

# FAIRFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2019







FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT

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This annual report is intended to provide a brief overview of the Fairfield Police Department, the Town of Fairfield and the activities of the department during 2019.

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### **Town of Fairfield**





The Town of Fairfield is located in Southwestern Connecticut on the coast of Long Island Sound, approximately 50 miles from New York City. The town was settled in 1639 and covers an area of 30.6 square miles. Fairfield is a charming and thriving town featuring five miles of shoreline. Fairfield has five town beaches, two universities, many parks and ball fields, two public golf courses, and a vibrant array of restaurants and stores. Family-oriented Fairfield also has top-

notch, high performing public schools with rich academic programs.

Fairfield is easily accessible to I-95 and the Merritt Parkway and has three train stations on the Metro North line that extends from New Haven, Connecticut to New York's Grand Central Terminal.

Fairfield is located in Fairfield County, Connecticut, between the cities of Bridgeport and Stamford. Fairfield has consistently been ranked nin the top 100 in CNN/Money Magazine's "Best Towns in Which to Live." In 2006, Fairfield was ranked as the number one town in the Northeast. In 2018, Fairfield was ranked #1 Most Business Friendly Town in Connecticut by the Yankee Institute and was given an A+ on the Niche report card of "Best Places to Live" in Connecticut.

Fairfield operates under a Representative Town Meeting form of government with members

elected by the residents of the voting districts of the town. The administration of town affairs lies with the three member Board of Selectmen. The First Selectman is the town's chief administrative officer and highest elected official.



Population: **61,523** Square Miles Covered: **30.6**  Public Schools: 17 - 2 High Schools Private Schools: 10 - 2 High Schools

Universities: 2







### **Board of Police Commissioners**



Susan Barrett 11/2014 to 11/2019 Retired 11/2019



James Cafferelli 11/2015 to 11/2020



John Stone, Jr. 12/2015 to 12/2020



**Charlene Lebo** 11/2017 to 11/2022



James Millington 12/2016 to 12/2021



**Ronald Pine** 11/2018 to 11/2023



Peter Ambrose 2/2019 to 11/2022



**Kevin Kiley** 12/2019 to 11/2024

As required by the Charter of the Town of Fairfield (section 10.5), the Police Department is overseen by a Police Commission. Members of the Police Commission are appointed by the Fairfield Board of Selectmen and each member has a term of five (5) years.

Some of the powers and duties of the Police Commission are:

- General management supervision of the Police Department and of all property and equipment used by or in connection with the operation of the department;
- Subject to provisions of the Charter regarding appointment of the Chief of Police, they have sole power to appoint and promote to all positions in the Police Department, which appointments and promotions shall be made on the basis of merit;
- Determine the qualifications for each rank and grade in the Police Department;
- Within the appropriations made for that purpose, determine the number of officers and other employees of the police department and of the several ranks and grades and their compensation.

The Police Commission may also appoint an Acting Chief of Police during the absence or disability of the Chief of Police. They may also appoint Special Police Officers

### Fairfield Police Department – History

The Town of Fairfield was established in 1639. Law Enforcement in Fairfield started in 1661 when the Town Marshall was appointed. Throughout the years, the Town Marshall eventually became the Town Constable and the position was elected rather that appointed. In the 1800's, each political party nominated constables and the 7 receiving the most votes were elected. The candidate receiving the most votes also served as the Tax Collector, Registrar of Births, and Town Clerk.

The 1926 shooting of Constable Hezekiah Elwood prompted the drafting of an ordinance creating the Fairfield Police Department. In 1930, the ordinance was overwhelmingly passed and the Fairfield Police Department was organized under the leadership of its first chief, Arthur J. Bennett. The original Police Department consisted of 7 officers and Police HQ was located on the Post Road in Fairfield Center. There were no 2-way radios and call boxes with lights were used to notify officers of calls. The officers worked in 12 hour shifts and the night shift officers were required to call in every other hour.

In 1934 the Police Station moved to the corner of Reef Rd. and Nichols St., to the rear of the Board of Education building. During 1936, 2-way radios were installed in patrol cars and it was not uncommon to hear radio transmissions from Texas and Oklahoma. In 1938, the Police Department grew to 12 members and used 6 cars and 4 motorcycles and the first entrance exam for recruits was used. During 1942, the shifts were changed from 2, twelve-hour shifts to 3, eight-hours shifts per day.

Due to the growth of Fairfield, the Police Department had also grown and thus moved to a new HQ in 1953. The Police Department was on the first floor and circuit court was on the second floor. During the fifties, the department created the Detective Bureau and the Youth Bureau. Officers also served as the ambulance service for town. The Police Athletic League (PAL) was formed and recruit officers were sent to the Westport Police Department to attend training classes.

The Fairfield Police department continued to grow and in 1976 it moved to its current headquarters at 100 Reef Road. The department now employs 108 sworn officers, 70 authorized special traffic agents, 15 telecommunicators, 4 Animal Control Officers and 7 Marina Guards. The department has a vehicle fleet of vehicles including patrol cars, 4 motorcycles, 2 boats and a wave runner, command post, undercover vehicles and administrative vehicles.



### **Chiefs of Police**



Arthur J. Bennett 1930 - 1931



Hezekiah R. Elwood 1931 - 1932



Chief James Kranyik 1943 - 1961



**No Photo Available** 

**Edward J. Flanagan** 

1932 - 1937

Chief Philip Ganser 1961 - 1972



Chief Arthur J. Bennett

1937 - 1943

Chief Anthony Mastronardi 1972 - 1980



Chief William Mockalis 1980 - 1991



Chief Ronald Sullivan 1991 - 1997



Chief Joseph Sambrook 1997 - 2006



Chief David Peck 2006 - 2010



Chief Gary MacNamara 2010 - 2018



Chief Christopher Lyddy 2018 - Present

### **Deputy Chiefs of Police**



Deputy Chief Gary MacNamara 2008 - 2010 First Deputy Chief



Deputy Chief Christopher Lyddy 2010 - 2019



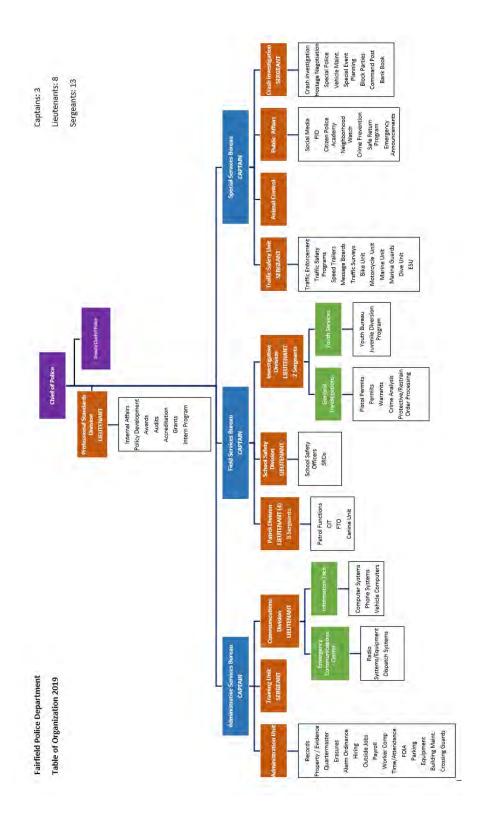
Deputy Chief Donald Smith 2019 - Present

The Selectmen subsequently appointed Arthur J. Bennett as Chief of Police and at the first meeting after the annual Town Election in October reappointed him for the term of one year. After appropriate examinations, as provided in the ordinance, the Selectmen appointed Thomas R. Shaughnessy, Thomas M. Murphy, Christian Schick, and John Neary as policemen — Eugene Burns, William T. Burr, and Charles Gandorf previously having been appointed as policemen of the Town. Headquarters were leased in the Miller Brothers' block of stores at 633 Post Road (where Blinn's and Cindy's are today). This was about the center of the block, and there were two small rooms which made up the police offices. Chief Bennett's salary was noted as \$2,700 and the regular policemen were each to receive \$1,800 per year. On September 1, 1930 the Police Department began to function. For the most part hereafter the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes and the Police Commissioner's Meeting Minutes were kept separately. There were 17,184 people in Pairfield in 1930.

The above is from the 1930s

# PATROLMEN FAIRFIELD POLICE EXCELLENT FRINGE BENEFITS Include Blue Carlows & MAJOR MEDICAL & GROUP INSURAN PLAN & PAID HOLIDAYS & VACATION PAY & SELEAVE & REFLEMENT PLAN & AND LOTS MORE \* PROFESSIONAL FULURE \* AGE 22 THRU 34 — VETERANS \* RESIDENT, FAIRFIELD — EASTON — WESTON WESTORT — TRUMBULL MAY APPLYI \* TRAINING PROGRAM — COLLEGE EDUCATION BENEFITS Salary \$6195—\$6522—\$6850—\$7176—\$754 2 LONGEVITY STEPS — \$350 EACH Applications at Police Headquarters 50 NICHOLS ST., FAIRFIELD Closing Date Jan. 9, 1969 Ter Further Information, Call 259-3313 FAIRFIELD POLICE DEPT.

# Fairfield Police Department – 2019 Table of Organization



# **Department Overview**

### **STAFFING**

108 Sworn Officers

Chief - 1

Deputy Chief - 1

Captains – 3

Lieutenants – 8

Sergeants – 13

Detectives – 14

Officers – 68

Special Officers – 59

Crossing Guards - 18

Marina Guards – 7

Telecommunicators – 15

Civilians - 12

### **PROGRAMS**

Motorcycle Unit
Quality of Life Unit
School Safety Unit
Crisis Intervention Team
Bike Unit
Safe Return Network
Police Athletic League
Internship Program
Car Seat Installations
Explorer Program



# **Retired Officers 2019**



Officer Mark Fracassini Retired: February 20, 2019 29 Years of Service



Officer Brian Lersner Retired July 5, 2019 26 years of Service



Officer James Chueka Retired: July 15, 2019 Years of Service



Officer William Demotses Retired: September 1, 2019 28 Years of Service



Detective Fred Caruso
Retired: November 1, 2019
34 Years of Service



# **New Officers**



Daniel Chase 4/4/2019



Douglas Katz 4/4/2019



Erik Diaz 4/15/2019



John Mirra 4/15/2019



Joseph Harry 7/1/2019



Christopher Rubis 11/13/2019





1939 Motorcycle Officer



1964 Ford Ambulance

# 2019 - The Year in Review



### The Year in Review

### January 2019

### **Noteworthy Police Work**

Sergeant Gunter recognized Officer Peck after he had conducted a car stop for an equipment violation and during the stop identified a juvenile passenger as a missing girl out of New Haven. The endangered juvenile had been the possible victim of a sexual assault.

Lt. Koval recognized Officer Zerella after he recognized a vehicle that was suspected of being involved in several shoplifting incidents. He conducted a surveillance of the vehicle and observed a male exiting CVS with a full bag and what appeared to be items under his shirt. Further investigation showed the suspect had just committed a shoplifting at CVS.

Lieutenant Bloch recognized Sergeant Riendeau, Officer Greenfield, Officer Matejek and Officer DeAngelis after Sergeant Riendeau stopped an unregistered vehicle with bullet holes in the car. During the stop the operator was found to be a convicted felon and was in possession of a firearm.

Lieutenant Bloch recognized Sergeant Riendeau, Officer Rubis, Officer DeAngelis, Officer Fenton and Officer Young for their work in assisting Westport during a pursuit of a car involved in a carjacking in Norwalk. The car was stopped in Bridgeport, where the operator fled on foot. The suspect was located by Sergeant Riendeau and taken into custody with the assistance of Officer DeAngelis and Officer Young.

Lieutenant Greene recognized multiple officers who responded to an emotionally disturbed person who was off his medication, intoxicated and threatening family members. The family had fled the home and notified police that the subject was armed with a knife. Officers set up a perimeter around the home. The subject refused to exit the house and started breaking out windows. Members of the Emergency Services Unit responded and after two and a half hours of talking with the subject he was taken into custody when he exited the home. Recognized were: Sergeant Riendeau, Sergeant Zdru, Officer Rubis, Officer Renaldi, Officer Zerella, Officer Matejek, Officer Fenton, Officer Ricco, Officer Greenfield and Officer Young.

### **Promotions**

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, the Fairfield Police Department conducted a promotional ceremony for the following members of the department:

Christopher Lyddy to Chief of Police

Donald Smith to Deputy Chief of Police

Christopher Tursi to Captain

Robert Kalamaras to Captain

Antonio Granata to Lieutenant

Christopher Mastronardi to Sergeant



There have also been several changes to assignments within the department:

Captain Tursi assigned to command the Administrative Services Bureau
Captain Kalamaras assigned to command the Special Services Bureau
Captain Michael Gagner assigned to command the Field Services Bureau
Lieutenant John Bucherati assigned to command the Investigation Division
Lieutenant Bloch assigned to the Administrative Services Bureau
Lieutenant Edward Greene assigned to command Professional Standards
Lieutenant Antonio Granata assigned as a Patrol Division shift commander
Sergeant Christopher Ioli assigned to the Traffic Enforcement Unit
Sergeant Felix Esposito assigned to the Training Unit

### **Other Activities**

Crash Reconstruction team assisted Bridgeport PD with a fatal pedestrian crash on Boston Ave. diagramming the scene and assisting with the on scene investigation.

Crash Reconstruction team was called in on 01/20/19, after a Fairfield Police officer was involved in a head on collision while enroute to work. Subsequent investigation led to an arrest warrant charging the driver of the striking vehicle with DUI and other MV charges.

