



# **FAIRFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2016**



**FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

**GARY MACNAMARA, CHIEF OF POLICE**

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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 2016.**

# Annual Report 2016

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## Message from Chief Gary MacNamara



*Gary MacNamara*  
*Chief of Police*

I am happy to share the Fairfield Police Department 2016 Annual report. This document provides a summary of some of the activities the men and women of the Department have engaged in. It is an overview of our events, happenings, programs and performance within the organization as we continue to Make Fairfield Safer.

In 2016 we responded to 51,477 calls for service, representing a small portion of the activity that the police officers, telecommunicators (911), and civilians engaged in this year. The calls range from simple calls for assistance, calls involving crimes, investigations, traffic stops, as well as assisting other agencies. We deploy officers to make Fairfield Safer in our neighborhoods, schools, business areas, beaches, marina, and other areas.

Our greatest asset remains our employees, who serve around the clock on a variety of different tasks and functions. This past year we saw four police officers retire, some after serving 30 or more years, and one civilian retire. We welcomed five new officers, one telecommunicator, and two civilians to our staff.

In 2017 we look to continue to develop ways to make Fairfield Safer in an efficient and effective way. Our work can only be accomplished with an engaged community, working with us to prevent crime. The members of the police department will continue the tradition of dedication and commitment to the community performed since the Police Department's inception in 1930.

Thank you for working with us every day.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G MacNamara". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Gary MacNamara

## 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.



Old Town Hall  
photo by S. Gorbisberg

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. Consistently ranked in the top 100 in CNN/Money Magazine's best towns in which to live, Fairfield, in 2006, was ranked as the number one town in the Northeast.



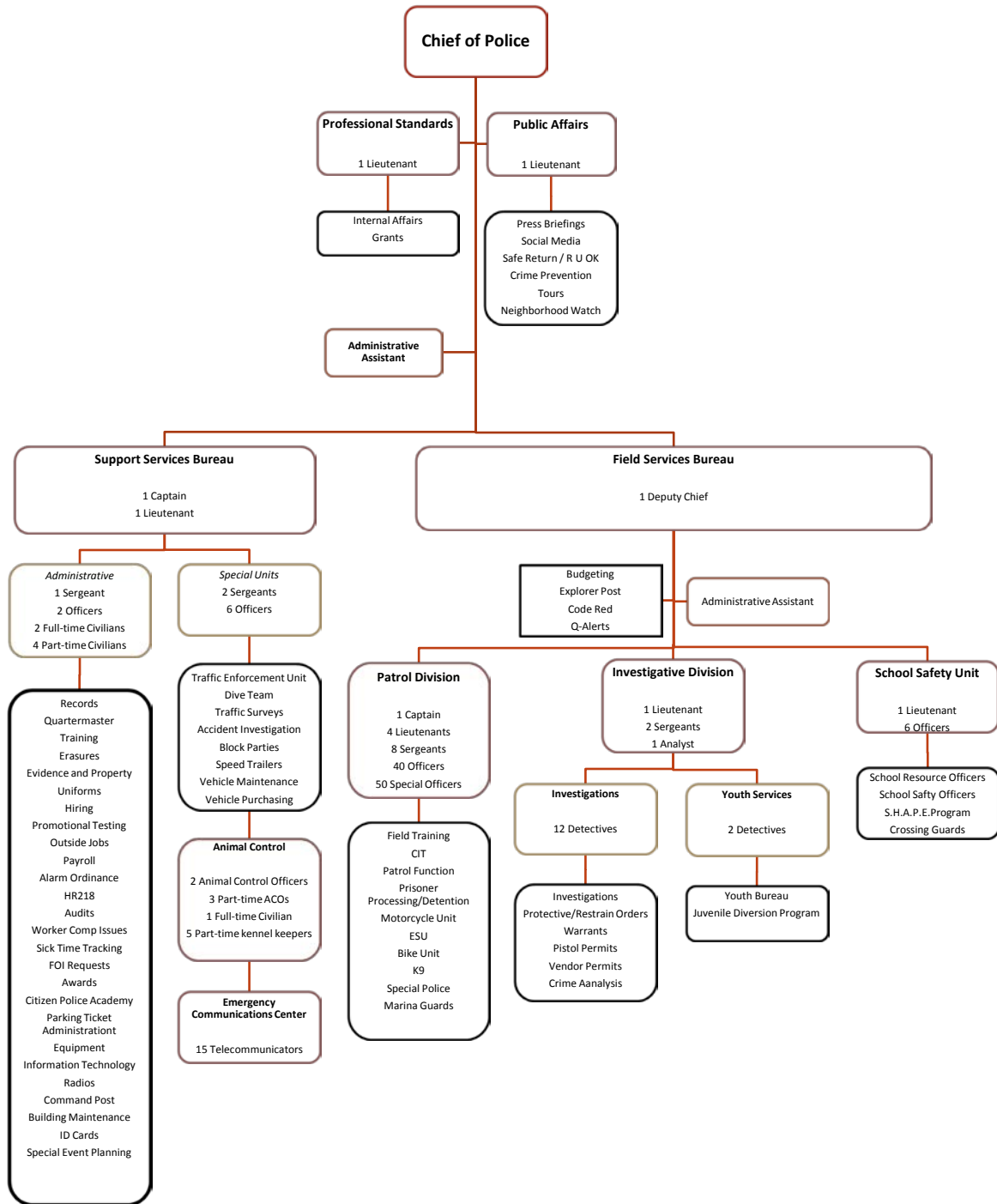
Town Center, Fairfield, CT

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.



Fenfield Pavilion, Fairfield, CT  
photo by Laurent Herard

# Fairfield Police Department – 2016 Table of Organization





## Department Overview

### Demographics:

Population: 61,523\*  
 Sworn Officers: 108  
 Calls Per Year: 51,477  
 Public Schools: 17  
     • 2 High Schools  
 Private Schools: 10  
     • 2 High Schools  
 Universities: 2  
 Square Miles Covered: 30.6

\*Per US Census 2015

### Programs

Are You OK  
 Motorcycle Unit  
 Citizen Police Academy  
 Crisis Intervention Team  
 Bike Unit  
 Safe Return Network  
 Police Athletic League  
 Internship Program  
 Car Seat Installations

### Staffing

Chief – 1  
 Deputy Chief – 1  
 Captains – 2  
 Lieutenants – 9  
 Sergeants – 13  
 Detectives – 14  
 Officers – 68  
 Special Officers – 59  
 Crossing Guards – 18  
 Marina Guards – 7  
 Telecommunicators – 15  
 Civilians - 15

### Divisions

#### Patrol

Bike Unit  
 Emergency Services Unit  
 Field Training Officers  
 Crisis Intervention Team  
 Special Police

#### Investigative Division

General Investigations  
 Youth Bureau  
 Burglary Squad  
 Narcotics

#### Support Services Bureau

Records and Property  
 Training  
 Administrative Functions  
 Information Technology  
 Special Events Coordination  
 Emergency Communications  
 Traffic Enforcement  
 Crash Investigation  
 Vehicle Maintenance  
 Animal Control  
 Dive Team  
 Marine Unit

#### Professional Standards

Internal Affairs  
 Grants  
 Policy Development

#### Public Affairs

Social Media  
 Public Information  
 Community Programs  
 Crime Prevention  
 School Crossing Guards

#### School Safety Unit

## Fairfield Board of Police Commissioners



**Charlene Lebo**  
**2017 Chairperson**  
 Term: 11/12 – 11/17



**Susan Barrett**  
**2017 Secretary**  
 Term: 11/14 – 11/19



**Arthur Hersh**  
 Term: 11/12 – 11/17



**Jack Stone**  
 Term: 12/15 – 12/20



**Norma Peterson**  
 Term: 11/13 – 11/18



**Joseph Cafferelli**  
 Term: 11/15 – 11/20



**James Millington**  
 Term: 12/16 – 12/21

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;
- Make rules and regulations consistent with the General Statutes and the Charter for the governance of the Police Department and its personnel, and may prescribe penalties for violations of its rules and regulations;
- 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.



2016 Police Commission

## New Officers

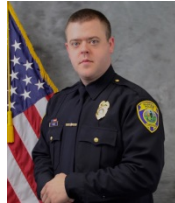
During 2016 the Fairfield Police Department hired five new police officers.



**Felix Gonzalez**  
March 28, 2016



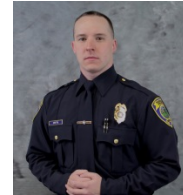
**Michael Zerella**  
June 29, 2016



**Justin Young**  
June 29, 2016



**Michael Colwell**  
June 29, 2016



**Brian Griffin**  
June 29, 2016

## New Employees



**Nicole Velardi**  
June 1, 2016  
Telecommunicator



**Jodi Karagianes**  
June 26, 2016  
Parking Clerk



**John Sabito**  
August 29, 2016  
Training Clerk

## Retired Officers 2016



**Detective Peter Bravo**  
Retired April 26, 2016  
31 Years of Service



**Officer Tyrone Parker**  
Retired July 15, 2016  
31 Years of Service



**Officer Kenneth Evans**  
Retired Nov 30, 2016  
30 Years of Service



**Officer Daniel Victoria**  
Retired December 1, 2016  
11 Years of Service



**Kathy Buzel**  
Retired June 1, 2016  
34 Years of Service  
Administrative Assistant  
to the Chief of Police

## Promotions 2016

### **Sergeant Edward Greene was promoted to Lieutenant – May 24, 2016**



Lieutenant Greene was hired in 1994 and served as a patrol officer for five years during which he trained new employees as a Field Training Officer and was selected to be a member of the Emergency Services Unit. He was promoted to Detective in 1999 and In 2002 he was promoted to Sergeant. During his tenure as a Sergeant he has served as a supervisor in the Detective Division, Patrol Division, and Support Services Division. He has served as the elected President of the Fairfield County Detective Conference and has headed up the department's Field Training program. He is a supervisor for the Emergency Services Unit, and an active shooter response instructor and firearms instructor.

Lieutenant Greene's contributions to law enforcement have been formally recognized during his career by our department, the Town of Fairfield, the Chief State's Attorney's Office, the DEA, the FBI, The CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Senator Richard Blumenthal.

Lieutenant Greene served four years with the United States Marine Corps and is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War. He is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command and American Military University where he earned his bachelor's degree in Management.

