



# The **KIWANIS BANNER**

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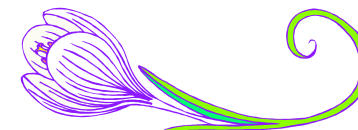
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**Upcoming Meeting Topics & Important Dates**

May 5-9	Meals on Wheels Delivery Week
May 14	Armed Forces Day luncheon
May 19	Board Meeting
July 12	Kiwanis Night at the Phillies at 7:05 pm

**KIWANIS NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES!**

July 12

Philadelphia Phillies vs Washington Nationals

Don't miss out on a great game and the chance to raise money for our service leadership clubs! \$37-48 per ticket

See DOC for tickets!



**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.



**POLICE OFFICER OF THE 1ST QUARTER 2014  
OFFICER MICHAEL SPENCER**

Officer Michael Spencer is a native of Wilmington’s Little Italy neighborhood and a graduate of Del Castle High School. Officer Spencer has three children, including his 8 year old niece whom he adopted as well as a 6 year old daughter and 4 year old son.

Officer Spencer always wanted to be a police officer, and before beginning his career with the Wilmington Police Department he attended Delaware Technical and Community College. He is currently working on finishing his degree at Wilmington University.

Officer Spencer began his policing career in 2007 after graduating from Wilmington’s 92<sup>nd</sup> Police Academy. He is currently assigned to the Uniformed Services Division’s B Platoon and is a member of the Honor Guard and the Mobile Field Force Team.

In addition to his fine police work, Officer Spencer honors the Kiwanis tradition of community service by mentoring students at William Penn High School for the last three years.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2014 Officer Spencer performed his duties at a high level. He made many arrests and seized multiple firearms. His most notable arrest occurred on January 16, 2014. Prior to that date, the City was suffering through a period of what appeared to be daily shootings or shots fired complaints. After Officer Spencer’s arrests there was a major decline in shooting incidences in the City.

On January 16, 2014 Officer Spencer observed a known felon operating a Chevrolet Malibu in the area of 10<sup>th</sup> and Spruce Street. Through prior contact Officer Spencer was aware that the felon did not have a valid driver’s license. Officer Spencer attempted a vehicle stop and pursued the vehicle as it fled. The pursuit ended when the vehicle crashed into a telephone pole in the 900 block of E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Officer Spencer took the man into custody and found that he was wearing body armor and located a loaded .45 caliber handgun and a loaded .22 caliber semi-automatic rifle in the vehicle. The vehicle was owned by someone who worked as a dispatcher for the Wilmington Police.

Due to Officer Spencer’s knowledge and quick actions, the felon was arrested without a major incident. The felon appeared to be prepared for a gun battle with a handgun at his feet and wearing a bullet proof vest. Due to this arrest, the dispatcher was later charged criminally after an investigation revealed that she provided the felon information about police activity.

Officer Spencer’s supervisor, Sgt. Mitch Rentz, describes Officer Spencer as a self-motivated and committed officer and writes that “Officer Spencer not only performs his duties through self-initiated stops, assisting and backing up other officers, but also makes sure that there is a visible police presence in the area he patrols through special attentions and park and walks.” Officer Spencer is “a benefit to the platoon who attempts to make work more enjoyable through humor and a positive attitude. Officer Spencer is a team player.”

Officer Spencer clearly epitomizes the Kiwanis ideals of character, intelligence, and service to the City of Wilmington and its residents.



**KIWANIS CLUB OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2014**

**Lunch Meeting**

**THE HOTEL DUPONT 12:00-1:00 PM**

**Welcome.....President Van Olmstead**

**Moment of Silence.....Everyone**

**Star Spangled Banner.....Everyone**

**Pledge of Allegiance.....President Van Olmstead**

**Invocation.....TBD**

**LUNCH**

**Introduction of Guests.....President Van Olmstead**

**Civil Service Awards.....Dave Wilson**

**Announcements.....President Elect Pat Bartoshesky**

**Happy Dollars.....Everyone**

**Drawing.....David O’Connell**

**America.....Everyone**



**PARAMEDIC OF THE 1ST  
QUARTER 2014  
PARAMEDIC CORPORAL  
JORGE H. VASQUEZ**



P/Cpl. Vasquez has been an instrumental part of our outreach into the Hispanic community. His participation in both community education and recruitment has enable the New Castle County Paramedics to better serve the Spanish speaking community within Wilmington and the entire county.