### February 2019

### **Noteworthy Police Work**

Sergeant Gunter recognized Officer MacNamara after he conducted a routine traffic stop and located narcotics and a handgun in the vehicle. The operator was a convicted felon and was charged with weapons and narcotic violations in addition to the motor vehicle violation.

Sergeant Gunter recognized Officer Young for his actions during an emergency medical call. Officer Young responded to a report of a person choking and upon arrival found the victim unresponsive and without a pulse. He began CPR and continued life-saving efforts until the arrival of EMS. The ambulance crew was able to obtain an airway and transport the patient to the hospital.

Sergeant Irizarry recognized Officer Young after he responded to a report of a juvenile choking. On arrival, Officer Young found a 1½ year old not breathing and unresponsive. Officer Young performed the proper obstructed airway treatment and the child began breathing.

Sergeant Gunter recognized Officer Colwell for his arrest of a subject for narcotic violations. Officer Colwell observed a vehicle commit a motor vehicle violation and when he attempted to stop the vehicle, it initially did not stop. Officer Colwell observed the subject reaching behind his seat and appeared to be concealing items. The vehicle finally stopped and Officer Wells and K9 Jagger arrived on scene and K9 Jagger alerted to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle. A search revealed 25 grams of suspected cocaine.

Sergeant Gunter recognized Officer Renaldi for his actions during the response to a shooting call. Officer Renaldi was the first to arrive on scene. He heard a struggle inside the home and saw a victim on the ground and two males fighting on top of a rifle. Officer Renaldi forced entry into the home, seperated the males and handcuffed the suspect. His actions prevented further violence and potential injuries and were performed at great risk to himself.

Sergeant Kline recognized Officer Procaccini for his apprehension of a suspect in possession of marijuana and wanted on several warrants. Officer Procaccini was conducting proactive motor vehicle enforcement when he attempted to stop a car bearing license plates that did not match the vehicle. The vehicle engaged the officer in a pursuit and was stopped in the Mill Plain Road commuter lot where the operator was taken into custody.

### **March 2019**

### **Noteworthy Police Work**

Sergeant Paris recognized Officer Peck and Telecommunicator Mulligan for their work investigating a hit and run accident that resulted in identifying and locating the offending vehicle.

### **April 2019**

### **Noteworthy Police Work**

The Police Commission recognized Officer Renaldi for his response to a homicide call that prevented further injury to another person.



Officer Gonzalez received a card thanking him for recovering the writer's wallet.



### 25 Years of Service

The following members of the department were recognized by the Fairfield PBA for completing 25 years with the department.

Detective Belinda Papageorge, Officer Joe Kalson and Lieutenant Ed Greene

### **New Officers**



On April 4, 2019, Daniel Chase and Douglas Katz were sworn in as Fairfield Police officers. They will be attending the Connecticut Police Academy for the next several months.

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Eurico Diaz and John Mirra were sworn in as Fairfield Police Officers. They came to Fairfield as certified officers and will be working with our field training officers to complete their orientation to Fairfield.



### **Other Activities**

### Home Invasion

On Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at approximately 2:01 pm, the Fairfield Police Department Emergency Communications Center received a 911 call from a concerned relative who reported that she had received a telephone call from her sister reporting a suspicious person on the property on Coventry Lane. Moments later she heard her sister yell, "No, No" and the line was disconnected.

Police were immediately dispatched to respond to Coventry Lane. Approximately four minutes later and while still on the 911 call with the original caller, a 911 call was received from 363 Coventry Lane from a victim reporting that someone had broken into the home and attacked her, displaying a knife. The victim reported that the suspect, described as a male, wearing a black baseball cap fled the scene in a black four door, "simple" type vehicle.

A responding Fairfield Police Officer located a vehicle and driver matching the description given by the victim traveling on Congress Street near Black Rock Tnpk. The officer conducted a motor vehicle stop as the vehicle pulled into the driveway of a home on Black Rock Tnpk. The officer exited his vehicle, requested identification from the driver and began to walk back to his patrol car. When doing so, the operator of the vehicle fled the scene traveling across two properties and engaging police in pursuit north on Black Rock Turnpike subsequently entering the Merritt Parkway Northbound. Police pursued the vehicle and it exited at Exit 46 and traveled south on Easton Tnpk. Later, the suspect vehicle came to rest on the front lawn of a property on Davis Rd and the operator fled the vehicle with police in pursuit.

Following an extensive search, the suspect was found minutes later by police hiding under a deck of a home on Bennett Street and taken into custody.

When taken into custody, jewelry and cash were found on the suspect's person belonging to the victim.

The suspect was charged with multiple felony and misdemeanor criminal and motor vehicle charges and held on a \$500,000.00 bond.

Easton and Bridgeport Police also assisted in this investigation.

Fairfield Police personnel involved: Sgt. Nook, Sgt. VanDerheyden, Off. Rubis, Off. Krushinski, Off. Greenfield, Off. Jenkins, Off. Letsch, Sgt. Paris, Off. Zerella, Off. Diaz, Off. McPadden, Off. Fuller, Off. Galaske, Dispatcher Rindgen, Dispatcher Lobo and Dispatcher Mulligan.

### Car Break-In

ECC received a report of someone in the backyard going through the vehicle. The incident was captured on the complainant's Ring camera. A description of the suspect was broadcast to responding patrol officers.

Off. Young located the suspect, who admitted to entering the car on Wynnwood Drive. Nothing was taken. The suspect was arrested and charged with Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> and Criminal Attempt Larceny 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Assistance

State Police requested assistance for a Trooper who was fighting with a suspect at the Exit 24 off ramp. Upon arrival Officer Letsch and Sergeant Gunter's found that the Trooper was still struggling with the suspect. He had deployed his Taser but it seemed to have no effect. Off. Letsch and Sgt. Gunter assisted the Trooper in taking the combative male to the ground. The male was transported to the hospital due to the fact he was stunned with the Taser and we assisted the State Police by riding with the subject in the back of the ambulance until State Police took custody of him at the hospital.

### Narcotics/Weapon in Motor Vehicle

Off. Greenfield and Off. MacNamara responded to the upper level of Tunxis Hill Park for a suspicious vehicle complaint. After locating the vehicle a search was conducted based on the smell of marijuana coming from the car. A search of the car led to the discovery of a small amount of marijuana and a black airsoft handgun in the glove box. The two juveniles in the car were issued Juvenile Referrals for Possession of a Weapon in a MV and Possession of Marijuana. The juveniles were turned over to their parents.



### Counterfeit Money

Earlier in the evening shift, officers received a BOLO from ECC that Norwalk and Darien PD were looking for a Chevy Malibu with Georgia plates. The occupants in the vehicle were wanted for passing counterfeit \$100 bills at businesses in those towns.

Off. Procaccini located the vehicle and made a traffic stop in Westport just over the town line. In plain view on the passenger seat were suspected counterfeit bills and a search of the car revealed several recently purchased items with receipts that showed the merchandise was paid for with \$100 bills. There was no evidence of anything in the car being purchased in Fairfield. The four subjects in the car were turned over to Norwalk PD. One of the female occupants, Destiny Poole, 2/16/99, had two felony Prawn warrants out of Fairfield from Larceny cases. Norwalk PD to serve the prawns.

### Bank Fraud

On April 23rd, 2019, the Fairfield Police Detective Bureau was conducting an investigation into bank fraud related to the theft of approximately \$120,000 from an elderly person residing in Texas. The suspects in this matter were conducting these fraudulent transactions at Bankwell, located at 1 Sasco Hill Road in Southport.

At approximately 4:00pm on the 23rd, Detectives observed the suspect enter the bank. When he was confronted by detectives, he drew a pistol which he had concealed in his pants. A tense stand-off ensued between the suspect and several officers in the bank, with several officers holding him at gunpoint and issuing repeated orders to drop his weapon.

The suspect eventually lowered his pistol and then became combative with officers. He physically resisted arrest and had to be tasered.

As a continuation of this investigation, a search warrant was executed in Bridgeport by Fairfield and Bridgeport officers. At that time a second suspect was taken into custody when more evidence of the financial crimes was located in her possession. Both suspects were charged with multiple felony crimes.

### Hit-and-Run Investigation

On Friday April 12, 2019 at approximately 0952hrs, the Fairfield Police Emergency Communications Center received multiple 911 calls reporting a pedestrian struck on Sanford Street near the Post Rd in the Town of Fairfield.

Upon the officer's arrival, it was determined that a 2013 Hyundai Sonata driven by Schaunta Chambers of Ash Street in Bridgeport, was traveling westbound on Post Rd and turned north on Sanford Street, subsequently striking a pedestrian walking eastbound in the crosswalk across Sanford Street.

The pedestrian was transported to Bridgeport Hospital, where he was listed in critical condition.

After an extensive investigation, the operator of the vehicle was charged with multiple offences.



**PAL Fishing Derby** 





### May 2019

### **Noteworthy Police Work**



On May 7, 2019, Officer Sudora and Officer J. Wikman were presented with an award from M.A.D.D. for their work on DUI enforcement.

On May 29, 2019, Officer MacNamara received an award from the Police Commissioners Association of Connecticut for his achievement of receiving the top academic score in his recruit class at the Connecticut Police Academy.





The Fairfield Police Motorcycle Unit led the 2019 Fairfield Memorial Day Parade. Multiple officers and special officers worked the event.



The Connecticut Cancer Foundation sent a certificate of appreciation for the Fairfield Police Department's participation in the 2018 No Shave November CT event. Fairfield raised \$4,260.00, the 6<sup>th</sup> highest amount of all participating police departments.

### **Supervisor Recognition**

Sergeant Nook recognized Officer Krushinski for his work locating and taking into custody a shoplifter who had displayed a knife during the theft.

Sergeant Zdru recognized Officer Renaldi for his investigation into several suspicious individuals that led to the arrest of three suspects committing larceny and vandalisms. Fairfield PD file 19-19136

### **Other Activities**

### Robbery

On Thursday May 2, 2019 the Fairfield Police Emergency Communications Center received a 911 call from Subway (709 Post Road) at approximately 7:25 pm reporting that an armed robbery had just occurred. The suspect, described as a black male wearing a black beanie style hat, a dark colored jacket and blue jeans displayed a black firearm and took cash from the register. He was last seen running east on the Post Road.

### Robbery

On May 17, 2019 at approximately 14:52 hours, the Fairfield Police Department's Emergency Communications Center received a report of a motor vehicle crash in front of Super Stop & Shop

at 1160 Kings Hwy Cutoff, Fairfield. Shortly after receiving the report of the crash, the Emergency Communications Center received a report of a hold up alarm at Peoples Bank inside the same Super Stop & Shop. Communications personnel made contact with People's Bank who stated that they had just been robbed by an Indian male wearing a black jacket who had passed a written note demanding cash. The suspect received an undisclosed amount of cash and fled the store.

Fairfield Police Officers responded to the scene and immediately received information from witnesses that a sliver, sedan-type, vehicle had fled out of the lot at a high rate of speed, causing a motor vehicle crash at the exit to Stop & Shop on Kings Highway Cutoff. The vehicle was then seen traveling east bound on Kings Highway Cutoff. Another witness then reported a vehicle with heavy front-end damage had just entered I-95 southbound at Meadowbrook Road.

The Connecticut State Police, utilizing traffic cameras, observed a vehicle on the shoulder of I-95 southbound near exit 17 in Westport. The vehicle matched the description given by witnesses and appeared to have heavy front-end damage. The vehicle was stopped on the shoulder and the operator appeared to be examining the damage to his vehicle. As responding Fairfield Officers approached the area, the suspect returned to his vehicle and engaged Officers in a short pursuit. The vehicle exited the highway at Exit 17 and crashed nearby in Westport on Route 136 at Ferry Lane. The operator/suspect then fled on foot and Officers engaged him in a short foot pursuit. The suspect was located near the I-95 southbound entrance ramp, after having crossed all lanes of travel on I-95, and was taken into custody with the assistance of the Westport Police Department.

The suspect was charged with Robbery 2nd Degree, Larceny 4th Degree and Reckless Endangerment 1st Degree. He was also charged with Evading Responsibility of an Accident, Engaging in Pursuit, Reckless Driving and Failure to Obey a Traffic Signal.

### Mailbox Phishing Scam

Off. Renaldi located a suspicious vehicle on the Post Rd. at Reef Rd. Upon approach, two of the three occupants fled the vehicle. The male who stayed behind claimed he had driven the other two from New York to pick up some money. The two males who fled were eventually located, after a long search. Evidence at the scene led officers to believe that the males were involved with the mailbox phishing scam about which Det. Sgt. Hine just emailed the department about. There was a glue like substance in the car, mouse traps, pictures of the Southport Post Office on the suspects' phones, GPS locations of several mailboxes in our town and other towns. After inspecting mailboxes from Southport all the way to where the suspects were stopped, which was in front of a mailbox, 9 consecutive mailboxes had a yellow sticky-like substance on them consistent with the sticky-like substance found in the car.

### Breach of Peace

While Fairfield Fire was responding to a medical call on Lucille St., a subject was standing in the road with his arms spread open intentionally blocking the path of the fire trucks and not moving out of the way so they could respond to the call. The subject was intoxicated and had to be physically removed out of the roadway. He had no shirt on and repeatedly shouted profanities at fire and responding police units. He was arrested for Interfering and Breach of Peace. At HQ, the subject's behavior grew increasingly unstable, throwing himself on the ground, crying loudly, and not making sense. He was issued a misdemeanor summons and committed to St. V's for an evaluation.

