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MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alan D. Baker, Chief of Police

Subject: **Police Department Monthly Report**
September 2005

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

Personnel

Department – 138 sworn personnel. 4 officers remain out on injury leave.

Community Services (See attached)

Training

9/7-9/9 Vehicle Stops & the Drug Trafficker – P.O.'s Lebron, Sturdevant & DeJesus
9/8 Child Abuse with Deaf Hard of Hearing Victim – Det. Sgt. Williams
9/9 State & Local Anti-Terrorism Training – Sgt. DeRocco & P.O. Critelli
9/11-9/16 NTOA National Tactical Officers Association – Lt. Murphy
9/12 Legal Developments – Annual Updates – Capts. Mulvey & Wendel, Det. Lt. Lopes
9/13 Advanced Domestic Violence Training – P.O. Tragni
9/16 COLLECT Recertification – P.O. Georgoulis
9/16 Domestic Violence for Negotiators – Lt. McColgan
9/18-9/23 Less Lethal Instructor Program – P.O. Marcus
9/19 Legal Developments – Annual Update – Capts. Shanahan & Myles, Lts. Gantert & Murphy

9/20 COLLECT Recertification – P.O. Elste
9/20-9/22 Conspiracy Investigations – Sgt. Chelso
9/28-9/30 Hostage Rescue Training – Sgt. Fabich
9/29 Officer Involved Shootings – Det. Lt. Lopes
9/29 Undercover Operations & Use of Drug Informants – P.Os. Lebron & Carlson
9/30 Gang Awareness Summit – P.O. Frinton
9/30 Knock & Talk & Consensual Encounter Techniques

Chief Baker's Significant Meetings

9/7 Gang Forum – New Haven
9/7 Common Council Meeting
9/8 Fire Department Promotion Ceremony
9/8 Hispanic Center Open House
9/9 Vicious Dog Issues – Corporation Counsel
9/11 9/11 Memorial Ceremony
9/12 Crisis Intervention Response – Fire Department
9/12 Emergency Preparedness – City Hall
9/13 Fairfield County Chief's Association Meeting
9/14 Connecticut Police Chief's Meeting – Norwich
9/16 Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser Breakfast – Ethan Allen
9/16 Staff Meeting – Police Department
9/16 *Friends of Local Heroes* 9/11 Luncheon – DFD, New Street
9/19 Bioterrorism Meeting – Health Department
9/22 Retirement Dinner – P.O. Pimentel
9/26 Emergency Response Plan
9/26 Human Trafficking Panel – WCSU

Respectfully submitted,



Alan D. Baker
Chief of Police

ADB:mrl
Attach

To provide for a more useful report, I'd like to begin adding statistical information to the Police Department's monthly report. I'll begin this month with the August 2005 Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Data for the City of Danbury (last complete month available). UCR is a national program used by all law enforcement agencies as a method to determine crime rate and to provide for comparison among different jurisdictions.

| CRIME CATEGORY | # OF INCIDENTS |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Homicide | 0 |
| Forcible Rape | 1 |
| Robbery | 10 |
| Assault | 14 |
| Burglary | 23 |
| Larceny-Theft | 104 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 13 |
| Arson | 1 |
| | |
| Grand Total | 166 |



DANBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY SERVICES
DIVISION

Citizen Police Academy

DEPENDABLE PROFESSIONAL
AND DEDICATED

"Together we can make a Difference"

The Citizen Police Academy is a ten-week program designed to give the public a working knowledge of the Danbury Police Department. Each session consists of ten consecutive Tuesday night classes held at Austin Police Department Facilities from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The instruction is comprehensive and each week separate areas of the department are covered. Patrol, communication, investigations, vice, S.W.A.T., and crime scene are examples of some of the topics that are covered. Instruction consists of lectures, demonstrations, tours, and hands on experiences.

The slogan of the Citizen Police Academy is "Understanding through Education". The goal is to provide enough information to the public to dispel misconceptions and to increase the rapport between citizens and police officers. We hope the graduates of the Citizen Police Academy become more aware and better informed about how the Police Department operates, and will recommend their friends, coworkers and families to join the Danbury Police Department in this rewarding program.

