

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY RISA VETRI FERMAN HONORS
UPPER DUBLIN POLICE SERGEANT JAMES R. MILLER WITH FIRST HERO
PLAQUE DEDICATION IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY**



District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman, together with Upper Dublin Police Department Chief Terrance Thompson and James Binns, founder of the Fallen Hero Plaque Program, held the first Fallen Hero Plaque ceremony in Montgomery County on Thursday, September 6th, 2007 memorializing Fallen Hero Sergeant James R. Miller. The dedication was held at the intersection of Dreshertown Road and St. Georges Road in Upper Dublin Township where Sergeant Miller made his ultimate sacrifice. Following the ceremony the community honored Sergeant Miller further by renaming of the section of Dreshertown Road where the accident occurred in his memory.

Sergeant James R. Miller was killed in an automobile accident on Dreshertown Road, near Welsh Road, while responding to the scene of an accident on the morning of April 20th, 2004. Sergeant Miller was appointed to the Upper Dublin Police Force in 1976. After serving in the Upper Dublin Police Department for seven years, Sergeant Miller was appointed to Patrol Sergeant and served as a Sergeant for twenty-one years. Sergeant Miller was a veteran of the United States Air Force and a prominent member of his community. He served faithfully and with distinction until the time of his sacrifice when he was fifty-five years old. He is survived by his wife Barbara, two children, two grandchildren, his mother and three brothers. Sergeant Miller is remembered as an outstanding police officer, father, son and brother.

District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman worked with James Binns in order to bring the Fallen Hero Plaque Program to Montgomery County in 2007. The program acts as a symbol of respect and support for the families of fallen officers as well as current law enforcement officers. District Attorney Ferman explains, "Losing a fellow officer is like losing a member of your family. We are here to remember and foster the sacrifice made by officers who put their communities first, and above all, we come together through this program to shed light on the daily sacrifice made by individuals within law enforcement. We are overjoyed to have this program within our county and to present Sergeant Miller with the first plaque."

Following the Fallen Hero Plaque dedication, Montgomery County Commissioner Chair Josh Shapiro announced House Bill 1116, designating the portion of Dreshertown Road between Welsh Road and Limekiln Pike, the scene of the accident, as the "Sergeant James R. Miller Memorial Highway", in honor of Sergeant Miller's ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of Upper Dublin County. Commissioner Shapiro said, "I am

honored to be a part of the effort to pay tribute to Sergeant Miller by sponsoring this legislation. He clearly left a big impact on this community and this is a special way for the community to remember his sacrifice.”

Approved for release:

Risa Vetri Ferman