### Larceny

The Detective Division investigated the theft of thousands of dollars of tools which were stolen from the bed of a pick-up truck, which was parked in the lot of Home Depot. The fleeing suspect's vehicle was later seen at a pawn shop in Bridgeport. From the pawn shop, the DB and Bridgeport Police Fusion Center found the suspect vehicle on Bridgeport street cameras and followed the vehicle to the suspect's address on Palisade Avenue, where they located and arrested the suspect for the larceny. All the tools were recovered.

In addition, the suspect later admitted to stealing a backpack blower yesterday from the back of a pick-up truck at Home Depot.

### June 2019

### Peace Islands Institute of Connecticut and the FBI Awards



On June 25, 2019, the Peace Islands Institute of Connecticut, Yale University Police Department and the FBI New Haven presented an to Officer Renaldi for "Inspirational Bravery" during its first annual Community Law Enforcement Awards and Recognition (CLEAR) Dinner for his actions

while responding to the homicide on February 3, 2019.





The Peace Islands Institute of Connecticut and the FBI also selected Chief Lyddy as a finalist for "Chief of the Year."

### **Special Olympic Torch Run**

Officers from the Fairfield Police Department participated in the 2019 Torch Run.





### **Fairfield Police Union Scholarship Awards**

On June 26, 2019, the Fairfield Police Union held its annual scholarship awards ceremony and presented scholarships to young adults who are starting college this year or continuing their college education.



Lieutenant Keith Broderick was presented an award in recognition of his hard work coordinating this program.



### **New Officer**

On July 1, 2019, Joseph Harry was sworn in as our newest officer. He started the Connecticut Police Academy on July 5, 2019.





### **Other Activities**

### Motor Vehicle Accident/Suicide Attempt

There were multiple 911 calls reporting a serious MVA at the traffic circle east. The investigation found that the cause of the MVA was a suicidal male who was attempting to take his life by utilizing his MV

The suicidal male who was 20 years old and while operating his vehicle struck a second car in the rear at an extremely high speed while traveling Northbound on Black Rock Turnpike near Kings Highway East.

After the collision the striking vehicle, continued north on Black Rock Turnpike and drove onto the grass at the traffic circle east and up the highway embankment. The suicidal operator then exited the vehicle and ran in front of traffic on I-95. He was found by Officer Komm on the median divider of the highway, and was taken into custody.

### Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident

ECC reported receiving a 911 call from a woman who stated that a tree fell on a vehicle with 3 occupants inside (husband, wife and daughter). The responding officers found a tree branch that had come through the windshield of the car and impaled the driver. The driver was transported to Norwalk Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

### **July 2019**

### **Noteworthy Police Work**

The following officers were presented awards at a ceremony that was held during the July meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners:

Officer Gorton – Life Saving Award for saving a 4-year-old child who was choking.



Sergeant Mastronardi, Sergeant Zdru, Officer Kaesmann, Officer Matejek, Officer Mignone, Officer Terifay, Officer DiMarco, Officer DeAngelis, Officer Ricco, Officer Fenton, Officer Chamberlain and Officer Racz were presented with a Unit Citation for teamwork displayed that culminated in the arrest of four repeat felons and the recovery of a stolen car



Officer Zerella was selected as the first recipient of the Officer of the Quarter award. This is a new program designed to identify a Patrol Officer who demonstrates sustained superior performance over time, and recognize them for their hard work and dedication.



Officer Young was awarded a Life Saving Award for performing CPR on an unresponsive person. The victim survived the event.

Officer Wells was presented with two Chief's Awards for receiving more than 5 letters of recognition from his supervisors during each of the last two years.



### **New Police Officer**

First Selectman Michael Tetreau and Chief Lyddy with our newest police officer, Joseph Harry, after his swearing in ceremony.



### **Other Events**

On July 25, 2019, an event was held recognizing those Fairfield emergency services personnel who responded to a drowning in Ash Creek. This was a difficult call, but all personnel responded swiftly and worked together as a team to rescue the victim and provide every chance at survival.





On July 24, 2019, the Fairfield Police Union held the Fairfield Police Sunset 5K at Penfield Beach.

### **Other Activities**

### Breach of Peace

The operator of a Subaru Outback was asleep while the vehicle was in drive at the intersection of Unquowa Rd. and Post Rd., with the car sticking out into the intersection. After the operator was woken up, he refused to follow instructions to exit the vehicle (he appeared to be under the influence of either alcohol or narcotics). After repeated commands for the operator to get out of the car, he stood up and began swinging his fists at Officer Renaldi, who deployed his Taser (dry stun) twice on the subject. The Taser had no effect and he had to be taken to the ground and placed in handcuffs. AMR and Fire responded and the subject was transported to the hospital in police custody.

### Sex Violation

An Uber driver was giving a 17-year-old female a ride home from a party on Stone Wall Ln. During the ride home, he continuously tried to inappropriately touch the female victim, at one point stopping the car in an attempt to force the female on top of him. The suspect also asked the female, who was sitting in the front seat, to perform sex acts for him and pulled his pants down as he was driving. The suspect was arrested in 2008 in Fairfield for Burglary after forcing his way into the home of a female college student and entering the female's bedroom while she was sleeping. He was arrested and charged with Sexual Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

### Robbery Arrest

Sgt. Riendeau, Sgt. Stahl, Detective Clark, Officer Wells, Officer Griffin, Officer Mirra and Officer Koukoulas were directed to Fairfield Avenue by a tip that a subject wanted in connection with several robberies was in that area. They encountered the alleged robbery suspect in a vehicle, as well as several other occupants in the vehicle with him. Discovered in the vehicle was crack cocaine. Two of the occupants in the vehicle had four active prawn warrants.

#### Water Rescue

ECC received a report of three people in the water off Ash Creek. Preliminary reports were two swimmers were attempting to save the third

Upon arrival, Sgt. Paris located a person facedown in the water and navigated fire units to the location. Fairfield divers were called to the scene while Fairfield Fire Department personnel retrieved the victim (a 15-year-old) from the water and began CPR. While enroute to the hospital the victim regained a pulse but was still unresponsive.

It was determined this was a Bridgeport PD investigation

#### Narcotic Arrest

Officer Zerella developed information of narcotic sales being conducted by an employee of Splash Car Wash. Officer Zerella, Officer Fuller, Officer Mirra and Sergeant Riendeau set up surveillance and working with a source to set up a narcotics transaction. As a result, a subject was arrested for Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Narcotics with Intent to Sell.

Seized: \$1,810.00 in cash, 2 bundles of heroin and 20 mini zip bags containing crack cocaine

#### Narcotic Arrest

As a result of a traffic stop, Officer MacNamara arrested a subject for Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Hallucinogenic Narcotics with Intent to Sell.

Seized: 60.92 grams of suspected Psilocybin mushrooms, five gelatin tabs of Lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), seven vape cartridges of liquid THC, 100 small plastic bags, a scale, along with other assorted drug paraphernalia.

#### Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident

ECC received a report of a large tree limb landing on a vehicle injuring the driver in front of 3595 Park Avenue. Officers responded to find a 22-year-old driver, of Southington, unconscious in the driver seat. The victim was transported to St. Vincent's Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead by hospital staff. Further investigation revealed that the

victim was driving northbound on Park Avenue when a large limb from a Cottonwood tree was struck by lightning and fell striking the vehicle and the victim on the driver's side.

#### Overdose Call

A mother called to report that she found her 24-year-old daughter in bed unresponsive and not breathing. This was determined to be an overdose.

#### Shoplifting / Weapon Arrest

Patrol arrested a subject for a shoplifting at TJ Maxx. It was later discovered that she had a loaded 45. Caliber handgun in her purse with a scratched off serial number. She also was wanted on an arrest warrant out of Trumbull

Charges: Larceny 6<sup>th</sup>, Alteration of a Firearm SN, No Pistol Permit

#### Stolen Motor Vehicle

ECC received a call reporting 5 youths walking up to cars, possibly trying door handles, in the parking lot of the Fairfield Metro Station. Four juvenile males with 1 juvenile female exited a green colored older model Pontiac which was later confirmed stolen out of Bridgeport (keys in vehicle) the previous evening (7/21/19) around 1900 hours. All juveniles were located walking in the parking lot.

#### Car Break-In Arrests

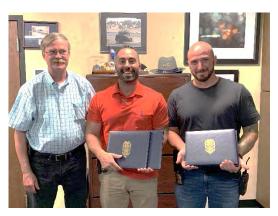
ECC received a call reporting three males in his driveway. Upon arrival to the area, Off. Renaldi located a suspicious male on a bicycle, who fit the description given by the complainant. Upon approach, the male fled on his bicycle. Off. Renaldi exited his vehicle, chased the male on foot, and was able to catch up to the suspect and detain him. Sgt. Zdru was able to detain one other female suspect who was also riding away from the area on a bicycle. The third suspect was not located, however, Officer Renaldi, after interviewing the two suspects who were detained, was able to obtain the identity of third suspect. It was determined that cars were entered and several items stolen from the cars were recovered from the two suspects.

# August 2019

#### **Noteworthy Police Work**

During August, the following officers were issued awards for actions taken over the past few years:

- William Beattie
- Franck DeAngelis
- Evan Kaesmann
- Jason Kline
- Jason Greenfield
- Donald Matejek
- Raymond Quiles
- Matthew Riendeau
- Anthony Renaldi
- Kevin Wells
- Jeremy Zdru
- Michael Zerella







# Police Union "Dunk a Cop" Event

Capt. Kalamaras was one of many officers who participated in this year's Dunk a Cop event held at Saugatuck Sweets to raise money to benefit the Fairfield Police Union Scholarship Fund.

#### **Other Activities**

#### **Barricaded Suspect**

On 8/6/2019 at approximately 1630 hours, James Taylor's GPS battery failed. Patrol was sent to his residence to check on his location but there was no answer at the door. The decision was made to activate the ESU team to make entry into the house to determine if Taylor was in the house.

During a search of the property, a closed Conex style container was found and the door appeared to be secured from the inside leading officers to believe the subject was barricaded inside. Concerned that the subject could be armed or have explosives, the Stamford Bomb squad was called to clear the property prior to ESU making entry.

A bearcat vehicle was used to breach the doors and the suspect was found inside.

#### Juvenile Sexual Assault

On 06/24/2019 Fairfield Youth Bureau Detectives were notified of an ongoing sexual assault occurring over several years of two female juveniles. The victim's mother's live-in boyfriend allegedly committed the assaults.

On 08/05/2019 a Bridgeport Superior Court Judge found probable cause to believe that the suspect committed the offenses contained in the arrest warrant affidavit submitted by our Youth Bureau Detectives. The warrant was signed and the Judge issued a \$750,000.00 bond.

On 08/06/2019 the suspect turned himself in to Police Headquarters where he was arrested and charged with 15 counts of Sexual Assault 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 5 counts of Sexual Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, 2 counts of Risk of Injury to a Child, and 2 counts of Voyeurism.

#### Robbery

On 08/07/2019 at approximately 7:25 pm Fairfield Emergency Communications Center received a report of a robbery that just occurred in the area of 32 Hunyadi Avenue. The victim reported that she arranged to meet a male in that area to sell a phone through an online social media site. When she arrived to the agreed upon location, the male sat in her vehicle while another male approached the car and robbed her at gunpoint. Both males fled the scene on foot. Patrols were unable to locate the suspects after the robbery. The victim immediately suspected that they were both involved and described the suspects as being black males, in their twenties, wearing dark clothing.

On 08/09/2019, detectives discovered information on the suspect's social media page which identified the suspect and his accomplice. After further investigation, a Bridgeport Superior Court Judge found probable cause to believe that the suspect committed the offenses contained in the arrest warrant affidavit submitted by our detectives. The warrant was signed and the judge issued a \$100,000.00 bond for his release.

On 08/08/2019, the suspect was arrested and charged with Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and held on a court ordered \$100,000.00 bond.

# Stolen Motor Vehicle

Shortly after receiving a report of suspicious males walking around a complainant's car wearing masks at 7 Mellow St., Officer Renaldi located a suspicious SUV parked in the middle of the road on Lalley Blvd. with its lights off. When Officer Renaldi pulled up to the SUV it rammed Officer Renaldi's vehicle and took off in reverse on Lalley Blvd., striking two parked vehicles. When the driver of the SUV attempted a three-point turn, Officer Renaldi was able to use his push bars to stop the vehicle and take the driver into custody. As Officer Renaldi originally approached the SUV, he saw a group of males running on foot on Lalley Blvd. A perimeter was set up and a State Police K9 responded to start a track.

As the K9 tracked towards Reef Rd., Officer DeAngelis saw a VW Passat back out of a driveway on Reef. Rd. After the driver saw Officer DeAngelis' police car, the VW took off at a high rate of speed east on Fairfield Beach Rd. The vehicle avoided stop sticks that were deployed on Beach Road at Old Post Road and the car was pursued onto I-95 northbound. After State Police deployed stop sticks that disabled two of our vehicles, the VW kept going with at least two flat tires and the State pursued it until terminating around exit 9 on I-91. It was later confirmed that the Passat had just been stolen from Reef Rd.

The driver of the SUV was arrested and charged with Attempted Assault on a Police Officer, Evading, Reckless Driving, 2 counts of Conspiracy to Commit Larceny and 2 counts of Conspiracy to Commit Burglary. A ski mask was located in the vehicle. The suspect was held on a \$25,000.00 bond.