### **Officer Michael Clark was promoted to Detective – May 24, 2016**

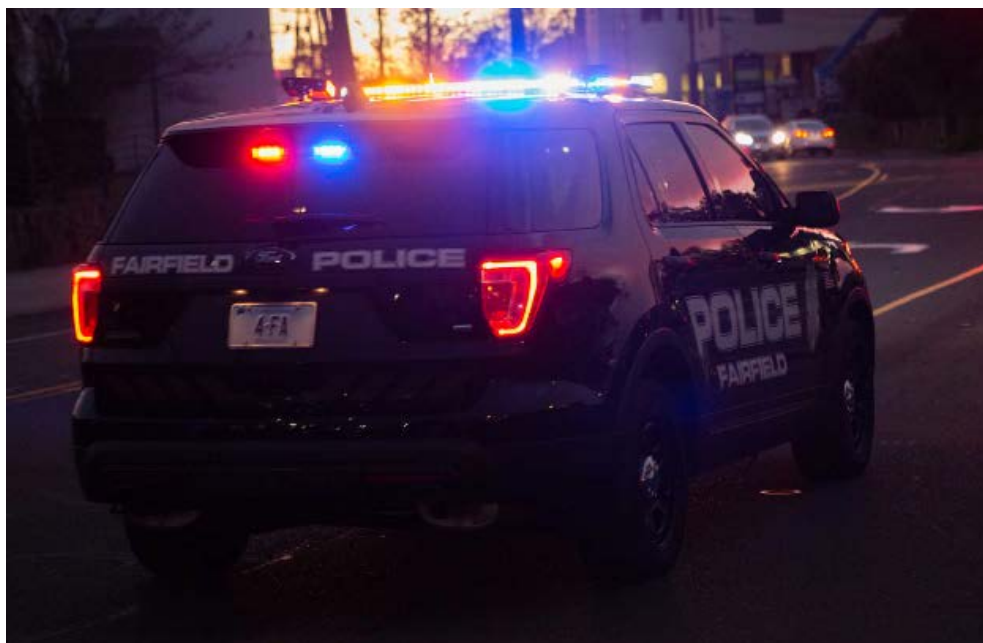


Detective Clark is a graduate of University of Connecticut with a Bachelors in Political Science. He has received 10 medals including exceptional service, special recognition, Chief's recognition and unit citations. He has received 16 supervisor commendations, 5 letters from the Chief, eleven letters from Captain and 8 commendation letters from civilians to the Chief.

Detective Clark is a founding member of the Crisis Intervention Team having created the Crisis Intervention Brochures and Crisis Response Manual. As part of the School Safety Unit Michael Clark co-created the SHAPE Our Youth Program which was implemented in all Fairfield Elementary Schools replacing the DARE program and assisted in the creation of a district wide lockdown manual for the Fairfield Public School System. He is also a member of the Hostage Negotiation Team.

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# 2016 - The Year in Review



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## The Year in Review

The following is just a snapshot of some of the incidents investigated and other activities conducted by the men and women of the Fairfield Police Department in 2016.

### JANUARY 2016

#### **01/08/2016 16-975 Reckless Driver**

CSP Troop G reported a wrong way driver northbound in the southbound lanes of I-95. Officer Kevin Wells broadcast that the driver was reported to be in the vicinity of exit 23.

Officer Kalson entered I-95 North in Southport and was able to catch up to the vehicle. Officer Kalson drove parallel with the vehicle while in the northbound left lane with his lights and sirens activated and spot light on him, at the same time the subject drove northbound in the left shoulder of the southbound lanes. At approximately exits 24 & 25 the subject sideswiped Officer Wells southbound patrol vehicle, and continued northbound in the left shoulder of the southbound lanes. Officer Kalson continued to parallel the vehicle up to exit 30 northbound in Stratford, where he struck three southbound vehicles. Officer Kalson parked his patrol vehicle safely in the left shoulder of I-95 and hopped over the center median and conducted a felony stop on the crashed vehicle and took the subject into custody with the assistance of Officer Kristen Curran. Several patrol cars arrived on scene including those from State, Bridgeport, Metro North, and that of Fairfield Sgt. Felix Esposito. The incident was then turned over to the State Police.

#### **01/21/2016 16-2579 Investigation**

Off-Duty Fairfield Police Officer Beattie called the 911 center reporting that he was behind a vehicle that had been reported stolen on 01-12-2016. Officer Wells responded to the area and observed the vehicle make a left turn onto Post Road and travel into Bridgeport on Fairfield Ave. Dispatch confirmed the vehicle was in NCIC as a File 01 (Stolen Vehicle), the vehicle continued east on Fairfield Ave and eventually made a left turn onto Waldorf Ave when Officers Letsch and Fracassini arrived to assist. Wells initiated a felony stop and found a total of four occupants in the vehicle. A search of the operator's purse revealed her wallet, which contained a folded up white piece of paper. The folded up white piece of paper contained a white rock like substance (Item # 1). The substance was tested using 904 Reagent test kit and revealed a positive indication for cocaine. The operator was placed under arrest and transported to headquarters by Officer Curran, where she was processed for M/V and Cocaine charges and released on bond. The passengers were all released from the scene without being charged.



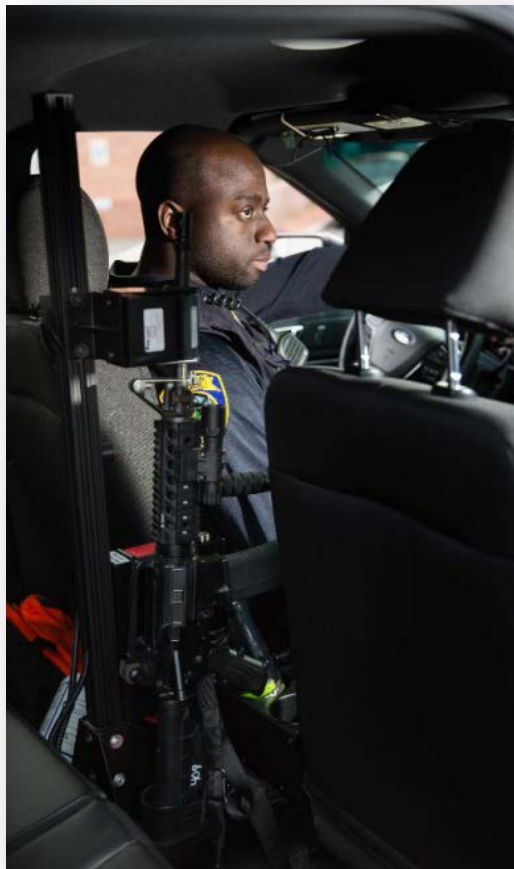
**01/12/2016 16-1362 Theft from Vehicle**

Off. Curran responded to a theft from a vehicle on Kenwood Ave. that resulted in a \$4000.00 loss and a business owner out of work for lack of equipment. During the course of the investigation Off. Curran reviewed surveillance footage and developed a suspect. She followed up with old addresses and received updated addresses. At the new location, she located a vehicle in the parking lot that belonged to the suspect's girlfriend and fit the description of the vehicle on the surveillance footage. In plain view in the vehicle were several chainsaws. The suspect was located and denied the burglary, but did admit to receiving the property from a "friend."

He consented to a search of the vehicle and all of the items reported stolen were identified and recovered with the exception of one chainsaw.

The suspect was arrested and subsequently interviewed at HQ by the DB and revealed that he had pawned the sixth chainsaw which was also recovered.

Off. Curran's investigation and follow up resulted in a good felony arrest and a local business owner getting his property back so he could continue to work.



**FEBRUARY 2016****02/04/2016 16-4612 Traffic Stop – Warrants - Larceny**

Officer Rubis conducted a Motor Vehicle stop which led to the discovery of numerous clothing and accessory items; many with security tags still attached. Suspect # 1 admitted stealing the items within the recent past from Trumbull Shopping Park. She was arrested for multiple larceny charges Released on \$5,000 combined bond. Suspect # 2 was issued an Infraction for Possession of Marijuana and was TOT Farmington PD on a warrant for Larceny 3 and two additional charges with a \$50,000 bond.

**02/06/2016 16-4842 Traffic Stop**

Sergeant Paris conducted a Motor Vehicle Stop with the Traffic Unit. K-9 Maverick was deployed and indicated on several areas of the interior and exterior of the vehicle. A white powder was located which tested positive for cocaine, along with a crack pipe and several baggies. Suspect # 1 was arrested on multiple narcotics charges and released on bond.

**02/16/2016 16-6068 ASSAULT IN PROGRESS**

At 0559 hrs., multiple units responded to a report of a violent domestic assault on Mountain Laurel Road. Officers responded and were confronted by a male subject who was shot by police during the encounter. He later died of his injuries. During the initial investigation, officers discovered the male subject's wife and children, ages 12, 13 and 15, had been injured. The three injured children were transported to area hospitals with a variety of blunt trauma injuries and stab wounds.

**MARCH 2016****Noteworthy Police Work**

Detective Dalling received a letter commending her for instructing a class of police chiefs on the topic of sexual assault and domestic violence.

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Officer McGrath was recognized for his quick actions on an emergency medical call where he used an AED to help save a patient. 3/28/2016 16-11745:



**Officer Gonzalez is sworn in as a new officer with the Fairfield Police Department.**

**APRIL 2016****Letter of Recognition**

Stratfield PTA sent a thank you letter for the Department's participation in their "Dream a Little Dream" event. As part of the event the department sponsored a "Breakfast with the Chief" and a "Ride in a Police Boat."

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Officer Beattie, Officer McGrath, Officer Perham, Officer Gorton, Officer Quiles, Officer Gerosa, Sgt. Koval, Sgt. Zdru were recognized for their actions during a reported burglary. Fairfield University Security reported multiple dorm rooms burglarized. Patrol Officers conducted a lengthy on scene investigation which developed (Five suspects) who were on campus visiting a student. The investigation led to the arrest of all five suspects who were charged with Burglary in the 1st Degree (five counts), Conspiracy to Commit Burglary 1st (five counts), Larceny 6th, and Conspiracy, after they all conspired and worked together to enter several dorm rooms and steal various items from inside of the dorm rooms at Fairfield University Regis Hall without the permission of the dorm room owners. All suspects were released on bond. 4/17/2016 16-14752

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Officer Letsch was recognized for his work on a hit and run accident. Officer Letsch was able to locate the evading vehicle and make an arrest of the operator. 4/05/2016 16-12819

**04/19/2016 16-15067 Traffic Stop - Arrest**

Officer Bennett was in a marked patrol vehicle at the bottom of the I95 northbound Exit 25 ramp monitoring traffic and observed a Honda exit the ramp , A DMV check indicated the registered owner, had an active warrant out of Troop G for Threatening charges with a \$20,000 bond.

