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New Castle County Police Department

## Students learn lifelong lessons at 2010 Youth Police Academy



Youth Academy campers work together in team building exercise.

The fourth annual New Castle County Police Youth Academy was once again well received by the 29 students who attended the program this year. The re-vamped program was modeled after the Citizens Police Academy which provides an in-depth overview of the police department.

Senior Corporal Amy Kevis (camp coordinator) and members of the community services unit envisioned a program that would represent officers in a positive light rather than just trying to force them into a law enforcement training model. As a result, the young men and women experienced firsthand, the police department's everyday operations such as: patrol procedures, computer crimes, crime scene investigation, composite sketches, nutrition and fitness and many other interesting facets of law enforcement. The camp was specifically designed to be a hands-on experience rather than a lecture type classroom environment.

Each day, the campers received additional training in drill and marching instructions as well as proper nutrition habits. The campers also traveled to New York to experience the NYC Police Museum and the special 9/11 tribute.

Most of the students were impressed with the instructors and seemed to really enjoy the team building exercises with the National Guard. In all, the students and instructors had a great experience and cannot wait until next year.

## Giving back to our community through public service

Throughout the year, many New Castle County Police Officers donate their time to wonderful organizations such as the Special Olympics. We began early this year with the bowling event held at the Bowlerama where officers interacted with the athletes and assisted in the award ceremonies. The athletes enjoyed the competition and contact with the officers. Later this year, we also helped with the Easter Seals of Delaware events. A few weeks ago, officers participated in the Blue/Gold basketball game, some playing, some interacting with the crowd. In June, several officers participated in the track and field events at the University of Delaware. Officers from patrol, investigations and the community services unit all handed out medals to the participants. "The athletes get so excited to receive a medal from a police officer – they are on top of the world," said Senior Corporal Michael Snead. "To be able to make a difference in their lives, really brightens my day."

Below is a picture of the Colonel and five other New Castle County Police Officers who were participating in the Delaware Law Enforcement Torch Run.



In 2008, the Law Enforcement Torch Run raised 34 million dollars for Special Olympics around the world.

### Man Charged with Multiple Counts of Graffiti

**Lee Lepore**, a 21 year old male who resides in the unit block of Golfview Drive, has been charged (so far) with 11 counts of graffiti and nine counts of criminal trespassing as police have linked him to multiple graffiti crimes in Newark, Wilmington, Glasgow, and Middletown. He uses/paints the tag "CUFF." Over the past several months, Corporal LaVincent Harris has been investigating a series of graffiti crimes that have occurred in the aforementioned communities involving the tag "CUFF." His investigation led him to a suspect, Lee Lepore, who resides in the Cavalier Country Club Apartments. In mid-April, Corporal Harris executed a search warrant at Lepore's home where he located and seized evidence linking him to the "CUFF" tag. Lepore was arrested late Monday (6/7) after he turned himself in at police headquarters. He was later arraigned and released on \$6,400 unsecured bail. Additional charges are pending as Harris' investigation has revealed Lepore has defaced property with graffiti within the following police jurisdictions: Wilmington Police, State Police, and Middletown.



