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FAIRFIELD POLICE CADET NEWSLETTER



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New Guidon Bearer

Newly promoted Cadet Corporal Chris Samator has been selected by police advisors to take on the role as Guidon Bearer. This position is given to a highly trusted to cadet who can be depended on to maintain and carry the guidon at all meetings and special events.



Special SWAT Training

Members of the Fairfield Cadet Tactical Team received specialized training from the West Hartford Emergency Services Unit in preparation for the Tactical Challenge.



Creating a Foundation for our Youth

Just as a reminder to all of our members, parents and supporters that while we are a program geared toward law enforcement and related topics, our main goal is to create responsible young adults who can function in an ever-changing society.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in law enforcement, leadership or the many fun group activities we facilitate, we have rolling admission in the past and are continuously welcoming new members.



HOW WE DID AT CADET POLICE ACADEMY



PHYSICAL FITNESS

Cadet Sergeant Vincent Travali earned the Most Improved Physical Fitness Award while in the Practical Skills Program.



MARCHING COMPETITION

Bravo Squad members Cadet Karen Moskowitz and Nathan Teed won the marching competition while in Basic Program.



FELONY STOPS

Cadet Caylin McInerney earned 1st Place in Felony Stops while in the Advanced Program.



BUILDING SEARCHES

Cadet Chris Samatar Earned 2nd in Building Searches while in the Advanced Program.



PROMOTED

Cadet Captain Alvarez-Whalen earned the Captains Award after being named **Captain** of the Cadet Police Department.



PROMOTED

Cadet Lieutenant Alex von Ehr was appointed to be a **Lieutenant** in the Cadet Police Department.



STATE POLICE YOUTH WEEK

Cadet Lieutenant Michael Morgan and Cadet Sergeant Jacob Cupole were selected to attend the Connecticut State Police Youth Week. They spent an entire week living at the Connecticut Police Academy, sleeping in the dorms and being treated as Trooper Recruits. The grueling training was not an easier version of trooper training, but rather an extreme week. Cadet Sergeant Cupole earned the Trooper Russel A. Bagshaw Award and a \$1,000 scholarship for writing the best essay expressing his experience



FBI FUTURE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

Cadet Kervin Joseph, applied for and was selected for the prestigious Future Law Enforcement Youth Academy (FLEYA), which is facilitated by the FBI. There he spent the week learning about the different aspects of the FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Garbage on Fairfield Beaches was a growing problem this past summer. Cadets saw this problem as an opportunity to help the community by cleaning garbage left over from the weekend. At 5:30am, the Fairfield Police Cadets along with Fairfield HamletHub, volunteered their time to clean up Penfield and Jennings Beach.



HALLOWEEN FUN

Cadet Captain Alvarez-Whalen and Cadet Lieutenant Morgan went on a ride-along with Officer Wellington this Halloween with a single mission: to bring candy and smiles to the people of Fairfield! If you heard Ghostbusters coming from the speakers of a Fairfield Police Car, you likely saw the trio stopping to hand out candy and to let any child dress as a police officer get a picture in the driver's seat!

TACTICAL CHALLENGE WIN

The Fairfield Police Cadets took third place overall out of 18 posts



TCC REALISTIC EVENT

A newer station is the **Tactical Combat Casualty Care Station**, where cadets are expected to perform high quality first aid in stressful situations.



SEARCH WARRANT

Cadets executed a search warrant at a pizza shop that was suspected of being part of a drug manufacturing ring. Many role players were arrested in the process.



ACTIVE AGGRESSOR

The team responded to a call for "shots fired" where cadets successfully addressed all the threats, treated wounded, and successfully arrested a suspect.



TEAM EFFORT

All the cadets who participated on the team contributed to the overall score, meaning even if we didn't place in an individual event, the performance still mattered and lead us to 3rd place overall!

INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT

Officer Down 2nd Place:

Cadet Sgt. Sabryne Freyler *
Cadet Lt. Alex von Ehr
Cadet Christopher Samator
Cadet Caylin McInerney
Cadet Tristan Le
Cadet Nathan Teed

* Team Leader

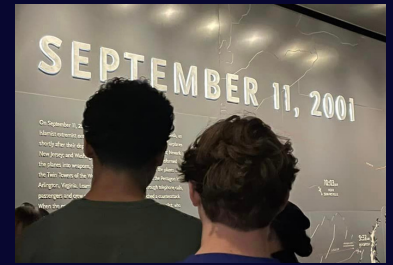
All Team Members:

Cadet Captain Erick Alvarez-Whalen
Cadet Lieutenant Alex von Ehr
Cadet Sergeant Sabryne Freyler
Cadet Sergeant Michael Morgan
Cadet Caylin McInerney
Cadet Tristan Le
Cadet Jacob Cupole
Cadet Christopher Samator
Cadet Lincoln Lawlor
Cadet Ella Jeagar
Cadet Karen Moskowitz
Cadet Nathan Teed



NEW YORK CITY 9/11 MEMORIAL

Many Fairfield Police Cadets haven't experienced police departments outside of what they see at 100 Reef Road. During their visit in the city, cadets met with different officers from MTA and the NYPD and saw what their jobs are like compared to a local police department. The event served as a bridge between the cadets' academic training and real-world applications, encouraging them to consider diverse perspectives and inspiring a sense of civic responsibility as they continue their journey towards becoming future leaders in their communities.



MTA ASSISTANCE

At 06:00 hours cadets met MTA police officers & learned about their job while waiting for the train. The conductors were nice enough to give the post their own train car!

