



# Best New Community Program: N.J. Based Montclair Radiology Offers Local Police Free Heart Scans

*Local Initiative by Montclair Radiology offers Life Saving Model for Police & First Responders*

MONTCLAIR, NJ, UNITED STATES, April 9, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A New Jersey based imaging business is offering a free heart scan for police officers and first responders that may become a national model for other imaging centers across the U.S. "Docs & Cops" is an initiative offered by [Montclair Radiology](#), located in Montclair, Nutley, West Caldwell, Verona and Jersey City, New Jersey. Currently, they offer free scans that can immediately alert doctors if a patient's heart needs further study - or medical intervention. The test, called a [Cardiac](#) Calcium Scoring CT, takes under 3 minutes, offers fast results and can alert someone suffering no symptoms that he/she may have a heart issue and should seek immediate medical attention. Montclair Radiology is offering this to all police and first responders free of charge in a rolling-program that was just launched in Fairfield and Nutley, New Jersey.

Every day, police officers face the possibility of death. From routine traffic stops or accidents to dealing with hardened criminals, our men and women in blue face stressful situations routinely. No matter where they work, police officers are under a great amount of stress that can result in serious injury or sudden death. But the most startling deadly statistic facing police officers today may not be simply the direct result of crime, and instead, the damage being done to officers' once-healthy hearts due to stress. The Harvard School of Public Health and the Cambridge Health Alliance report police officers have a 30 – 70 times higher risk of experiencing "sudden cardiac death when they are in stressful situations". In the U.S., heart attacks rank in the top causes of deaths of cops, and 10 percent of all on-duty deaths are caused by sudden cardiac deaths annually. A report by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) reported the life expectancy of police officers is 20 years less than that of civilians. Montclair Radiology is rolling out a model program that began in Fairfield and now Nutley New Jersey, aimed at helping save police officers' lives by offering possibly life-saving Cardiac Scoring tests.

Police Officers and first responders are being offered free Cardiac Calcium Scoring CT scans. This test is an Ultra-low dose CT that can offer incredibly detailed images of the heart. Technology has come a long way, and now doctors can actually check out your heart using this fast, non-invasive [CT scan](#) that also has less radiation. A cardiac imaging CT scan takes pictures of the soft tissue of your heart, allowing your doctor to see the various parts and determine how well they are functioning. Cardiac imaging CT scans are used to diagnose a wide variety of cardiac conditions including calcium buildup in your blood vessels. As with all CT scans, people are exposed to a small dose of radiation during the imaging test; however, this CT scan gives your doctor crucial information about your cardiac health. Montclair Radiology always uses the lowest dose of radiation possible in their CT scans to keep patients safe and healthy during imaging.

Interesting facts published by the Cambridge Health Alliance Include: The study found the risk of sudden cardiac death for police officers was 34 to 69 times higher during restraints or altercations; 32 to 51 times higher during pursuits; 20 to 23 times higher during physical training; and six to nine times

higher during medical or rescue operations compared with the risks during routine or nonemergency activities. To learn more, visit [www.MontclairRadiology.com](http://www.MontclairRadiology.com)

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