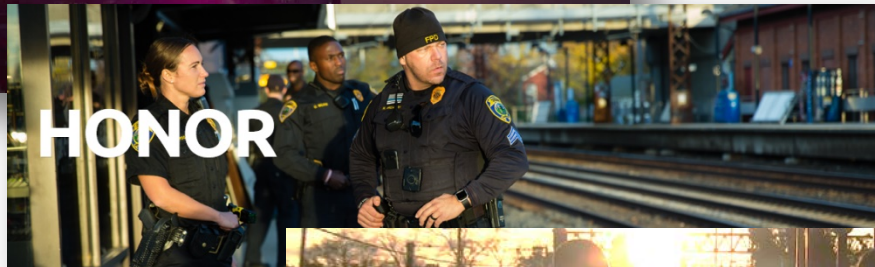




# **FAIRFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2020**



**FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

**ROBERT KALAMARAS  
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 2020.**

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## Town of Fairfield



The Town of Fairfield is located in Southwestern Connecticut on the coast of Long Island Sound, approximately 50 miles from New York City. The town was settled in 1639 and covers an area of 30.6 square miles. Fairfield is a charming and thriving town featuring five

miles of shoreline. Fairfield has five town beaches, two universities, many parks and ball fields, two public golf courses, and a vibrant array of restaurants and stores. Family-oriented Fairfield also has top-notch, high performing public schools with rich academic programs.

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

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

Fairfield operates under a Representative Town Meeting form of government with members elected by the residents of the voting districts of the town. The administration of town affairs lies with the three-member Board of Selectmen. The First Selectman is the town's chief administrative officer and highest elected official.



Population: **58,542**  
 Land Area (sq. miles) 30  
 Pop./Sq. Mile (2013-2017): **2,061**  
 Median Age (2013-2017): **41**  
 Households (2013-2017): **20,365**  
 Med. HH Inc. (2013-2017): **\$127,746**  
 Poverty Rate (2013-2017): **4.7%**



### Schools

Public Schools: **17 - 2 High Schools**  
 Private Schools: **10 - 2 High Schools**  
 Universities: **2**

### Race/Ethnicity (2013-2017)

- White Non-Hisp: **52,369**
- Black Non-Hisp: **875**
- Asian Non-Hisp: **2,762**
- Native American Non-Hisp: **16**
- Other/Multi-Race Non-Hisp: **1,680**

Hispanic or Latino: **3,909**



\*Information from CERC Town Profile 2019

## Board of Police Commissioners



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



**James Cafferelli**  
11/2015 to 11/2025



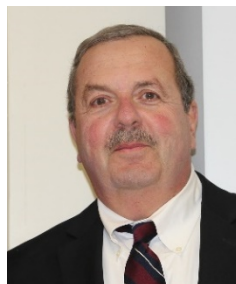
**John Stone Jr.**  
12/2015 to 12/2025



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



**James Millington**  
12/2016 to 12/2021



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



**Peter Ambrose**  
2/2019 to 11/2022

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

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


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

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





House Bill No. 348.

  
 State of Connecticut  
**House of Representatives**

House of Representatives, April 26, 1945. The Committee on Cities and Boroughs reported through Mr. Pratt of Willington, Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT CREATING A BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:*

1 SECTION 1. *Creation of Board of Police Commissioners.*  
 2 There shall be a board of police commissioners in the town  
 3 of Fairfield, consisting of five members. The board of se-



