July 19, 2017









**Police, Fire and EMS Quarterly Awards** 



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## **Upcoming Meeting Topics & Important Dates**

July 25 Reading at Salvation Army

August 14 Board meeting, Woodlawn Library, 12 noon

August 16 International Convention Recap

Guest Speaker—

September 14 The First Tee of Delaware Annual Mayor's Cup, Rock

Manor Golf Course

October 16 Salvation Army Annual Civic Recognition Dinner

#### 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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# July Birthdays

July 7Van OlmsteadJuly 21Lee DerrJuly 16Jeannette WiltJuly 24Stephanie Hansen

Nominations for next year's foundation officers are:

-President Tom Herlihy -V. President Van Olmstead -Treasurer Dave Wilson

-Secretary Doc

Nominations for foundation directors for the 3 year term ending in 2019-2020 are:

- -Betty Olmstead
- -Lee Derr
- -Dave Wilson





# **KIWANIS CLUB OF WILMINGTON. DELAWARE**

Wednesday, July 19, 2017 **Lunch Meeting** 

THE HOTEL DUPONT | 12 Noon

Welcome President Betty Olmstead

Star Spangled Banner President Betty Olmstead

Pledge of Allegiance President Betty Olmstead

Invocation

LUNCH

Introduction of Guests President Betty Olmstead

Police, Fire and EMS Quarterly Awards

Announcements President Elect, Carl

Colantuono

America Everyone



# Officer of the 2nd Quarter 2017



## Patrolman Kevin Nolan

Patrolman Kevin Nolan has been with the Wilmington Police Department for two and a half years. After applying for the department a number of times, he was excited to be accepted into the 96th Wilmington Police Academy in December of 2014. Patrolman Nolan followed in his families footsteps. His fa-

ther, Michael Nolan, is a retired Delaware State Trooper and his brother, Sean Nolan, is currently a Corporal with the Wilmington Police Department. As a Police Officer, Kevin enjoys visiting schools, mentoring students and he is thrilled to be helping to make Wilmington a safer place. Patrolman Nolan is married to his wife, Rachel, and together they have a beautiful baby girl, Aubrey. Patrolman Nolan is currently assigned to the Uniform Services Division "E" Platoon.

# Lt. Michael R. Nichols Emergency Medical Services Division

Lt. Michael R. Nichols, NRP was appointed to the New Castle County Emergency Medical Service as an Emergency Medical Technician in 1995. He attended the Medical Center of Delaware Paramedic Training Program and achieved certification as a Nationally Registered



Paramedic in 1996. Lt. Nichols was promoted to the rank of Paramedic Corporal in May 2004, Paramedic Sergeant in July 2013 and to his current rank in May 2015.

Lt. Nichols is a CPR instructor and has participated in the EMS Division community CPR training program. He has also served as an Assistant Recruiter for the New Castle County Paramedics. In 1999 he was selected as one of the first paramedics to be assigned to the New Castle County Police SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team, where he served as the non-commissioned offer in charge. He continued to serve as the medical team leader for the New Castle County EMS tactical paramedics until 2016. Lt. Nichols has received several official commendations including a Distinguished Unit Citation for his actions at an apartment fire in June 2004, a Distinguished Unit Citation for his performance in a SWOT hostage rescue at the Delaware Correctional Center in August 2005, and a Pre-hospital Sudden Cardiac Arrest Save Citation in 2013.

Lt. Nichols is a graduate of the West Point Command and Leadership Academy sponsored by the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police and is currently assigned to Field Operations as the commander of Platoon II in the Emergency Medical Services Division.



# Paramedics of the 2nd Quarter 2017

On Saturday, May 20, 2017 at approximately 1304 hours, a call was received by the New Castle County Communications Division reporting a "Residential Structure Fire" in the 700 block of West Eleventh Street in the Washington Park neighborhood of New Castle. The initial 911 call reported an elderly male subject was inside the structure and refusing to leave the residence. Paramedic Lieutenant Michael R. Nichols was leaving the New Castle County Fleet Maintenance facility, heard the dispatch and responded to the incident.

Lt. Nichols was first to arrive on scene and gave a report of a "smoke condition in the residence." He exited his vehicle and found an elderly female stating that her husband was still inside the structure. Lt. Nichols yelled into the home as thick black smoke began rolling out of the door. A fire in the kitchen area of the home was noted. The elderly male could be heard in the home, and Lt. Nichols continued to call for him to exit the residence. The elderly make subject appeared confused and could not exit the residence on his own due to his current mental state combined with an apparent physical impairment. With no other emergency personnel on the scene and the fire growing larger, Lt. Nichols made a decision to put his own safety aside and enter the residence. Lt. Nichols entered the home and found the elderly male in a smoky environment with an active kitchen fire. The male subject was actively coughing and was continuing to refuse to leave the home. Lt. Nichols grabbed the patient around the chest and dragged him to the front door where he was met by a New Castle City Police Officer. The police officer and Lt. Nichols moved the patient down the front steps of the home and initiated emergency medical care. Medical care was continued and the patient was ultimately transported to the Christiana Hospital Emergency Department.

Lt. Nichols exercised initiative in recognizing he was close to the incident and initiating a response. His decision to enter the burning structure prior to the arrival of fire apparatus in an effort to rescue an elderly citizen illustrates the value he places on a human life.

# Patrolman Springeral Dmeza

Patrolman Springeral Dmeza has been with the Wilmington Police Department for two and a half years and was a member of the 96th Wilmington Police Academy. He is the first in his family to pursue a career in law enforcement



and one of a hand full of people in his family to have graduated college with a degree. Patrolman Dmeza was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York by two Haitian parents, Annaitere Dmeza and Springer Desir. Patrolman Dmeza's father would often say, "you can be anything that you want in life except for being lazy." Patrolman Dmeza carries this philosophy with him in his life and in his work. He has a son, Jayden, and resides in Wilmington. Patrolman Dmeza is currently assigned to the Uniform Services Division "E" Platoon.



The Wilmington Fire Department's Kiwanis Firefighter of the Second Quarter for 2017 is Senior Firefighter Vincent Lavella.

On May 24, 2017, at 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 arrival where they assessed the baby's 02 saturation to be normal.

## Firefighter Lavella

Firefighter Lavella was appointed to the Wilmington Fire Department on June 24, 2011. He graduated from Salesianum High School and graduated Cum Laude from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.



Firefighter Lavella has completed the Fire Officer I course and has received his United States Coast Guard 100 Ton Masters License. He has received one Unit Commendation and has been a City of Wilmington Keys to Success awardee.

Firefighter Lavella is married to his wife Alexis and has two children, Giovanni and Rose.