

# FBI reopens Frederick office

The Federal Bureau of Investigation Tuesday reopened its Frederick office at Fort Detrick.

The local FBI office was closed three years ago, after operating here for more than 20 years, according to Special Agent Dana E. Caro.

After assessing the area's population growth, crime rate and recent narcotics investigations, the FBI recently decided to reopen the Frederick office, Caro said.

"We will be working closely with the Frederick City police, Maryland State Police and the (federal) drug administration," Caro said during a press conference Tuesday afternoon in Frederick.

The FBI will continue its investigations of robberies, kidnappings, extortions and other area crimes in which it

has jurisdiction, he said.

Agent James E. Duffy, who has been working for the FBI office in Hagerstown, will be stationed in Frederick, Caro said.

"It will be more cost efficient," Caro said of the local office's reopening. "We'll have an FBI agent here at all times."

Duffy has been working in the Frederick area on a daily basis, but his office is in Hagerstown, Caro said.

Duffy will "focus his attention on the cocaine (and other narcotics) traffic into the Frederick area, the money and its illegal profits," Caro said.

An FBI agent for 13½ years, Duffy, 37, has been stationed in Atlanta, Baltimore, Frederick and Hagerstown. He has served in Maryland since 1971. Duffy, his wife and three children live in

the Mount Airy area.

Agent Barry O'Neill will be working part-time in the Frederick and Hagerstown offices, Caro said. O'Neill will also handle investigations in the Carroll County area, according to Caro.

O'Neill, 40, has been an FBI agent for 14½ years, assigned to offices in Cleveland, New York, Washington, D.C., and Hagerstown. He, his wife and two sons also live in the Mount Airy area.

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## Correction

A story in Tuesday's editions incorrectly named Edward W. Rossig Jr. of New Market as sponsor of a zoning text amendment on underground fuel storage limits. Mr. Rossig's first name is Edgar.



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The Federal Bureau of Investigation Tuesday reopened its Frederick office at Fort Detrick. From left are Barry O'Neill, assigned part-time to the Frederick and Hagerstown offices handling investigations in Carroll County; Dana Caro, special agent in charge of the Baltimore office; and James E. Duffy, stationed at the Frederick office. (Photo by Richard T. Moagher)