Citizen Police Academy FAQ

What is the purpose of conducting a citizen police academy?

To give the public information on how the Police Department works and its policies and procedures, through a series of classes involving instruction by police officers.



Where did the concept originate?

The program originated in Orlando, Florida in 1984. Orlando was the first city in the United States to start a Citizen Police Academy.

What was the Danbury Police Department's incentive for starting a Citizen Police Academy?

We feel the more information the public has about the police department, less fears and misconceptions will exist. Many conflicts are caused simply by lack of understanding.

When does the class meet?

There are two Citizen Police Academy sessions per year. Students meet on Tuesday nights at the Danbury Police Department. The classes are held at no cost to the student!

Who attends the Citizen Police Academy?

Students range from 17 years of age and above. We have architects, bankers, homemakers, students, retirees, teachers, neighborhood groups, and professionals attending the classes.

How do you apply?

You must be at least 18 years old, no felony arrest record, and work or live in the Danbury area. For additional information or applications please contact, Officer Jay Mortara, Citizen Police Academy Coordinator, at 797-4644.

Next Session: Fall 2005



Special points of interest: 08/15/05 to 09/15/05

- *DPD Answered* **5377** *Calls for service this month*
- *YTD Calls for Service:* **41,661**
- *Motor Vehicle Accidents Responded to by DPD officers:* **481**
- *Average Response Time* **9:15** *minutes YTD* **6:09** *minutes*
- *Priority 1 Call* **5:58** *minutes average response YTD* **9:10** *minutes*
- *DPD responded to* **421** *Burglar Alarms*
- *DPD Investigated* **113** *Domestic Violence Complaints*
- **16.5%** *of all calls for service are handled on Wednesday*
- **20:00 to 20:59** *being the busiest time of the day*
- *DPD officers self initiated* **556** *calls for service this month* **5931** *YTD*

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | | | | | |
| 2 | 3 CPS | | 5 | 6 | | |
| | | | | 13 | 14 | |
| 16 | 17 CPS | | 19 | 20 | 21 | |
| 23 | 24 CPS GDMA | | 26 | 27 | 28 | |
| 30 | 31 CPS | | | | | |

- Sept 10-11—Taste of Danbury
- Oct 7—12 - National Crime Prevention Council—National Conference Washington, DC
- CPS = Child Passenger Safety weekly fitting station
- WVI = Weekly vehicle Inspections
- GDMA = Greater Danbury Mental Health Association meeting

Community Affairs Unit

Officer Jay Mortara 203.797.4644

The Community Affairs Unit is tasked with the responsibility of all community outreach and safety programs conducted by the Danbury Police Department. In addition to this, the Community Affairs unit is responsible for crime prevention activities, injury prevention, Total Occupant Safety, Neighborhood mediation. Currently this unit is staffed with only one officer at this time, Officer Jay Mortara.

The City of Danbury, Connecticut and the Danbury Police Department have taken on a leadership role in promoting child car seat safety. Working in cooperation with *Fairfield County Safe-Kids*, the Danbury Police Department inspects and re-installs child safety seats at no cost to anyone who inquires. Due to the large number of inquiries, **This service is performed by appointment only** on Monday mornings at the Danbury Police Department's Community Services Division's building at 116



Traffic Duty Main and White Streets

Main Street. For appointments please contact the Child Passenger Safety Team at 797-4644 Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m..

Over the past two month the CPST inspected and/or installed 135 seats, bringing the total number of seat this year to 456. In addition to this Officer Mortara also coordi-

nated and planned a CPS clinic at Greentree Toyota which resulted in the inspection/installation of 94 seats. This clinic was supported by members of the New Milford PD, Newtown PD, Danbury Hospital and Fairfield County SafeKids. During this clinic not only was the subject of Child passenger safety addressed but many other crime prevention topic along with DUI prevention educations was presented to the attending public.

Currently the Community Affairs Unit is organizing and planning the next session of the Danbury Police Department Citizen Police Academy. Any interested parties can contact Officer Mortara at 797-4644 to obtain information.

