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39th ANNUAL CIVIL SERVICE AWARDS RECOGNITION DINNER





Upcoming Meeting Topics & Important Dates

Feb 21 pm	Kiwanis Police, Fire & EMS Awards Dinner, 6:30 Membership Round Up
March 7	Meeting
March 19	Board meeting
March 21	Meeting

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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

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THE OBJECTS OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

To give primacy to the human spiritual rather than the material values of life.

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all of human relationships.

To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.

To provide, through Kiwanis clubs a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism, which makes possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and good will.



David M. Goroff
Paramedic

Paramedic David M. Goroff was hired by the New Castle County EMS Division on October 23, 2017. David graduated with a B.A. from Skidmore College and a M.S. from George Washington University. Paramedic Goroff is an Editorial Board Member of the Journal of Collegiate EMS.

Presently, David is in the field evaluation process to gain his full certification as a New Castle County Paramedic. He is currently working out of Medic 7 in the Prices Corner area.

David Goroff is engaged to Julia Sabatino and lives in Philadelphia.



KIWANIS CLUB OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Dinner Meeting

THE HOTEL DUPONT

Welcome	President Carl Colantuono
Star Spangled Banner	President Carl Colantuono
Pledge of Allegiance	President Carl Colantuono
Invocation	Ruth Barholomew
DINNER	
Introduction of Guests	President Carl Colantuono
Address	Mayor Michael Purzycki
Civil Service Awards	Dave Wilson Chairman of the Day
Addresses by Chiefs	Police, Fire, EMS Chiefs Chief Robert Tracy Asst. Chief Mark Logemann Chief Michael Donohue
Address	Matthew Meyer New Castle County Executive
Announcements	Ruth Bartholomew
America	Everyone
Adjournment	President Carl Colantuono



Firefighter of the Year **2017**

The Wilmington fire Department's Kiwanis Firefighter of the year is Senior Firefighter Vincent Lavella.

On May 24, 2017, and 1347 hours, SB-2 was dispatched to 401 North Lombard Street for a choking event. SB-2 arrived before the EMS unit and were met by a woman stating someone gave her one month old grandchild a Swedish fish (a gummy bear type candy). Upon entering the residence we found a one month old foaming at the mouth and in obvious respiratory distress. The infant was handed to Firefighter Lavella who immediately assessed the child who at that point had started to vomit. Firefighter Lavella turned the infant over and administered two back blows at which time the candy dislodged and fell onto the floor. He then assured the baby's airway was clear and started to administer blow-by oxygen. The baby's breathing returned to normal. Treatment was turned over to Medic 1 upon their arrival where they assessed the baby's O2 saturation to be normal.

Elizabeth F. Davis **Paramedic**

Paramedic Elizabeth F. Davis was hired by the New Castle County EMS Division on June 19th, 2017. She graduated from the Delaware Technical and Community College Paramedic Technology Program in 2017, following her graduation from the EMT track at St. George's Vo-Tech High School.



Elizabeth completed her field evaluation phase with New Castle County EMS Division in October 2017, and was appointed to the Division as a fully certified paramedic at that time.

In the community, Paramedic Davis is a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

Paramedic Elizabeth Davis is assigned to EMS Operations, Platoon 4 as a floater working in a variety of paramedic district locations throughout the County.

Paramedic Elizabeth Davis resides in New Castle County.



Mary Kate Selner **Paramedic First Class**

Paramedic First Class Mary Kate Selner was hired by the New Castle County EMS Division in February 2014, and graduated from the New Castle County Paramedic Academy through the Good Fellowship Ambulance & EMS Training Institute in 2015.

In September of 2015, Paramedic Selner achieved full certification as a State of Delaware paramedic and was assigned to EMS Field Operation, Platoon 4. She has received numerous awards:

- Two (2) Cardiac Arrest Survivor Citations
- Two (2) Unit Letter of Commendation
- One (1) Letter of Commendation
- Three (3) Letters of Appreciation

Paramedic First Class Selner has been integral in developing promotional education video and still photography on behalf of New Castle County EMS Division in the past year.

Mary Kate Selner resides in New Castle County.



Senior Firefighter **Vincent Lavella**

Senior Firefighter Lavella was appointed to the Wilmington Fire Department on June 27, 2011. Senior Firefighter Lavella graduated from Salesianum High School and graduated Cum Laude from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Senior Firefighter Lavella has completed the Fire Officer I course and has received his United States Coast Guard 100 Ton Masters License. Senior Firefighter Lavella has received one Unit Commendation and has been a City of Wilmington Keys to Success awardee.

Senior Firefighter Lavella is married to his wife Alexis and has three children, Giovanni, Rose and Ada.



Officer of the Year 2017



Senior Corporal Michael Coleman

Mike Coleman was born in Wilmington, DE and he was raised by his mother, Hazel Coleman, who instilled hard work, as well as kindness to others.

He attended and graduated from Delcastle High School in 1998. After high school, he attended Widener University from 1998-2002. where he excelled in track & field and football. He was a five-time All American with both sports.

In April of 2002, he was drafted by the Atlanta Falcons and he also played for the St. Louis Rams. Mike also played football in Canada and in Arena Football.

After hanging up his cleats, Mike became Wilmington's finest by joining the Wilmington Department of Police in January, 2008. At his police graduation, he was the recipient of the Leonard Kittner Award, which was awarded to him for being the most outstanding officer of his recruit class.

More notably he was awarded 'Rookie of the Year.'