Corporal LaVincent Harris

### Two Charged with Burglary, 46 Pieces of Jewelry Returned to Owner

New Castle County Police have arrested two suspects for breaking into an Albertson Park home last week and stealing jewelry from inside. Their vehicle's loud muffler drew some attention to area neighbors who provided critical information to police that later lead to their arrests. On Sunday (June 13), at 9:32 p.m., County Police responded to a residence in the unit block of Ronna Drive, in the community of Albertson Park, for a report of a burglary to a residence. The investigating officer (Officer Bryon Fitzwater) contacted the victims and learned that the home was broken into and several pieces of jewelry were stolen from inside. Fitzwater also noted the burglar had most likely injured himself while entering through a broken window as there were drops of blood throughout the home. While speaking with neighbors, Fitzwater discovered a greenish-blue colored Honda Accord with a loud muffler and broken taillight had been parked near the home on Sunday afternoon. Further investigation had revealed a possible suspect who was familiar with the family who drives a car similar to the possible suspect vehicle. A computer inquiry revealed the possible suspect car was registered to Juan Morales who resides in Milford, DE. Officer Fitzwater then contacted the Delaware State Police who dispatched an officer to the Milford address and found the suspect vehicle at the home. The trooper then contacted Morales who appeared to have a laceration to his arm. Based on this information, Officer Fitzwater obtained a search warrant for Morales' home and the Honda Accord. While traveling to lower Delaware last evening, Officer Fitzwater found Morales on the side of the road with his disabled car on Route 13 near Boyd's Corner Road. He and his female friend Heather Gallery (33) of Lincoln, DE were arrested after police found several stolen pieces of jewelry hidden in the trunk. The investigation has revealed the two suspects had broken into the victim's home and removed the property. Some of the stolen goods were recovered from the car while other items were recovered from a pawn shop in the City of Wilmington. Juan Morales, a 36 year old male who resides in the 300 block of Washington Street in Milford, Delaware, was arrested and charged with burglary, felony theft, criminal mischief and conspiracy. He was arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Prison after failing to post \$11,500 secured bail. Heather Gallery was charged with the same offenses and also committed to prison.



Officer Frank Fitzwater

### Senior Roll Call Lifeline Program Helps Fallen Senior

The New Castle County Police Senior Roll Call Lifeline Program has helped a fallen senior who, although not injured, had fallen and was unable to lift herself off of the floor. A police officer and emergency responders were dispatched to the home and found the victim down on the floor and unable to get to her feet. According to the officer, the victim appeared to have been down for some time. On Friday (6/11) a representative from the Senior Roll Call Lifeline received an alert from the resident who did not pick up the automated phone call. After an unsuccessful call back to the home and unsuccessful attempts to notify a loved one, an officer was dispatched to the home in the 2300 block of Cheshire Road in the community of Devon. At 10:20 a.m., an officer responded to the home and found the victim on the floor unable to lift herself up. An ambulance was called to the home, but the victim refused treatment as she was not injured. Although the victim was not injured, the lifeline program most likely spared the victim serious discomfort, injury and possibly death.

### Father and Son Charged with Felony Drug Violations

The Safe Streets Team has arrested a father and his son for felony drug violations after the two were found to be in possession of 23 bags of heroin, 13 Dolophine pills and a combined 138 Oxycodone pills. The son's 740 BMW was seized as a result of this investigation. On Thursday (6/24), members of the New Castle County Police Safe Streets Team conducted a surveillance assigned at a residence in the 600 block of Balsam Terrace as part of an ongoing criminal investigation. At 9:09 p.m., the officers watched as a silver colored BMW pulled up to the home driven by **Dwayne Baldwin Jr.** (20) who was known to have a suspended driver's license. The officers then stopped the car and contacted the driver and his passenger, **Dwayne Baldwin Sr** (40). Baldwin Sr. was observed shoving an unknown item into his pocket as he exited the vehicle. He was arrested after police discovered the item turned out to be 11 bags of heroin that had been packaged for sale. A further search revealed he was in possession of two pill bottles that contained 64 Oxycodone pills and 13 Dolophine pills. Baldwin Jr. was then removed from the car. He, too, was in possession of a pill bottle that contained 74 Oxycodone pills. A further search of the vehicle led to the seizure of an additional 12 bags of heroin. Both Jr. and Sr. were charged with possession with the intent to deliver heroin, Oxycodone, and Dolophine, possession of drug paraphernalia and conspiracy.

### Police Canine Locates Teen Armed with Knife

County Police have arrested a 13 year old runaway (male) who pointed a knife at a 10 year old girl and threatened her. The teen was found after an extensive search with a police canine. On Monday (6/28) at 6:00 p.m., County Police responded to the 300 block of Earhart Court, in the community of Stoneybrook, for a report of a teenage male who was threatening a 10 year old girl with a knife. When police arrived, they contacted the victim who indicated she knew the suspect and indicated she had heard he was a runaway. She reported the male subject pointed a knife at her and threatened to stab her before fleeing on foot. The victim was not injured. Officer Steven Purse and his canine partner "Tessa" responded to the scene and conducted a track in search of the missing teen. Tessa searched into a wooded area and across a creek into a baseball field near the Darley Road School. Officer Purse and Tessa While tracking on a nearby footpath, Tessa alerted to some overgrown bushes where the teen was located. He immediately surrendered in the presence of the canine. The teen was arrested and charged with aggravated menacing and possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony.



