



CITY OF DANBURY

DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
375 MAIN STREET

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October 24, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Members of the Common Council

From: Alan D. Baker, Chief of Police

Subject: **Police Department Monthly Report
October 2011**

I submit this report of the activities of the Danbury Police Department for the month of October.

Personnel

Strength	143
Administrative Leave	1
Out of Work – Injury Leave	1
Out of Work – Non-Job Related	2
Light Duty – Job Related	2
Light Duty – Non-Job Related	2
Military Leave	1
Effective Strength 10-15-11	134

Community Services (See attached)

Danbury Police Explorers (See attached)

Training

9/26-30	Patrol Rifle Training & Qualifications – Various Officers
9/26-28	Commercial MV – Criminal Interdiction – Several Officers
10/11-14	National Conference on Child Justice & Safety – Det. Mable
10/13	FOI Records & Retention – Cpts. Wendel & Mulvey, Det. Lt. Lopes, Lts. McColgan & Murphy, Admin Mgr. Vasquez
10/17	Responding to Situations Regarding People with Mental Illness – P.O. Martinez
10/14-21	Finding Words – Sgt. Bishop

10/19 Conference on Depression & Suicide Prevention – P.O. Burke
10/21 Effective Police Interaction with Youth – Instructor Session – Det. Mable
10/25 GLOCK Armorer Training – Various Officers

Chief Baker’s Significant Meetings

10/4 New Hire Interviews – Human Resources
10/4 City Council Meeting
10/6 Captain’s Meeting
10/7 ELSAG
10/11 Global Software Training
10/12 Mayor’s Cabinet Meeting
10/13 Mayor’s Meeting
10/17 Union Contract Mediation
10/19 Danbury Mall Security Meeting
10/20 Danbury Housing Partnership Breakfast
10/20 Captain’s Meeting
10/20 Spring Street Dedication
10/21-28 IACP Conference – Chicago, IL

Respectfully submitted,

Alan D. Baker
Chief of Police

ADB:mrl
Attach.



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Alan D. Baker, Chief
Department of Police
375 Main Street

Lt. John M. Browne
Community Policing Unit
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October 20, 2011

To: Alan Baker, Chief of Police
From: John M. Browne, Lieutenant
Re: Community Policing Unit Activity Report
October 2011

Community Affairs Unit:

-See Attached Report

Community Conditions Unit: Sensitive Information

-See Attached Report – (DO NOT RELEASE)

GTF/UNIT: Sensitive Information

-See Attached Report – (DO NOT RELEASE)

City Center Liaison: Sensitive Information

-Not Available at this time

Police Activities League:

-Not available at this time

Current Staffing Level:

- (1) Lieutenant
- (2) Sergeants
- (11) Patrol Officer

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Community Policing Unit

**Community Affairs – P.O. Mortara
September 15 – October 15, 2011**

Child Passenger Safety Fitting Station:

- 09/19 13 Inspections w / PO Zaloski
- 09/26 10 Inspections w / PO Hancock
- 10/03 9 Inspections w / PO Hancock
- 10/10 No Seats

Month's Total: 32

2011 YTD Inspections: 313

- 09/20 Social Services regarding a referral that was made previously regarding an elderly Danbury resident stemming from a neighbor dispute.
- 09/15 Meeting with Elsag regarding license plate readers.
- 09/22 Meeting with Elsag regarding license plate readers.
- 09/26 Meeting with Lojack regarding fleet
- 10/04 2 separate safety presentations for parents – Mill Ridge School and Laurel Gardens
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- 10/06 Meeting w/ Whelen representative
- 10/12 Senior Safety Fair- Danbury War Memorial – Informational Handouts, etc.
Neighborhood complaint – Ta'Agan Pt Dr.

- Coordinating upcoming events including but not limited to safety presentation for Richter Drive Heritage Drive, Jarrod Drive, Centennial Drive, along with the Great Plain School Area (Glen Road, Rubson Drive), miscellaneous safety presentations and tours of the Police Department, Neighborhood Watch groups throughout the City.
- Handling all types of neighborhood complaints and disputes that entail investigating said complaint, contacting the appropriate agencies if applicable, taking action (referrals, etc), follow up to complaint to ensure that it has been resolved.
- Traffic Issues throughout the City. With school starting, I have received calls regarding children walking to and from possibly hazardous situations. Follow-up with school administrations as well as OIC of school crossing guards.
- Telephone calls dealing with many police as well as civil and general advice issues. Working with residents and businesses to remedy issues throughout the community on a routine basis. Dealt with and referred calls regarding all aspects of policing, numerous child passenger safety questions/issues as well as setting appointments for child seat inspections at the DPD fitting station.
- Neighborhood Watch: Proactive patrols of neighborhood watch locations. Spoken with both active and non-active groups. Follow-up with recent contacts regarding the formation/implementation of new groups throughout city. Heritage Dr./Richter Dr., Glen Rd, Rubson Drive. Coordinating talks and presentations.
- Researching and relaying crime and neighborhood statistics for prospective homebuyers within the community
- Mobile Operations Center – Routine maintenance/ repairs/operation/call-outs
- Tribuna Article
- Bank Alarms – Liaison – Updating as necessary.

