



Tips for a safe summer

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Summer is finally here! That time of year when outdoor activities are abundant, there's increased travel on the highways and byways and hopefully, some well-deserved respite from our jobs! The New Garden Township Police Department offers the following safety tips in the hopes that your summer is safe and as joyous as planned!

1. Beat the Heat!

- a. Don't leave children or pets unattended in a vehicle,
- b. Apply sunscreen,
- c. Stay hydrated!

2. Home Security...

- a. Complete a Property Check Request form while you're away on vacation. Look for it at www.ngpd.org in the Forms Section,
- b. Alert a trusted neighbor or friend to check your home,
- c. Don't publish your absence on Social Media,
- d. See something suspicious, call the police IMMEDIATELY!

3. Having an outdoor event!

- a. Be a courteous neighbor; be mindful of the noise and parking...
- b. Designate drivers for safe transportation to and from your event,
- c. Be alert that water activities and over consumption of alcohol can lead to tragedy,
- d. Never leave children unattended around pools or other bodies of water.

4. Travelling the roads?

- a. Inspect and know your vehicle to ensure safe travel to your destination,
- b. Stay alert, fatigued driving is as dangerous as impaired driving,
- c. Properly wear safety restraints and NO TEXTING,

- d. Feeling enraged by other drivers' behavior; be courteous! You control your actions, no one else,
- e. Have a supply of emergency items in a safety kit for your vehicle...

Employee Profile:

In this edition, we have selected a police officer who recently received the 2014 Chief Gerald W. Davis Award. Corporal Joseph F. Greenwalt is an eight year veteran of the New Garden Township Police Department.



Corporal Joseph Greenwalt began his law enforcement career in 1998 at the Widener University Campus Safety Department. In 2001, Cpl. Greenwalt was hired by the Brookhaven Borough Police Department.

In 2002, Cpl. Greenwalt was hired by the City of Chester Police Department where he was assigned to the Patrol Division. While employed by the Chester Police Department, Cpl. Greenwalt became a certified Field Training Officer, a member of the SWAT team. Cpl. Greenwalt received the Merit award in 2003 for outstanding duties and the Medal of Valor in 2006.

Cpl. Greenwalt also received a recognition award by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was named Police Officer of the year.

In December of 2007, Cpl. Greenwalt moved his meritorious career to the New Garden Township Police Department. Corporal Greenwalt was assigned to Patrol Division as a police officer. In April of 2011, Joe was promoted to Corporal assigned to A-Platoon as its first ever shift supervisor. Joe is our senior patrol supervisor; he serves as a firearms instructor, Taser instructor, Chairperson of the Use of Force Review Board and Range Master for the police department's outdoor firearms training facility. Corporal Greenwalt is also a member of the Chester County Regional Emergency Response Team commonly referred to as SWAT. On March 16, 2015, Corporal Greenwalt received the 2014 Gerald W. Davis Award for outstanding service!

Cpl. Greenwalt is the proud father of two children, his son Joey, who is 11 years old and his 7 year old daughter, Maddy; he is an avid camper and fan of Country Music.