Officer Purse and Tessa

### Police Canines, Trainers Celebrate Graduation Ceremony

The New Castle County Police Department recently hosted a graduation ceremony for (4) police canines at the Delaware Technical and Community College in Stanton, DE. The following handlers and their four legged partners have completed the rigorous six months of training and each received national certification by the National Police Canine Association:

Senior Corporal Mark Tobin and canine partner "Chaos." Chaos is a one and a half year old German Shepherd from Holland that was purchased by the **Wilmington Kennel Club**. The canine will specialize in narcotics detection and patrol.

Corporal Paul Chickadel and canine partner "Renzo." Renzo is a two year old German Shepherd from Holland. The canine will specialize in narcotics and patrol.



Canine Chaos

Officer Andrew Lambert (Middletown, DE, Police Department) and his canine partner "Ares." Ares is a one and a half year old German Shepherd/Malinois mix from Slovakia. The canine will specialize in narcotics detection and patrol.

Officer Kara Zagol (Perryville, MD, Police Department) and her canine "Ziggy." Ziggy is a one and a half year old German Shepherd from Slovakia. The canine will specialize in narcotics detection and patrol.



Corporal Paul Chickadel, Renzo and Colonel McGowan

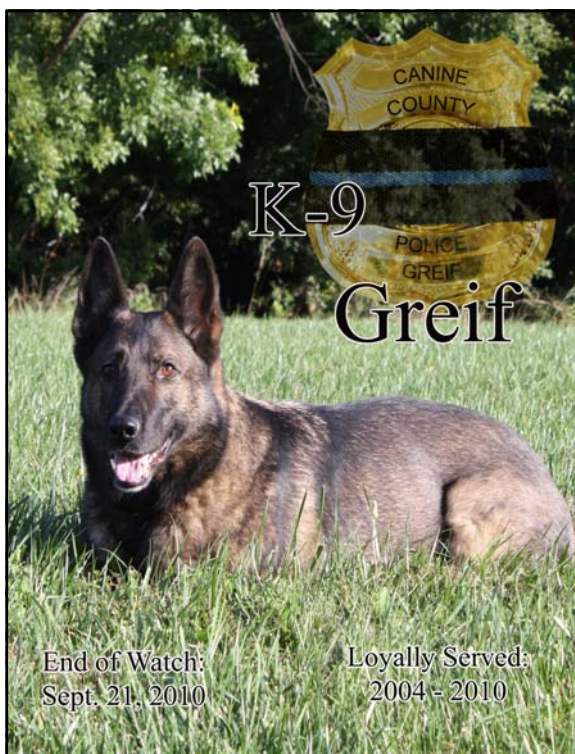


## Happy Retirement



**Congratulations to Senior Lieutenant Bob Schreiber** who announced his intention to retire on June 22. Bob has been a member of police department since March 19, 1984. After graduating from the police academy, he was assigned to the patrol division. He was later transferred to the following units over the next 20+ years: the drug squad, the southern patrol unit, criminal investigations (promoted to sergeant), community services unit, problem solving team, professional standards (promoted to lieutenant), research and development, executive officer to the colonel, SWAT commander, executive officer to the patrol captain, and lastly, special operations. S/Lieutenant Schreiber has taken a position with the Department of Justice as a special investigator in the Fraud and Consumer Protection Unit. Bob says, "I am proud of my service to the citizens of New Castle County—I have no regrets. As a special investigator, I look forward to working side by side with my brother and sister officers in the law enforcement community."

