



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: Newark Police Officer Honored by Lions Club

On April 1st, 2014, the Newark Lions Club presented their Officer of the Year Award to Newark Master Corporal Paul Keld for outstanding performance during 2013. At a meeting and dinner organized by the Lions, M/Cpl Keld was presented with a plaque commemorating his award.

M/Cpl. Keld was nominated based on two incidents in which his actions demonstrated professionalism, 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. M/Cpl. 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. M/Cpl. Keld responded to a call involving a heavily armed suicidal person and quickly located the suspect standing on a sidewalk. M/Cpl. Keld observed a knife in the subject's waistband and quickly disarmed him. As M/Cpl. Keld went to take the suspect into custody, the suspect pulled a second knife from his waistband. Once again, M/Cpl. Keld successfully disarmed the suspect and, after a short struggle, placed the suspect into custody.

The Newark Police Department extends its sincere gratitude to the Lions Club for their continued sponsorship of this award. The Officer of the Year Award originated in 1988 and has been presented each year for the past 26 years. The Lions' support and recognition of the officers of the Newark Police Department is greatly appreciated.

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