FLEET ISSUES:

- DMV for miscellaneous emissions and registration issues
- Performing and/or coordinating and transporting all minor repairs to fleet including but not limited to emergency lighting/vehicle equipment/ ICOP units/MDT's/mechanical/electrical/and mobile data terminals as Public Works no longer do so.
- Coordinating transportation of vehicles to and from Fleet Auto Supply (West Haven, CT) for upfitting. Once returned from outfitter, vehicles are being prepared for and subsequently put into service.
- Whelen Engineering Corp. Logistics and purchase of emergency equipment necessary for fleet upkeep. Purchase of lightbar parts.
- ICOP – 7 New units purchased through new owners – Safety Vision
- Body shop/Graphics coordination – Follow-up on all recent purchase orders. Transporting each crashed vehicle to 3 repair facilities for comparison collision estimates, as well as meeting with estimators. Coordinated collision repairs. Delivery and pickup of vehicles to and from collision repair facilities. Communicating with Insurance carriers regarding police vehicle accidents
- Coordinating repairs with Fleet Auto Supply for warranty repairs as well as repairs beyond internal capabilities.
- Vehicle maintenance/repair requests being coordinated on a daily basis by way of daily maintenance logs and contact with Public Works. Transporting vehicles to off-site facilities on need be basis for repairs (glass, etc)
- ICOP – Physical maintenance and repairs as well as routine contact with sales, customer service and repair for warranty and repair/replacement of equipment.
- Fleet registration renewals (DMV)
- Fleet emissions compliance testing (transporting to and from testing facility for individual testing).
- Dealing with auto insurance companies for police vehicle involved crashes, filing claims, appraisals, etc.
- Overseeing civilian volunteer who assist with fleet
- Estimates for upfitting of new vehicles
- Mobile Data Terminal Issues – Attempting to remedy past/current problems and make ready for the new patrol vehicles.
- LSAG License Plate Readers – Addressing issues that are arising from the addition of two units to our fleet, meeting with reps in attempts to get system in full operation.

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Department of Police
375 Main Street

Matthew McNally, Lieutenant
Patrol Division

October 12, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: Chief Alan D. Baker

From: Lt. Matthew McNally

Subject: **Police Explorer Monthly Activity Report – September 2011**

September was a very busy month for the Explorers. As we came into the 10th anniversary of the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks against our nation, our training and education focus for the month was aimed at preparing our future law enforcement applicants in areas of the civil preparedness and homeland security. This was an easy segue as we juxtaposition from Tropical Storm Irene.

The month started on the 10th with a squad of Explorers returning to the **Danbury Youth Soccer** parking detail every Saturday from 0700 to 1300 hours at the Old Ridgebury Road fields. Explorers are now opening and closing the fields, directing vehicles and assisting in parking them to maximize parking lot capacity, and assisting with keeping track of the small children (soccer players) to ensure their safety when moving through the parking lot, where visibility is limited. We have been sending an average of 10-12 Explorers each Saturday, with an Advisor, who volunteers their time for that day. We rotate the youth and the advisors weekly. Explorers have been there every Saturday since, and have been there on the 16th and 23rd of the month as well. They were rained out on the 30th.

Also on the 10th, Explorers and Advisors were split into different squads/details to cover the many assignments associated with the **Taste of Greater Danbury** weekend events. These assignments commenced at 0700 on Saturday and continued until approximately 2100 hours on Sunday (9/11). On Saturday, Explorers were at the Taste of Danbury securing the streets around the Danbury Green, assisting vendors to their vending locations and assisting the assigned Special Events officers with crowd control/security duties. These assignments lasted until approximately 2230 hours on this date and we had over 50 Explorers work through various shifts and assignments during these hours. Besides covering the three street entrances to the Taste of Danbury (as we have done since its inception), Explorers and their advisors also took on other activities.