A motor vehicle stop was conducted on State St. and Dewey St. The accused stated "Officer, I just want you to know that I have a firearm in my ankle holster and I have a pistol permit." A computer check revealed his pistol permit was revoked. Suspect was charged with Weapon in a Motor Vehicle and Carrying a Pistol or Revolver without a Permit. He was released and turned over to State PD who held a warrant with a \$20,000.00 bond

**04/29/2016 16-16755 Sale of Narcotics**

An anonymous tip was received reporting narcotic activity in the area of Roselle Street. Acting on that information, Sergeants Koval and Irizarry set up an operation that culminated in 3 arrests and approximately \$1,400 in cash seized. When Off. Beattie (plain clothes) spotted the sale of Heroin, and upon the attempted stop of the suspect vehicle, it engaged officers in a slow speed pursuit. The vehicle was stopped nearby and two of the three occupants were charged.

Suspects were charged with Sale of Narcotics and Conspiracy to Commit Sale of Narcotics and both were released on \$10,000 bond.

**04/30/2016 CLAM JAM /PENFIELD BEACH**

This year's event was hosted by the Fairfield University Administration and was held at PENFIELD BEACH. Estimated ticket sales were 1500 students. Ticket Holders were banded separately with Over 21 Wrist Bands and Under 21 Wrist Bands. FPD Command Post was set up across from Penfield Pavilion and an Incident Command structure was deployed and the event was well managed with very little impact to the surrounding neighborhood.

**Involved Agencies**

- Fairfield Police Department
- Mutual Aide Assistance
  - Bridgeport PD Mounted Division
  - Westport PD -2- K9 Handler
  - Easton PD – 1 Officer
  - Trumbull PD- 3 Officers
  - Monroe PD-1 Officer
  - Newtown PD 1-K-9 Handler
  - Fairfield Univ. Public Safety -4 DPS Officers

Enforcement Acton: Motor Vehicle Violation infractions=7 / Public Disturbance infractions= 5

Custodial Arrest for Disorderly Conduct = 1 / AMR Transports = 2

**Special Events Coordinated:**

- Fairfield University Spring Concert
- Sacred Heart University Spring Concert
- Donnelly Dash
- M.S. Walk
- Jail & Bail
- McKinley Carnival
- Walk-a-mile in Her Shoes
- Clam Jam

**Detective Peter Bravo retires after 31 years of service with the Fairfield Police Department.**





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**MAY 2016****Letter of Recognition**

An email was received recognizing officers for their installation of a car seat. Nicole Hanrahan stated that "All of the officers were extremely knowledgeable and very helpful, as well as friendly and courteous."

**Letter of Recognition**

The following email was received from Samantha Gloeckner regarding an accident she was involved in:

"...I was in an accident yesterday in Fairfield, and your officers responded to it and I just wanted to let you know how amazing they were. The officers that responded were Mark Francassini and Officer DeAngelis which I don't remember his first name. They could not have been nicer and more professional. I was pretty panicked because I had rear ended someone and the airbags went off the smoke from the airbags made me think my car was going to explode and I was crying a lot and shaking and they really tried hard to make me comfortable and make sure I was okay. I'm going to email them as well to thank them, but I figured I'd let you know that you have some really great people working for you, and they made a situation that I was really upset about go a lot better than it could have. So thank you! ... "

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Sgt. Riendeau recognized the following officers for their work during a call involving a barricaded suspect claiming to have a gun and threatening suicide. Officers Matejek and Officer Nadeau were able to talk the subject into surrendering peacefully.

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Officer Matejek, Officer Nadeau, Officer Mignone, Officer Mazzocchi, Officer Wilke, Officer Mastronadri, Officer Wells and Officer Terifay were recognized for their actions during an incident involving a barricaded and suicidal subject. Sergeant Riendeau was also recognized by Lt. Bloch for his work during this incident.

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Lt. Bloch recognized Sgt. Koval and Sgt. Irizarry for their work on an investigation that resulted in the arrest of three subjects involved in the sale of narcotics.



**Noteworthy Police Work**

Officer Beattie and Telecommunicator Rodriguez for their work that resulted in the identification of a suspect wanted in connection to a hit and run accident and stolen vehicle.

**Letter of Recognition**

A thank you letter was received from Fairfield University recognizing the Fairfield Police Department's participation in their annual Jail N' Bail event that benefits Special Olympics CT.

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Special Officer Woods was recognized by a citizen for his assistance with jump starting a vehicle at the Fairfield Train Station.

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Animal Control officer Felipe Andrade was recognized by a citizen for his assistance to a family when their pet dog passed away.

**05/15/2016 16-18776 Suspicious Person**

Accused was stopped for M/V violations. Officers investigation led to locating 48.86 grams of suspected powder cocaine, a scale, and packaging materials in vehicle. The accused was extremely belligerent and uncooperative with officers . The accused was charged with DUI and multiple narcotics violations.

**05/13/2016 16-18604 Narcotics Violation**

Accused was stopped by officers after a report of a vehicle being operated very slowly, swerving, and braking in the roadway. Upon stopping the accused Officer Quiles observed the operator attempting to chew and swallow one or more packages of Marijuana. Off. Quiles was able to remove an item from his mouth. The accused was charged with multiple narcotics violations.

**05/22/2016 16-19761 Robbery**

Report of an armed robbery in the parking lot of Rio Bravo, Commerce Drive . Employees were robbed at gun point in the parking lot after closing hours. They described the weapon displayed by the male suspect as a small black pistol type handgun. One employee heard a pop and believes the suspect then discharged his weapon but was unsure. The vehicle fled w/b on Kings Hwy. East. The incident is under investigation.

**05/21/2016 16-19670 Breach Of Peace**

Officers were walking foot patrol in Lantern Point investigating the source of loud music when a student resident began to demand an explanation of why the police were recording the disturbance. The officers walked away and the accused began following and interfering with the officer's lawful duties and further inciting other students. The accused was belligerent after being asked to provide ID he was then advised he was going to be arrested for Creating Public Disturbance. He then fled into a house, struck an officer in the face, and actively fought/resisted until he was brought under control. He was charged with: Criminal Attempt to Commit Assault on a Police Officer and Disorderly Conduct

**05/24/2016 16-20083 Theft from M/V /Foot Pursuit**

Caller reports two males in her vehicle on Penfield Rd. On arrival the suspects ran from officers. Officer Mastronardi called in a foot pursuit and a short time later took one male into custody behind the YMCA. Officer DiMarco located and detained the other accused male without incident. Both were carrying a large amount of property likely taken from vehicles in the area.

On Scene investigation discovered evidence of 20 car burglaries, in addition to other car burglaries from earlier in the month. Both accused were charged with multiple Burglary and Larceny Counts and Interfering with an officer.

**Special Events Coordinated****Touch-A-Truck**

Members of the Fairfield Police Department participated in a Touch-A-Truck event at Ludlowe High School.

**Mock Crash**

Members of the Traffic Safety Unit and Accident Investigation Unit participated in the annual "mock crash" at the high schools. This event is designed to increase the awareness of young drivers to the dangers of drinking and driving.

**Bike Rodeo**

The Fairfield Police Athletic League and members of the Traffic Safety Unit conducted a bike rodeo for children on May 14, 2016 at Jennings Beach.



**On May 24, 2016, Edward Greene was promoted to lieutenant and Michael Clark was promoted to detective in a ceremony held at the Fairfield Museum.**

**JUNE 2016****Noteworthy Police Work**

Sgt. Eposito recognized Officer Jenkins and Officer Matejek for their assistance in restraining an out of control subject who was assaulting another officer.

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Lt. Bloch recognized Officer Chueka for his role in preventing a prisoner from committing suicide.

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Sergeant Nook recognized Officer Wells for his work during a proactive motor vehicle stop. The stop resulted in the arrest of four juveniles for not only motor vehicle charges but also for weapons violations and a previous robbery.

**06/16/2016 16-23486 Suicide Attempt**

Officers responded to a residence after receiving a third party complaint of a possible suicide threat. Upon arrival there was no answer at the front or rear doors and an initial check of the exterior of the home revealed no sign of anyone being home.

- During a secondary check of the home's exterior, Officer Kline heard faint cries for help coming from a woman within the home.
- Officer Stahl forced entry by breaching the front doors to the home.
- Officer Stahl located the victim in the bedroom with a steak knife impaled in her abdomen. The victim stated she stabbed herself in an attempt to end her life.
- She was uncooperative during on scene treatment, but Officer Stahl managed to stabilize her.
- AMR arrived to transport her to the hospital for emergency medical and psychiatric care.

**06/07/2016 16-22328 Suicide Attempt**

Officer Chueka was assigned to the front desk position and observed via the video monitor a female prisoner was laying on the floor of the holding cell in a slumped position.

- Upon checking her condition Officer Chueka observed something wrapped around her neck. Officer Chueka and Officer Chamberlain found the prisoner had wrapped her brassier around her neck and affixed it to the cell.

- Officer Chueka entered the cell and discovered she was not breathing, he quickly removed the brassier from her neck. She then began breathing and uttered she wanted to end her life.
- Officer Chueka assisted her until AMR arrived to transport her to the hospital.
- She was transported to the hospital for emergency medical and psychiatric care.

#### **06/23/2016 16-24299 Pursuit/ Westport PD**

Westport PD radioed they were following a stolen M/V from Exit 17, on I-95 into Fairfield.

- Westport pursued the vehicle and exited onto Mill Plain Rd. where the suspect crashed into a utility pole.
- Westport K-9 officer in addition to a State Trooper and other Westport officers took 3 suspects into custody.
- A fourth occupant, reportedly a 16y/o ran eastbound from the crash scene.
- K-9's tracked the areas with negative results/ the 4th subject was never located.
- Three suspects charged with the Stolen Vehicle .

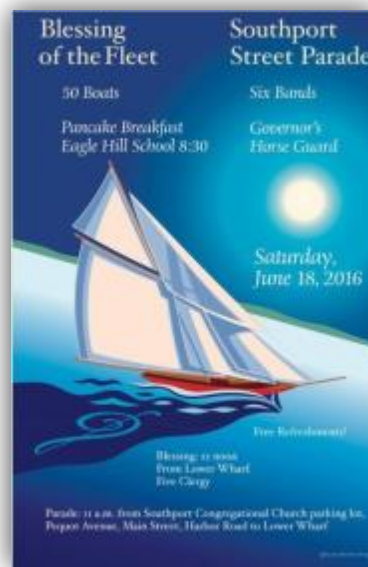
#### **06/24/2016 16-24406 1:15 AM**

While on routine patrol, Officer Rubis located a suspicious vehicle in the rear of the G and J Pontiac and upon approach 3 or 4 suspects ran off. It appears that the subjects were preparing to remove wheels from one or more vehicles in the lot.