**Congratulations to Senior Corporal Art Lee** who announced his intention to retire on June 8. Art has been a member of the police department since July 16, 1990. After graduating from the police academy, he was assigned to the patrol division. He was later transferred to the following units: the community services unit, foot patrol, human resources, and criminal investigations (property and family services unit). Art said, "I am enjoying the beaches of the world. I have not had to find a new job as I own a few privately held companies. It's great to be an entrepreneur."



It is with the deepest regret that we announce the untimely passing of police canine Greif. Greif became suddenly ill on Monday, June 21, and it was discovered that he had advanced stages of cancer. Due to the extent of the disease, it was determined the best course of action was to euthanize him. Greif was put to sleep surrounded by those he loved. Canine Greif was eight years old and had loyally served this agency since 2004. Our thoughts are with Senior Corporal Anthony Scelsi and his family.

## Significant Crime Recap June 2010

**Sparrow Run TH**

**Tuesday 6/01/10 0050**

**District 6-Powers**

**Summary:** (Shooting investigation) A 20 year old female victim reported hearing gunfire near her E. Plover Drive home at approximately 0050 hours, but did not call police. The victim discovered that her vehicle had been struck twice later that morning and called police. One of the bullets shattered the rear window of her van, went through the head rest portion of a child's car seat and was located on the floor of the van. Numerous people reported hearing a number of shots fired, although most reported that they did not notify police.

**Oakmont**

**Friday 6/04/10 0000**

**District 10-Street**

**Summary:** (Shooting investigation) An 18 year old male was found on the ground in front of a home in the unit block of Oakmont drive. He advised that he was walking home when he heard a "pop" and felt pain in his backside. He advised that he fell to the ground in pain. He indicated he had no idea why he was shot as he does not have problems with anyone. A neighborhood canvas was conducted, but no suspects were found.

**Deville Court Apts.**

**Friday 6/04/10 0115**

**District 9-Sheldon**

**Summary:** (Reported home invasion) Two adult victims advised that they were lying in bed when a male subject entered the bedroom and held his hand over the female victim's mouth. The male victim began to wrestle with the suspect prior to him fleeing. Both victims advised that there were no words exchanged and it is unknown why they were targeted.

**Hampton Walk Apts.**

**Saturday 6/05/10 0140**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Summary:** (Home invasion) Seven Hispanic male victims were drinking inside of the apartment (1600 block of Bassett Avenue) when the three suspects entered the apartment from the ground floor porch. One suspect brandished a shotgun and the second suspect removed cash and a cell phone from five of the seven victims. The third suspect acted as a lookout on the porch. All three then fled on foot.

**Valley Run Townhouses**

**Sunday 6/06/10 2115**

**District 8-Cartier**

**Summary:** (Home invasion) A 22 year old male returned to his Spring House Court home and found two suspects in the basement of his residence. He stated that his hands were tied and he was held at gun point with the bed covers pulled over his head while the other suspect ransacked the residence.

**Radnor Green**

**Tuesday 6/8/10 2045**

**District 8-Cartier**

**Summary:** (Reported attempted robbery) Two teenage victims reported they were walking along Glenrock Road at Miles Road when they were approached by the three suspects who demanded that they give up their valuables. Both victims stated that they took off running in opposite directions. One of the suspects caught up with one of the victims and struck him with the baton. The suspects then fled empty-handed.

**Saddlebrook**

**Tuesday 6/8/10 2230**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Summary:** (Shooting investigation) A 38 year old male victim and his family advised that they heard a commotion outside and a “pop” sound. It was discovered that the sound came from a gunshot in front of their home on Freedom Trail. The bullet had entered their residence, passed through their house piercing the refrigerator and lodged in the wall behind the fridge. It appears as though an unknown type vehicle was involved in a minor collision with an electrical box in front of the house as well. Numerous persons reported hearing the commotion and shot(s) but did not witness any suspect(s) and or vehicle(s) fleeing the scene.

