



NEWS RELEASE

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: Newark Police Announce Promotions

The Newark Police Department is pleased to announce the promotion of five police officers. The promotions were announced yesterday by Chief Paul M. Tiernan at a ceremony attended by police officers, family and friends and city officials including Mayor Polly Sierer, City Manager Carol Houck, and Council Member Marge Hadden. The Keynote Speaker for the ceremony was Lt. Governor Matt Denn. The five police officers promoted were Lieutenant Kevin Feeney to the rank of Captain, Sergeant Michael Van Campen to the rank of Lieutenant, Master Corporal Fred Nelson to the rank of Sergeant, Corporal Greg D'Elia to the rank of Master Corporal and Corporal Truman Bolden to the rank of Master Corporal.

Captain Kevin Feeney

Captain Kevin Feeney was born and raised in Orange County, New York. He graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and following graduation, worked as a seasonal Police Officer in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

Captain Feeney was hired by the Newark Police Department in 1997 and attended the Delaware State Police 50th Municipal Recruit Class. Following graduation, he served in the Patrol Division and the Special Operations Unit where he served as a certified motorcycle operator, Field Training Officer, and Background Investigator. In 1999, Captain Feeney joined the Newark Police Department's S.W.A.T. team and in 2009 was appointed as Team Leader. He served in this capacity until his promotion to Lieutenant in 2012.

In 2001, Captain Feeney was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit where he served as a Detective in the Special Investigations Unit. In 2007, he returned to the Patrol Division and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2009 where he served as a shift supervisor. In late 2009, he was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division as supervisor of the Street Crimes Unit. In April of 2012, Captain Feeney was promoted to Lieutenant and attended 249th Session of the FBI National Academy. Upon returning from the National Academy, he was assigned as the Patrol Division Commander.

Captain Feeney is a past President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Newark Lodge # 4 and has served as the N.C.O.I.C of the department's Honor Guard. Recently, he was selected to attend the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Command and Leadership Academy.

Upon his promotion, Captain Feeney will serve as the Field Operations Bureau Commander.

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Lieutenant Michael Van Campen

Lieutenant Michael Van Campen joined the Newark Police Department in September 1998 and graduated from the Delaware State Police Academy in March 1999. He has been a member of the Patrol Division, the Special Operations Unit and the Special Investigations Unit responsible for investigating drug and vice related crimes. During this time he worked with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force serving at the Wilmington (DE) Resident Office, as a Federal Task Force Officer.

Lieutenant Van Campen has been a certified Field Training Officer, Background Investigator and instructor for the Youth and Citizen Police Academies. Lieutenant Van Campen currently serves on the department's S.W.A.T. Team, including the Sniper/Observer Team.

Lieutenant Van Campen has received the Newark Police Department's Nowinski Meritorious Service Medal, two Unit Citations and seven Citations for Merit. Lieutenant Van Campen has also received commendations from Maryland State Police, Cecil County Sheriff's Office, University of Delaware Police Department, City of Newark, State of Delaware House of Representatives and State of Delaware Probation and Parole. He is a three time recipient of the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Award, and was named the Knights of Columbus Officer of the Quarter in 2001, 2002 and 2005. In 2010, Lieutenant Van Campen received a United States Attorneys' Office Superior Investigation Award and the Mid-Atlantic Organized Crime Enforcement Drug Task Force Award. In 2013, Lieutenant Van Campen was recognized as an Honorable Mention at the National Association of Police Organizations "Top Cops" ceremony in Washington D.C.

Upon his promotion, Lieutenant Van Campen will serve as Commander of the Patrol Division.

Sergeant Fred Nelson

Sgt. Fred Nelson graduated from the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science in May 1996. In July of 1997, he began his career in law enforcement as a police officer with the South Londonderry Township Police Department in Campbelltown, PA.

In March of 2000, he was hired as a police officer with the City of Newark, where he worked in the patrol division for six years. During that time, Sgt. Nelson became a Field Training Officer, training several new police officers.

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In January of 2006, Sgt. Nelson was transferred into the Criminal Investigations Division where he worked as a detective for five years until he was promoted to Master Corporal. Sgt. Nelson then returned to the Patrol Division as an assistant shift supervisor for just under two years. In August of 2012, Sgt. Nelson returned to the Criminal Investigations Division and became the detective unit supervisor until his recent transfer to the Patrol Division.

During Sgt. Nelson's career with the Newark Police Department he has been awarded with numerous Citations for Merit and Letters of Commendation. He has also received the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Award, the Lions Club Officer of the Year in 2009 and 2010, the Knights of Columbus Officer of the Quarter, the Crowe-McGrory Award, and a Unit Citation.

Upon his promotion, Sgt. Nelson will serve as the "A" Platoon shift supervisor in the Patrol Division.

Master Corporal Greg D'Elia

M/Cpl. Greg D'Elia graduated from Penn State in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration of Justice, as well as a minor in Sociology. In 2013, he earned a Master of Science Degree in Administration of Justice: Police Leadership from Wilmington University.

M/Cpl. D'Elia began his career with the Newark Police Department in June of 2002 and is a graduate of the Delaware State Police Academy. M/Cpl. D'Elia served in the Patrol Division from 2002 to 2008 until he was transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division as a Detective in 2008. In 2009, M/Cpl. D'Elia was assigned as a Task Force Officer on the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force, assisting with investigations on homeland security threats.

In 2013, M/Cpl. D'Elia was transferred to the Special Operations Unit, where he focused on problem oriented policing and forging partnerships with residents and business owners in Newark.

M/Cpl. D'Elia has been a Field Training Officer, a Police Explorer's Post Advisor, Youth Academy Instructor, Citizen's Academy Instructor, and a Community Policing Officer. He is also a Certified Police Instructor and has developed multiple courses that have been taught to NPD officers during in-service training. He has also served as an instructor at the Delaware State Police Academy.

M/Cpl. D'Elia is the recipient of several Letters of Commendation, Citations for Merit, Unit Citations, and Officer of the Quarter awards. He is currently President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Newark Lodge # 4.

Upon his promotion, M/Cpl. D'Elia will serve as an assistant shift supervisor in the Patrol Division.

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Master Corporal Truman Bolden

M/Cpl. Bolden graduated from the University of Delaware in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. In 1993, he began his career as a Correctional Officer with the State of Delaware Department of Correction. In 1995, he became a Probation and Parole Officer where he worked until 2000.

In 2000, M/Cpl. Bolden was hired as a police officer with the Newark Police Department. He was assigned to the Patrol Division where he was certified as a Field Evidence Technician. In 2006, he was transferred to the Traffic Division where he was certified as a Motorcycle Operator and received advanced training in collision investigation.

M/Cpl. Bolden is a member of the NPD S.W.A.T. Team and is currently assigned as an Assistant Team Leader. M/Cpl. Bolden has served as the N.C.O.I.C of the NPD Honor Guard and is a regular participant in the Delaware Special Olympics Torch Run.

M/Cpl. Bolden has received numerous awards including the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Life-Time Achievement Award, the Knights of Columbus Officer of the Quarter, and numerous Citations for Merit.

Upon his promotion, M/Cpl. Bolden will serve as the assistant shift supervisor in the Patrol Division.



(L to R): M/Cpl. Fred Nelson, Lt. Kevin Feeney, Lt. Governor Matt Denn, Chief Paul Tiernan, Lt. Michael Van Campen, M/Cpl. Truman Bolden, M/Cpl. Greg D'ELia

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