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**Newark Police Department selected as a "Community Policing in Action" photo contest winner**

Newark, DE - Below is a release from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services announcing Newark Police Department as its "Community Policing in Action" photo contest winner for the month of July.

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The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services  
Features Newark (DE) Police Department during the Month of July  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is pleased to feature the Newark (DE) Police Department as its "Community Policing in Action" photo contest winner for the month of July.

The winning photo, which can be found on the COPS Office website, Twitter, and Facebook pages, features Corporal James Spadola and Officer Aaron Olicker giving free hugs during a busy day in downtown Newark. To read more about that day and the impact of hugs on the community and the officers, visit the Community Policing Dispatch: [http://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/07-2016/july\\_photo\\_contest\\_winner.asp](http://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/07-2016/july_photo_contest_winner.asp).

The COPS Office piloted the photo contest last year to highlight positive community policing efforts across the country. After receiving an overwhelming number of submissions, the COPS Office made the photo contest an annual event. This year's contest garnered more than 300 photos, submitted by more than 200 agencies during the one-month submission period. The COPS Office selected 12 winning photos to feature monthly and announced them in January of this year. To learn more about the photo contest and view the winners, visit <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/photocontest>.

The COPS Office, headed by Director Ronald Davis, is a federal agency responsible for advancing community policing nationwide. Since 1995, the COPS Office has invested more than \$14 billion to advance community

policing, including grants awarded to more than 13,000 state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to fund the hiring and redeployment of more than 127,000 officers and provide a variety of knowledge resource products including publications, training and technical assistance. For additional information about the COPS Office, please visit [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov).

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