**Alban Park**

**Wednesday 6/9/10 2100**

**District 1-Reda**

**Summary:** (Kidnapping, rape) A nine year old female victim advised that she began walking in the Alban Park area after she had been dropped off at her house and was unable to get inside. The victim was approached by a male subject in a dark colored SUV who had turned off of Maryland Avenue and offered her a ride, which she accepted. The female was then driven to a secluded area in the area of 200 block of Liberty Street (City of Wilmington) where she was sexually assaulted. The victim was able to flee from the car and run off. She was later escorted to a local convenience store where she called a family member who later called 911.

**Dunlinden Acres**

**Wednesday 6/9/10 2330**

**District 9-Sheldon**

**Summary:** (Reported attempted armed robbery) A 54 year old male victim advised that he had returned home from work (Bank of America) and parked in his driveway on St. John Drive. The victim reported he had his driver’s side door open and was retrieving items from his overhead visor when a male suspect approached his car. The suspect pointed a rifle at him and demanded his money. The victim pushed the rifle out of the car and exited same. The suspect appeared to attempt to load the rifle and then pulled the trigger, although no round was fired. The suspect fled and got into a dark colored Chevrolet Impala that was parked down the street.

**Rolling Meadows**

**Friday 6/11/10 1730**

**District 12-Bell**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) A 30 year old male and 22 year old female received a call from a friend named “Jill” who asked them for a ride to go purchase cigarettes. The victims picked up Jill and her friend Jason (whom they had never met before) at the

residence in the 2000 block of Old Kirkwood Road. While in the vehicle, Jason pulled out a folding knife and instructed the male victim to give up his valuables at which time he turned over his prescription medication bottle. The suspects have been identified.

**Saddlebrook**

**Saturday 6/12/10 0300**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Summary:** (Reported home invasion) Three male suspects entered a residence on Freedom Trail via an unsecured front door and forced their way into three different locked bedrooms. The suspects stole cash and beat one male victim with a baseball bat which resulted in a possible orbital and arm fracture. The suspects then fled on foot.

**Arbor Pointe Apts.**

**Saturday 6/12/10 1900**

**District 1-Reda**

**Summary:** (Reported armed robbery) A 21 year old male victim was delivering a food order to 1152 Creekside Drive and was accosted at gunpoint by two suspects. The victim stated that the suspects went through his pockets, then shoved him into the bathroom of the vacant apartment and closed the door while they fled. The victim was able to run to the entrance to the development where he flagged down a passerby to call 911.

**Wilmington Manor**

**Tuesday 6/15/10 1000**

**District 7-Reda**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) A 15 year old male victim advised that he did not recall much of the incident, except being approached by a large group of black males after leaving the Fatima Carnival. While walking on Pennsylvania Avenue, a suspect wearing a red shirt asked if he was "Ricky" and began assaulting him. The victim's friend ran home and had his parents call police. The victim was hospitalized overnight for observation.

**Dunlieth**

**Tuesday 6/15/10 at 1650**

**District 10-Street**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) Two teenage male victims were walking along Bizarre Drive when they were approached by two men. One of the victims was holding his cell phone in his hands when one suspect requested to use his phone. The victim advised him the battery was dead and the suspect took the phone out of his hands. The suspect then told the victim that he would pull out his gun before he went through his pockets and removed a small amount of cash.

**Lancaster Court Apts.**

**Wednesday 6/16/10 1900**

**District 1-Reda**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) A 20 year old male victim advised that he was walking toward the basketball courts in the 3900 block of Lancaster Pike to play soccer when two men approached him. The first suspect assaulted him and removed his money and cell phone. The victim advised that he believes he was targeted because he is a "snitch."

**Melanie Woods**

**Wednesday 6/16/10 2052**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) A 78 year old female victim had just returned to her Scottie Lane home and was approaching the rear door to her residence when she was knocked to the ground by an unknown person. The suspect stole her purse and fled. The victim never saw the suspect and was unable to describe him/her.

**Fox Run Apts.**

**Wednesday 6/16/10 2230**

**District 6-Powers**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) A 23 year old female victim had parked her car and was walking toward her apartment building when she was approached by a suspect who tapped on her shoulder. Upon turning around, she observed a male subject holding a gun. He then grabbed her purse and ran off to a silver colored Chevrolet Impala. A suspect was later identified and arrested.

