



# **NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# **PRESS RELEASE**

*Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police*

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**SUBJECT: Newark Police Promote One Officer to Master Corporal**

A promotion ceremony was held on Monday April 19 at the Newark Police Department. Gerald J. Bryda, a 12-year veteran of the Department, was promoted to the rank of Master Corporal. City Manager Kyle Sonnenberg read the promotional warrant, and Police Chief Paul Tiernan administered the oath of office.

Master Corporal Bryda began his career with the Newark Police Department in 1998 after graduating from the Delaware State Police Academy. He has served assignments in the Patrol Division, Criminal Investigations Division, and the Drug Unit. During his time in the Criminal Investigations Division, then-detective Bryda was the lead investigator of the shooting death of Diana Hechter, which resulted in the conviction and 37 year sentence of Tyrone Norwood. While in the Drug Unit, Bryda was assigned to the DEA Task Force in Wilmington. He currently serves in the Administration Division, performing duties that include crime prevention and crime analysis. Master Corporal Bryda is also a Certified Police Instructor.

Master Corporal Bryda was twice the recipient of the Knights of Columbus Officer of the Quarter award, was three times awarded the Newark Police Citation of Merit, and earned a New Castle County Paramedic lifesaver award. The Knights of Columbus recognized Master Corporal Bryda on one occasion for his apprehension of a suspect who was in the act of committing a rape, and in which Bryda's actions saved the victim from further assault. Master Corporal Bryda received one of his Citations of Merit for his work in the Drug Unit, consisting of 31 search warrants resulting in 278 Felony and 109 Misdemeanor drug arrests and the seizure of five handguns and one assault rifle. Master Corporal Bryda received his second Citation of Merit for being the first officer in the Newark Police Department to save a person's life with the use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Master Corporal Bryda received the New Castle County Paramedics lifesaver award for his part in a second event in which he and other officers administered CPR and utilized the AED to revive a person from cardiac arrest. Master Corporal Bryda has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from the Kean University of New Jersey.

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