## Fairfield Police Department – History

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

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

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



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

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

### Chiefs of Police



**Arthur J. Bennett**  
1930 - 1931

No Photo Available

**Hezekiah R. Elwood**  
1931 - 1932

No Photo Available

**Edward J. Flanagan**  
1932 - 1937



**Chief Arthur J. Bennett**  
1937 - 1943



**Chief James Kranyik**  
1943 - 1961



**Chief Philip Ganser**  
1961 - 1972



**Chief Anthony Mastronardi**  
1972 - 1980



**Chief William Mockalis**  
1980 - 1991



**Chief Ronald Sullivan**  
1991 - 1997



**Chief Joseph Sambrook**  
1997 - 2006



**Chief David Peck**  
2006 - 2010



**Chief Gary MacNamara**  
2010 - 2018



**Chief Christopher Lyddy**  
2018 -2021



**Chief Robert Kalamaras**  
2021 to Present

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

*The above is from the 1930s*



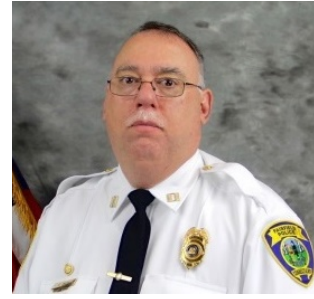
## Deputy Chiefs of Police



**Deputy Chief Gary MacNamara**  
2008 - 2010  
First Deputy Chief



**Deputy Chief Christopher Lyddy**  
2010 - 2019

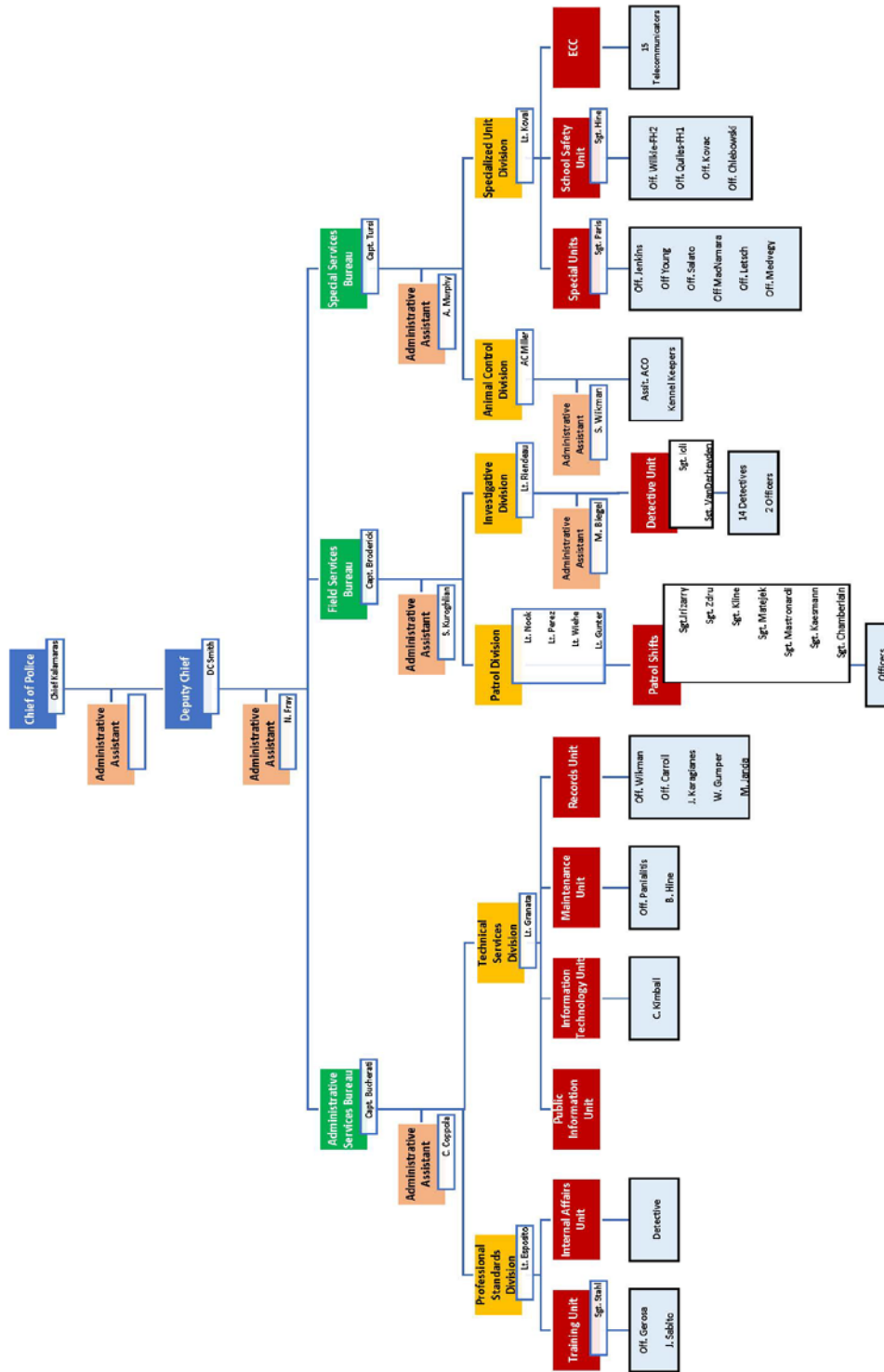


**Deputy Chief Donald Smith**  
2019 - Present



# Department Table of Organization

Fairfield Police Department – Organizational Chart – Personnel  
Revised January 2021