From 0730 to approximately 1130, a detail of Explorers (20) and several advisors deployed from headquarters to assist with the **YMCA 10k Road Race**, which took place in and around Main Street and the City Center Green area. Assignments consisted of traffic posts and rerouting traffic around the runners. It should be noted that a large portion of the motorists were very irate about the Saturday morning traffic disruption and took out their anger and frustration on the Explorers posted throughout the route. The Explorers maintained their calm demeanors and kept

to a very high degree of professionalism in the face of verbal onslaught from the angry motorists. Many issues arose from this race, from not having enough police officers to handle the event to miscommunications as to routes, times, etc. The Explorers were commendable in their ability to improvise and adapt to the many changes in job assignment with little or no communication capability between the police, Explorer supervisors, advisors and event organizers. This road race again illustrated the need for a reliable radio communications system so that the Explorers can monitor the working shift and take direction from the supervisory transmissions from dispatch or the OIC.

A small detail of Explorers (5) also participated in the annual **Walk of Honor** during the morning as well. They helped to cross some of the walkers during the event and then returned back to duties at City Center.

Also on the 10th, at 1530 hours a squad of Explorers (8) with an advisor went to Danbury High School to assist with the annual **DHS Band Jamboree**. The Explorers assisted the band parents with traffic control and parking in the lots of the school. They secured from there and returned to the Danbury Green at approximately 1730 hours to assist and relieve other Explorers and advisors who had been at the green since the morning. The largest contingent of Explorers at the Taste of Danbury was scheduled to assist with the main concert.

The Explorers returned on Sunday (9/11) morning at 0800 to man the barricades again at the Taste of Danbury. They were in place by 0900 with one squad, while two squads (17) were assigned to work the **Danbury News-Times Parade** from 0900 to 1130 hours. A fourth squad (11) was sent to participate and assist with the **Annual 9/11 Ceremony** from 0915 though 1015 hours. On Sunday, again, over 50 Explorers and an assortment of advisors took shifts covering all the various events occurring downtown. Explorers and their advisors secured from the Taste of Danbury at approximately 2100 hours after cleaning up and packing away all their equipment from the day's events.

On September 15th, half a dozen Explorers were sent with an advisor to Broadview Middle School to assist School Based Officer P.O. Brian Hayes with parking and traffic on the **BMS Parent's Night/Open House**. Explorers were there from 1630-2100 hours.

Explorers (10) also assisted and participated with the **Danbury Elks Lodge's Youth Day** which was held at the Danbury PAL Building on Saturday, September 17th. This event started at 0830 and ended early at 1400 hours. The event was anticipated to draw a larger crowd than was in attendance, but traffic was hampered by the running of a triathlon at the Danbury Town Park at the same time as the Youth Day. Many attendees and residents/motorists were confused as to the events and Explorers ended up providing directions and informational sessions with many of them.

On Friday, September 23rd, during the 4-12 shift, we had a report of a missing 7 year old girl who did not get off at her bus stop from school. After initial investigation and searching did not turn her up immediately and the appropriate notifications were made (we were a couple of hours into the search with no real leads and reverse school-wide system informational phone calls had been sent out), it was requested by the Field Supervisor to get assistance to conduct a house to house search along the bus routes from the King Street Schools to the area of New/Spring Streets and Beaver Street. Police Explorers were called in through their emergency response telephone tree. Within 30 minutes of calling and notifications, we had 23 Explorers, in uniform, briefed and

deploying in teams of two to various neighborhood streets to assist in the canvass for the missing girl.

As I was the Shift Commander during this event, and all of our off-duty police officer advisors were in attendance of Sgt. Brunelli's retirement party at this time, I must commend the efforts of all of our responding Explorers and especially the two Civilian Associate Advisors, Dan Cohn and Kevin Almeida. Both men reported immediately to police headquarters, and utilizing the Explorer Office as a C&C room and the Community Classroom as a staging area, they successfully began a systematic deployment of explorer resources to assist the police in the search efforts.

Happily, right after our deployments of search teams began, the girl was located at a schoolmate's house in the area of Stevens Street, by patrol officers of the shift, approximately 4 hours after her being reported missing. We stood down the Explorers and had them secure for the evening. Of note, although 23 of them made it in, had we gone on, there would have been more, as many Explorers who were making their way in to headquarters were turned away and dismissed once the child was found. A fine illustration of why our program meets and trains weekly with these young adults who are so committed to community service.

September 24th found the Explorers again trying to balance different events. On this date, there was the **Candace Williams 5k run** which started at 0800 and ended at 2230 hours. This event was an all volunteer run in memory of Candace Williams who was a 9/11 victim from Danbury. This run had two squads (17) of Explorers assigned to it and the turnout was good for the first time event.

Also on this date, a squad of Explorers (10), with advisors, worked the annual **Holy Trinity 5K Run** at the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church on Joe's Hill Road at from 0730-1000. Our Explorers have worked this annual event with Fr. Luke Mihaly since its inception as well, covering traffic posts and ensuring the runners' and motorists' safety.