#### **Barricaded Subject**

On 8/21/19 at approximately 4:03 p.m., a complainant came to police headquarters and reported that he believed his father, was having a mental break-down at their home on Wormwood Road. The complainant stated that his father had just picked up a police report from the Westport Police that indicated that his wife was having an affair. When officers made contact with the respondent, he made comments that he was considering to harm himself. At this time, the respondent had barricaded himself inside the residence with several firearms.

The Fairfield Police Emergency Services Unit, which included trained negotiators, was dispatched to the scene where they began negotiations for the respondent to surrender. After approximately three hours, negotiators were able to get the respondent to surrender without incident. He was taken into custody, and transported to an area hospital for evaluation. No one was injured.

"We were very happy with the outcome of this operation. Officers who responded remained steadfast on their mission to protect life and ensure the safety of the community." – Chief Chris Lyddy.

"With the help of our mutual aid partner, Southwest Regional Emergency Response Team, we were able to bring this incident to a quick conclusion ensuring the safety of our officers and the neighbors." – Captain Robert Kalamaras

#### Robbery

ECC received a report of a robbery that just occurred on Melody Lane. The victim had listed a pair of sneakers for sale on a website. The victim was contacted by a person interested in purchasing the sneakers. The suspects arrived at the complainant's house. When the victim met the suspects outside one of the suspects brandished a handgun and took the sneakers.

Detectives conducted an investigation and were able to identify both suspects. Both were eventually taken into custody.

#### Fraud Investigation

ECC received a report of a suspect attempting to defraud an account at Chase Manhattan Bank on Black Rock Turnpike.

On police arrival, the suspect fled on foot and officers chased the suspect. Canine units were assigned to track the suspect while patrols, traffic officers and detectives set up a perimeter around the area.

A short while later the suspect ran onto Pansy Road where he was caught by detectives on scene.

#### Motor Vehicle Accident

A suspect crashed her car into a garage in the driveway of 733 Rock Ridge Rd. After striking the garage, she reversed onto the front lawn and while trying to exit the yard she hit a tree and her vehicle became stuck. The driver could not tell officers where she came from and how she ended up in the yard. Her behavior was highly erratic and she appeared to be under the influence of either alcohol or medication. Due to the damage to her vehicle and her erratic behavior, she was transported to St. V's where blood was drawn for further investigation.

# September 2019

#### **Noteworthy Police Work**

Sergeant VanDerheyden and Sergeant Nook recognized Officer Racz and Officer Peck for their work apprehending a shoplifter. The suspect ran through heavy brush and into three feet of water. The officers pursued the suspect, and were able to take him into custody.

Lieutenant Koval recognized Officer Rubis who observed a suspicious male riding a child's bike in a residential area on the midnight shift. The subject, later identified as a juvenile, sped away from Officer Rubis who was able to catch and detain the suspect. The suspect had items in his possession that were stolen from a vehicle.

Sergeant Gunter recognized the following officers after they responded to the area of Rutland Avenue where a caller reported suspects entering vehicles. The officers set up a perimeter. An officer entered the area in an unmarked car and observed three suspects in a vehicle. The suspects fled the car on foot. With the help of K9 Maverick one suspect was apprehended on the perimeter and a second in a thick marsh area. The third was not located.

Sergeant Zdru, Officer Mignone, Officer Gorton, Officer Renaldi, Officer Terifay, Officer Kaesmann, Officer Chamberlain, K9Maverick.

Assistant Chief Bisson of the Fairfield Fire Department sent a note praising Detective Leetch for a presentation she gave to a group of high school students. AC Bisson wrote:

"...I truly want to compliment her on her professional presentation and the information she provided. Having students and parents together in the audience can make for a difficult teaching environment, especially in a warm gymnasium. Despite this, she presented an important and difficult subject to this large group very effectively. I personally learned valuable information and was able to have a meaningful conversation with my 14 y/o son afterwards. While Detective Irizarry was one of 4 speakers, I felt she was most effective in her messaging and knowledge of current issues..."

At the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Mass Officer Letsch and Officer Medvegy were recognized for their work with the accident reconstruction unit and their work supporting families of victims of fatal motor vehicle crashes. The following quote is from the award handout:

"As part of their work they find themselves having to console and inform family members and friends who may have recently lost a loved one. Over the past several months, Officers Letsch and Medvegy have experienced many tragic events, which have resulted in the unexpected loss of several people."

"Officers Medvegy and Letsch have stayed steadfast in their focus of work, completing an investigation that is done to its fullest potential, while at the same time being a support to the family and friends who now have found themselves engulfed in a tragedy that is often incomprehensible to them. Although this work is unavoidable and must be completed, the compassion and adoration that they show to these families is second to none. The support that they give to the family and friends during these times of loss, gives a sense of comfort that is almost immediately recognized when the news is brought to them of a sudden loss. These officers constantly perform their duties as police officers and skilled investigators no matter what they may be faced with, while at the same time being a husband, father, brother, and son to their own family and friends. It does not go unnoticed that they love what they do."

#### **September 11 Memorial Service**



# Police Officer Standards and Training Council's 365 Training Academy Class Graduation

Officer Daniel Chase and Officer Douglas Katz graduated from the Police Academy on September 25, 2019. They will now be completing their training as part of our Field Training Program.





Officer Katz received the class marksmanship award.



Officer Katz receiving his badge.



Officer Chase receiving his badge.

#### **Service Award**

Officer Young received a lifesaving award at the September meeting of the Fairfield Board of Police Commissioners.



#### **Other Activities**

#### Hit-and-Run Investigation

Detective Papageorge was riding a bicycle while off-duty on Judd Street when she found a brown 2000 Audi A8 that had been involved in a hit and run on 09/21/19. The vehicle had rear-ended the complainant, temporarily pulled over, and then sped off. Sergeant Gunter located the vehicle in the driveway of 445 Judd Street and Officer Jenkins arrived on scene and spoke with the driver. The driver had positive identification with his passport, but no driver's license. He was issued a misdemeanor summons and charged with several motor vehicle violations.

#### Criminal Trespass

ECC received a complaint that a male walked into a house on Fairfield Beach Road and unplugged the stereo, yelled at people in the house and walked away. Female students were in their home listening to music and getting ready to go out when a neighbor walked into their home, without permission, and unplugged the females' stereo. He then began to yell at the females before leaving. He was issued an E-Ticket for Simple Trespass.

#### Breach of Peace

This incident began as a boyfriend/girlfriend disturbance between two employees on campus. The male assaulted the female and damaged her car causing her to attempt to run him over. She missed but successfully struck the manager who was trying to break up the fight. The female fled the scene and was located in Bridgeport where she was taken into custody. She was charged with attempted assault for trying to hit the boyfriend and Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> for hitting the manager.

The male was arrested for disorderly conduct and released via summons with full conditions. He was turned over to Bridgeport PD for a PRAWN and hard copy warrant.

#### October 2019

#### **Noteworthy Police Work**

Sergeant Zdru recognized Officer Kaesmann, Officer Renaldi and Officer Chamberlain for their work in apprehending two subjects attempting to enter vehicles. Officer Kaesmann observed the two suspects and coordinated with Officer Renaldi and Officer Chamberlain in watching the subjects. They observed the subjects attempting to gain entry into a vehicle at which point the officers were able to take both into custody.

Sergeant Mastronardi recognized Officer Quiles for his work in locating a stolen vehicle. After a short motor vehicle pursuit Officer Quiles took the driver of the vehicle, a juvenile, into custody. The driver had been arrested in Fairfield a couple weeks earlier for a robbery and by Milford Police on 10/2/2019 for another stolen car taken from Fairfield.

#### Pink Pledge Vehicle 2019



#### **AAA Awards**

The Fairfield Police Department received the AAA Gold Award for our ongoing traffic safety programs.

Additionally, Officer Jeffery Wikman was presented with a Traffic Safety Hero of the Year award for his work with the traffic safety unit and their continuing efforts to educate the public, enforce motor vehicle laws and work to improve roadway designs to promote safer roadways.







#### **Other Activities**

#### Theft from Motor Vehicle

ECC received a report from a resident stating that he saw a male in his vehicle. A perimeter was set up in the area and at about 0345 hours, Officer Renaldi observed a white Porsche and a black Land Rover traveling north on Reef Rd. near 7-11. The operator of one of the vehicles was wearing a mask.

The two cars turned westbound onto Post Road at a high rate of speed and when they got to Mill Plain Road the vehicles split up. The Porsche avoided spike strips that were set up at the entrance to I-95 on Mill Plain Road and the Land Rover took off west on Post Rd. State Police and Westport Police were notified and a few minutes later, Westport Police reported the Land Rover got onto I-95 north at exit 18. The vehicle was observed getting off I-95 at exit 19 at a high rate of speed before quickly getting back onto I-95 south at Jelliff Lane. The vehicle was lost once it was observed entering I-95 south.

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#### Traffic Stop Arrest

While on patrol in the area of Stratfield Road and Churchill Road, Officer Quiles located a Honda Accord that was reported stolen in Fairfield on 10/7/19. When a traffic stop was initiated, the vehicle fled and engaged Officer Quiles in pursuit. The pursuit ended at Laurel Street and Grove Street in Bridgeport when four of the vehicle's passengers jumped out of the car while it was still moving. The vehicle rolled to a stop against a parked car (no damage) and Officer Quiles was able to take the driver into custody. The suspect, a juvenile, was the same juvenile who committed the robbery at Walgreens on 9/25/19 along with a robbery and an attempted robbery in Bridgeport that same night. The juvenile was also arrested by Milford Police last week after being caught in a pickup truck he stole from Penfield Road.

Another juvenile who was one of the other three suspects, was located near the scene, but it could not be proven that he was in the stolen car at this time. He was with the driver the previous week, when they were caught in the stolen car in Milford.

The Juvenile was issued a Juvenile Summons charging him with Larceny 3rd.

#### Burglary

At 0015 hours there was a burglary attempt at 460 Old Oaks Road. The homeowner saw a white male try to open the garage and walk around the property. Surveillance video showed a white male wearing a baseball hat. He was not located at that time.

At 0438 hours, a burglary was committed to a garage at 52 Algonquin Road. The suspect fit the description of the burglary attempt at Old Oaks. This time the suspect entered the garage and

broke a pane of glass on the garage door to gain entry. The house at Algonquin Road also had surveillance and it appeared to be the male from Old Oaks.

Upon arrival in the area, Officer Quiles located a suspect, who has an extensive criminal history, walking on Brooklawn Avenue near Algonquin Road. This was the same male seen on the surveillance video from both Old Oaks and Algonquin and he admitted to the burglary and burglary attempt.

The suspect was charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Old Oaks burglary attempt and Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> for gaining entry to the garage at the house on Algonquin.

#### **Burglary**

At 0253 hours, a glass break alarm was received from Luigi's Restaurant, 170 Post Road. The first responding officer saw a male wearing a striped shirt running from the back of the building. The suspect jumped a fence into the Avis Rental Car lot and ran behind the stores in the shopping center.

Several patrols set up a perimeter around Longview Ave. and Post Road. A K9 track was set up with Officer Kaesman and K9 Maverick. Maverick tracked to 187/189 Longview Avenue and found the suspect hiding underneath a work van. A check of Luigi's found that a window on the side of the restaurant was smashed out. It was also discovered that a window to Castle on Post, 222 Post Road was smashed out and a burglary had occurred there as well.

Located behind a dumpster in the rear of Luigi's were two bottles of liquor determined to be taken from Castle on Post and a cash register determined to be taken from Castle on Post. After a walk-through of Luigi's with the owner, it was determined that the suspect never gained entry to the building. The suspect was seen on surveillance in the rear of Luigi's walking toward the side of the building where the window was smashed.

The suspect was charged with Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup>, Larceny 6<sup>th</sup>, and Interfering for the burglary at Castle on Post. He was also charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> and Interfering for the attempted burglary at Luigi's. After waiving his Miranda Rights and agreeing to be interviewed, he admitted to the burglaries that he committed and admitted to committing the burglary at Tai Jiang two nights prior. The suspect also admitted to committing the burglary at Tai Kit on Post Rd. on 9/6/19.

#### November 2019

#### **Noteworthy Police Work**

Lieutenant Weihe recognized Officer Braham for his work investigating a report of a strong-arm robbery. His investigation not only identified the suspects but also uncovered that the incident was a drug deal that went bad. Officer Braham also made a related narcotic arrest and developed information on other juvenile parties allegedly involved in the sale of narcotics.

#### <u>Awards</u>

At the November 13<sup>th</sup> Board of Police Commissioner's meeting, the following officers were presented with awards:

Officer Michael Guilfoyle was presented with a lifesaving award.



Officer Fuller was presented with the Officer of the Quarter award.



#### **Retirement**

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, Detective Fred Caruso retired after 34 years of service with the department.



#### **New Officer**

On October 13, 2019, Officer Christopher Rubis was sworn in as Fairfield's newest police officer.



Pictured above is Chief Lyddy, Recruit Officer Rubis and his father, Officer Chris Rubis, who is a 22-year veteran with our department.

Christopher is following in the footsteps of his father, Chris, who has been a Police Officer since 1992. Christopher recently graduated from the University of Rhode Island, where he majored in Criminal Justice. A combination of family, school, and internships convinced him to become a Police Officer. An avid outdoorsman, his interests include fishing, skiing, and golfing.

Chris was a Special Police Officer with the Fairfield Police Department prior to being sworn in as a regular officer.

#### **Donation**

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, the Fairfield Police K9 Unit received a donation of \$11,266.61 from a fundraiser conducted by the Norwalk Veterinary Hospital.



