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Cumberland County Public Safety Receives Global Recognition from U.S. Army

Department of Public Safety was one of just seven recipients worldwide to receive the 2024 award.

Carlisle, PA – Cumberland County is proud to announce that its Department of Public Safety has been recognized with the 2024 Army Community Partnership Award for its outstanding collaboration with the U.S. Army War College. Public Safety is one of just seven recipients worldwide to receive this prestigious recognition this year.

Lieutenant Colonel Priscella Nohle, Carlisle Barracks Garrison Commander, and Retired Colonel Kurt O'Rurke, Director of Emergency Management at Carlisle Barracks, presented the award at today's Board of Commissioners meeting after receiving it during a ceremony at the Pentagon. The honor highlights successful partnerships between Army installations and community organizations that improve readiness, enhance relationships, and deliver cost savings.

"This award is a testament to the strength of our relationship with the military community at the U.S. Army War College," said Robert Shively, Director of the Cumberland County Department of Public Safety. "Together, we are committed to building a safer, more resilient region through open communication, mutual support, and coordinated emergency response."

The partnership has led to improved emergency preparedness and response coordination. Through regular collaboration, shared training opportunities, and integrated planning, both the county and military installation are better positioned to respond to crises that could affect both civilian and military populations.

The Army Community Partnership Awards Program celebrates outstanding collaboration between Army installations and their surrounding communities. The awardees represent partnerships that have improved quality of life for soldiers and families, enhanced readiness, driven modernization, and contributed to reform initiatives throughout the Army. Since its launch in 2016, the awards program has recognized 66 partnerships that go beyond traditional collaboration to deliver real impact.

Cumberland County is honored to stand among this year's awardees and looks forward to continuing its strong partnership with the U.S. Army War College.

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Left to Right: Commissioner Jean Foschi, Commissioner Kelly Neiderer, Lt. Col. Priscella Nohle, Public Safety Director Robert Shively, Ret. Col. Kurt O'Rurke