As noted in the August report, September continued to be a bad month for the Explorer vehicles, with one van having to be taken out of service due to mechanical problems. The older van, a red 1991 Ford Econoline passenger van with over 108,000 miles on it had the ignition key break off in the steering column. The vehicle had to be sent out for repair (towed and new ignition installed) at a private garage to get back into service. The cost of these repairs was approximately \$250 and was covered through the Post's fundraising efforts.

We also sustained a large loss of equipment and material for both our Explorer Post and the Cadet Police Academy when the lower parking lot of the police department was flooded early in the month and we were not contacted to move one of our trailers until it was too late to do so, which contained all the equipment inside of it. The trailer, the Homesteader, sustained heavy water and structural damage as it flooded with approximately 2 feet of water inside. It took the Explorers several days to dry out the trailer and remove the equipment and P.O. Antedomenico has begun a loss assessment for the replacement of the material through an insurance claim. We are awaiting an estimate as to the repair/replacement of the trailer and the serviceability of the equipment and CPA Pistol Range materials that had been stored inside.

The cookie dough sale fundraiser has finished and appears to have been successful. Earnings have been as expected/anticipated. Money from the fundraiser is being used to supplement the costs of the van repairs, the upcoming holiday party and reducing the cost per Explorer to attend

the Almost Anything Goes weekend in Union, CT and the Cadet Tactical Challenge (i.e. SWAT Challenge) that is being held at Stones Ranch, USANG, in East Lyme in early November.

As you can see, we ended the month with 78 Explorers registered. This is an increase of 4 since last month's report. Some of the increase came from the waiting list in place. This number does not reflect any of the anticipated "new interests" that may come from our annually required "First Night" event which we have pushed off until sometime in early November.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt. Matthew McNally

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Post Advisor/Program Coordinator

I. Membership	
# of Explorers Enrolled	78
# of Advisors Enrolled	15

II. Hours-Explorer	
Total Job Hours	848.25
Total Training Hours	589.25
Total Explorer Hours	1437.50

III. Hours-Advisor	
Total Job Hours	165.00
Total Training Hours	57.00
Total Advisor Hours	222.00

**2011 UNIFORM CRIME REPORT
CITY OF DANBURY**

	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				1
Forcible Rape	1	0	3	3	1	0	4	2	8				22
Robbery	3	3	9	8	7	9	8	5	10				62
Assault	7	7	11	13	10	5	8	7	12				80
Burglary	16	27	32	38	54	32	30	20	40				289
Theft	72	86	100	97	117	108	103	86	92				861
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	6	5	6	8	8	5	4	3				50
Arson	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				2
Totals	104	130	160	165	197	163	158	125	165				1,367

**2010 UNIFORM CRIME REPORT
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	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Homicide	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0				2
Forcible Rape	0	3	0	3	4	1	0	2	3				16
Robbery	3	2	1	3	4	3	8	6	4				34
Assault	13	13	14	12	17	11	9	16	7				112
Burglary	14	8	11	23	10	30	20	27	29				172
Theft	83	78	71	89	97	99	109	118	111				855
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	6	8	5	4	5	8	7	4				50
Arson	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0				3
Totals	116	111	106	135	137	149	155	177	158				1,244

**2011 DANBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS
CITY OF DANBURY**

**CALLS FOR SERVICE
2011**

	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Calls for Service	4,448	4,265	4,604	4,823	5,155	4,888	3,825	4,883	4,764				41,655

2010

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Calls for Service	4,221	3,778	3,769	6,622	5,102	4,719	4,980	4,927	5,001				43,119

**TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS
2011**

	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Property Damage	310	230	206	176	226	203	162	208	210				1,931
Personal Injury	70	56	46	42	55	52	53	67	75				516
Total Traffic Accidents	380	286	252	218	281	255	215	275	285				2,447

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Property Damage	242	200	153	284	301	202	190	183	197				1,952
Personal Injury	47	45	63	96	64	77	75	27	61				555
Total Traffic Accidents	289	245	216	380	365	279	265	210	258				2,507

**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT
2011**

	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Verbal Warning	120	123	103	121	146	106	85	99	108				1,011
Written Warning	7	10	3	3	5	2	36	5	5				76
Moving Violation	306	286	232	275	482	380	406	241	243				2,851
Total Enforcement Action	433	419	338	399	633	488	527	345	356				3,938

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Verbal Warning	111	101	130	148	116	128	92	111	107				1,044
Written Warning	8	6	3	7	17	7	9	6	5				68
Moving Violation	340	194	388	225	478	334	626	686	525				3,796
Total Enforcement Action	459	301	521	380	611	469	727	803	637				4,908