## Department Overview

### STAFFING

Sworn Officers - 108  
 Chief – 1  
 Deputy Chief – 1  
 Captains – 3  
 Lieutenants – 8  
 Sergeants – 13  
 Detectives – 14  
 Officers – 68  
 Special Officers – 59  
 Crossing Guards – 18  
 Marina Guards – 7  
 Telecommunicators – 15  
 Civilians – 12

### PROGRAMS

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



**Retired Officers 2020**

**Captain Michael Gagner**  
Retired: March 27, 2020  
30 Years of Service



**Officer Scott Sudora**  
Retired: April 30, 2020  
30 Years of Service



**Officer John Moran**  
Retired: July 2, 2020  
30 Years of Service



**Officer Thomas Steinke**  
Retired: July 15, 2020  
27 Years of Service



**Lieutenant Edward Greene**  
Retired: August 1, 2020  
26 Years of Service



**Officer Charles Ricco**  
Retired: August 1, 2020  
29 Years of Service



**Lieutenant Jeffrey Bloch**  
Retired: August 28, 2020  
32 Years of Service

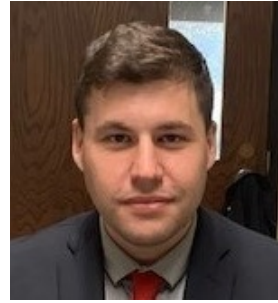
**The members of the Fairfield Police Department wish the best to all of the above retirees as they each begin a new chapter of their lives after serving the Fairfield Community.**



## New Officers 2020



**Brian McPadden**  
11/9/2020



**Dimitar Sadiev**  
12/28/2020

**We want to welcome these new officers to the Fairfield Police Department family. We are confident that they will make a great addition to law enforcement here in Fairfield.**







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

The following members of the Fairfield Police Department have attended the FBI National Academy.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Year Attended</b>
Captain Frederick Campbell	102	1975
Captain Patrick Carroll	65	1960
Captain Robert Comers	127	1981
Captain Paul Dyer	188	1997
Captain Peter Eggers	145	1986
Captain Edward Filush	205	2001
Lieutenant Richard Gunter	110	1977
Chief Robert Kalamaras	276	2019
Chief James Kranyik	34	1947
Chief Christopher Lyddy	215	2003
Chief Gary MacNamara	219	2004
Chief Anthony Mastronardi	85	1970
Chief William Mockalis	109	1977
Chief David Peck	181	1995
Lieutenant Raymond Rasmussen	136	1984
Deputy Chief Donald Smith	253	2013
Chief Ronald Sullivan	107	1976
Captain Edward Targowski	116	1979
Sergeant Frank Targowski	163	1990
Lieutenant Michael Walsh	237	2009

			
Lt. Gunter 1977	Chief Lyddy 2003	Deputy Chief Smith 2013	Chief Kalamaras 2019

# 2020 - The Year in Review



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## The Year in Review

2020 was a unique and challenging year for the Fairfield Police Department. The onset of COVID-19 on our country, state and community had a profound impact on all of us, and law enforcement was no exception. As the year progressed, we encountered protests and public turmoil as well as outcries for police reform. The women and men of the Fairfield Police Department maintained their professionalism and adapted to the challenges presented to us, ensuring that we were able to respond to calls for service and continue our mission of “Making Fairfield Safer”.



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## January 2020

### Noteworthy Police Work

- ❖ Sergeant Gunter recognized Officer Peck for his work locating a vehicle suspected to be involved in recent burglaries at the Fitness Edge. Officer Peck conducted a motor vehicle stop of the vehicle and the subsequent investigation led to the identification of the person responsible.
- ❖ Sergeant Mastronardi recognized the following officers for their response to a suspicious persons call. The ECC received a report of three suspects, dressed all in dark clothing, checking car door handles. Patrol officers set up a perimeter and Officer Rubis located two suspects hiding under a deck in the backyard of a residence. He was able to take one suspect into custody but the other ran off. Officer Perham was able to take the second male into custody. The third male was not located. Officers identified several cars in the area that had been entered.

