



**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Sgt. Mark Stead Receives ‘Respect for Law’ Award**

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP** (May 23, 2016) – Sgt. Mark Stead of the Lower Providence Township Police Department is the recipient of the Lower Providence Optimist Club’s 2016 “Respect for Law” Award. Sgt. Stead was honored for his work with the club’s bicycle safety program and as a School Resource Officer.

Optimist officials noted that Sgt. Stead serves as an invaluable resource for the club's annual Bike Safety and Rodeo program that is presented each summer at Lower Providence Township’s summer camp. He provides a positive learning experience for the campers, overseeing an obstacle course, encouraging new riders, and providing safety important information.

Sgt. Stead completed the certification program of the National Association of School Resource Officers and Safe Schools Advocacy Council and started as a School Resource Officer in 2006. He provided SRO services to all the public schools within Lower Providence Township and served as a positive role model, creating a link between law enforcement and students. He has been in law enforcement for more than 18 years, earning his degree in Criminal Justice from Temple University. Before joining the Lower Providence Township Police Department in 2000, Sgt. Stead worked for the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, Detective Bureau, as an investigator.



**Shown with Sgt. Stead, second from right, are Optimist Club officials Carole Spiller, Caitlin Spindler, and Lower Providence Township Police Lt. Mike Jackson.**