#### **Other Activities**

#### Theft from Motor Vehicle

Officer Beattie followed up on a car break-in, which occurred the previous day on Royal Avenue, where a window was smashed and a purse was stolen. He developed a lead and conducted an interview which led to a search warrant of a suspect's home (The lead was developed by Officer Beattie after Officer Krushinski and Officer Katz arrested the suspect the previous day for 3 prawn warrants.)

The subject was found to have property on him belonging to the victim on Royal Avenue. The interview of the subject led to a search warrant on Orland Street in Bridgeport. During the execution of the search warrant, Officer Beattie and the members of the Detective Bureau recovered stolen property and tools which were used in the commission of the crime.

#### Shoplifting

ECC received a report of a male inside Home Depot who had been warned not to return to the store as a result of previous shoplifting incidents.

The suspect was arrested and charged with C.G.S. 53a-107, Criminal Trespass; C.G.S. 53a-167a, Interfering with an Officer; and C.G.S. 53a-125, Larceny 4th Degree after he stole \$1,599.00 worth

of merchandise from Home Depot. After being confronted by police in the parking lot, the suspect ran, leading police on a short foot chase before being taken into custody.

#### Motor Vehicle Accident

A driver was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence after he struck 4 parked vehicles, each time backing up his vehicle and striking another. He came to a stop after he struck the 5<sup>th</sup> vehicle, which was an oncoming car. He later fought with and spit on officers and was subsequently charged with Interfering and Assault on an Officer.

#### Motor Vehicle Stop

Officer Wells and Officer Chase began pursuing a vehicle after the operator of that vehicle fled during a traffic stop (Commerce and Coolidge). Though the vehicle pulled over several hundred yards down the road, it was suspected that the operator had thrown narcotics from the vehicle.

Two folds of heroine were found on the side of the road between where the pursuit began and where the operator of the vehicle pulled over.

#### December 2019

#### **Noteworthy Police Work**

Sergeant VanDerheyden recognized Officer Peck after he located a suspect wanted in connection with a public indecency complaint. Further investigation revealed that the suspect was involved in other similar incidents.

Lieutenant Koval recognized Sergeant Mastronardi and Officer Peck for their work in identifying a suspect wanted in connection with an incident in which the suspect tried to kiss and grope a female at Whole Foods. The suspect was charged with Sexual Assault 4<sup>th</sup> and Breach of Peace 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Sergeant Zdru recognized Officer Perham for observing suspicious activity. Through further investigation Officer Perham determined suspects were attempting to steal rims/tires from a vehicle on Riverside Drive. Additionally, the suspects were in possession of a stolen vehicle.

Lieutenant Bloch recognized Telecomminicators Quiroz and Atkins for their actions on November 14th when a prisoner attempted to overpower Lt. Granata in the detention area, and both fell to the ground. TC Quiroz immediately took notice and TC Atkins elected for the absolute quickest method of notification; broadcasting over Channel 1. This option allowed for the fastest possible response from other officers.

The Fire Department recognized Telecommunicators Champney and Carideo for their handling of an emergency medical call involving an emergency childbirth. Per the Fire Department incident commander. "Our telecommunicators Kyle Champney and John Carideo set the stage for a smooth operation by calmly instructing a very nervous dad and expectant mom how to properly prepare for the arrival of their new baby and what to do until first responders arrived. They dispatched AMR, FD, and PD quickly and effectively, directing and updating first responders while continuously providing calm reassurance to the family. "

# <u>Awards</u>

At the December  $\mathbf{11}^{\text{th}}$  Board of Police Commissioner's meeting, the following officers were

presented with awards:

Lieutenant James Perez was presented with a lifesaving award.



Officer Michael Mazzocchi was presented with a Distinguished Service Medal.



# **Commissioner Retirement**

Commissioner Susan Barrett was presented with a retirement badge by Chief Lyddy. The Fairfield Police Department would like to thank Commissioner Barrett for her years of service on the commission.



#### **Events**

Members of the Sound Tigers Hockey Team took time to visit the Fairfield Police Department to thank law enforcement for the work officers do on a daily basis.





On December 12<sup>th</sup>, members of the Fairfield Police Department served lunch to seniors at the Bigelow Center. The annual event is sponsored by the Fairfield Police Union.

#### **Other Activities**

#### Theft of Rims

While on patrol, Officer Perham observed a suspicious male standing at the rear of a car parked on the south side of Riverside Drive. The male had the trunk to the vehicle open and appeared to be holding a large hydraulic jack. It was determined that the two suspects had removed all the lug nuts from a 2017 Honda Pilot parked in the driveway at that location. The suspects had placed milk cartons on both sides of the vehicle and were about to utilize the jack to raise the vehicle before they were interrupted by Officer Perham. Further investigation revealed that the suspects had arrived to the scene in a 99 Honda Civic, which was a confirmed stolen vehicle out of Bridgeport. The male suspect had an extensive criminal history and a Violation of Probation warrant out of Wilimantic. The suspect was on probation for a burglary arrest in that town. Both the male and female were charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Larceny 3rd and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny 3rd.

#### Theft from Motor Vehicles

ECC received a report of three people checking cars in the area. The caller saw one of the individuals throw something onto the lawn on the corner of May Street and Jennings Road.

Two juveniles were located hiding in different yards on Grace Street by Officer Perham and Officer Rubis. The juveniles had in their possession, and had also discarded in yards, property they stole from cars on Grace Street and Brookfield Avenue. The juveniles were arrested and charged with five counts of Burglary 3rd, five counts of Conspiracy and Criminal Attempt to Commit Larceny and Larceny.

#### Shoplifting

A shoplifting occurred with about \$1,000.00 of merchandise taken from Stop and Shop by 2 males. Officer Beattie and Officer Katz located the suspects pushing a Stop and Shop shopping cart with stolen merchandise at the intersection of Maplewood Avenue and Howard Avenue in Bridgeport. Upon approach one of the suspects ran off, as the second suspect engaged in a struggle with Beattie and Katz. The suspect was charged with Larceny and Interfering

#### Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident

On Saturday 12/07/19, the Fairfield Police Emergency Communications Center received a 911 call at approximately 0142hrs reporting a single motor vehicle crash on Black Rock Turnpike near Finn Street. Upon arrival, emergency personnel found a single vehicle that crashed into a parked car and a tree on the property of a home at the corner. The sole male occupant and driver of the vehicle was found to be deceased in the vehicle. There were no passengers in the vehicle and nobody else was injured as a result of this collision.

#### Assistance

A silver BMW was stolen at gunpoint in New Haven around midnight. The suspects then drove to Norwalk and unsuccessfully tried to car jack a Maserati at gunpoint. The suspects then carjacked, at gunpoint, a blue Nissan Altima.

Norwalk located both vehicles and pursued them onto I-95 northbound. Westport PD and Norwalk PD were in pursuit, when the BMW exited in Fairfield at exit 23 and got right back on heading northbound (the Nissan continued on I-95 north and got away). The BMW then got off at exit 24 and got right back on to I-95, this time southbound at exit 24.

Upon exiting again in Fairfield at exit 23, Westport PD performed a Pit maneuver and the BMW spun out. The Westport Officers, who were out of their vehicles, attempted to take the suspects into custody but the suspect vehicle drove at them and rammed both of the officers' patrol vehicles. The suspect vehicle then continued on Kings Highway towards the center of town. Officer Kaesman became the second car in the pursuit behind Westport PD and the BMW was pursued through Fairfield before turning onto North Pine Creek Road.

The BMW failed to negotiate a right-hand turn from Unquowa Road onto Sturges Road and crashed into a stonewall. The three suspects refused to exit the car and had to be forcibly removed from the vehicle by Officer Wiltsie and Officer Kaesman, with the assistance of Norwalk and Westport PD. The three suspects were taken into custody and a loaded handgun was located on the floor of the backseat where one of the suspects had been sitting. The suspects were turned over to Norwalk PD.

#### Assistance

Bridgeport PD was pursuing a stolen car, when the three suspects bailed out of the car and fled at Brooklawn Avenue near Rosemere Avenue. Patrols assisted Bridgeport with the search of the suspects and Sergeant Mastronardi set up a perimeter in the area.

Officer Kaesmann and K9 Maverick started a track from an item of clothing that the suspects had dropped after bailing out of the car. The track led to a backyard at 114 Rosemere Avenue where Officer Kaesmann and K9 Maverick found a suspect hiding and he was taken into custody. An attempt was made to track for the other two suspects but they were not located.

#### <u>Assistance</u>

Westport PD requested assistance in locating a male suspect that took off on them on foot. The male fled into the lot of the Honda dealership on the Post Road in Westport and climbed onto the roof of the dealership. Officer Peck and Officer Kaesman assisted Westport in setting up a perimeter. The male eventually jumped from the roof onto a parked car and continued to jump from roof to roof of cars, until he ran through the parking lot and was taken into custody by Westport officers.

#### Suicide Attempt

A subject told her ex-husband and a group of friends that she wanted to kill herself by drowning in the water at Penfield Beach. Her car was found in the parking lot of Penfield Beach and her phone went right to voice mail. A ping of her phone gave only a general location, one mile south of the BJ's tower. Sergeant Mastronardi coordinated a large response to the beach area to search for the subject and PB1 was activated. Prior to Officer Perham arriving on scene, the subject was found just east of Penfield Beach partially in the water and upon being found she was resistant to getting out of the water and showed signs of potential hypothermia. Patrols carried the subject out of the water to a waiting ambulance and she was transported to the hospital.



Captain Robert Kalamaras successfully completed session 276 of the FBI National Academy.

The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers nominated by their agency heads because of demonstrated leadership qualities. The 10-week program—which provides coursework in intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communication, and forensic science—serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and



agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide.

Leaders and managers of state, local, county, tribal, military, federal, and international law enforcement agencies attend the FBI National Academy. Participation is by invitation only, through a nomination process. Participants are drawn from every U.S. state and territory and from international partner nations.



Sessions of approximately 220 officers take undergraduate and/or graduate courses at the FBI campus in Quantico, Virginia. Classes are offered in the following areas: law, behavioral science, forensic science, understanding terrorism/terrorist mindsets, leadership, communication, and health/fitness. Officers participate in a wide range of leadership and specialized training, where they share ideas, techniques, and experiences with each

other, creating lifelong partnerships that transcend state and national borders.

Part of the academy training is in physical fitness. National Academy graduates fondly recall their experience on the "Yellow Brick Road." The final test of the fitness challenge, the Yellow Brick Road is a grueling 6.1-mile run through a hilly, wooded trail built by the Marines. Along the way, the participants must climb over walls, run through creeks, jump through simulated windows, scale rock faces with ropes, crawl under barbed wire in muddy water, maneuver across a cargo net, and more. When (and if) the students complete this difficult test, they receive an actual yellow brick to memorialize their achievement.

# Other Fairfield Police command staff to graduate from the FBI National Academy include:



Captain Frederick Campbell (Retired)

Captain Patrick Carroll (Retired)

Captain Robert Comers (Retired)

Captain Paul Dyer (Retired)

Captain Peter Eggers (Retired)

Captain Edward Filush (Retired)

Lieutenant Richard Gunter (Retired)

Chief James Kranyk (Retired)

Chief Christopher Lyddy

Chief Gary MacNamara (Retired)

Chief Anthony Mastronardi (Retired)

Chief William Mockalis (Retired)

Chief David Peck (Retired)

Lieutenant Robert Rasmussen (Retired)

**Deputy Chief Donald Smith** 

Chief Ronald Sullivan (Retired)

Captain Edward Targowski (Retired)

Sergeant Frank Targowski (Retired)

Lieutenant Michael Walsh (Retired)





1955 Inspection



1987 Ford Police Vehicle

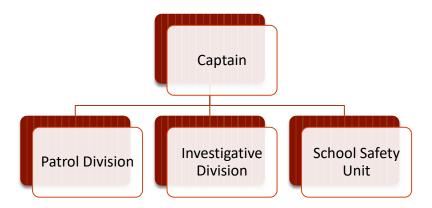
# **Bureau and Divisional Information**



# **Field Services Bureau**



Captain Michael Gagner Field Services Bureau Commander



The Field Services Bureau manages the following divisions within the Fairfield Police Department:

- Patrol Division
- Investigative Division
- School Safety Unit

#### **Patrol Division**







Lieutenant Antonio Granata



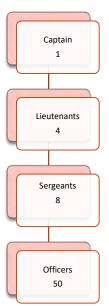
**Lieutenant James Perez** 



Lieutenant Peter Koval

The Patrol Division is part of the Field Services Bureau and is the largest division in the Fairfield Police Department. It consists of the uniformed officers assigned to patrol duties. Officers staff this division 24 hours a day / 7 days a week and perform a wide range of patrol duties and community policing programs including:

- ❖ Patrol Function: Responding to calls for service: criminal complaints, motor vehicle accidents, recovery of stolen property, public assistance calls, calls for medical assistance and other incidents requiring a police response
- Preventive Patrol: Preventing incidents before they occur.
- ❖ Field Training: The training of new officers after they complete the Connecticut Police Academy and until they have met the standards to be certified as law enforcement officers.



Prisoner Control: The patrol division is responsible for monitoring all prisoners being held by the department until they are turned over to court.

The Patrol Division is the largest unit within the Fairfield Police Department. The officers in the Patrol Division are divided up among three patrol shifts: Midnights / Days / Evenings.

The Division is structured around a Community Policing strategy often termed "Team Policing" or "Squad-Based Policing". The main concept is that every officer in the Division belongs to a squad and each squad is led by a supervisor responsible for various areas of the Town.