- A lug wrench was discovered in the suspect vehicle.
- Multiple patrols, including 3 K-9s (1 Fairfield / 2 Mutual Aid), responded.
- One suspect was located by Off. Kaesmann and his K-9 partner hiding in the brush. He was charged with multiple charges. Detectives seized the suspect's vehicle.

#### **Special Events Coordinated**

- MS Bike Ride
- Rose of Hope Luncheon
- Blessing of the Fleet
- Firefighter 5K
- Half-Marathon
- Irish Festival



**JULY 2016****Noteworthy Police Work**

Sgt. Irizarry recognized Officer Stahl and Officer Kline for their actions during a call involving a person who stabbed herself with a kitchen knife during a suicide attempt. They were able to force entry into the home, locate the victim and assist with medical care. The woman survived the incident.

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Lt. Bloch recognized Officer Rubis, Sergeant Riendeau, Officer Kaesmann and K-9 Maverick for their apprehension of a subject suspected of attempting to commit a theft of wheels from cars in an auto dealership lot.

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Sergeant Nook recognized Officer Bennett and Officer Jenkins for their actions when dealing with a subject suffering from a psychological disorder. The person ran from a motor vehicle accident, was only wearing underwear, attempted to enter other vehicles and then fought with officers as they attempted to restrain him. Their actions prevented potential harm to the subject or others.

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Sgt. Paris recognized Officer Jeffrey Wikman for his arrest of a subject who was in possession of marijuana, cocaine and drug paraphernalia. Officer Wikman had stopped the subject for a seatbelt violation and through his observations and investigation located the illegal items in the vehicle.

Two officers from the Fairfield Police Department went to Dallas to show support for the co-workers and family of the Dallas officers killed in the line of duty. Sergeant Riendeau and Officer Kaesmann attended services for several of the fallen officers.



**07/17/2016 16-27724 Burglary**

Alarm Company reported (2) males with flashlights, on camera, in an empty building.

- On arrival, 2 males ran into the woods and a State PD K9 responded. A window was discovered broken.
- Officer Matejek and Chamberlain were able to locate one of the subjects. The other was located at his home (200 Sturbridge La.).
- The key holder requested an arrest
- Both charged with multiple charges

**07/31/2016 16-29766 Assault**

- Officers dispatched on a report of a stabbing at the residence.
- On Scene investigation revealed the female on scene had stabbed herself several times and then stabbed her domestic partner causing minor injuries to him.
- Both parties presented evidence and or statements of the intent to harm themselves and were sent to the hospital for evaluation.
- Female was charged via summons for Assault.

**Special Events Coordinated**

- CT Challenge Bike Ride
- Fairfield Fireworks





**AUGUST 2016****Noteworthy Police Work**

Lt. Bloch recognized the following officers for their response to a burglary in progress where the suspects were located and apprehended: Sgt. Koval, Officer Matejek, Officer Chamberlain and Officer Demotses

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Sgt. Paris recognized Officer Letsch for locating and apprehending two suspects that had just committed a larceny. The suspects were later connected with multiple other thefts from around the state.

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Sgt. VanDerheyden recognized Officer Quiles and Officer Chamberlain for their response to an overdose victim who was not breathing. They quickly assessed the situation, performed CPR and administered naloxone (Narcan). The victim was revived and brought to the hospital in stable condition.

**08/31/2016 16-34913 Investigation**

Officer Wells attempted to stop a vehicle for a misuse of registration plates on Commerce Drive. The operator engaged Officer Wells in a vehicle pursuit.

- The pursuit entered at Exit 26 and continued on I-95 north bound
- The operator maintained its speed without operating recklessly
- The vehicle was boxed in at Exit 35 in Milford and two subjects, a male and female were in custody.

The operator was arrested and charged with multiple motor vehicle charges . The passenger was released.





### **Donald Trump Rally**

The Fairfield Police Department was tasked with private, local, state and federal partners in providing security and traffic plans for a rally held at Sacred Heart University for presidential nominee Donald Trump. Approximately 5,000 people attended the event and there were several hundred demonstrators outside the venue.



### **School Safety Unit Initiative**

The school safety unit developed and implemented a structured deployment plan for its personnel. This clarifies roles and responsibilities for unit members and for dispatching officers to investigations at schools.

### **Animal Control Dog Walk Area**

A new dog walking area was completed with the assistance of DPW and conservation. This space will allow dogs to be walked in a more open and friendly environment, while still keeping the dog in an enclosed and safe space.



**Special Events Coordinated:**

- Shamrock Sprint
- Snapper Derby
- Hazardous Waste Collection
- Kosher BBQ
- Sand Sculpture Contest



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**1952 Police-Fire Dance Committee**



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**SEPTEMBER 2016****09/23/2016 16-38272 Emergency Medical**

Dispatch received a cell phone call from a female whispering that she and a friend need help with no known location. ECC dispatchers DiJoseph and Champney seamlessly executed a plan to locate the subject based on 911 GPS coordinates near Fairfield University Campus. They began a 'ping' protocol with the cellular provider.

Officers responded to Fairfield University Campus activating their strobe lights in hopes the caller would see the police but received negative results. Officers activated their sirens until such time the ECC could hear the siren over the 911 call and the nearest officer checked the area on foot. Two female students were located on the campus grounds highly intoxicated. Both students were transported to area hospitals.

**09/22/2016 16-38203 Suspicious Persons**

Officer Zerella on routine patrol observed two suspects involved in prior thefts from landscaping trucks after Detective Takacs put out a flyer on the suspect vehicle. The vehicle was stopped for misuse of registration plates.

On scene investigation led to the search of the vehicle and a large knife and a wax fold of Heroin was discovered. Both the male and female occupants were arrested and charged with multiple offenses in addition to Motor Vehicle charges.

**09/28/2016 16-39058 EMS / Suicidal Person**

- Despondent woman fled into the woods with a sharp object
- Officers made contact with her and negotiated with her not to harm herself
- After continued negotiations she was brought out of the woods without incident
- Transported to Bridgeport Hospital for Emergency Examination

**09/29/2016 16-39099 Accident/Evading/DUI**

- ECC reported a maroon Chevy Impala bearing New Jersey plates was involved in a hit and run accident at Commerce Drive and Duka Ave.
- Officer Renaldi located the vehicle and was in pursuit of it heading south on I-95.
- Renaldi terminated the pursuit when the vehicle refused to stop, suspect vehicle put out on the hot line.
- State Police observed the above vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on I-95 south in the area of exit 18 and engaged in pursuit of the vehicle.
- State Police reported that they terminated the pursuit
- State Police indicated over the hotline that the vehicle was heading back towards Fairfield on the Post Rd. Officer Deangelis was standing at Post Road and Center Street (Southport) with stop sticks .

- Deangelis observed a vehicle coming east bound on the Post Rd. (estimated speed between 80-100MPH).
- The vehicle lost control at the intersection of Post Road and Old Post Road and struck the curb causing the right wheel to break off and spin 180 degrees before coming to rest.
- Accused taken into custody without incident and charged with multiple M/ V charges and held on outstanding warrants.

#### **09/29/2016 16-39139 Emergency Medical Call / Suicide**

ECC received a 911 call indicating a subject had shot himself on Hemlock Rd, Fairfield.

- Officer Peck arrived and Fairfield Fire staged near the residence awaiting the all safe.
- Peck arrived and found multiple friends on scene and took control of the situation. He was led upstairs to a bedroom where he discovered the victim.
- Peck secured the firearm and made the scene safe.
- Peck cleared the rest of the upstairs and requested Fire personal enter to provide emergency medical aid. AMR arrived on scene and paramedics transported the victim to the hospital.
- Peck secured the residence as a crime scene with assistance of responding officers.
- Officer Stahl and Gonzalez responded to the scene and began to conduct multiple interviews with individuals who were present at the scene at the time of the incident.
- Peck turned the scene over to Detectives as an untimely death investigation.

#### **Special Events Coordinated:**

- Cancer Care Walk/5K;
- Mile Swim;
- Only For You 5K;
- Bike The Beach;
- Bigelow Tea Walk/5K
- Breaking Aids & Bike For Bikes Bicycle Rides;
- Freedom Isn't Free M/C Ride



**OCTOBER 2016**

For the second year, the Fairfield Police Department is helping to promote breast cancer awareness month by showcasing a pink police car.

**Letter of Appreciation**

Fairfield University Department of Public Safety sent a letter thanking Sgt. Paris, Off. Demoteses, Off. Chueka, Off. Jeff Wikman, Off. Medvegy and Off. G. Wikman for their assistance during the third Dream Ride event to benefit Special Olympics.

**Letter of Appreciation**

The pastor of Black Rock Congregational Church sent a letter of thanks to the department and Off. DiMarco. Off. DiMarco responded to the church when a woman was causing a disturbance. Per the pastor, *"Officer DiMarco's quick, appropriate, professional and decisive intervention was critical in getting a deteriorating situation under control."*

**Letter of Appreciation**

Chief Kulhawik sent a letter of thanks to the department recognizing the assistance of Off. Chueka and Off. Demoteses during an escort.

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Lt. Greene recognized Sgt. Esposito, Off. Peck, Off. Koukoulas, Off. Stahl and Off. Gonzalez for their actions during a call involving a suicide of a combat veteran. 16-39139

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Sgt. Zdru recognized Off. Renaldi for his actions that resulted in the recovery of a stolen vehicle and arrest of the occupants. The occupants were also suspects in numerous other thefts.

**10/11/2016 16-40728 Narcotics Violation**

- Officers Wells and Gonzalez located a vehicle inside the Marina with two subjects inside.
- Upon approaching the vehicle they could smell the odor of marijuana. K-9 Jagger alerted and located 71 grams of marijuana from a fanny pack within the vehicle.
- Subject arrested on Marijuana charges.

**10/28/2016 16-43103 Investigation**

Off. Quiles observed a suspicious vehicle on the Post Rd after midnight abandoned on the roadside with misused registration plates.

