



# The **KIWANIS BANNER**

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## **Police, Fire and EMS Quarterly Awards 1st Quarter 2018**



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### Upcoming Meeting Topics & Important Dates

April 18	Civil Service Awards
May 2	TBD
May 16	Civil Service Awards
May 30	Spring Youth Recognition
June 6	Larry Sullivan

### 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.

“SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD”

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

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## KIWANIS CLUB OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

### Lunch Meeting

THE HOTEL DUPONT

## The Star Spangled Banner

By Francis Scott Key 1814

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly steaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;

O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,  
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,  
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,

As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?  
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:  
'Tis the star-spangled banner, O! long may it wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore  
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,  
A home and a country, should leave us no more?  
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.

No refuge could save the hireling and slave  
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation.  
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n rescued land  
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto: 'In God is our trust.'

And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Welcome	President Carl Colantuono
Star Spangled Banner	President Carl Colantuono
Pledge of Allegiance	President Carl Colantuono
Invocation	Ruth Barholomew
<b>DINNER</b>	
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 1st Quarter 2018

The Wilmington fire Department's Kiwanis Firefighter of the First Quarter for 2018 is Captain Gordon Davis.

Approximately one year ago, Captain Gordon Davis approached the Fire Administration to develop a Squad School. The Squad School's main mission was to train in a multitude of technical rescue disciplines which would ultimately enhance our operations. After numerous discussions with the Training Unit and with the approval of the Chief of Fire, a plan for the delivery of the Squad School was developed and initiated. The program was a year in length and over 70 Firefighters participated. All the Firefighters, once completing the core courses, would be able to test and attain national certifications. Captain Davis saw the need to enhance our training and worked tirelessly throughout the year delivering the core courses:

- Rope Rescue
- High Angle Rescue
- Confined Space Rescue
- Basic Water Rescue
- Swift Water Rescue
- Advanced Vehicle Rescue and Machinery Rescue

Captain Davis dedicated numerous hours on-duty and off-duty delivering the above mentioned courses. Throughout his career, Captain Davis has always had the best interest of the Wilmington Fire Department as his top priority. Captain Davis epitomizes what Firefighters should strive to achieve.

## Senior Corporal Thomas J. Murphy, Jr.



Senior Corporal Thomas J. Murphy, Jr. was hired as a Cardiac Rescue Technician in December 1981. Tom completed his paramedic education through the Medical Center of Delaware Paramedic Training Program in October of 1984. He was promoted to Corporal in 2004, and in 2017 was promoted to Senior Corporal.

Senior Corporal Murphy has been a member of the Uniform Design Committee, Vehicle Design Committee, the EMS for Children Grant Research Group, and the State of Delaware Office of EMS Paramedic Advisory Committee.

Beyond involvement in work groups, Senior Corporal Murphy has been a CPR instructor, ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) Instructor and a Field Preceptor/Field Training Officer since 1990.

Senior Corporal Thomas J. Murphy, Jr. graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2008 with a degree in Emergency Services Management from Delaware Technical and Community College.

During Senior Corporal Murphy's tenure, the public has recognized him for his dedication and performance, with at least 62 letters of appreciation or thanks.

Senior Corporal Murphy's citations include:

- 1 Distinguished Unit Citation
- 2 Unit Letters of Commendation
- 4 Letters of Commendation
- 4 Pre-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Citations
- 5 Heart Alert Recognition Letters (Christiana Care Medical System)
- 1 Certificate of Appreciation



## Paramedics of the Quarter 2018

Senior Corporal Thomas J. Murphy, Jr. is currently the longest serving EMS Division employee with over thirty-six (36) years of service, and is the longest serving active field provider (paramedic). Senior Corporal Murphy is the last member of the first paramedic training class to achieve the National Registered certificate in Delaware.

Senior Corporal Murphy's length of service is noted, but it is his long history of contribution and excellence in service that is commendable. During his career beginning in 1981, Thomas has been a member of the Uniform Design Committee, Vehicle Design Committee, EMS for Children Grant Research Group, and the State of Delaware Office of EMS Paramedic Advisory Committee.

Beyond involvement in these work groups, Senior Corporal Murphy has been a CPR Instructor and ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) Instructor. Most importantly, Tom has been a Field Preceptor/Field Training Officer since 1990. Passing his skills, insight of experience and knowledge to the new generation of New Castle County paramedics, which is invaluable!