P/Cpl. Vasquez has voluntarily served as a bridge to the Hispanic community since his initial appointment to the New Castle County Paramedics. During his clinical rotations as a paramedic student, he was cited for his support to the Christiana Care Health System Psychiatric Crisis Team and Director of Trauma while they treated Spanish speaking patients from a multiple fatality vehicle crash. P/Cpl. Vasquez spent over three hours supporting the family and interpreting for the hospital staff.

More recently, P/Cpl. Vasquez has assisted with the development of a Spanish version of a "Learn CPR" public information video, and conducted several Spanish language radio and television interviews during our recruitment for the Paramedic Class of 2014-15. He also played a pivotal role in the April 2013 briefing by the Emergency Medical Services Division to a Panamanian delegation of public safety officials.

P/Cpl. Vasquez has continuously supported and engaged in outreach by the New Castle County Paramedics to the Hispanic community. His efforts have reflected positively on the Emergency Medical Services Division, the New Castle County Department of Public Safety, and the profession as a whole. His contributions toward enabling the New Castle County Paramedics to better serve the broad and diverse population of New Castle County is worthy of recognition.

P/Cpl. Vasquez was appointed to the Emergency Medical Services Division in March 2005. He completed the Delaware Technical and Community College Paramedic Training Program in July 2006 and achieved certification as a Delaware Paramedic in November of that same year.

P/Cpl. Vasquez was promoted to the rank of Paramedic First Class in October 2010. He was subsequently promoted to his current rank in October 2013.

P/Cpl. Vasquez is a CPR instructor and has participated in the EMS Division community CPR program. His support of the community CPR program has included his participation in a Spanish video encouraging the community to learn CPR. He has delivered Vial of Life presentations in both English and Spanish. P/Cpl. Vasquez also serves as an Assistant Recruiter for the New Castle County Paramedics. His recruitment activities include presentations at the Latin America Community Center, interviews in Spanish language newspapers and on Spanish language television and radio stations.

P/Cpl. Vasquez has received several official commendations including a Distinguished Unit Citation for his actions at the scene of a serious motor vehicle collision in October 2006, a Unit Letter of Commendation for his November 2010 actions at a motor vehicle collision involving multiple patients on a bus on Interstate 295 and two awards of the Pre-hospital Sudden Cardiac Arrest Save Citation.



**FIREFIGHTER OF THE 1ST QUARTER 2014  
FIREFIGHTER FREDERICK COOPER**

The Wilmington Fire Department's Kiwanis Firefighter of the First Quarter for 2014 is Firefighter Frederick Cooper.

Firefighter Cooper is nominated for the following:

On Sunday, March 2, 2014, at about 0928 hours, Firefighter Frederick Cooper was driving home on I-495 in the northbound lane. As he approached the bridge he noticed a woman on top of the bridge on the south bound side leaning over the side. Firefighter Cooper noticed that the woman's car was pulled over to the side and he thought it may be disabled. He pulled up behind her car to offer assistance and saw that she was now sitting on the side of the bridge and appeared to be getting ready to jump. Firefighter Cooper called 911, identified himself as a Wilmington Firefighter and informed them there was a possible jumper on the bridge. Firefighter Cooper got out of his car and walked up behind the woman without her seeing him. She was now rocking back and forth getting ready to jump. Firefighter Cooper grabbed the woman, pulled her away from the edge, and held her on the ground. The woman was struggling with him when other bystanders approached and offered assistance. Wilmington Police arrived on the scene along with Delaware State Police. Both Police Departments took control of the situation.

**Biography:**

Firefighter Cooper was appointed to the Wilmington Fire Department on June 15, 1987. Firefighter Cooper has worked in both Engine and Ladder Companies and is currently a member of Engine Company #5 "B" Platoon. Firefighter Cooper has been previously recognized by the Department with the Community Group Award.



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