Community Policing Unit

Sergeant Jonas Karcz

203.796.1635

This past month was a very active and diverse period for this unit and its officers. Let me give you the basic statistics as they relate to enforcement action throughout the city. Our officers issued 81 infraction summonses for a variety of charges. Along with that 34 parking tickets were issued, primarily for illegal parking and obstructing traffic on and around the Main St. area. Thirteen arrests were made and 134 calls for service were responded to. This along with generally patrolling the downtown area on bicycle and motor patrol during inclement weather.

One of the problems that was addressed was the dramatic increase in illegal dumping at the Salvation Army on Main St. This activity seemed to be occurring during the evening hours on the weekend. Officers from this unit were assigned to locate and cite offenders. During two separate weekend stakeouts a total of 61 people were cited and their cargo removed from this particular location. We continue to monitor the area.

Concerts on weekends and downtown activities are regularly patrolled by officers from this unit. During this period Friday and Saturday musical events remained under the watchful eye of the Bike Patrol and they were also present during the Taste of Danbury.

Officer Paul Carroccio has been working closely with Kay Schreiber to maintain an open line of communication between City Center of our officers. We have remained vigilant for trespassers as well as the occasional camper in the green area. Blankets, coats and even a mattress was removed from behind Tuxedos.

Chief Baker and this officer went to a meeting on Winthrop Place while residents voiced their concerns about the large group of males who play soccer, cook out and create a nuisance on the Park Av. School fields. After a very informative meeting, Craig Renda from Parks and Rec. agreed to post the area and officers from this unit have continued to patrol the field and parking areas on a regular basis to maintain order and

minimize violations. Articles were also placed in the Portuguese and Spanish newspapers, the Tribuna and El Canillita respectively to explain our concerns to the Hispanic population and request their assistance with these issues.

On August 25 Chief Baker addressed a large group from Leadership Danbury. After his presentation I had the privileged to speak to them for approx. two and a half hours including giving a tour of the main building at 120 Main Street. The attendees seemed very receptive and all appeared to have enjoyed the experience.

Finally, officers from the Bike Patrol and Community Relations Officer Jay Mortara spent an afternoon with senior residents at Hatters Park. Congresswoman Nancy Johnson, along with Mayor Boughton was present to address the large turnout. It was a very pleasant afternoon spent getting to meet old friends as well as new ones.

Information Systems Unit

Officer Steve Bobel 203.796.1564

ISU and Data Processing are currently upgrading the departments mobile data system from Motorola's MDC to HTE's Mobile Data Browser (MDB). It is reported that we will be getting state-of-the-art mobile functionality with a cutting-edge user interface with the SunGard HTE Mobile Data Browser (MDB) system. MDB will provide wireless communication between public safety field personnel and dispatch centers.

Benefits

- Increases the safety of field personnel involved in hazardous situations by eliminating unnecessary voice traffic.
- Gives field personnel direct access to activity data, real-time updates and information following periods of out-of-vehicle activity.
- Optimizes officer effectiveness by enabling fully configurable access to commonly used functions.
- Enhances departmental communication

by enabling real-time distribution of supplemental information i.e., department policies, rules, regulations, standard operating procedures (SOPs) and much more on the "Roll Call" screen.

- Allows for the transfer of images or files in real-time scenarios such as "show-up" scenarios.

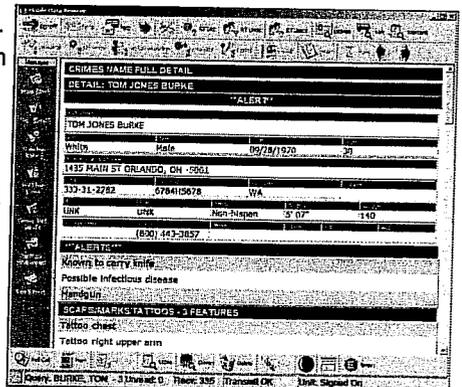
State and NCIC information – Officers can efficiently access information in state crime files and in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) without routing such requests through your communications center.