- Officer Quiles observed two occupants leave the vehicle on foot towards Granville St.
- K-9 Maverick tracked from the abandoned vehicle and into side yards.
- A resident observed the police activity and reported two males passing through his gate a short time prior. K-9 track turned up negative results.
- The abandoned vehicle was towed from the Post Rd.
- At 0459 a citizen reported two males attempting to enter vehicles near the train station.
- The two males were located; one of the males was carrying the keys to the vehicle that was towed from the Post Rd. during the earlier incident.
- One subject admitted his intent to break into vehicles earlier that evening but there was no evidence linking him. The male was charged with M/V violations relative to the abandoned M/V.
- Further statements led to conspiracy charges.
- Multiple burglaries into vehicles were reported the next morning.

Arrest Warrants will be applied for the two subjects on multiple counts of burglary into vehicles in the Post Rd / Sasco Hill Rd. Area.

**Special Events Coordinated:**

- Boy Scout Camp-out
- American-Chinese Heritage Fest.
- Rosh Hashanah Service
- Raveis Ride/Walk
- Fall Market and Halloween on the Green with a Dog Parade
- Halloween at Trader Joes

**NOVEMBER 2016****Noteworthy Police Work**

Sgt. Gunter recognized Officer Renaldi for his work identifying and making the arrest of a subject that was attempting to use a counterfeit credit card. The arrest led to further charges for using counterfeit cards at other locations in town.

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Sgt. Zdru recognized Officer Quiles after the officer observed a suspicious car driving on Post Road. The occupants parked the car and ran from the vehicle as Officer Quiles turned around to investigate the vehicle. The occupants were later located. They were found to have been involved in thefts from motor vehicles.

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Lt. Bloch recognized Sgt. Riendeau for his work in identifying a suspect in several theft from motor vehicles.

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Sgt. Paris recognized Officer Sudora for his work enforcing commercial motor vehicle laws. He has made several arrests for overweight trucks. One stop resulted in the arrest of the driver who was wanted for a violation of parole on robbery charges.

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Lt. Bloch recognized Officer Matejek, Officer DeAngelis and Sgt. Riendeau for their work locating a stolen vehicle and making an arrest of one of the occupants. The arrest resulted in connecting the suspects to multiple stolen vehicles and car break-ins that occurred across the state.

**Noteworthy Police Work**

Lt. Bloch recognized Officer Renaldi, Officer Ricco, Officer Demotses, Officer Quiles and Sergeant Riendeau . These officers responded to a report of a suspicious person at a car dealership. They were able to locate the suspect and through a thorough investigation linked the suspect to several crimes.



**11/07/2016 16-44612 Missing Person**

Officers responded to a 911 call of an elderly female who left home on foot and does not speak English

- History Of Alzheimer's / Left 20-25 Minutes Ago
- Silver Alert activation and an extensive search for the woman that included Officer Kaesmann /K-9 Maverick and multiple patrols.
- She was located uninjured at approximately 1800hrs almost three miles away in the backyard of a home. Great teamwork by all involved officers and ECC personnel.

**11/23/2016 16-46786 Attempted Theft of Rims and Tires**

Officers responded to Honda of Westport 251 Commerce Dr. on a report of an active alarm. Prior to arrival the alarm company observed via surveillance camera a male wearing dark clothing and a hoody standing near the bushes and a dark sedan driving through the lot.

- Multiple officers arrived on scene and Officer Renaldi located a subject about 50 feet east walking away from the dealership. The subject had evergreen needles on his pants and was wearing similar clothing.
- Officer Ricco checked the bushes in question and located a pair of black and red gloves and a black mask. The subject was positively identified by the alarm company dispatcher via surveillance camera as the person seen earlier by them.
- Officer Demotes located a dark blue, Acura, parked across the street, occupied by a white female. The vehicles trunk revealed two milk crates, which are commonly used to support vehicles after the rims are removed in addition to large breaker bars and a large car jack. Note: Multiple thefts of rims have occurred in Fairfield dealerships after midnight.
- The male was taken into custody and charged with Trespass and Conspiracy charges. The female was charged with possession of marijuana.

**11/28/2016 16-47290 Stolen Vehicle in Progress**

Officers were dispatched to Blake Dr. on a report of a stolen vehicle taken in the past 15 minutes. Officers observed the stolen vehicle, a Toyota Prius, travelling South on South Pine Creek, with no headlights lights.

- Officer Matejek attempted to stop the vehicle and the vehicle drove around his patrol car. Officer Deangelis engaged the vehicle in pursuit. The vehicle struck a curb and 2 males fled from the vehicle on foot.
- Officers engaged in a foot pursuit and the passenger was located in a rear yard and taken into custody. Fellow officers arrived on scene and a perimeter was set. A K-9 officer was requested and conducted a track for the driver. The driver was not located but a second vehicle a Lincoln Navigator was reported stolen from the immediate area. Multiple car burglaries were discovered in the area after this incident concluded.

- The suspect taken into custody was charged with multiple charges including active arrest warrants and held on bond.
- Milford Police discovered the stolen Lincoln Navigator 24 hours later abandoned in a driveway in their town. State PD K-9 responded and tracked, with negative results. Fairfield Detectives responded to process the vehicle for evidence.

### **11/26/2016 16-47107 EMS Overdose**

State Police Troop G requests an Ambulance on I-95 Southbound between Exit 19 and 18. They report that CPR is in progress.

- Upon arrival Sergeant Gunter found (2) CSP Troopers were performing CPR on a male subject on the highway shoulder.
- They reportedly administered 2 doses of Narcan and had been performing CPR and rescue breathing for several minutes.
- Sergeant Gunter provided the Troopers with his AED unit and CPR was continued until a pulse was restored.
- The subject regained consciousness and was subsequently transported to St. Vincent's Hospital by AMR.

### **Special Events Coordinated:**

- Colony Grill 5K,
- Pequot Runners Thanksgiving Day Race,
- Santa Visits Fairfield
- Christmas Tree Lighting





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**DECEMBER 2016****Noteworthy Police Work**

The following officers, supervisors and telecommunicators were recognized for their work during an investigation into a robbery and sexual assault that occurred on 12/17/2016:

Sgt. Gunter, Sgt. Riendeau, Det. Fucci, Det. Kelley, Off. Gonzalez, Off. Colwell, Off. Demotses, Off. Stahl, Off. Quiles, Off. Mastronardi, Off. Koukoulas, TC Lobo, TC Erasmus and TC DiJoseph.

The professionalism and teamwork resulted in the arrest of the suspect in this incident.

**12/17/2016 16-49928 Robbery / Sexual Assault**

ECC received a report a woman robbed and sexually assaulted near the intersection of Reef Rd and Veres Street. Under the combined leadership of Sergeant Gunter and Sergeant Riendeau, a flow of information was established from the crime scene to the search team.

- Sergeant Gunter took control of the crime scene, victim's care and interview.
- Sergeant Riendeau took charge of the suspect search team and perimeter.
- Additional first responders to the scene were Lt. Greene, Detective Kelley and Detective Fucci, as well as Officer Gonzalez. The professionalism and compassion they demonstrated to the victim during a time of need was outstanding.
- Officers Colwell, Demotses, Stahl, Quiles, Mastronardi, and Koukoulas displayed a high level of initiative, teamwork and perseverance as they pursued the suspect on a track that lasted nearly an hour. Ultimately, the suspect was located hunkered down several blocks away where he was taken into custody.
- Tele communicators Lobo, Erasmus, and DiJoseph worked behind the scenes of this operation to make sure that critical suspect information flowed swiftly and exercised a high level of teamwork and performed admirably as they dispatched officers to the address and relayed the direction of travel of the fleeing suspect and his physical description.

The suspect was charged with:

- Aggravated Sexual Assault 1st Degree
- Robbery 1st Degree
- Assault 3rd Degree
- Larceny 2nd Degree
- \$500,000 bond

**12/15/2016 16-49656 Overdose**

ECC received a call of 21y/o overdose not breathing.

- Officers DiMarco and Renaldi, first on scene, found the male to be unresponsive and breathing. Officer DiMarco administered Narcan and Fire Department followed with a second dose. A short time later, the male regained consciousness and transported to St. Vincent's Medical center.

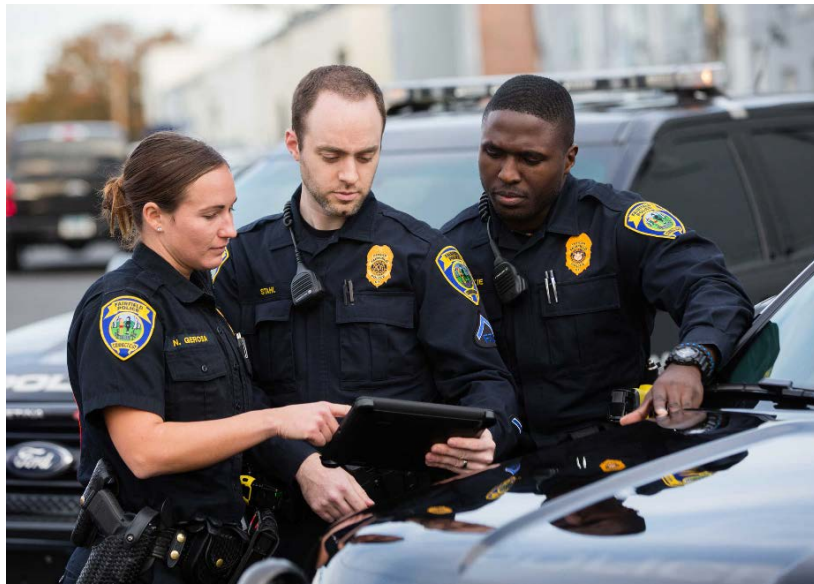
**Special Events Coordinated:**

- Santa's House (Burr Homestead)
- Holiday 5K Race
- Town Hall Nativity
- Menorah Lighting

**Toy Drive**

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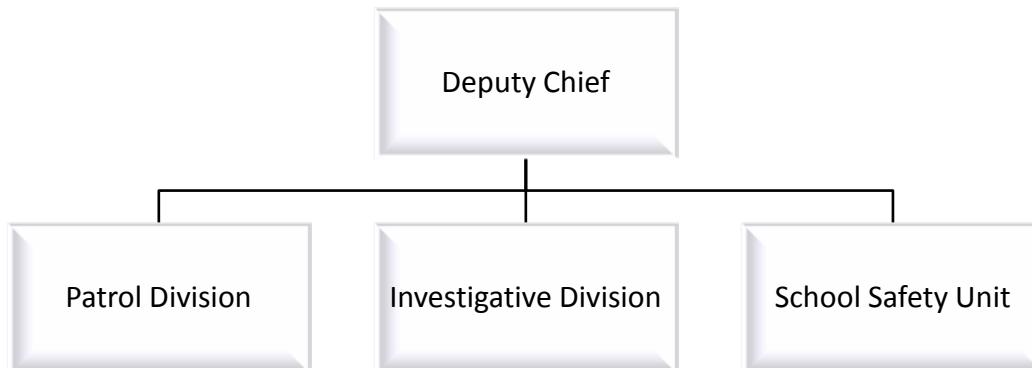
# Bureau and Divisional Information



## Field Services Bureau



**Deputy Chief Christopher Lyddy**  
**Field Services Bureau Commander**



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

- Patrol
- Investigative
- School Safety Unit

In addition, the Field Services Bureau is responsible for:

- Police Budget
- Emergency Services Unit
- Critical Incident Response
- Specialized Task Forces
- Police Explorers





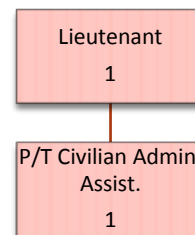
## Public Affairs



**Lieutenant Robert Kalamaras**

The Public Affairs Unit is responsible for:

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



## School Safety Unit

Over the past three 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 Unit 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 well within the school community, and the officers have offices on school grounds throughout the public school district.



