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NEWS RELEASE

NCCPD Finalist of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Webber Seavey Award

County Executive Tom Gordon is pleased to announce the Division of Police's Targeted Analytic Policing System (TAPS) initiative was recognized as one of the top 10 international programs and received the IACP/Motorola Webber Seavey Award: Quality in Law Enforcement. The Division was recognized earlier this year at the annual International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference.

The Webber Seavey Award is named for the first president of the IACP and is presented annually. To compete for this prestigious award, the New Castle County Division of Police had to submit a detailed overview of the TAPS Program that illustrated its innovative approach to quality in law enforcement. This award recognized agencies worldwide that promote a standard of excellence and exemplify law enforcement's contribution and dedication to the quality of life in local communities.

"This award is not only recognition of our state-of-the-art policing techniques but also a chance for other departments across America to see an example of best practice put to use," County Executive Gordon said.

Colonel Setting implemented the TAPS program in January 2012. This intelligence led, policing initiative has resulted in significant reductions in crime throughout New Castle County. The initiative focuses on quality of life complaints with an emphasis on property crimes. Since the inception, total dispatched calls for service are down 11%, in-progress quality of life calls are down 15.7%, and violent felonies (robberies, assaults, burglaries) are down over 30%.

New Castle County Public Safety Director Joseph Bryant, Jr. said the Targeted Analytic Policing System again showcased NCCPD's commitment to the citizens of New Castle County. "The reduction in crimes and increase in officer activity is an improvement in the quality of life for all of New Castle County residents," he said.

Colonel E. M. Setting said the NCCPD was grateful for the unwavering support County Executive Gordon has faithfully provided to Public Safety.

"That has allowed the New Castle County Division of Police to again distinguish itself as a true leader in the law enforcement community," Colonel Setting said. "Our innovative approach to policing and our commitment to the community are validated through the recognition of such a prestigious award."

“TAPS not only fights crime and quality of life issues impacting our communities, but also fights fear making our citizens feel safer, which the statistics show they are,” he added. “The men and women of the New Castle County Police can be proud of their accomplishments in their efforts that are making our County even safer.”

For more information about this award, please visit the link below:

<http://www.theiacp.org/Portals/0/documents/pdfs/2014WebberSeaveyAbstractBook.pdf>