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Wilmington University Students to hold Screening of NCCTV film on Mounted Patrol

NEW CASTLE, Del. – Four Wilmington University interns/co-ops who worked for NCCTV this past spring and summer semesters will hold a screening of their final project, “Mounted Patrol: A Day in the Life” for County Executive Tom Gordon on September 17.

The screening of the short film is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Gilliam Building at 77 Reads Way, New Castle DE 19720. It features how important the mounted police unit is within the New Castle County Police department.

“I have been impressed with the Wilmington University students’ talent and skill set,” County Executive Gordon said. “As I anticipated, they gave NCCTV an extra dimension we didn’t have in the early going.”

The relationship between Wilmington University media and New Castle County began more than a year ago with a phone call placed by County Executive Gordon to Wilmington University President Dr. Jack Varsalona. With guidance from Chief Administrative Officer David Grimaldi and Deputy CAO Samuel Guy, County Director of Communications Antonio Prado and staff members from Chief of Human Resources Christine Dunning’s office then worked out the finer details of the relationship with Dr. Ed Guthrie, David Caffo, Scott Shaw and Timothy Day of Wilmington University.

Chief of Staff Jim McDonald, who oversees NCCTV as executive producer, said the Wilmington University students made a significant contribution.

“NCCTV in its current form has only been around since County Executive Gordon created it in 2013,” Mr. McDonald said. “We’ve had some growing pains, but the Wilmington University students brought an instant skill set that we were able to utilize.”

Director Prado said Wilmington University students Michelle Magalon, Avinash Chellappoo, Katherine Lopez, and Marc Fantini contributed by helping with the production of internal shows and going out into the field to film their own projects.

“As everyone will see with ‘Mounted Patrol,’ the students really shined when we turned them loose for independent projects,” he said. “I enjoyed working with their instructor, Tim Day, to schedule productions and to inspire the students to always give their best effort.”

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