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Newark Police Department Announces Promotions

Newark, DE (**January 17, 2012**) - The City of Newark Police Department is proud to announce the promotions of two of its police officers: Master Corporal Michael Van Campen to the rank of Sergeant and Corporal Paul Keld to the rank of Master Corporal.

Master Corporal Michael Van Campen joined the Newark Police Department in September 1998 and graduated from the Delaware State Police Academy in March 1999. He was a member of the Special Operations Unit and the Special Investigation Unit responsible for investigating drug and vice related crimes. During this time he worked with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force serving at the Wilmington (DE) Resident Office.

M/Cpl. Van Campen has been a certified Field Training Officer, Background Investigator and served as an instructor for the Youth and Citizen Police Academies. M/Cpl. Van Campen currently serves on the department's S.W.A.T. Team, including the Sniper/Observer Team. M/Cpl. Van Campen has received the Newark Police Department Nowinski Meritorious Service Medal and (5) Citations for Merit. M/Cpl. Van Campen has received multiple commendations from Maryland State Police, Cecil County Sheriff's Office and State of Delaware Probation and Parole. M/Cpl. Van Campen was awarded (3) Certificates of Merit from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), and was named the Knights of Columbus Officer of the Quarter in 2001, 2002 and 2005. In 2010, M/Cpl. Van Campen received a United States Attorneys' Office Superior Investigation Award and the Mid-Atlantic Organized Crime Enforcement Drug Task Force Award.

M/Cpl. Van Campen will supervise the Special Operations Unit upon his promotion to Sergeant.

Corporal Paul Keld has been with the Newark Police Department since 1997. After his graduation from the Delaware State Police Academy, Corporal Keld was assigned to the Patrol Division serving as a Field Training Officer.

In October 2001, Corporal Keld was transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division as detective. During this assignment Corporal Keld conducted numerous criminal investigations and participated on several robbery and burglary task forces.

Corporal Keld became the Accreditation Manager for the Newark Police Department in January 2007. The Newark Police Department was reaccredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in 2009, and as a result of a successful reaccreditation process the Newark Police Department became the first police department in the State of Delaware to be awarded "Flagship" status by CALEA.

Corporal Keld managed the accreditation process again for its on-site assessment by CALEA in December of 2011, which was extremely positive and the Newark Police Department will be reaccredited in March of 2012.

Corporal Keld has received a MADD award for DUI enforcement and a Citation of Merit for his role in a kidnapping and sexual assault investigation that resulted in the conviction of the defendant.

Corporal Keld will be assigned to the Traffic Division upon his promotion and will serve as the assistant supervisor.

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