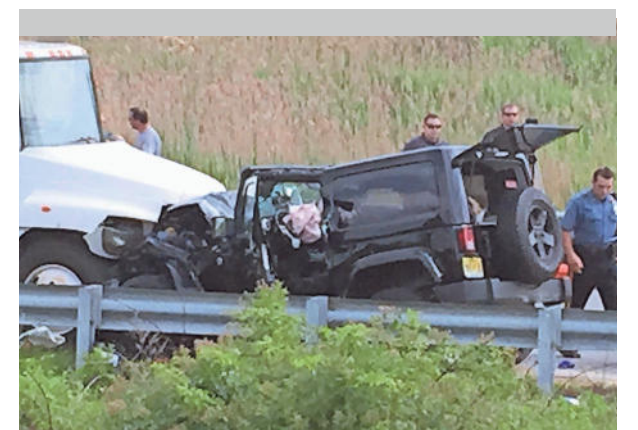
Dodd said the changes have been discussed on and off for a few years, and are meant to improve the efficiency of the department and cut down on overtime received by officers who are paid extra as "officers in charge" on a shift when a sergeant or lieutenant is not available.

PBA Local 107 President James Pritchard declined comment on the proposed ordinance.

If the ordinance is adopted, the Police Department still would be headed by the chief. The town is continuing to interview candidates for the position of civilian public safety director, which was created in 2012. Retired State Trooper Richard Rosell was hired for the job overseeing the police and fire departments but resigned earlier this year to take a similar job in Florida.

Below the chief would be three lieutenants. There currently are two lieutenants. There would continue

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The scene of a fatal accident Wednesday on Ridgedale Avenue in East Hanover.

Head-on crash in East Hanover kills Jeep driver

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EAST HANOVER — A motorist died in a head-on, two-vehicle accident Wednesday afternoon on Ridgedale Avenue, township police said.

The driver of a two-door black Jeep was traveling east on Ridgedale, where it parallels eastbound Route 280, when it crashed into a large white box truck with a Penske Leasing logo traveling in the opposite direction about 3 p.m.

East Hanover police, firefighters and ambulances were at the scene about 4 p.m., along with the Crime Scene Unit from the Morris County Sheriff's Office. Investigators were examining the Jeep, which was heavily damaged from the impact and had its front airbags deployed.

A police dispatcher confirmed the driver of the Jeep had died but did not report any other details.

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