Since beginning his career as a Wilmington Police Officer, Mike has been a member with many different units within the police department, to include: Uniformed Services Division

Two (2) Sudden Cardiac Arrest Survivor Citations
Two (2) Unit Letter of Commendation
The Kiwanis Award 2nd Quarter 2016
The Kiwanis Award Paramedic of the Year 2016

Yvonne T. Russell Paramedic First Class



Paramedic First Class Yvonne T. Russell was hired by the New Castle County EMS Division on September 19, 2011 as a paramedic recruit and enrolled in the Delaware Technical and Community College Paramedic Technology Program. Paramedic Russell graduated from the paramedic program in May 2012 with an Associate in Applied Science.

Yvonne was promoted to Paramedic First Class in June 2016, and in addition to her current assignment at Medic 7 Prices Corner, she is the Public Information Officer for the EMS Division, a Field Training Officer, an Assistant Recruiter, CPR Instructor, a mentor for St. George's Technical High School EMT students and has been a representative for NCC EMS on the State of Delaware Medical Protocol Committee. Yvonne is also a presenter for the Attach Addiction drug abuse prevention program. Paramedic First Class Yvonne Russell has received:

- Two (2) Sudden Cardiac Arrest Survivor Citations
- Two (2) Unit Letter of Commendation
- The Kiwanis Award 2nd Quarter 2016
- The Kiwanis Award Paramedic of the Year 2016

Since 2014, Yvonne has been involved in charity events such as motorcycle rides and 5ks for Wounded Warrior and Special Olympics Delaware.

Paramedic First Class Yvonne Russell is married to her husband Dennis and has two children, Dennis III and Aiden. They reside in Smyrna, DE.



Scott B. Kier **Paramedic First Class**

Paramedic First Class Scott B. Kier was hired by the New Castle County EMS Division in 2012. He graduated from Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts with a B.S. in Emergency Medical Services Management.

Scott was promoted to Paramedic First Class in August 2016. He is a Field Training Officer, and a faculty member for the Delaware Resuscitation Academy. He has received numerous awards:

- Several Cardiac Arrest Survivor Awards
- Two (2) Distinguished Unit Citations
- Several Letters of Commendation

In the community, Paramedic First Class Kier has volunteered for Big Brothers & Big Sisters as a youth mentor. He is a Black Belt in martial arts styles of Tae Kwon Do and Kenpo.

Presently, Scott is assigned to EMS Operations, Platoon 4 on Medic 8 in the City of Wilmington.

Paramedic First Class Scott B. Kier resides in New Castle County with his girlfriend, Kate Krenzer.

as a patrol officer, a dedicated member with the MET Team, and with our Drugs, Organized Crime and Vice Unit. However, his most favorable position was working as a detective, assigned with the U.S. Marshalls Task Force, which he excelled in for four years.

Recently Mike married his long love, Master Sergeant, Fray Lynch, who is an 18 year veteran with the Wilmington Department of Police. They have four children and are enjoying life both in and outside of the Wilmington Police Department.

Mike is currently assigned to the West Center City Unit, which was formed in June 2017. He said that he wanted to become a member of this unit because he knew that it would take officers that can think outside of the box, as well as connect with community related issues. Although this is Mike's primary role as an officer he refuses to be confined to just giving all of his time to West Center City.

He also engages himself in several schools in and around the City of Wilmington. He is also one of the founding officers who helped implement the "Justice in Time" program. The "Justice in Time" program is a program that educates children of color in urban areas about their rights and responsibilities when interacting with law enforcement. In this program, Mike has conducted more than 15 presentation in 2017.

In closing, Mike Coleman lives day to day with the following quote by Harriet Tubman:

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."



Paramedics of the Year 2017



Abigail E. Haas Paramedic Sergeant

Emergency Medical Services Division
New Castle County Department of Public Safety

Paramedic Sergeant Abigail E. Haas was appointed to the Emergency Medical Services Division in April 2005. She was promoted to the rank of Paramedic First Class in October 2008, Paramedic Corporal in November 2011 and to Paramedic Sergeant in December 2015.

Paramedic Sergeant Haas is a graduate of the Tatnall School and the University of Delaware, where she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology.

Paramedic Sergeant Haas has received official commendations, including the Commendation of Merit (2 awards), Distinguished Unit Citation, Pre-hospital Sudden Cardiac Arrest Save Citation (5 awards), Letter of Commendation and several Unit Letters of Commendation

Paramedic Sergeant Haas resides in Newark, DE with her husband, Richard, and daughters Heidi Grace and Riley Quinn.

Michael A. McColley Lieutenant



Lieutenant Michael A. McColley was hired by the New Castle County EMS Division in 1989 after graduating from the Medical Center of Delaware Paramedic Training Program. Mike also graduated from Delaware Technical and Community College with an Associate of Applied Science degree in 2009, and the NJSACP Command and Leadership Program in 2015. Mike was promoted to Corporal in 2004, Sergeant in 2013 and to the rank of Lieutenant in 2015. He has had past assignments to Medic 5 Odessa, Medic 6 Glasgow and Medic 9 Newark. Other responsibilities have included New Castle county EMS Division Public Information Officer, Field Training Officer and Platoon Supervisor. Presently, Lieutenant McColley is the EMS Division Coordinator for Recruitment and Selection. Mike has received numerous awards:

- Letter of Commendation (1992, 2007, 2008)
- Phoenix Club Award for Life Saving
- Two (2) Commendation of Merit (2007)
- Distinguished Unit Citation (2010)
- Two (2) Distinguish Unit Citations (2013)
- Four (4) Cardiac Arrest Survivor Awards

In the community, Lieutenant Michael McColley has been Head Soccer Coach at Calvary Christian Academy High School, a member of Ducks Unlimited and a member of Harrington Volunteer Fire Company.

Lieutenant Michael A. McColley resides in Harrington, Delaware with his wife April, daughter Bethany and son Trevor.