Day/Night mode – Optimizes application usability and improves officer safety with respect to ambient lighting conditions.

Roll Call – Provides easy access to important information previously in cumbersome paper format. Supplies original photos and documents in desktop file formats for immediate viewing on the main

Roll Call screen.

Messaging – Car-to-Car and Car-to-Dispatch messaging is enhanced with file transfer capabilities. Send important files and images to your patrol partners.





**DANBURY POLICE
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ALAN BAKER, CHIEF OF POLICE

120 Main Street
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Routine Calls: 203-797-4611
Emergencies: 911

Detective Division: 797-4662

Homeland Security: 797-4688

Records Division: 797-4680

Evidence Technicians: 797-4688

Confidential Tips Line: 790-TIPS

Animal Control: 748-6456

Public Information Officer: 797-4538

***Dependable, Professional
and Dedicated***

**Taskforce Against Graffiti Hotline
203.796.1662**

**Contact Information for the Community Services Division
of the Danbury Police Department**

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| <u>Commanding Officer:</u> | Lieutenant Peter Gantert | 203.797.4577 |
| <u>Community Affairs:</u> | Officer Jay Mortara | 203.797.4644 |
| <u>Community Policing Unit</u> | Sergeant Jonas Karcz | 203.796.1635 |
| <u>Information Systems Unit</u> | Officer Steve Bobel | 203.796.1564 |
| <u>Police Activities League</u> | Sergeant Robert Guerrero | 203.778.4725 |
| <u>Communications/Fleet</u> | Sergeant Joseph Brunelli | 203.797.4673 |
| <u>Taskforce Against Graffiti</u> | Officer Kenneth Utter | 203.796.1662 |
| <u>Honor Guard</u> | Lieutenant Brian Murphy | 203.797.4611 |
| <u>School crossing Guards</u> | Sergeant Joseph Brunelli | 203.797.4673 |
| <u>Child Passenger Safety</u> | Officer Jay Mortara | 203.797.4644 |
| <u>City Center Liaison</u> | Officer Paul Carroccio | 203.796.1635 |
| <u>Mobile Operation Center Team</u> | Lieutenant Peter Gantert | 203.797.4577 |
| <u>Citizen Police Academy</u> | Officer Jay Mortara | 203.797.4644 |
| <u>Child Passenger Safety Team</u> | Officer Jay Mortara | 203.797.4644 |

Crime Prevention Tip of the Month:



***Following
the terrorist
attacks of***

***September 11, 2001,
Americans are eager to
make
preparedness a part of
their daily lives. The fol-
lowing checklist will help
you take the
necessary steps to pro-
tect yourself, your family,
and your
neighbors in the event
of a future terrorist attack
or other emergency.***

***For more detailed infor-
mation
on disaster preparedness,
see www.fema.gov and
www.redcross.org.***

1. Make a list of important phone numbers, such as nonemergency numbers for the police and fire departments, FBI field office, and local emergency management office, and post it by your telephone. Make sure children know how to dial 911 or "0" in an emergency.
2. Develop a communications plan for your family. Choose someone who does not live with you (preferably out-of-town) that you and other family members can contact to check on each other in the event that you are separated during a disaster. Carry the number in your wallet.
3. Establish a meeting place for family members if home or neighborhood evacuation is necessary. Pick one place near your home and one outside your neighborhood in case you can't return after a disaster.
4. Assemble an emergency preparedness kit that contains the following supplies:

three- to five-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day)

*food that will not spoil and requires no cooking
first-aid kit and needed medicine
emergency tools, such as a battery-powered radio, cell phone, flashlight
extra batteries
personal items like toilet paper and plastic garbage bags
change of clothing and blankets for each person
portable generator if possible*

5. Take a basic course in CPR and first-aid.
6. Learn how to turn off water, gas, and electricity at main switches.
7. Learn about emergency plans for your children's school or day care center.
8. Draw a floor plan of your home and mark two escape routes from each room. Practice your evacuation plan.
9. Know your community's evacuation routes.
10. Work with your Neighborhood Watch group or civic association to create a community disaster preparedness plan.