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County officials visit Islamic Society of Delaware to foster community policing

New Castle County Executive Thomas P. Gordon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Samuel L. Guy and Police Chief Col. Elmer M. Setting were honored to be the guest speakers Friday at the Islamic Society of Delaware Mosque, where they discussed the importance of a strong relationship between the local Islamic community and the county.

A very large segment of the Muslim Community of New Castle County, which normally attends prayers on Fridays at ISD Masjid Ibrahim Mosque off Salem Church Road, was present to hear the New Castle County contingent.

Among other things, Gordon, Guy and Setting briefed the crowd on the importance of community policing and the extensive, multicultural training that New Castle County Police officers receive on a regular basis, starting with their days in the academy.

They also discussed some sensible ways to ensure the safety and security of all facilities. In addition to reporting any suspicious activities about facilities, anyone should also feel comfortable to report to the County Police any incidents threatening his or her safety or rights. Lastly, county officials urged people to call the police if they see anything suspicious happening.

Islamic Society of Delaware President Qamar Ahmad, Imam Shiekh Abdel Hadi Shehata and Islamic Academy of Delaware Principal Nidal Abuasi thanked Gordon, Setting and Guy for visiting the mosque in an effort to bolster relations.