Each of three patrol shifts are led by a Lieutenant who has two sergeants, and each sergeant leads a squad of officers. Some of the benefits of Team Policing come from the officers truly getting to know their area better and feeling a sense of ownership of that area. They are more aware of "the little things" as well as the bigger problems.

The actions and services performed by the members of the Patrol Division are also the most recognizable, visible, and scrutinized within the agency. Patrol officers enforce traffic and other criminal laws while patrolling the town. In addition, they are the first responders for various incidents occurring within the town, conduct preliminary investigations and develop positive community relations.

Patrol officers, who show an interest and aptitude in specialty areas, can apply for reassignment to Specialized Units when positions become available.

In 2019, Uniform Patrol responded to calls for service ranging from accidents, minor thefts and medical calls to bank robberies in progress. Officers also performed location checks on schools, businesses and problem areas throughout the town.

#### **Field Training Program**

The Department's Field Training Program is comprised of officers who are experienced and are senior members of the organization. These Field Training Officers are responsible for the training and evaluation of junior officers, who have graduated from the Police Academy, but have not yet reached their certification.

#### **Crisis Intervention Team**

The Patrol Division has officers that comprise the Crisis Intervention Team. While on routine patrol, these specially trained officers can respond to incidents involving mental health crisis. They attempt to resolve the incident peacefully, and further engage with proactive follow-up to recommend mental health services.

#### **Canine Officers**



The Canine Unit was formed to assist patrol and perform other functions.

The role of a K9 Officer is to aid in drug investigations, search for lost or wanted individuals, explosive detection and carry out other specialized functions.

The Agency's K9 Officers are currently members of the following associations:

- National Police Canine Association
- North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA)
- Connecticut Police Work Dog Association (CPWDA)

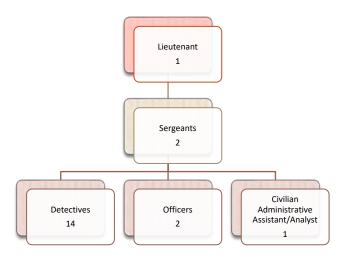
#### **Canine Unit Summary 2019**

	2018	2019	% Change
Traffic Stops	779	1,158	48.65%
Narcotic Searches	107	99	-7.48%
Narcotic Searches Resulting in an Arrest	70	69	-1.43%
Tracks	101	78	-22.77%
Building / Area Searches	23	20	-13.04%
Mutual Aid Requests	82	130	58.54%
Demonstrations / Other Miscellaneous Uses	78	70	-10.26%

# **Investigative Division**



Lieutenant John Bucherati Division Commander



The Fairfield Police Department Investigative Division is responsible for conducting criminal investigations for a wide assortment of offenses, including but not limited to:

- Burglaries
- Larcenies
- Robberies
- Sexual Assaults
- Missing Persons
- Narcotic Violations
- Child Abuse
- Homicides
- Financial and Identity Thefts
- Other in-depth or long-term investigations

Detectives work with members of the Fairfield Police Department, other municipal and State of Connecticut law enforcement agencies as well as Federal agencies, such as FBI, DEA and Secret Service. Detectives are trained in advanced crime scene processing, interviewing, criminal investigations, etc.

#### **Investigative Division Cases 2019**

	2018	2019	% Change
Referred Cases	233	235	0.9%
Investigative Division Generated Cases	265	208	-21.5%
Total Cases Investigated	498	443	-11.0%

The Fairfield Police Department Investigative Unit has a Youth Bureau that handles crimes against or involving juveniles. Two detectives are assigned to the Youth Bureau on a permanent basis and receive extra training in the areas of youth crime and neglect. The detectives work closely with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and other local and State agencies. Information concerning juveniles is confidential.

#### **Youth Bureau Cases 2019**

	2018	2019	% Change
Referred Cases	17	18	5.9%
Youth Bureau Generated Cases	39	21	-46.2%
Total Youth Bureau Cases Investigated	56	39	-30.4%

The Detective Division processes all pistol permit applications submitted to the Fairfield Police Department.

# **Pistol Permit Applications 2019**

	2018	2019	% Change
Received	154	128	-16.9%
Approved	120	113	-5.8%
Denied	4	2	-50.0%
In-Process	30	13	-56.7%

#### **Quality of Life Unit**

In 2019, the Fairfield Police Department formed a Quality of Life Unit. The unit is comprised of two detectives and two patrol officers. The Quality of Life Unit is responsible for narcotics investigations, vehicle break-ins, robbery investigations and other assignments as determined by the detective division commander or the chief of police.

#### **Special Victims Unit**

The department has also changed the make-up of the Youth Unit and it is now a Special Victims Unit that will be handling juvenile, sexual assault and domestic violence investigations.

# **School Safety Division**



Lieutenant Edward Weihe Division Commander





Over the past seven years, the Fairfield Public Schools and the Fairfield Police Department have developed a strong partnership aimed at enhancing school safety and security. A dedicated School Safety Division has been created within the Police Department, consisting of officers with special training in interacting with youth and school

communities, as well as special training in school safety and security matters. The officers have integrated within the school community, and have offices on school grounds throughout the public school district.

The School Safety Division has assisted the public school district as well as many private schools in making improvements in several areas that are intended to promote the security and wellbeing of students and staff, including:

- Facilities infrastructure
- Technology
- Building level school safety plans
- Communication systems
- Emergency policies and procedures



The School Safety Division regularly provides a variety of trainings

to school staff. The trainings include the topics of safety awareness, skills in observing and reporting, lockdown procedures, and Human Threat Assessment. The training focuses on

identifying problems before they reach crisis levels, and how to best respond if there is an unavoidable emergency situation. Lockdown drills are performed regularly, and members of the School Safety Division observe and debrief with school staff afterwards.

Aside from being first responders to calls for service at our schools, and providing a physical presence on school grounds, the School Safety Division also teaches a curriculum to our younger students called "SHAPE" (Safety, Health, and Positive Environment). The SHAPE program provides in-classroom instruction to fifth and sixth grade students, and allows for peer group discussions

at the seventh and eighth grade levels.

Integration, communication, collaboration, and continued training are the cornerstones of our school safety program, and our everyday efforts to maintain safe and secure environments for students and staff in our schools.



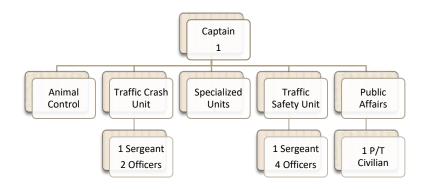
## **School Safety Unit Summary 2019**

	2018	2019	% Change
Initial Investigations	298	297	0%
Follow-Up Investigations	43	49	14%
Presentations	335	201	-40%
School Site Checks	4,693	4,421	-6%
General Assistance Provided	246	377	53%
Community Events	87	103	18%
Lockdown drills	63	75	19%
General Collaborations/Notifications	165	166	1%
Security Site Assessments	1	1	0%
Juvenile Arrests	13	17	31%
Adult Arrests	4	2	-50%
Files Being tracked/Info Files	43	51	19%
Research/Projects Toward Safety/Security Advancement	16	19	19%
Total School Safety Unit Activity	6,007	5,780	-4%

# **Special Services Bureau**



Captain Robert Kalamaras Bureau Commander



The Special Services Division is responsible for the following functions:

Traffic Enforcement
Crash Investigation
Motorcycle Unit
Special Event Planning
Vehicle Maintenance
Dive Team
Marine Unit
Emergency Services Unit
Animal Control Division

Public Affairs
Social Media
Community Programs
Crime Prevention
Neighborhood Watch
Safe Return Program
Special Events Coordination
Traffic Surveys

#### **Public Affairs**

The Public Affairs Unit is responsible for:

- Public Information
- Neighborhood Watch Coordination
- Crime Prevention
- Traffic Surveys
- Code Enforcement
- Block Parties



## **Special Events**

Members of the Special Services Division assisted with the planning and coordination of numerous special events.

## **Traffic Safety Unit**

The Traffic Safety Unit was created to address the growing citizen concerns about traffic-related issues and reckless driving. Officers act on complaints, as well as conduct studies of high accident areas where enforcement may reduce the number and severity of motor vehicle accidents. The goal of this unit is to reduce accidents, increase roadway safety, increase driver compliance with motor vehicle laws and answer citizen complaints. The Traffic Enforcement Unit uses a multitude

of techniques to accomplish their goal.

Members of the Traffic Enforcement Unit also work with the Engineering Department to explore solutions to traffic issues and evaluate any plans to change traffic patterns within the Town of Fairfield. They, also, assist with special-





#### **Traffic Unit Summary 2019**

	2018 Total
Traffic Stops	5,700
Infractions	4,187
Misdemeanors	146
Crashes Investigated	433
Child Seat Installs	204

	2019										
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
401	374	377	432	465	261	410	807	316	411	438	207
242	240	258	536	322	160	251	561	171	220	233	76
25	20	15	18	27	10	15	27	5	10	16	5
20	23	28	34	46	42	47	32	33	37	28	51
25	9	38	15	25	20	11	32	19	8	15	12

2019	%
Total	Change
4,899	-14%
3,270	-22%
193	32%
421	-3%
229	12%

#### **Marine Unit**

The Marine Unit is responsible for patrolling Long Island Sound and the waters of Fairfield including such hazards as Penfield Reef, Sunken Island and The Cows. To accomplish their assignment, the Marine Unit is seasonally staffed by 3 full-time officers. The main office of the Marine Unit is located at South Benson Marina where the Unit's two boats, a 33' Safeboat Defender Class and a 23' Safeboat, are berthed. The Marine Unit is available to respond 24 hours a day.

Marine Unit officers respond to numerous types of calls on the water. They handle emergency



closely with the United States Coast Guard and other local police marine units. Recently, we have been requested to assist the U.S. Coast Guard with homeland security measures.

calls such as boaters in distress, sinking vessels or vessel fires. They routinely search for missing boats or persons around the shoreline. Marine officers also enforce all State and local boating laws and regulations, as well as perform safety inspections of vessels within their area of responsibility.

The Fairfield Police Department Marine Unit works



## **Marine Unit Summary 2019**

	2018 Total
Complaints	
Boats Towed	8
Written Warnings	0
Arrests	0
Safety Inspections	32
Total Calls For Service	117
Hours Underway	505
Community Events	
<b>Location Checks</b>	
Fatalities	0

	2019							
May	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	ОСТ			
10	20	23	18	9	8			
1	2	4	2	1	1			
0	0	0	0	0	0			
0	0	0	0	0	0			
5	3	3	1	0	0			
15	23	26	19	9	8			
25	95	165	150	20	50			
2	3	5	5	3	1			
0	2	7	5	2	0			
0	0	0	0	0	0			

2019 Total	% Change
88	
11	38%
0	
0	
12	-63%
100	-15%
505	0%
19	
16	
0	

## **Traffic Crash Investigation Unit**

The Traffic Crash Investigation Unit is part of the Support Services Division and consists of officers



who receive extensive training in all aspects of accident investigation and accident reconstruction. Officers from this unit investigate all fatal or potentially fatal accidents within the Town of Fairfield, as well as less serious accidents. While regular patrol officers also investigate motor vehicle accidents, accident investigators will be assigned to the investigation, whenever available.

#### **Traffic Crash Investigation Unit Summary 2019**

	2018
	Total
Accidents	1,005
Investigated	1,005
Accidents Injuries	
Search Warrants	20
Arrest Warrants	23
Misdemeanors	129
Infractions Issued	531
Fatalities	

	2019										
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
59	80	84	60	66	70	69	80	66	65	86	52
6	6	3	12	8	9	7	4	5	9	7	3
1	1	0	3	3	-	2	3	2	4	2	5
4	3	1	3	3	1	2	3	2	3	2	3
10	3	8	6	2	1	2	5	6	1	3	4
33	19	42	107	28	1	17	110	61	16	26	4
0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	1

2019 Total	% Change
837	-17%
79	
26	30%
30	30%
51	-60%
464	-13%
7	

#### **Dive Team**

The Fairfield Police Dive Team strives to be prepared for any underwater emergency or investigation in, but not limited to, the waters of Fairfield and Long Island Sound. The Dive Team strives to maintain a training program that targets the interests of public safety, diver safety, and



thorough underwater investigation. The Dive Team also works to be an example to the public on issues of drowning prevention.

The Fairfield Police Dive Team is staffed by 1 lieutenant, 1 sergeant and 3 police officers. The Dive Team is available 24 hours a day. The divers are trained to various levels of certification. All of the members are trained in ice diving, due to the area's cold winter climate. The Dive Team is capable of SCUBA (Self Contained Underwater Breathing

Apparatus) or SAS (Surface Air Supply) diving.

The Fairfield Police Dive Team also responds to other jurisdictions when needed to provide mutual aid dive services.

#### **Emergency Services Unit**

The Fairfield Police Department has officers assigned to an Emergency Services Unit. The Emergency Service Unit responds to high-risk, tactical operations involving barricaded suspects, hostage situations, high-risk warrant service and VIP protective operations. These officers receive extensive training in several areas such as:

- Building searches
- Hostage negotiations
- Use of several different types of weapons and tactics
- Other necessary skills



#### **Animal Control**

Fairfield Animal Control is a division of the Fairfield Police Department that enforces all State Laws and Town Ordinances related to animals. It is the responsibility of the Animal Control Division to investigate roaming dogs, animal bites, cruelty to animals, barking nuisance, unreasonable tethering or confining of a dog, town defecation ordinance, leash law, valid rabies vaccination, dog licensure and rabies-related wildlife complaints that present an imminent danger to the public.



