

NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: Three Officers Honored by Delaware League of Local Governments

On Tuesday evening, September 23rd, 2014 the Delaware League of Local Governments recognized Cpl. Greg Micolucci, Cpl. Adam Mease and Cpl. William Smith with the Municipal Police Officer of the Year Award for their involvement in implementing the 2013 Newark Police Trading Card Project.

The planning for this project, spearheaded by Cpl. Micolucci, began in February of 2013. Over the next eight months these three officers worked tirelessly to secure over \$10,000 in private donations from area business and community leaders. Once funding was secured, they spent countless hours coordinating with Department staff and specialized units to obtain quality photographs and biographies. They then coordinated kick off events at four local schools in the City of Newark and coordinated this kick off just prior to the very popular Community Day Festival.

In the end, the trading card project was extremely well received by the community and cost nothing for the City to implement. The Department received countless thank you letters and comments from the community, all appreciative of the project, and commending the professionalism of our employees and how important the positive contact was with their children. Media coverage was extensive and far reaching with news agencies as far away as New York and Philadelphia covering the project. Through the actions of these officers, the Newark Police has been able to showcase our agency and has strengthened our relationships within the community. As a result of the positive community response, several local agencies are now considering similar projects hoping to enjoy the success that we have achieved at Newark PD.

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