

# New York City Police Officer Gets Big Surprise at Family Barbecue

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LEVITTOWN, N.Y., Aug. 29, 2013– Imagine a stranger wearing a suit strolling into your backyard during a family barbecue. He’s carrying balloons, the title to your car and the keys to *another* car. Sound too good to be true? That’s exactly what happened to [NYPD](#) veteran Michael Dee.

Dee became Toyota’s 50 millionth customer when he bought a [Camry](#) earlier this year from [Millennium Toyota](#) in Hempstead, NY. To celebrate the milestone sale, the company worked with his family to surprise him during a family barbecue in Levittown, N.Y.

While Dee was busy at the grill, Toyota executive [Bill Fay](#) snuck into the backyard and presented him the title. Fay then led a flabbergasted Dee to his driveway, where a new 2013 [RAV4](#) waited.

Dee, who will soon celebrate his 20<sup>th</sup> year of service with the [NYPD](#), was speechless... at first. “I don’t know what to say!” he exclaimed. “This is phenomenal. I can’t explain how much this means to my family and how grateful we are to Toyota! The whole ‘thank you’ thing just doesn’t seem to cut it. It’s a day I’ll never forget.”

“We’re so grateful to our customers in the U.S. on helping us achieve such a huge milestone for our company,” said Fay, Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. group vice president and general manager of the Toyota Division. “To be able to thank our 50 millionth customer in person – one of New York City’s finest, no less – was also a great honor to me personally. By the way, the barbecue was great.”

Please visit this link <http://youtu.be/n9VGNOMskyI> to see a video of the surprise presentation of the gifts from Toyota.