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Press Release

District Attorney Andy Jarbola announced today that First Assistant District Attorney Gene Talerico has been appointed to the Pennsylvania Child Death Review Team by Pennsylvania Secretary of Health Everette James. The Public Health Child Death Review Act, Act 87 of 2008, was signed into law on October 8, 2008 and called for the creation of a statewide Public Health Child Death Review Team comprised of professionals from many different facets of the community. Mr. Talerico was selected as the Team Representative for District Attorneys in the Commonwealth.

Child Death Review programs have been in existence in the Commonwealth since 1994 and Lackawanna County has had an active Team since 1999. Mr. Talerico has played a significant role in the Team's creation and its on-going work in Lackawanna County. The goals of Child Death Review Teams (CRDT) are to promote the safety and well-being of children and to reduce preventable child fatalities.

In his appointment letter, Secretary James noted that Mr. Talerico has "been an active and valued member of the Child Death Review Team" in Lackawanna County.

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