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Press Release



Chief Jonathan Parham is proud to announce that beginning Monday, October 17th the Linden Police Department will once again be hosting the Northwestern University and Harley-Davidson police motor training. "This is the most prestigious police motorcycle officer training in the country, and we are excited to partner with these great organizations to make it available in our area for the third consecutive year" said Chief Parham.

Our relationship with Northwestern and Harley-Davidson dates back to the 1940's, and flourished after a donation from a private citizen revived the program in 2005. "The unit has grown to include seven Harley-Davidson motorcycles, and is considered one of the finest motor units in Union County" said Lt. Michael Babulski, commander of the LPD Motor Unit.

Being a motor officer is "the greatest, most dangerous experience in law enforcement" says Linden Police Traffic Investigator Peter Hammer, a certified instructor in the program "Quality training like this is vital to the effectiveness of a motor officer and allows us to safely work together as a cohesive unit" says Hammer.

Lt. Babulski credits Harley-Davidson for making the training possible. "Students are required to intentionally crash the motorcycles over and over again to learn how to safely recover, so the bikes get pretty beat up. Without the motorcycles provided by Harley-Davidson local departments wouldn't be able to afford it" says Babulski.

Linden airport is the ideal location for the training and Paul Dudley, the Airport Operator, is a supporter of the program. "Anything I can do to help these guys stay safe is well worth it" says Dudley.

The public is invited to see motorcycles in action on Tuesday, November 1, 1pm to 4pm at Linden Airport, 1101 W. Edgar Rd. The motorcycles and custom Harley-Davidson tractor trailer will also be on display.

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