



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: Newark Police Officers Honored by Knights of Columbus

On March 31st, Knights of Columbus St. Michael Council #4548 presented the Officer of the Quarter Award to Newark Police Officers MCpl. Paul Keld for outstanding performance during the third quarter of 2013, and Cpl. Adam Stevens for outstanding performance during the fourth quarter of 2013. At a dinner organized by Mr. Albert Ware and presided over by Grand Knight Francis M. Denver at Holy Family Church, MCpl. Paul Keld and Cpl. Adam Stevens were presented with plaques to commemorate his award.

MCpl. Keld was nominated based on two incidents in which his actions demonstrated professional, devotion to duty and contribution to the community. The first incident started with a fatal hit and run crash that occurred on April 30th, 2012. An unknown vehicle struck a 76 year old female pedestrian and fled the scene. MCpl. Keld then began an arduous and lengthy investigation that resulted in the arrest of the suspect in April 2013 who later pled guilty to a variety of charges.

The second incident occurred on September 25th, 2013. MCpl. Keld responded to a call involving a heavily armed suicidal person and quickly located the suspect standing on a sidewalk. MCpl. Keld observed a knife in the subject's waistband and quickly disarmed him. As MCpl. Keld went to take the suspect into custody, the suspect pulled a second knife from his waistband. Once again, MCpl. Keld successfully disarmed the suspect and, after a short wrestling match, placed the suspect into custody.

Cpl. Adam Stevens was nominated for his investigative efforts during a drug investigation during the fourth quarter. His investigation resulted in the seizure of approximately 4.5 pounds of marijuana, 6.5 grams of ecstasy and .5 grams of cocaine. Additional information from the initial investigation led to another seizure of 1 pound of marijuana and \$10,000 in US currency.

The Officer of the Quarter Award originated in 1991, and has been presented each quarter for the past 23 years.

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Photo (Left to Right): Frances Denver, MCpl. Paul Keld, Cpt. John Potts, Cpl. Adam Stevens, Albert Ware



The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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