



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: Newark Police Officers Honored by Knights of Columbus

On April 21st, Knights of Columbus St. Michael Council #4548 presented Officer of the Quarter Awards to Newark Police Officers for outstanding performance during the second 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, third quarter 2012: Cpl. Adam Mease was nominated for his actions during the investigation into multiple vehicle burglaries and related offenses plaguing the community of Stafford. Cpl. Mease's investigation resulted in the identification and apprehension of three juvenile offenders and resulted in over 120 criminal offenses. The offenses included burglary, conspiracy, theft, receiving stolen property, criminal contempt, breach of release and resisting arrest. Additionally, his investigation resulted in the recovery of the majority of the stolen property, which was returned to the community. At the conclusion of the investigation, Cpl. Mease drafted and distributed a community notification letter detailing the recent arrests along with crime prevention tips for the community. As a result of his efforts multiple homeowners expressed their gratitude towards Cpl. Mease and praised the entire police department for their professionalism and customer service. In addition to investigating the incident and arresting the offenders, Cpl. Mease used the opportunity to forge positive and strong relationship with the community. During the same time period, Cpl. Mease issued over one hundred traffic citations, twenty nine criminal summons and arrested five drivers for Driving Under the Influence.

Officer of the Quarter, fourth quarter 2012: Cpl. Greg Delia was nominated for his investigative efforts while investigating an attempted murder. On September 28th, 2012 officers responded to a report of a female who had been shot in the face. There were no named suspects at the onset of the investigation and the victim was not able to identify the suspect due to the severity of her injuries. Cpl. D'Elia was assigned as the lead detective in the case. Cpl. D'Elia conducted an exhaustive investigation in which he interviewed countless witnesses, resulting in the identification of a suspect, who has an extensive criminal history. Cpl. D'Elia eventually interviewed the suspect, and although he did not confess to the shooting, Cpl. D'Elia was able to extract valuable details which will be instrumental during prosecution. As a result of his efforts the victim in this case will be able to rest more easily knowing that her attacker has been identified and charged.

Newark Police Chief Paul M. Tiernan thanked the Knights, "The St. Michael Council of the Knights of Columbus continues to be a strong supporter of the Newark Police Department and sponsor of this award for more than twenty years. I extend my sincere gratitude 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 22 years.

Photo 1 (Left to Right): Captain John Potts, Cpl. Adam Mease, Mr. Albert Ware (Photo Credit to Carmelo Palazzo, Knights of Columbus)

Photo 2 (Left to Right): Captain John Potts, Cpl. Greg D'Elia, Mr. Albert Ware (Photo Credit to Carmelo Palazzo, Knights of Columbus)

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