



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: Newark Police Officers Honored by Knights of Columbus

On October 22nd, Knights of Columbus St. Michael Council #4548 presented Officer of the Quarter Awards to Newark Police Officers for outstanding performance during the first half of 2012. At a meeting and dinner organized by Mr. Albert Ware and presided over by Grand Knight Rick Johnstone at Holy Family Church, the officers were presented with plaques to commemorate their awards.

Officer of the Quarter, first quarter 2012: Cpl. Greg Micolucci was nominated for his actions in early 2012 while investigating the criminal activities of two known burglars. Both subjects were believed to be responsible for numerous criminal acts including burglary and theft; however, they had not been positively linked to the crimes. Cpl. Micolucci spearheaded an investigation which included surveillance operations, search and seizure warrants and lengthy interviews with the suspects. Cpl. Micolucci's extensive investigation resulted in the arrest of both subjects and the identification and additional arrests of two other involved subjects. In total, the investigation resulted in 25 felony arrests, and 21 misdemeanor arrests and the clearance of 22 burglary and theft investigations from four separate police agencies.

Officers of the Quarter, second quarter 2012: Cpl. Truman Bolden and Cpl. Robert Vernon were both nominated for their actions on April 4th, 2012 while responding to an armed robbery. On this date both officers heard a radio broadcast that a subject had just fled on foot after committing a knifepoint robbery of the Walgreens Pharmacy located in Suburban Plaza. Without any direction from a supervisor, both officers immediately responded to the area to begin a search for the suspect. Cpl. Bolden responded to the Millstone Apartment Complex and Cpl. Vernon responded to the adjacent Christina Mill Apartment Complex. Both officers spotted the suspect attempting to hide in the wooded area behind the apartments and gave chase. Following a brief foot chase the two officers apprehended the suspect and found that he was still in possession of the knife and several prescription bottles of stolen pills.

Newark Police Chief Paul Tiernan thanked the Knights, "The St. Michael Council of the Knights of Columbus has been a strong supporter of the Newark Police Department and sponsor of this award for the past twenty one years. I am extremely grateful to the Knights for their continued support of the men and women of the Newark Police Department."

The Officer of the Quarter Award originated in 1991, and has been presented each quarter for the past 21 years.

Attached photo (Left to Right): Rick Johnstone (Grand Knight) Cpl. Robert Vernon, Captain John Potts, Cpl. Greg Micolucci, Cpl. Truman Bolden, Mr. Albert Ware (Photo Credit to Carmelo Palazzo, Knights of Columbus)

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