#### **Animal Control Summary 2019:**

Animal Control	2018 Total
Complaints	981
Wildlife Complaints	439
Animals Tested for Rabies	31
Animals Positive / Rabies	3
Animal Bites	52
Written Warnings	91
Infractions	82
Misdemeanors	2

	2019										
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
56	70	94	67	100	93	107	115	113	117	82	54
20	26	46	25	41	56	45	62	48	48	28	21
1	1	2	1	1	-	4	9	2	1	1	2
-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
1	2	2	5	2	6	5	1	4	6	1	6
4	9	6	4	11	4	7	3	5	9	4	3
7	2	2	18	5	-	3	2	2	1	1	-
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

2019	%
Total	Change
1,068	9%
466	6%
25	-19%
4	33%
41	-21%
69	-24%
43	-48%
1	-50%

In addition, several rabies clinics were conducted and other public education programs were completed.

#### **Volunteer Program**

Animal Control personnel designed and implemented a new volunteer program. The program is designed to enlist the help of community volunteers to walk dogs awaiting adoption in order to increase socialization time and provide positive interactions for the animals. The program is still in its initial stages.

## **Heat Kills Program**



In 2015 the Fairfield Police Department Animal Control Division started a new program with the goal of creating a proactive warning system that not only would warn parents and dog owners of the danger of hot vehicles but also stimulate timely reporting of violations by the public. Heat Kills signs were placed in several locations in Town to remind pet owners not to leave their pets in cars. In 2019, animal control officers continued to expand this program to more businesses in town. There are now over 61 signs located in both private and public parking areas throughout the town.

## **Professional Standards**



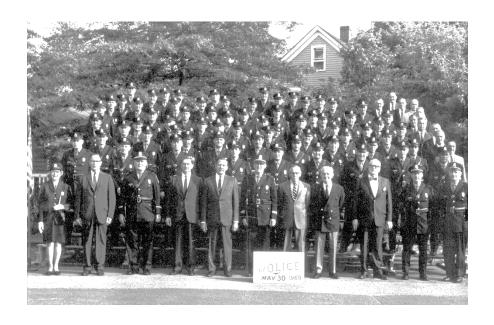
Lieutenant Edward Greene Division Commander

The Professional Standards Division of the Fairfield Police Department is responsible for the following functions:

- Chief's Advisory Council (Chair)
- Department Audits
- EAP Liaison
- Grants
- Internal Affairs / Incident Reviews
- Internship Program
- Officer Wellness Program
- Personnel Files
- Policies and Procedures
- Awards

## **Grants 2019**

	2018	2019	% Change
DUI Grants	\$158,500	\$74,991	-53%
Distracted Driving Grant	\$50,800	\$50,000	-2%
Seatbelt Grant	\$10,000	\$10,000	0.0%
Body Armor	\$8,864	\$16,057	81%

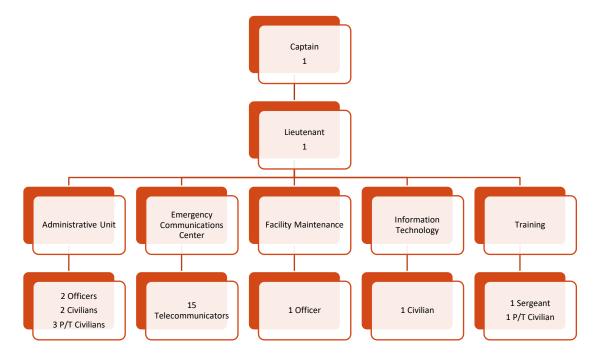




## **Administrative Services Bureau**



Captain Christopher Tursi Bureau Commander



Support Services is responsible for the following functions:

Records
Property and Evidence
Training
Quartermaster
Promotional Testing
Hiring
Time and Attendance
Payroll

Alarm Ordinance
Audits
Parking Ticket Processing
Equipment
Building Maintenance
Information Technology
Emergency Communications
School Crossing Guards

## **Property and Evidence**

In 2019 approximately 1,800 pounds of prescription drugs were turned in through our lobby drug drop box and periodic "drug Takeback" days.

## **Training**

Police officers are required to attend mandatory training to maintain their certification as a law enforcement officer in Connecticut. This training covers numerous topics mandated by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council.

In addition to the training mandated by the State, it is also important to have officers receive training in current trends in law enforcement and other areas related to our role in public safety. On the following page are just some of the training courses members of our department attended last year. This additional training allows our officers to perform their duties and provide the citizens of Fairfield with the high quality of law enforcement they have come to expect.



Bike Unit Training



Training in railroad safety

- Taser New User
- D.A.R.E. Officer Training
- Mindfulness and Resilience for Police Officers
- Mobile Forensic Fundamentals
- Alcohol and Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault
- Mental Health Aid for Law Enforcement
- Peer Support
- Developing Resilience and Dealing with Change
- Social Media Investigations
- SWAT Command Decision Making and Leadership
- Understanding Sexual Deviant Behavior
- Violence Against Women
- FCHIRT Communication Team
- Mobile Forensic Fundamentals
- Crime Scene Investigations
- Freedom of Information Act
- Laser Scanner Training
- Multi-disciplinary Training
- Child Car Seat Installation
- Situations Involving People with Mental Illness
- Laser Scanner Training
- Drug Investigations
- Marine Patrol Laws & Safety
- Training Officer Liability
- SRO Active Shooter
- Counter Ambush Tactics for Law Enforcement
- Tactics in Traffic
- Crash Reconstruction
- Digital Imagery and Video Recovery
- Drone Aerial Search and Rescue
- Active Aggressor
- Fairfield County Detective Conference
- Firearms Instructor
- First Line Supervisor
- Legal Updates
- Marine Captains Course
- Child Sex Trafficking
- Situations Involving People with Mental Illness
- Workforce Issues for Police
- MTA Incident Operations
- Human Trafficking Instructor
- Laser Scanner Training
- Supervisor Liability
- Working, Controlling and Managing Major Cases

- Active Aggressor
- Tactical Emergency Medic
- CPCA Wellness Seminar
- Marine Search and Rescue
- Emergency Medical Responder
- Proactive Patrol Tactics
- Response to Violence
- Haz-Mat and Bloodborne Pathogen Training
- Spotlight on Fraud
- Gang ID and Drug Detection
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement
- FBI Weapons of Mass Destruction
- PTSD Wellness Seminar
- Student Safety Assessments
- NASRO Basic SRO
- Drug Impaired Driving
- CIT Youth
- AR-15 Armorer
- Female Enforcer
- Opioid Scene Safety
- Street Crimes
- NIBRS Training
- Glock Armorer
- Basic Police Firearms Instructor
- Interview and Interrogation
- Predict Violence and Influence Outcomes
- Laws and Legal Updates
- Internal Affairs Investigations
- Intoximeter Instructor
- Child Passenger Safety Technician
- Crime Scene Processing
- Laser Scanner Technician
- Aquatic Death & Homicidal Drowning Investigation
- Sexual Partner Violence
- Basic Police Firearms Instructor
- UTM Instructor Certification
- Fundamentals of Crisis Negotiations
- Mountain Bike Patrol
- Human Trafficking
- Field Training Officer Train-the-Trainer
- NEOA Regional Criminal Investigation
- Laws and Legal Update
- Digital Evidence Investigations
- Responding to Emotionally Disturbed Persons
- Mental Health First Aid for LE

## **Emergency Communications Center**

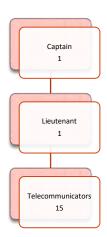


The Fairfield Emergency Communications Center is responsible for receiving all 9-1-1 emergency calls, as well as non-emergency Police and Fire calls. The Communications Center employs 15 full-time telecommunicators and handles approximately 18,833, 9-1-1 calls and 90,000 non-emergency telephone calls per year. The ECC is the primary call answering point for both the Police and Fire Departments.

The Emergency Communications Center operates under the supervision of both the Fairfield Police and

Fairfield Fire Departments. It is located in the Fairfield Police Department headquarters. Communications are computerized and work off of multiple radio towers.

The Fairfield Police Department has several radio frequencies that can be utilized during both normal and emergency situations. The police vehicles are also equipped with mobile data terminals that allow officers to access law enforcement computer and information networks, as well as send confidential information car to car and to other police departments.



	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Total Incoming Phone Calls</b>	9,842	10,611	10,185	9,551	9,499	9,374	5,745
Total 911 Calls	1,783	1,952	1,778	1,856	1,813	1,714	1,704
<b>Total Outgoing Calls</b>	2,274	2,531	2,385	2,248	2,278	2,021	2,025
<b>Total Calls for Service Processed</b>	3,598	3,862	5,386	4,046	4,187	3,757	3,358



Telecommunicator Jennifer DiJoseph received the Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Councils of Presidents, George A. Ganug Volunteer of the Year award and was honored by her EMS service and with a proclamation by the Fairfield Board of selectmen.



## **Explorer Post**



The Explorer program is an official program of the Fairfield Police Department, designed by the Boy Scouts of America and the North East Regional Law Enforcement Educational Association to expose young men and women (ages 13-21) to the vast career choices available in Law Enforcement today. Many of our alumni have continued to successfully achieve positions in local law enforcement, state police departments, as well as federal appointments with law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Explorers learn in both the classroom and field environment, including actual "hands-on" field experience. Weekly meeting presentations include training on police duties, forensic science, self-defense, investigation, and even firearms and weaponry. The Police Explorers serve the department and community in a variety of community policing endeavors.

#### **Post Advisors**

Chief Christopher Lyddy
Sergeant Gregory Gunter
Officer Kevin Wells
Detective Belinda Papageorge
Officer Richard Peck
Officer Tiffanie Bennett
Officer Franc DeAngelis



#### **Explorer Post Summary 2019**

- Assisted at numerous community events.
- Conducted a "Shred day" where residents can bring sensitive documents to be shredded. This helps reduce identity theft.
- Conducted weekly training sessions and meetings.
- Logged over combined 4000 hours of community service in Fairfield and surrounding communities
- Explorers attended a week-long cadet police academy conducted at the University of Hartford.
- Explorers attended an annual cadet stations day at the Connecticut Police Academy.

#### **Recent Alumni**

- Grady Gunter Hospital Corpsman United States Navy
- Kyle Gunter Electronics Technician 3rd Class United States Coast Guard
- Charlie Ricco Jr. Corporal United State Marine Corps
- Alex Bloch 2nd Lieutenant United States Army
- Makhi Geter Private First Class United States National Guard
- Joseph Seagren Police Officer Bridgeport Police Department
- Deaglan Mcdade State Trooper Recruit attending Connecticut State Police Academy 03/2020

# **2019 Department Statistics**



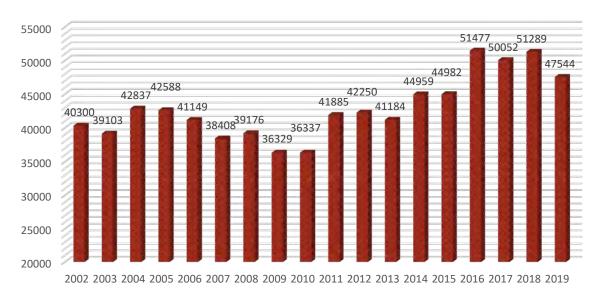
## **Year End Statistics – 2019**

#### **Calls for Service**

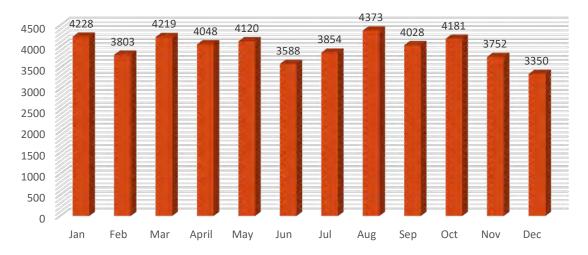
## **Total Calls for Service: 47,544**

(7% decrease from 2018)

## **Annual Calls For Service Comparison**



## 2019 Calls for Service - Monthly Comparison

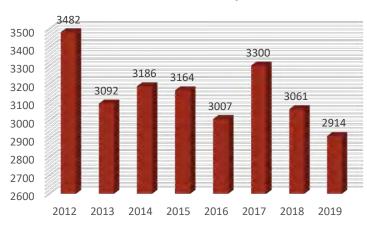


## **Alarm Response Summary**

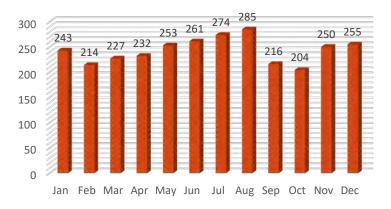
Alarms	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2018	278	194	253	232	253	291	333	252	280	239	209	247	3,061
2019	243	214	227	232	253	261	274	285	216	204	250	255	2,914

False Alarms	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2018	274	191	251	232	253	291	325	251	277	237	209	247	3,038
2019	243	211	227	232	250	261	274	283	215	203	250	254	2,903