The School Safety Unit 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 Unit has provides training to school staff. The training includes the topics of safety awareness, skills in observing and reporting, and lockdown procedures. 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 Unit 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 Unit 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.

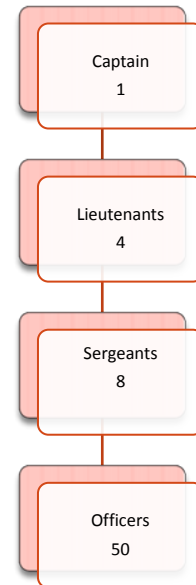
<b>School Safety Unit - Activity 2016</b>	2015	2016	% Change
Initial Investigations	142	<b>244</b>	72%
Follow-Up Investigations	44	<b>33</b>	-25%
Presentations	237	<b>259</b>	9%
School Site Checks	517	<b>1,361</b>	163%
General Assistance Provided	71	<b>72</b>	1%
Lockdown drills	34	<b>48</b>	41%
General Collaborations/Notifications	91	<b>114</b>	25%
Security Site Assessments	2	<b>12</b>	500%
Juvenile Arrests	9	<b>13</b>	44%
Adult Arrests	1	<b>1</b>	0%
Files Being tracked	37	<b>24</b>	-35%
Research/Projects Toward Safety/Security Advancement	29	<b>25</b>	-14%
<b>Total School Safety Unit Activity</b>	1,214	<b>2,225</b>	83%



## Patrol Division



**Captain Joshua Zabin**  
**Patrol Division Commander**



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 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 Uniform 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 2016, Uniform Patrol responded to approximately 34,000 calls for service ranging from accidents, minor thefts and medical calls to bank robberies in progress. Officers also performed 15,162 location checks on schools,

businesses and problem areas throughout the town.

During 2016 members of the Patrol division attended training in the following areas:

- ❖ Active Shooter Response
- ❖ Crisis Intervention
- ❖ High Visibility Traffic enforcement
- ❖ DUI Enforcement
- ❖ Street Survival

### **Field Training Program**

The departments 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 the Police academy but have not yet reached their certification. In 2016, the department's FTOs trained five new probationary officers in preparation for solo patrol.

### **Crisis Intervention Team**

The Uniform Patrol Division has officers that comprise the Crisis Intervention Team. These specially trained officers are out on routine patrol and 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 other functions.

The role of a K9 Officer is to assist in drug investigations, search for lost or wanted individuals and other specialized functions. Both K9's will be certified in both Narcotics Detection and Patrol Tactics.

The agencies 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)

Activity	2016
Traffic Stops	369
Narcotic Searches	107
Narcotic Searches Resulting in an Arrest	71
Tracks	65
Building / Area Searches	24
Mutual Aid Requests	57
Demonstrations / Other Miscellaneous Uses	58





## 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:

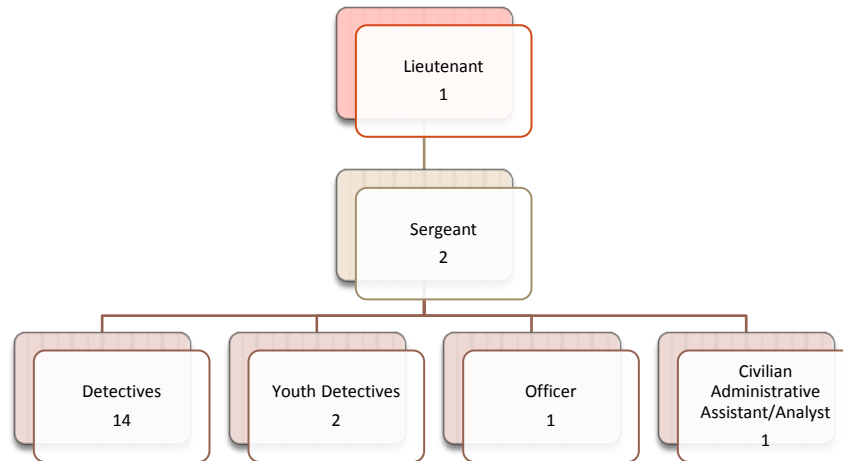
- Building searches
- Hostage negotiations
- Use of several different types of weapons and tactics
- Other necessary skills





## Investigative Division

### Lieutenant Michael Gagner 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.

### Investigation Division Cases 2016

	2015	2016	% Change
<b>Referred Cases</b>	293	<b>279</b>	-5%
<b>Investigative Division Generated Cases</b>	329	<b>398</b>	21%
<b>Total Cases Investigated</b>	622	<b>677</b>	9%

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.

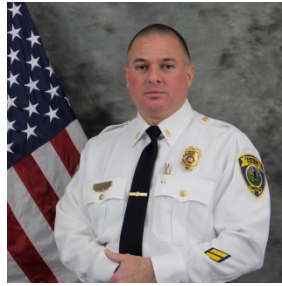
### Youth Bureau Cases 2016

	2015	2016	% Change
<b>Referred Cases</b>	28	<b>31</b>	11%
<b>Youth Bureau Generated Cases</b>	36	<b>32</b>	-11%
<b>Total Youth Bureau Cases Investigated</b>	64	<b>63</b>	-2%

### Pistol Permit Applications 2016

	2015	2016	% Change
<b>Received</b>	203	<b>313</b>	54%
<b>Approved</b>	177	<b>281</b>	59%
<b>Denied</b>	1	<b>2</b>	100%
<b>In-Process</b>	25	<b>30</b>	20%
<b>Projected Revenue</b>	\$12,390.00	<b>\$19,670</b>	59%

## Professional Standards



**Lieutenant Christopher Tursi**  
**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
- Fund Raising
- Grants
- Internal Affairs / Incident Reviews
- Internship Program
- Officer Wellness Program
- Personnel Files
- Policies and Procedures

### Summary 2016

Grants Obtained	Amount
DUI Grants	\$213,000
Distracted Driving Grant	\$54,000
Seatbelt Grant	\$10,000

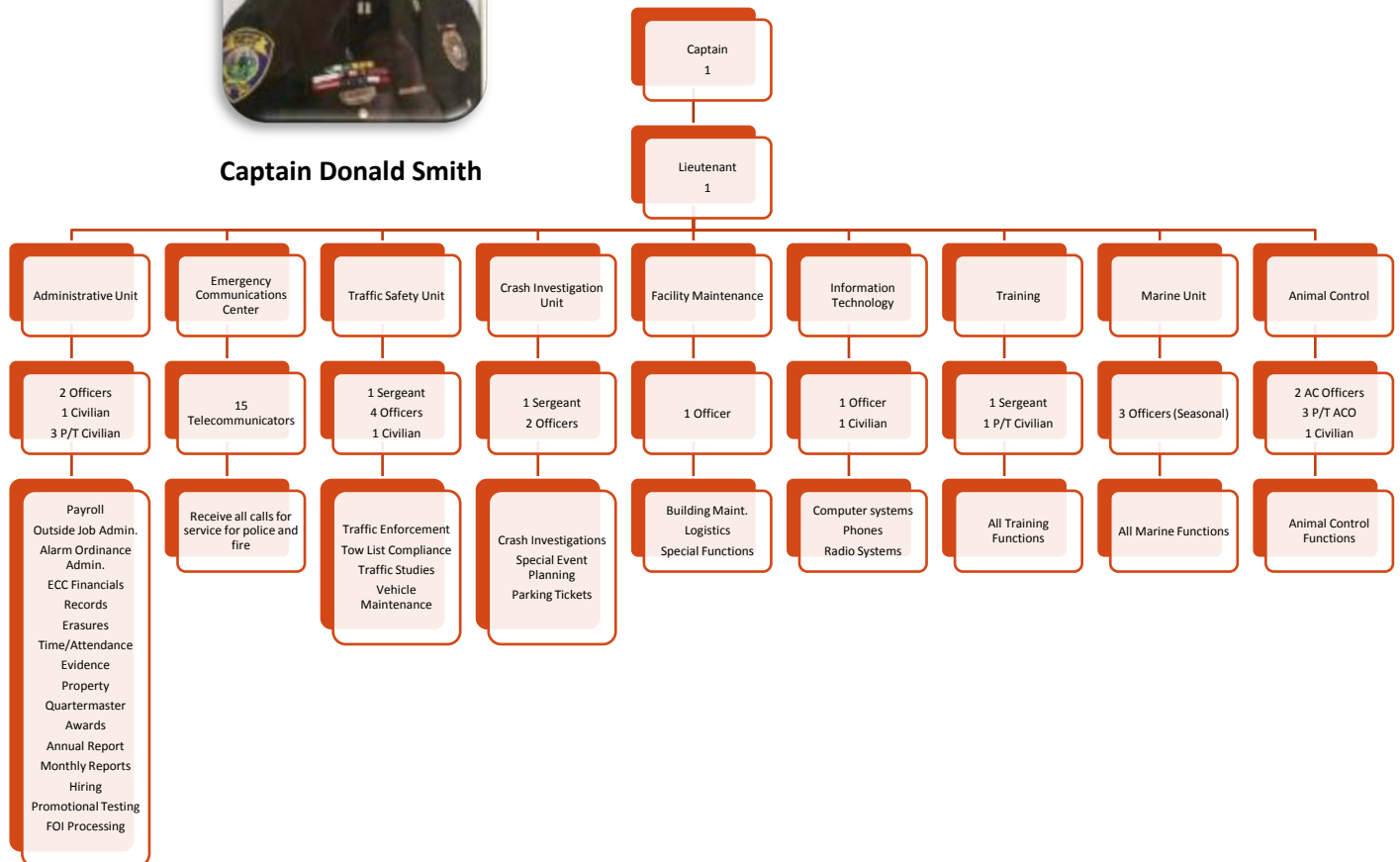


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## Support Services Bureau



**Captain Donald Smith**



### 2016 Summary

- Coordinated hiring new officers
- Coordinated all mandated training programs
- Implemented new on-line parking ticket appeals
- Conducted hiring process for new telecommunicators
- Worked with animal control officers to develop a volunteer program.
- Participated in several DEA national drug take back programs that allowed citizens to drop off extra or expired prescription drugs. The Fairfield Police Department collected over 800 pounds of unwanted prescription drugs during 2016.
- Worked with the Parking Authority to develop a process to be used when people accumulate excess parking fines.