Tom has risen through the ranks. Hired as a Cardiac Rescue Technician in 1981, he completed his paramedic education through the then, Medical Center of Delaware Paramedic Training Program in October of 1984. He was promoted to Corporal in 2004, when the EMS Division established the Career Development Plan with expanded rank structure; and in 2017 was promoted to Senior Corporal.

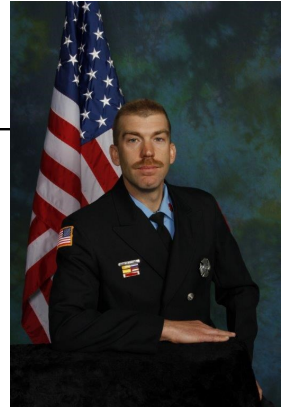
The public has also recognized Senior Corporal Murphy for his dedication and performance, with at least 62 letters of appreciation or thanks during his career.

Senior Corporal Thomas J. Murphy, Jr.'s passion for his profession not only is a beacon of excellence for his co-workers, but sets the continuity of the organization on a course of growth and success in the future. Senior Corporal Murphy is a greatly appreciated element of the New Castle County EMS Division.

## Captain Gordon Davis

Captain Gordon Davis was appointed to the Wilmington Fire Department on August 23, 2004. Captain Davis has been assigned to Engine, Ladder and Rescue Companies. Captain Davis was promoted to Lieutenant on February 5, 2014, and promoted to Captain on May 25, 2015. Captain Davis has been awarded seven Department Citations, the Department's Professional Development Award, the City of Wilmington's Key to Success Award, and the New Castle County Sudden Cardiac Arrest Award. Captain Davis is presently assigned to Squad Company #4 "A" Platoon. Captain Davis is married to his wife Carrie and has a daughter, Autumn.

Captain Davis is a Nationally Certified Emergency Medical Technician; a Certified Priority One Air Rescue Helicopter System Operator and Rescue Specialist (a member of the Delaware Air Rescue Team); Certified Fire Instructor II; Certified Fire Officer IV; Rope Technical Rescuer I/II; Trench Rescue Technician; and Vehicle and Machinery Rescue Technician. Captain Davis holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Science Administration.





## Officers of the Quarter 2018

### Corporal D'Von J. Stallings

Corporal D'Von J. Stallings is a native of Wilmington, Delaware and he is the proud father of Daniah Righter. In June of 2005 Corporal Stallings completed his early education at John Dickinson High School. Shortly after receiving his high school diploma, he enlisted in the United States Army Reserves. While enlisted in the Army Reserves, he served one tour in Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan). Upon his return, Corporal Stallings received his Bachelor of Science and Master's Degree at Wilmington University. In December of 2014 Corporal Stallings became a member of the 96th Wilmington Police Academy where he served as the class Vice President.

As a child, Corporal Stallings developed a servant's heart and truly believes the motto "Service is The Rent You Pay for Living." Corporal Stallings is a proud member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, and a member of the security team for Canaan Baptist Church.

As a member of the Wilmington Department of Police, Corporal Stallings enjoys being a member of the Uniform Services Division. Currently, he is assigned to "C" Platoon Sector 2 where he works alongside Patrolman Isaiah Dennison.

Corporal Stallings has aspirations of becoming a member of the Wilmington Department of Police SWAT Team. Additionally, due to his prior leadership role as a Staff Sergeant with the United States Army Reserves he would like to be the Training Officer of the Wilmington Department of Police Academy.

Corporal Stallings' ultimate goal is to bridge the gap between the citizens and law enforcement. He strongly believes working together is the solution to combatting the crime within the City of Wilmington.



### Patrolman Isaiah M. Dennison

Patrolman Isaiah M. Dennison is a native of Wilmington, Delaware. Patrolman Dennison is a 2008 graduate of Alexis I. DuPont High School. After receiving his high school

diploma Patrolman Dennison attended American Intercontinental University in South Florida where he received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. In December 2014 Patrolman Dennison began his career with Wilmington Department of Police as a member of the 96th Police Academy. Patrolman Dennison has been a lifelong member of New Destiny Fellowship Church.

Currently, Patrolman Dennison is assigned to the Uniform Services Division "C" Platoon Sector 2. Patrolman Dennison enjoys working alongside his partner Corporal Stallings. While working in the Upper Eastside (11C) the two are actively engaged in the community. Patrolman Dennison finds joy in addressing the criminal activity while maintaining healthy relationships with the members of the community.

Patrolman Dennison has aspirations of obtaining a leadership role within the Wilmington Department of Police.