## **Alarms - Annual Comparison**



## Alarms - 2019 Monthly Alarm Summary



## **General Calls for Service**

			%
	2018	2019	Change
911 HANG UP	103	89	-14%
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHCILE	94	95	1%
AIRCRAFT CRASH	0	0	
AIRPLANE ACCIDENT	0	0	
ALARM EXCUSED	23	1	-50%
ALARM FALSE	3041	2902	-5%
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	1206	1157	-4%
ANIMAL RESCUE	16	11	-31%
ANY SITUATION	138	115	-17%
ASSAULT	38	27	-29%
ASSAULT IN PROGRESS	0	0	
ASSISTANCE	2186	2181	0%
BANK ESCORT	249	244	-2%
BOAT CRASH	0	0	
BOAT FIRE (AT DOCK)	0	0	
BOAT FIRE (AT DOCKS)	0	0	
BOAT FIRE (AT SEA)	1	1	0%
BOMB THREAT	2	0	-100%
BREACH OF PEACE	641	581	-9%
BURGLARY	11	17	55%
BURGLARY - RESIDENCE	37	18	-51%
BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL	22	26	18%
BURGLARY - GARAGE	16	13	-19%
BURGLARY - SCHOOL	0	0	
BURGLARY ATTEMPT	0	9	
BURGLARY ATTEMPT - RESIDENCE	8	14	75%
BURGLARY ATTEMPT – COMMERC.	6	6	0%
BURGLARY ATTEMPT - SCHOOL	0	0	
BURGLARY IN PROGRESS	0	0	
BUSINESS/LOCATION CHECK	14427	11947	-17%
CANCEL 911 HANG-UP	10	9	-10%
CANCELLED ALARM	689	608	-12%
CAR FIRE	30	30	0%
COMMUNITY EVENT	656	652	-1%
DEAD ANIMAL ON ROADWAY	17	28	65%
DEAD ON ARRIVAL	29	35	21%
DOOR UNLOCKED	51	71	39%
DROWNING	0	1	
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	4489	4323	-4%
ESCAPE	0	0	
FIRE	5	4	-20%
FIREWORKS COMPLAINT	68	64	-6%
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	4	5	25%
FUNERAL ESCORT	215	196	-9%
GPS ALERT	8	6	-25%
HARASSMENT	179	167	-7%
HOMICIDE	0	1	
ICE / WATER RESCUE	0	0	
INFORMATION	430	382	-11%
INTOXICATED SUBJECT	55	78	42%

			%
	2018	2019	Change
INVESTIGATION	2063	1976	-4%
INVESTIGATION- SENIOR CITIZEN	2	8	300%
INVESTIGATION-ARREST	19	25	32%
INVESTIGATION-BAD CHECK	3	1	-67%
INVESTIGATION-COUNTERFEIT	4	14	250%
INVESTIGATION-CREDIT CARD FRAUD	23	21	-9%
INVESTIGATION-FINANCIAL CRIME	19	19	0%
INVESTIGATION-FORGERY	8	33	313%
INVESTIGATION-INTERNET CRIME	12	23	92%
INVESTIGATION-WARRANT ARREST	182	156	-14%
LARCENY IN PROGRESS	1	4	300%
LARCENY/THEFT	296	279	-6%
LARCENY-EMPLOYEE THEFT	4	11	175%
LARCENY-IDENTITY THEFT	51	100	96%
LOCKOUT	0	0	
M.V. ACCIDENT	2311	2300	0%
M.V. ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	318	300	-6%
MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT	0	0	
MEDICAL ALARM	13	27	108%
MENTAL PATIENT	35	49	40%
MISSING PERSON	35	29	-17%
NARCOTIC VIOLATION IN PROGRESS	1	1	0%
NARCOTICS VIOLATION	105	62	-41%
NOISE COMPLAINT	313	366	17%
OFFICER NEEDS ASSISTANCE	0	0	
OTHER RESCUE	2	4	100%
PACOS ASSIGNMENT	288	271	-6%
PARKING VIOLATION	532	498	-6%
PISTOL PERMIT APPLICATION	149	128	-14%
RECKLESS DRIVER	367	356	-3%
RECOVERED PROPERTY	187	189	1%
RIOT	0	0	
ROAD HAZARD	714	578	-19%
ROBBERY	13	13	0%
ROBBERY IN PROGRESS	0	0	
SEX VIOLATION	5	5	0%
SEX VIOLATION IN PROGRESS	0	0	
SHOPLIFTER	232	233	0%
STOLEN VEHICLE	59	57	-3%
STOLEN VEHICLE ATTEMPT	2	1	-50%
STOLEN VEHICLE IN PROGRESS	0	0	
STRUCTURE FIRE	84	63	-25%
SUICIDE	1	4	300%
SUICIDE ATTEMPT	18	9	-50%
SUICIDE THREAT	52	48	-8%
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	538	544	1%
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	264	278	5%
TEST	0	51	3,0
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	280	286	2%
TRAFFIC CONTROL MALFUNCTION	93	80	-14%
THE STATE CONTINUE WINE! ONCHO!	93	30	1 +/0

			%
	2018	2019	Change
TRAIN ACCIDENT	0	0	
TRESPASSER	91	105	15%
UNKNOWN TROUBLE	4	3	-25%
VANDALISM IN PROGRESS	0	1	
VANDALISM MISCELLANEOUS	67	40	-40%

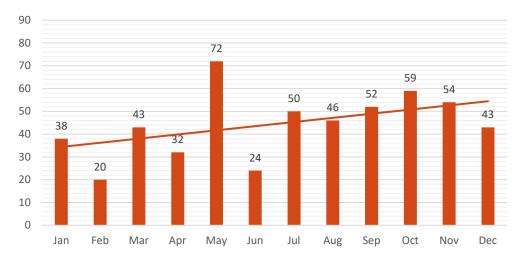
			%
	2018	2019	Change
VANDALISM TO STRUCTURE	14	17	21%
VANDALISM TO VEHICLE	39	55	41%
VESSEL INSPECTION	30	12	-60%
WATER RESCUE	7	7	0%
WIRES DOWN	210	104	-50%

## **Criminal Arrests**

Criminal Arrests by Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Larceny	26	7	28	23	46	19	31	33	34	44	37	32	360
Vandalism	3	1	1	0	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	23
MV Theft / Attempt	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
Burglary / Attempt	6	9	8	1	8	0	10	3	11	8	5	6	75
Assault	3	2	5	6	5	4	5	5	3	6	11	3	58
Robbery	0	0	1	2	3	0	2	4	2	0	0	0	14

Totals	29	25	41	38	33	27	41	40	38	77	43	43	475

## Total Criminal Arrests - 2019

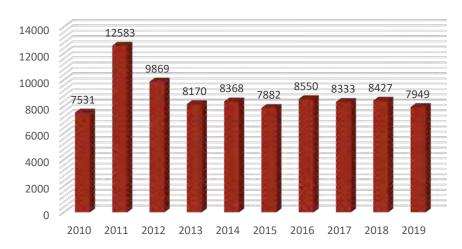


## **Motor Vehicle Activity Summary**

Enforcement Summary	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Change from 2018
No Action	234	191	179	203	128	-37%
Verbal Warnings	4,354	4,300	3,465	3,254	3,432	5%
Written Warnings	105	59	27	41	25	-39%
Infractions	2,620	3,503	4,157	4,420	3,799	-14%
Misdemeanors	517	431	440	456	516	13%
UAR Arrests	52	66	65	53	49	-8%

Total MV Contacts	7,882	8,550	8,333	8,427	7,949	-6%
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## Motor Vehicle Contacts - Annual Comparison



Listed below are some of the more common motor vehicle enforcement types and the number of stops for each. This is not a comprehensive list of all stops.

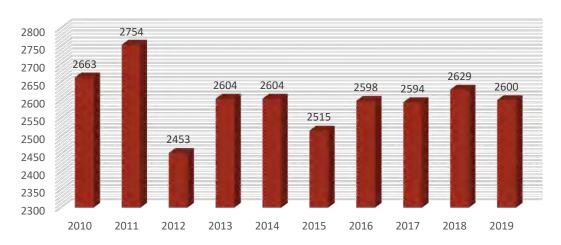
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Speeding Violations	183	152	196	98	160	116	178	245	105	138	153	60	1784
Seatbelt Violations	3	9	8	93	47	6	5	109	5	6	25	1	317
Registration Violations	127	109	107	97	137	54	86	135	69	71	48	46	1086
License Violations	26	38	35	39	40	25	24	35	22	24	20	18	346
Distracted Driving	9	12	17	302	54	9	19	213	10	23	42	4	714
Suspended License	42	43	32	31	36	26	23	24	22	16	24	20	339
Traffic Light Violation	18	14	13	18	14	8	8	16	19	17	9	10	164

## **Motor Vehicle Accident Summary**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Change from 2018
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2,156	2,147	2,245	2,311	2,300	-0.5%
Motor Vehicle Accidents with Injuries	359	451	349	318	300	-5.7%

Total	2,515	2,598	2,594	2,629	2,600	-1.1%

## Motor Vehicle Accidents - Annual Comparison





## **State Traffic Stop Reporting Details**

Ethnicity						
	Hispanic	M. Eastern	N/A			
White	1355	77	4824			
Black	56	8	1394			
Indian	1	0	110			
Asian	8	0	116			
Unknown	0	0	0			
Totals	1420	85	6444			

Gender						
Female Male						
White	2598	3658				
Black	572	886				
Indian	38	73				
Asian	73	51				
Unknown	0	0				
Totals	3281	4668				

Stop Nature						
	Investigation	Violation	Equipment			
White	63	5840	353			
Black	26	1241	191			
Indian	0	103	8			
Asian	1	117	6			
Unknown	0	0	0			
Totals	90	7301	558			

Custodial						
	Yes	No				
White	60	6196				
Black	44	1414				
Indian	0	111				
Asian	0	124				
Unknown	0	0				
Totals	104	7845				

Enforcement Category						
	General	General Blind				
White	3491	2319	446			
Black	1000	332	126			
Indian	63	43	5			
Asian	64	50	10			
Unknown	0	0	0			
Totals	4618	2744	587			

Resident						
	Municipal	СТ				
White	1336	5834				
Black	45	1368				
Indian	19	104				
Asian	25	110				
Unknown	0	0				
Totals	1425	7416				

Authority to Search						
	N/A	Consent	Inventory	Other		
White	6110	66	1	79		
Black	1329	53	1	75		
Indian	110	1	0	0		
Asian	122	2	0	0		
Unknown	0	0	0	0		
Totals	7671	122	2	154		

Vehicle Search						
Yes No						
White	146	6110				
Black	130	1328				
Indian	1	110				
Asian	2	122				
Unknown	0	0				
Totals	279	7670				

Duration of Stop							
	0-15	16-30	Over 30				
White	4901	1217	138				
Black	1085	276	97				
Indian	90	19	2				
Asian	98	23	3				
Unknown	0	0	0				
Totals	6174	1535	240				

Vehicle Towed							
Yes No							
White	184	6072					
Black	152	1306					
Indian	1	110					
Asian	1	123					
Unknown	0	0					
Totals	338	7611					

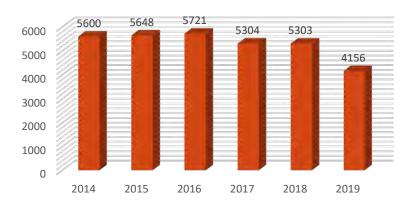
Contraband								
	Yes	No						
White	60	6196						
Black	53	1405						
Indian	0	111						
Asian	0	124						
Unknown	0	0						
Totals	113	7836						

Result of Stop								
	UAR	Misdemeanor	Infraction	Verbal	Written	None		
White	29	302	3098	2715	20	92		
Black	20	210	568	624	4	32		
Indian	0	2	65	41	1	2		
Asian	0	2	68	52	0	2		
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Totals	49	516	3799	3432	25	128		

## **Parking Tag Summary**

	FY 2018	FY 2019	% Change
Parking Tags Issued	5,303	4,156	-22%
Fees Collected	\$152,341	\$147,647	-3%

Parking Ticket Issued Annual Comparison



Total Issued	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2019	308	370	336	330	313	427	454	478	384	251	279	226	4156

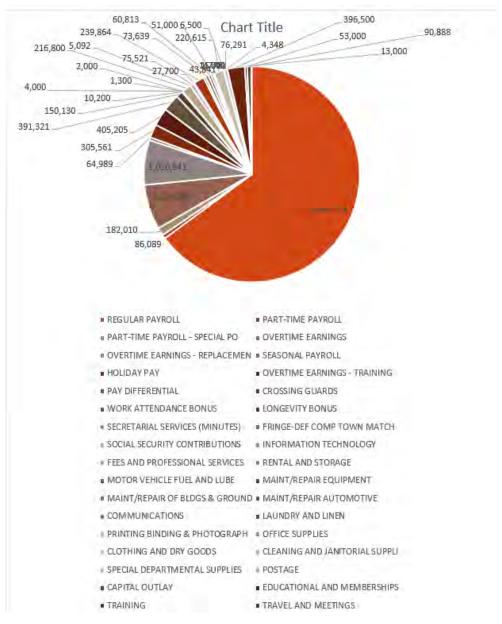
Parking Tickets Monthly Comparison - 2019



#### **Fees Collected:**

	Fiscal 2017-2018	Fiscal 2018-2019	% Change
Photostat Fees	\$8,202	\$ 7,603	-7%
State for Motor Vehicle Surcharge	\$60,915	\$ 70,859	16%
State 911 Grant	\$136,704	\$135,224	-1%
Police Licenses	\$26,405	\$ 26,590	1%
Alarm Ordinance	\$27,353	\$ 22,757	-17%
Other	\$10,800	\$15,532	44%

## **Budget FY 2020:**









## **Conclusion**

The Fairfield Police Department is a service-oriented agency that is continuing to research new and more efficient ways to provide police services to the Town of Fairfield. Its officers and staff are dedicated to the following core values:

# Professionalism Honor Excellence

As we move into 2020, we will continue to work toward our mission of:

## **Making Fairfield Safer!**

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