1ST SUBWAY RIDE

The majority of cadets experienced their inaugural ride on the New York City Subway. Both officers and cadets demonstrated commendable cohesion, especially given the group's size, comprising 17 cadets and 4 officers.

REMEMBRANCE

The cadets commenced their journey by visiting the fountain marking the location where the twin towers once stood, somberly observing the names of those lost on 9/11.

9/11 MEMORIAL

Each of the 17 cadets who visited the 9/11 Memorial experienced a profound emotional impact in unique ways. Despite not being alive during the tragic events, the resonance of America's collective experience during that period had a deep and lasting effect on each individual.



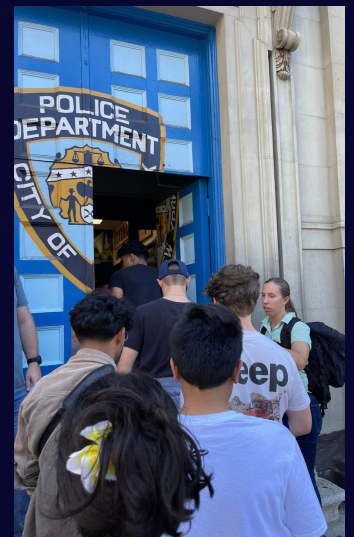
DRILL COMPETITION

Nothing like a friendly drill competition in the park between posts! Congratulations to Cpl. Chris Samator who beat out all Fairfield Cadets and NYPD Explorers!



FELLOW EXPLORERS

Fairfield cadets met with Police Explorers from the 1st Precinct, and were given tours of their police department and NYPD Memorial. This was an opportunity for cadets to build connections and foster a mutual exchange of knowledge and experiences.



UPCOMING EVENTS

To stay up to date on all upcoming events go to FairfieldCadets.com and sign up for **TeamUp** on the homepage.



LOCK YOUR DOOR! CAMPAIGN

As the colder weather approaches, cadets will be out in force reminding people to lock their doors and take their keys with them to prevent auto-theft. Reminder to cadets to wear warm clothing and be ready to talk to people so we can educate the public!

AWARD CEREMONY 1/8/2023

Our cadet family has grown a lot over the years, and as a result our Award Ceremony can no longer be held at the police department. This year please join us at the Fairfield Senior Center at **100 Mona Terrace on January 8th at 6pm** to formally swear in our new ranking cadets, and to celebrate the awards individual cadets have achieved throughout the year.



STATIONS DAY 4/4/2023

April is fast approaching and cadets should start thinking about their interest in participating in the annual Stations Day Competition. All cadets who are interested may represent Fairfield and compete against other police departments in the northeast.

POSSIBLE EVENT

EXPLORER EXCON CONVENTION



2 ELECTIVE
TEAM EVENTS



8 TEAM
EVENTS



1ST-3RD
PLACE*

ExCon (Explorer Convention) is a national “Stations Day” like competition that takes place over three days in Las Vegas Nevada. The event was founded by 3 Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Officers, all of whom were former Explorers and Explorer Advisors, with 70+ years of combined experience. This competition allows cadet/explorer posts to showcase their knowledge, skills, and resourcefulness on a national level. The Fairfield Police Cadets have proven themselves on a state and regional level time and time again. Always looking to strive for the highest, we are looking into the feasibility of expanding to a national stage.

Please keep a look out in your emails for an invitation to a parents meeting to gauge interest, discuss how we can achieve this goal, and what the itinerary would look like.



There have not been any announcements as to the specific dates of the 2024 competition, however last year it was held the second weekend in June, so we are estimating it will be around a similar time-frame.



Participating Cadets will have to be at least 16 years of age at the time we leave for the competition.



We are exploring fundraising, grants, sponsorships and additional means to fund transportation and registration fees for the event, however there will be a cost on individual cadets who wish to attend. As always we are open to ideas and suggestions as to how to help offset those costs as much as possible.

NEW LEADERSHIP



Captain Koval

Congratulations to Deputy Chief Weihe on his recent promotion to the position of Deputy Chief of Police for the Fairfield Police Department! As Deputy Chief Weihe assumes greater responsibilities in his new role, the duties of Head Coordinator for the Fairfield Police Cadet Program have been transferred to **Captain Peter Koval**. Captain Koval, recently appointed as the Field Services Commander of the police department, is a strong advocate for the Police Cadet Program and we warmly welcome him to his new role as our head coordinator.



Sergeant Peck

Sergeant Peck is the Lead Advisor for the program and one of the executive members of NERLEEA. He is the director of Skills Day, Tactical Challenge, and the Assistant Director of the Basic Program at academy.



Officer Wellington

Officer Wellington is the Assistant Lead Advisor for the program, and has been involved in NERLEEA since 2008. She is the assistant director of the Academy Mock Police Department



Officer Wells

Officer Wells, a former Fairfield Police Cadet is one of the most senior members of the advisory board. He serves as the treasurer, NERLEEA Executive Board member and Director of the Bike Program at the academy.



Detective Papageorge

Detective Papageorge is a former Fairfield Police Cadet and serves as the coordinator for Shred Day.



Officer Ball

Officer Ball is a new addition to the Fairfield Police Cadet Program and serves as an Adjunct Police Advisor.



Officer Simmons

Officer Simmons is a former Bridgeport Police Cadet and Bridgeport Police Officer. Officer Simmons serves as an Adjunct Advisor with the post.