## Training

During 2016 officers of the Fairfield Police Department attended numerous training programs including: Hostage Negotiation, Traffic Crash Investigation, Firearms Instructor, Field Training Officer, Child Abuse Investigations, Critical Incident Management, Active Shooter Response, Marine Law Enforcement, Records Retention and Freedom of Information, Leadership Training, Legal Updates, Employment Law, Trends in College Drinking, High Visibility Traffic Enforcement and other pertinent topics.

All officers are also required to attend recertification training annually. This training covers numerous topics mandated by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council.

In 2016, training also focused on increasing officer's proficiency in responding to active assailant incidents. Training programs utilized several different training tools and scenario based training programs to enhance teamwork and tactics.



In response to incidents nationwide, we sent officers to training in de-escalation techniques and in the use of less-lethal tools.

One of the main complaints the Fairfield Police Department receives from citizens are concerns about unsafe and reckless driving. To further our efforts to increase roadway safety in town, we sent members of our traffic and crash investigation units to advanced training in crash investigation and traffic enforcement.

## Special Events

Member of the Support Services Bureau assisted with the planning and coordination of numerous special events, including:

- Fairfield Firefighter Half-Marathon,
- Walk-Like-MADD,
- Breast Cancer Awareness Walk,
- Turkey Trot,
- Fairfield Fireworks,
- Bicycle Rodeo
- Blessing of the Fleet
- MS Bike Ride
- CT Challenge Bike Ride
- Bigelow Tea 5K
- Colony Grill 5K
- Pequot Runners Thanksgiving Day Race
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Donald Trump Rally at Sacred Heart University
- Numerous other smaller events



### Traffic Enforcement Unit

The Traffic Enforcement 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 engineering to explore solutions to traffic issues and evaluate any plans to change traffic patterns within the Town of Fairfield. They also assist with special event planning.

Activity	2016
Traffic Stops	4,860
Infractions	2,798
Misdemeanors	99
Motor Vehicle Crash Investigations	288



During 2016, members of the traffic enforcement unit focused on truck enforcement on Reef Road and other areas within town. Their efforts resulted in 40 infractions and 2 misdemeanor summons being issued for violations. This enforcement generated \$74,840.00 in fines against the operators and owners of trucks found in violation of being overweight and/or other safety issues.



## 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 Marine Unit main office is located at South Benson Marina where the units 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 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 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

### Marine Unit Summary 2016

Activity	2015	2016	% Change
<b>Calls for Service</b>	92	<b>172</b>	87%
<b>Vessels Towed</b>	8	<b>12</b>	50%
<b>Written Warnings</b>	12	<b>1</b>	-92%
<b>Arrests</b>	0	<b>0</b>	0%
<b>Safety Inspections</b>	13	<b>33</b>	15%
<b>Hours Underway</b>	258	<b>498</b>	93%



## Animal Control

Fairfield Animal Control is a Division of the Fairfield Police Department that enforces all State Laws and Town Ordinance 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 eminent danger to the public.



### Animal Control Summary 2016:

Activity	2015	2016	% Change
<b>Animals Impounded</b>	253	<b>189</b>	-25%
<b>Dogs/Cat bite investigations</b>	63	<b>64</b>	2%
<b>Dogs/cats sold as pets</b>	78	<b>36</b>	-54%
<b>Dogs redeemed by owners</b>	180	<b>140</b>	-22%
<b>Infractions issued</b>	19	<b>19</b>	0%

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 to create a proactive warning system that not only would warn parents and dog owners of the danger of hot vehicles but also to 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 2016 animal control officers continued to expand this program to more businesses in town. There are now 61 signs located in both private and public parking areas throughout town.



## 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. Although regular patrol officers also investigate motor vehicle accidents, whenever available accident investigators will be assigned the investigation.



Activity	2016
Motor Vehicle Accidents Investigated	945
Search Warrants	102
Arrest Warrants	42
Misdemeanors	33
Infractions	116

## 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 4 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 areas 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.

## 2016 Summary

- Assisted with 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks set-up and barge placement
- Conducted training covering all potential emergency diving conditions

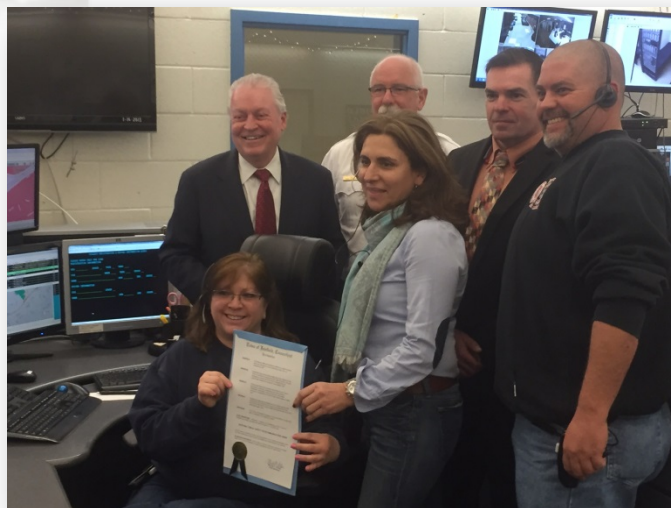
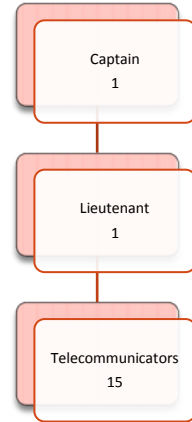
## Emergency Communications Center



The Fairfield Emergency Communications Center is responsible for receiving all 911 emergency calls, as well as non-emergency Police and Fire calls. The communications center employs 15 full-time telecommunicators and handles approximately 250,000 phone calls per year. They are trained in emergency police and fire dispatching, emergency medical dispatching and the handling of routine calls for both 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.



National Telecommunicator Week Recognition 2016





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## Explorer Post

The Explorer program is an official program of the Fairfield Police Department, designed by the Boy Scouts of America to expose young men and women (ages 12-21) 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

Deputy Chief Christopher Lyddy

Sergeant Gregory Gunter

Officer Kevin Wells

Detective Belinda Papageorge

Officer Richard Peck



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### **2016 Summary**

- 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.
- Explorers attended the week long cadet police academy conducted at the University of Hartford
- Explorers attended the annual cadet stations day at the Connecticut Police Academy.
- Continued the U-TEXT-UR-NEXT program which is a program to reduce distracted driving





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# 2016 Department Statistics



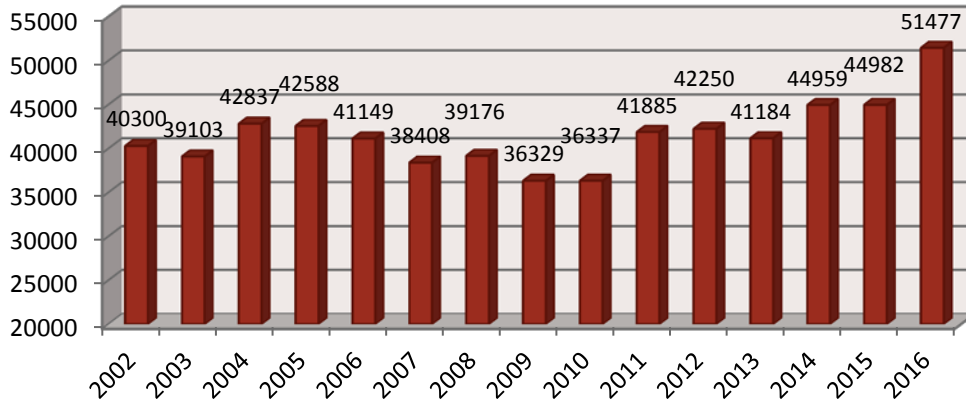
## Year End Statistics - 2016

### Calls for Service

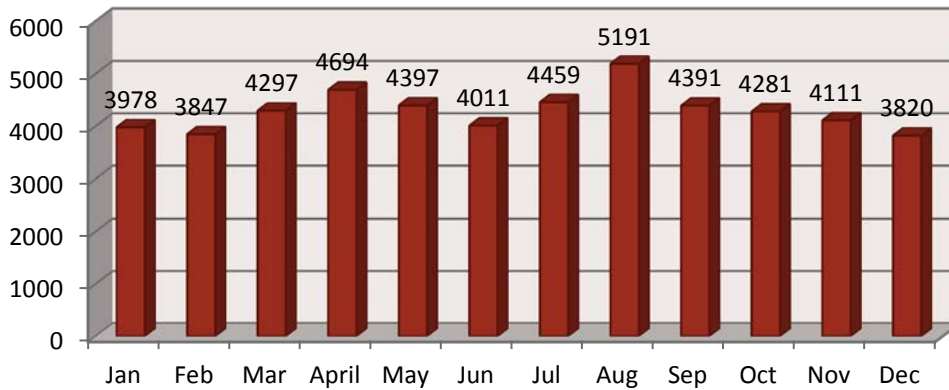
**Total Calls for Service: 51, 477**

(14% increase from 2015)

