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State College Police Department to host *Coffee with a Cop* on October 11 Program offers opportunity to meet local officers, discuss community issues

On October 11, officers from the State College Police Department and community members will come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee.

All community members are invited to attend. The event begins at 9 a.m. on October 11 at Barnes and Noble, 365 Benner Pike, State College. Please contact Ofc. Mike Mamolen with questions: (814) 234-7150.

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in State College's neighborhoods.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies, or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. *Coffee with a Cop* breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the county, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve.

The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time.