



# NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **NETHER PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT RENEWS THEIR CERTIFICATION IN PREMIER PROGRAM MISSING KIDS' READINESS PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PROTECT CHILDREN**

Nether Providence Police Chief David Splain is proud to announce that on Thursday, September 2, 2021, the agency has been re-certified in the Missing Kids Readiness Program by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) in Alexandria Virginia.

In April 2014, the Nether Providence Police Department became the first police department in Pennsylvania and the 11<sup>th</sup> in the country to become certified by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Missing Kids Readiness Program. With this recertification, the Nether Providence Police Department is now joined by three other Pennsylvania Police Departments and 55 other departments nationally to have obtained this certification.

From the moment the report of a missing child comes in, to the resolution of the case, every action taken has the potential to make the difference between a successful recovery or a tragic outcome.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) developed the Missing Kids Readiness Program to promote best practices for responding to calls of missing, abducted, and sexually exploited children. Law Enforcement agencies and 911 Call Centers are recognized for meeting essential training and policy elements demonstrating preparedness for responding to a missing child incident.

To renew its membership, and to meet the requirements of the Program, the Nether Providence Police Department worked with NCMEC on their missing child policy to ensure it met the critical elements of NCMEC's Law Enforcement Model Policy and Procedures for Reports of Missing and Abducted Children. In addition, Chief David Splain completed his required training, and he

ensured all Supervisory Staff, Investigators, and Patrol Officers of the department completed the online training required for their specific roles within the organization. By demonstrating remarkable leadership, and making this commitment of training and preparedness, the Nether Providence Police Department is continuing to communicate to its citizens and families, protecting the lives and safety of their children is a top priority!

Armed with the information, knowledge, and operational resources gained through meeting the Program criteria, the Nether Providence Police Department continues to position itself to respond more quickly, comprehensively, and effectively when a child's life may be at stake.

To learn more about NCMEC and the Missing Kids Readiness Program, go to:

<https://www.missingkids.org/education/training/mkrp>

For a full listing of all MKRP recognized agencies, go to:

<http://www.missingkids.org/supportus/pon>