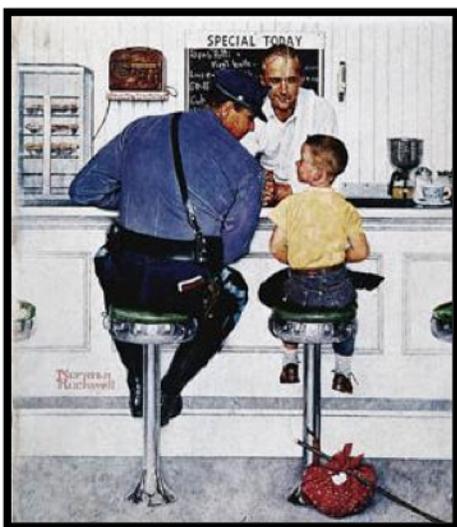




What is Community Policing?

Chief Gerald R. Simpson

In light of recent events, I have found myself examining our community policing efforts. During this analysis, a colleague presented me with a policy from the Lincoln Nebraska Police Department that begins with the following statement: “*Community policing* is perhaps the most misunderstood and frequently abused theme in police management during this decade...”¹ When I accepted the police chief’s position in 2010, I challenged this organization to identify its core and support values which would ultimately aid us in our attempts to construct a professional police organization; one that the community could trust and be proud of. These values serve as the cornerstone of my professional philosophy² and they can be found on our website www.ngpd.org in the Chief’s Message link.



Community policing is not a program — it is a value system which permeates the police organization³. Outreach programs, such as After-the-Bell and Citizens Police Academies are examples of strategies we use to build relationships or connect with the public we serve. The New Garden Police Department has participated and hosted many outreach programs. However, I believe our efforts go beyond a program, because we have infused a value system and community-oriented policing philosophy that has taken hold. I say this because we don’t approach our business with a who is right or wrong attitude — we look at issues from the lens of could we have done

something better? Whether it is through community surveys, interactive social media platforms or outreach projects, we are working hard to get feedback from those we serve. In addition, we see our mission as more than being crime fighters; we involve our residents sometimes on a personal level to address quality of life issues. We also welcome citizen volunteers and interns. We have instilled a problem-solving attitude, which means not just identifying problems, but offering solutions. Finally, our employees are encouraged to see themselves as leaders and ambassadors for New Garden as we have been vocal and proactive about public safety issues. These

¹ Community Based Policing Police; Lincoln Police Department, Nebraska

² www.ngpd.org; Chief’s Message

³ Community Based Policing Police; Lincoln Police Department, Nebraska

are the examples of how our community policing philosophy has manifested within the organization.

Today, I believe because of our efforts, we have built a respectful and trusting relationship with our community. However, we must remain vigilant; our good reputation requires perpetual attention. In the wake of recent events, where the law enforcement's reputation has been called into question, we must acknowledge that the confidence and trust we have built with our stakeholders can easily be lost. To safeguard our standing, we dedicate ourselves to our values and a community-oriented policing philosophy.

Ever wonder what it would be like to be a police officer?



Back in the day, long before video games were popular, every kid in the neighborhood played some variation Cops and Robbers or Cowboys and Indians. If you ever wondered what it would be like to walk in shoes of a police officer; we can help you unravel this mystery. How, you ask? The New Garden Police Department and their many Law Enforcement and Public Safety friends are looking for the kids of every age, whom always wanted to play the role of the police officer...

In cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Committee, join us on **Saturday, May 16, 2015 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 pm**, at the Law Enforcement/Public Safety appreciation day in the New Garden Township Park, which is located at 299 Starr Road.

The police department will be offering workshops and demonstrations at the event. These are not simply lectures and all are welcome to participate.

Interactive Workshops (Ages 12 and up; parents of children under 18 must sign a waiver):

- A day in the life of a Police Officer --- Lecture and participation; ages 14+
- Crime Scene Investigations --- Lecture and participation; ages 12+
- Meet and greet with Local Law Enforcement --- Interactive lecture, all ages

Static Displays and Demonstrations (No age restrictions):

- SWAT Demonstration
- Canine Officers Demonstration
- Police, Fire, Ambulance and Medic Vehicle and Equipment Displays

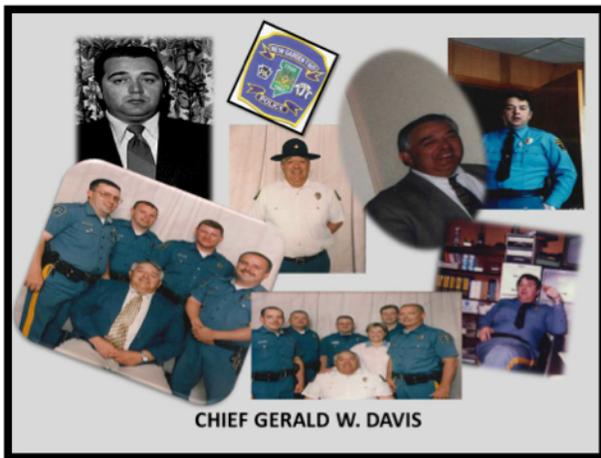
This is a FREE event! Food and kids' activities will be available. Interactive workshop space is limited. Look for sign-up details on our website www.ngpd.org and www.newgarden.org or on our Facebook pages.