**Annual Calls For Service Comparison**



**Calls for Service 2016 - Monthly Comparison**



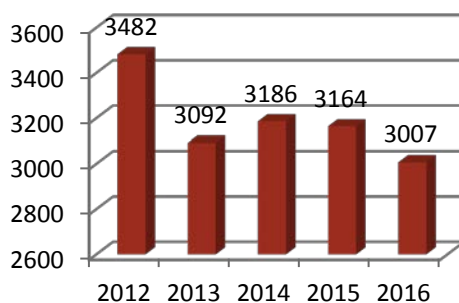
## General Calls for Service

Incident Type	2015	2016	% Change	Incident Type	2015	2016	% Change
911 Hang Up	131	112	-15%	Medical Alarms	8	6	-25%
Abandoned Vehicles	124	111	-10%	Psychiatric calls	42	57	36%
Alarms	3,227	2,998	-7%	Missing Persons	55	51	-7%
Animal Complaints	1,133	1,109	-2%	Narcotic Violations	117	138	18%
Assaults	51	59	16%	Noise Complaints	302	381	26%
Assistance	1,820	1,809	-1%	Parking Complaints	882	472	-46%
Bank Escorts	298	249	-16%	Pistol Permit Apps	203	316	56%
Bomb Threats	1	1	0%	Reckless Driver	349	353	1%
Breach of Peace	623	629	1%	Recovered Property	218	192	-12%
Burglary	130	107	-18%	Road Hazard	502	415	-17%
Business Checks	9,157	15,162	66%	Robbery	8	19	138%
Cancelled Alarms	701	673	-4%	Sex Violation	23	8	-65%
Community Events	278	647	133%	Shoplifter	204	208	2%
Door Open	67	65	-3%	Stolen Vehicles	31	61	97%
Drowning	0	0	0%	Suicide	2	5	150%
EMS	4,598	4,792	4%	Suicide Attempts/Threats	46	73	59%
Funeral Escorts	207	186	-10%	Suspicious Activity	932	898	-4%
Harassment	231	228	-1%	Theft from MV	242	345	43%
Intoxicated Subjects	62	85	37%	Traffic Stops	7,882	8,550	8%
Investigations	2,662	2,475	-7%	Trespasser	85	92	8%
Larceny	265	283	7%	Vandalism	224	171	-23%
MVA	2,515	2,567	2%				

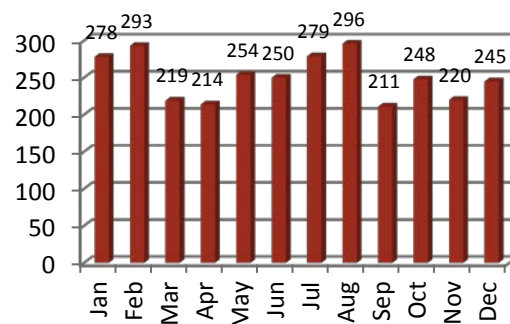
## Alarm Response Summary

Alarms	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Change
Total Alarms	278	293	219	214	254	250	279	296	211	248	220	245	3,007	-5%
False Alarms	273	291	217	214	251	236	264	257	189	234	203	230	2,859	-8%

Alarms - Annual Comparison



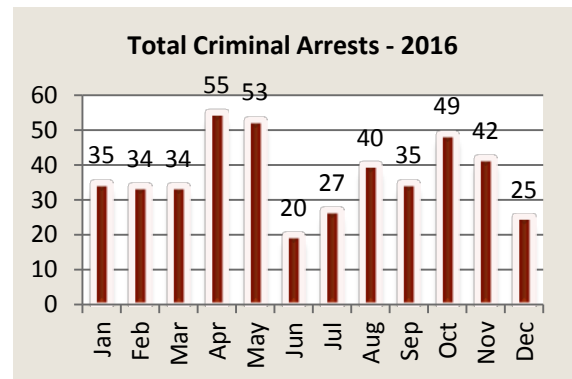
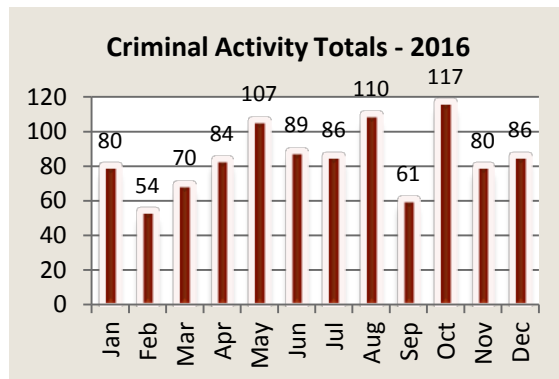
Total Alarms - Month



## Criminal Activity Summary

Criminal Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	% Change
<b>Larceny - 2016</b>	46	20	39	56	70	50	45	62	30	84	50	55	607	20%
<b>Vandalism - 2016</b>	14	19	11	12	19	10	14	23	12	17	11	9	171	-23%
<b>MV Theft* - 2016</b>	5	3	3	3	4	5	8	5	5	2	6	12	61	97%
<b>Burglary* - 2016</b>	4	8	5	6	7	18	13	17	11	6	7	5	107	-16%
<b>Assault - 2016</b>	9	2	11	4	4	4	6	3	3	6	4	3	59	16%
<b>Robbery - 2016</b>	2	2	1	3	3	2	0	0	0	2	2	2	19	138%
<b>Sex Viol - 2016</b>	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	8	-68%
<b>Arson - 2016</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0%
<b>Totals - 2016</b>	80	54	70	84	107	89	86	110	61	117	80	86	1,032	6%

- Includes attempts



Criminal Arrests	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	% CHANGE
<b>Larceny - 2016</b>	23	29	22	33	39	18	20	31	30	39	34	15	333	13%
<b>Vandalism - 2016</b>	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	-81%
<b>MV Theft* - 2016</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0%
<b>Burglary* - 2016</b>	2	1	3	12	7	0	5	3	3	4	6	2	48	-9%
<b>Assault - 2016</b>	9	2	8	5	5	1	2	5	2	4	1	6	50	-12%
<b>Robbery - 2016</b>	0	0	0	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	125%
<b>Total - 2016</b>	35	34	34	55	53	20	27	40	35	49	42	25	449	3%

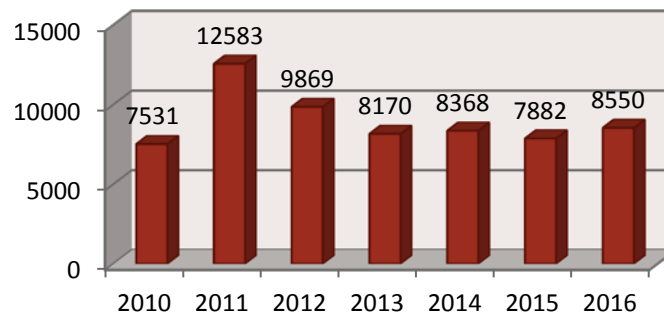
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## Motor Vehicle Activity Summary

Motor Vehicle Enforcement Activity	2015	2016	% Change
No Action	234	191	-18%
Verbal Warnings	4,354	4,300	-1%
Written Warnings	105	59	-44%
Infractions	2,620	3,503	34%
Misdemeanors	517	431	-17%
UAR Arrests	52	66	37%
<b>Total MV Contacts</b>	<b>7,882</b>	<b>8,550</b>	<b>8%</b>

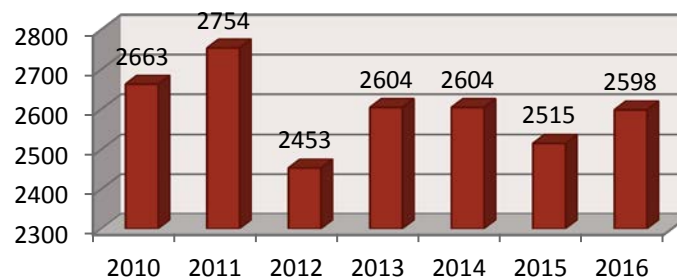
DUI Arrests	117	93	-21%
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### Motor Vehicle Contacts - Annual Comparison



Motor Vehicle Accidents	2015	2016	% Change
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2,156	2,147	-0.4%
Motor Vehicle Accidents with Injuries	359	451	26%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,515</b>	<b>2,598</b>	<b>3.3%</b>

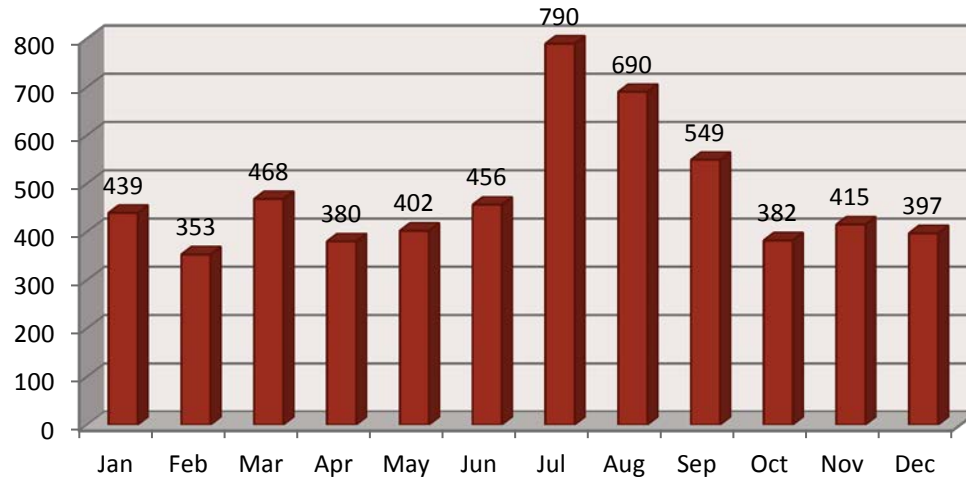
### Motor Vehicle Accidents - Annual Comparison



## Parking Tag Summary 2016

	2015	2016	% Change
<b>Parking Tags Issued</b>	5,648	<b>5,721</b>	1%
<b>Fees Collected</b>	\$185,813	<b>\$165,964</b>	-11%

### Parking Ticket - 2016 Monthly Comparison



### Fees Collected:

Type	Fiscal 2014-2015	Fiscal 2015-2016	% Change
<b>Photostat Fees</b>	\$7,083	<b>\$10,099</b>	43%
<b>Received from State for motor vehicle infractions issued</b>	\$75,629	<b>\$57,930</b>	-23%
<b>State 911 Grant</b>	\$134,319	<b>\$135,220</b>	1%
<b>Police Licenses</b>	\$18,655	<b>\$19,216</b>	3%
<b>Alarm Ordinance</b>	\$19,562	<b>\$19,335</b>	-1%
<b>Other</b>	\$6,974	<b>\$9,601</b>	38%



## 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 2017 we will continue to work toward our mission of:

**MAKING FAIRFIELD SAFER!**

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