**St. Andrews Apts.**

**Wednesday 6/16/10 2245**

**District 6-Powers**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) Two adult victims were walking from their vehicle on King James Street toward their apartment building when they were approached by a suspect who grabbed the female victim's arm and turned her around. The suspects took her purse and when the male attempted to intervene, the suspects took his iPhone and struck him in the face with the butt of the shotgun causing significant injury. The suspect was later identified and arrested.

**William Penn Village Apts. Wednesday 6/16/10 2330**

**District 12-Bell**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) Two adult male victims advised that they were sitting on their rear balcony/porch (ground floor) when they were approached by the suspects who were armed with handguns and ordered them inside the Amstel Drive apartment. The suspects then ordered the victims into the rear bedroom while they ransacked the residence. The victims were both pistol whipped during the incident. The suspects stolen cash, a cell phone and other valuables from the home.

**Claymont Addition**

**Thursday 6/17/10 2030**

**District 8-Cartier**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) Two teenage victims advised that they were sitting in a car to "visit a friend" on Dustin Drive when they observed two suspects exit a tan Toyota Corolla. The suspects approached them and engaged in conversation before reaching into the car and removing the keys from the vehicles ignition and punching the driver numerous times. The suspects stole electronic equipment and a wallet from the victims before fleeing in the car.

**Dunleith**

**Friday 6/18/10 1845**

**District 10-Street**

**Summary:** (Reported attempted robbery) A nine year old victim advised that he was riding his bike in the area of the parkland on Bethune Drive when he was approached by

a “high school age” subject who stated “give me your bike or I’ll shoot you” while he displayed an unknown type handgun. The victim advised that he then pedaled away and went to his grandmother’s house and advised her of the incident.

**Whispering Pines TH**

**Tuesday 6/22/10 0230**

**District 5-Diller**

**Summary:** (Reported attempted robbery) An 18 year old female victim advised that she was in the area of Elliot Street waiting for a friend when a male suspect approached the passenger side of her vehicle and inquired if she wanted to purchase drugs. When the victim refused, the suspect entered the passenger side of her vehicle and held a broken bottle to her neck, resulting in minor. The victim was able to flee from her vehicle, but forgot to put it in park. It then coasted down a slight hill and collided with a parked car.

**Glasgow Court MHP**

**Friday 6/25/10 2200**

**District 6-Powers**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) A 30 year old male victim advised that his brother had just pulled up in front of his residence on Cadigan Street to give him money for a dry wall job they did together. The victim advised that after getting the money, he was walking back toward his residence when he was approached by the two suspects who were armed with a gun. The victim turned over his property and the suspects fled. A male subject was stopped walking in the area and the victim identified him as the person who was armed with the gun during the robbery. Both the victim and suspect were transported to County Police HQ for interviews. The investigation is pending.

**Burn Brae Condos**

**Friday 6/25/10 2250**

**District 7-Smiley**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) A 15 year old female victim, who lives on Highland Blvd., advised that she was taking out her dog and the trash when she was approached by “Tay” who demanded her IPod. When the victim refused, “Tay” pried it from her hands and fled. The victim knows “Tay” through her ex-boyfriend, but does not know his full name.

**Glasgow Court MHP**

**Friday 6/25/10 2350**

**District 6-Powers**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery) A 27 year old male victim advised that he was sitting on the hood of his car in front of the residence (Glasgow Drive) talking on the phone to his girlfriend in Mexico when he was approached by two suspects, who asked him for matches. The suspects walked away and returned a short time later, displayed a small black revolver and robbed the victim of his wallet. They then fled on foot.

**Oak Tree Apts.**

**Sunday 6/27/10 0200**

**District 5-Diller**

**Summary:** (Reported robbery, carjacking) A 20 year old male responded to the unit block of Wenark Drive to deliver a food order. When the victim arrived, he observed two suspects approach him as he exited his truck. The suspects displayed a shotgun and

robbed the victim. He turned over his money and the food order without resisting. The suspects then got into the victim's car and drove off.