Employee Profile

We have a new twist to our Employee Profile segment. It is my honor, to feature a retired member, the longest tenured Chief of Police and a man who dedicated himself to this community for over 35 years; he is a public servant first and foremost.

Chief Gerald W. Davis; by PFC Gerard Lindenlauf

Chief Davis, whom many know as Gerry or Chief, was born and raised in Avondale. He graduated from Avon Grove High School in 1962 and after meeting his high school sweetheart, Joan Boyd (who attended Kennett High School), they were married for 48 years. Together they have two daughters, Stephanie & Cathleen and four grandchildren, Julia, Jacob, Benjamin and Alexander.



Chief Davis remains a member of the Avondale Fire Company where he has served for 55 years.

Law enforcement is in the Davis family DNA. Chief Davis' father, Ernie was Police Chief of Avondale Borough. Chief Davis' brother, William served with both New Garden and Kennett Square Borough. On November 15, 1972, Patrolman William W. Davis and his partner, Patrolman Richard Posey were assassinated while working the

midnight shift in Kennett Square Borough. They are both memorialized in Washington, DC at the National Law Enforcement Memorial where Patrolman Davis' inscription can be found on panel, 62-W: 15. Chief Davis also had two uncles, one by marriage, who both served as troopers with the Pennsylvania State Police assigned to the Avondale barracks and a nephew Jared Davis who presently works for Coatesville City Police Department.

In June of 1967 Chief Davis started his public safety career as a dispatcher in the newly formed Chester County Police Radio, which was then part of the Chester County District Attorney's Office. He continued to work for the County and was there when the police radio transitioned over from the District Attorney's Office to the newly formed Department of Emergency Services. Chief Davis was present when the original police radio moved from the Chester County Courthouse to the Hazlett Building, where he went on to become the Director of DES.

In October of 1967, Chief Davis began his law enforcement career with the New Garden Township Police Department. Chief Davis served under Chief McKinley Hall and worked with many law enforcement professionals, such as Frank Zagorskie, Steve Guest, Fred Guiliano, Marvin Noznesky, Martin Feliciano, Ralph May, Vernon

Rouss, Prince White, Kevin McCarthy and many more. At one point, Chief Davis served alongside his father, Ernie and brother Bill as police officers in New Garden.

During Chief Davis' tenure New Garden's population grew 119%. Over four decades, the Township transitioned from a bucolic and agricultural community into a bedroom community for families from nearby Delaware and Philadelphia. There are too many incidents for this article, but a few noteworthy events need to be shared. Chief Davis recalled locating the vehicle involved in a hit and run accident where two people were killed in London Britain Township on Sharpless Road. He also recalled stopping a vehicle occupied by suspects committing thefts in the township, which later turned out to be stolen and involved in a homicide in Beaufort, SC. These are just a couple of events, occurring during Chief Davis's law enforcement career. Please see our website for a timeline of additional events; www.ngpd.org

In May of 2002, Chief Gerald W. Davis honorably retired after 35 years of service to New Garden. It is worth noting that after Chief Davis retired, he didn't go off to greener pastures. In fact, Chief Davis went on to become the first ever police chief for East Marlborough Township. Earlier this year, Chief Davis finally called it a career and retired after approximately 40 years of public service.

During an interview, Chief Davis acknowledged that his proudest accomplishment was that he was able to oversee the police department's transformation from a part-time agency covering only a few hours, into an agency with 12 full time officers who provided police protection for the majority of the day.

Chief Davis added that during his tenure, he supported numerous outreach and community programs in the schools; such as DARE, GREAT and Eddie Eagle. Chief Davis was a strong supporter of professional development and he wanted the officers to have every opportunity to attend training to become better public servants. Chief Davis concluded by stating that he is most grateful that no officers were seriously injured or killed during his career with the New Garden Township Police Department.

2014 Annual Employee Awards Ceremony



Join us on **Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm** at the **New Garden Township building, located at 299 Starr Road** for our 2014 Awards Ceremony. The public is encouraged to join in on the celebration and to invite your family and friends to help us recognize our police officers for outstanding work!

Our first recognition is the DUI Enforcement Award. We distinguish this enforcement, because proactive and strict enforcement is in harmony with our duty to protect "Human Life;" it is our first core value.

The five officers being recognized represent over two-thirds of all DUI arrests made in 2014. There is no debate, their hard work has made New Garden Township a safer place to live and travel.

2014 DUI Enforcement Award Recipients:

PO Ryan Kushner – 1st year
PO Michael King – 1st year
PO Matthew R. Jones – 2nd year
Cpl. Joseph F. Greenwalt – 2nd year
PO Joseph P. Versagli, III – 3rd year

The New Garden Police Department recently renamed the Officer of the Year Award after a former police chief; if you have read his profile above it is abundantly clear why this was done. Chief Gerald W. Davis served this community with honor for over 35 years. The positive imprint and dedication to public service left behind by Chief Davis can still be felt today in the police organization.

Chief Gerald W. Davis Award Recipient:



Cpl. Joseph F. Greenwalt

Cpl. Greenwalt was nominated by his peers for his inspirational and value-based leadership. Cpl. Greenwalt's philosophy sums up best why he is the 2014 Chief Gerald W. Davis Award recipient; *"Earn your worth..."* Simply put, Cpl. Greenwalt leads by example, not by words alone.