Both juvenile males were found to have stolen property in their possession.

Officer Rubis, Officer Perham, Officer Fenton, Officer Wiltsie, Officer Peck, Officer Kaesmann and K9 Maverick.

- ❖ Sergeant Zdru recognized the following officers for their assistance to Westport Police who were following a stolen vehicle that was reportedly involved in a carjacking in Norwalk. The vehicle exited the highway in Fairfield. The vehicle immediately drove back onto I-95 and Officer Kaesmann assisted Westport in the pursuit. The vehicle exited again at exit 24 and drove back onto I-95 southbound, exiting again at Exit 23 where it spun out and struck two Westport Police vehicles. The stolen vehicle continued driving on Post Road where it eventually turned onto North Pine Creek Road and finally crashed into a stonewall at Sturges Road and Unquowa Road where officers took all three suspects into custody.

It was later determined that the three suspects had carjacked the vehicle from New Haven 2 hours prior to this incident. They had also tried unsuccessfully to carjack a Maserati from Norwalk. A search of the vehicle yielded a firearm in the car.

Officer Kaesmann, Officer Wiltsie, Officer Renaldi and Officer Terifay.

- ❖ Lieutenant Bucherati recognized the following personnel for their work investigating a burglary in progress call and their subsequent apprehension of the suspect.

Sergeant Riendeau, Officer Rubis, Detective Fucci, Detective Kelley, Detective McKeon, Detective Vaspasiano, Officer Zerella, Officer Colwell, Sergeant Paris, Officer Wells

- ❖ Sergeant Kline recognized Officer Bok for a proactive motor vehicle stop, which resulted in the arrest of a subject wanted in the state of Rhode Island for felony sexual crimes involving a minor.
- ❖ Captain Kalamaras recognized Officer Fuller for his actions addressing a barricaded suspect in August of 2019.
- ❖ Captain Kalamaras recognized Officer Csizmadia for his response to a mutual aid assistance to the U.S. Coast Guard and Bridgeport Marine Police during a water rescue incident. Officer Csizmadia located a lifeless male floating face down in the water. He was able to summon a mutual aid response, gather pertinent information and effect the recovery of the victim.

### **Law Enforcement Appreciation Day**

Senator Tony Hwang and the Country Cow helped the Fairfield Police Department celebrate Law Enforcement Appreciation Day by providing breakfast to police employees.



### **Other Activities**

- ❖ In a joint effort between Bridgeport Burglary/Robbery Unit and the Fairfield Traffic Division and K9, a suspect was taken into custody during the commission of a residential burglary in Bridgeport. During the interview, the suspect confessed to committing 15-20 burglaries within the last month in both Bridgeport and Fairfield.

- ❖ On 1/23/20 Officer Peck stopped a CRV matching the description of a vehicle suspected of being involved in vehicle break-ins. While conducting an interview of the female operator, Officer Peck and Officer Salgado were able to determine she had a husband who was on parole. The Quality of Life Unit conducted further interviews on scene and searched the vehicle via consent. They located burglary tools and shattered automotive glass in the vehicle. The suspect came to police headquarters, was interviewed and subsequently confessed to breaking into vehicles at the Edge and other locations. DNA and digital evidence is still pending.
  
- ❖ Fairfield University reported finding a student with narcotics in a dorm on campus. The suspect was arrested for Illegal Possession of Hallucinogenic , Illegal Possession of Marijuana greater than half ounce, Possession with Intent to Sell, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia after he was found to be in possession of LSD tabs, Hallucinogenic mushrooms, glass pipes, smoking devices, scales, Cannabis gummies, and zip lock bags containing a total weight of 2.4 ounces of marijuana in his back pack that was under his bed in his dorm room in Jouges Hall at Fairfield U.
  
- ❖ ECC received a report of a person attempting to obtain drugs using a false prescription. Two suspects were arrested on charges related to the forgery and obtaining scrips by fraud, after they returned to Black Rock Pharmacy to pick up their forged script.

## February 2020

### Noteworthy Police Work

- ❖ Lieutenant Granata recognized the following officers for their work apprehending two shoplifting suspects who were found to be responsible for stealing nearly \$29,000 in merchandise from Stop and Shop in 20 separate incidents throughout New York and Connecticut.

Officers responded to a shoplifting complaint where two males were running from the store. The suspects led officers on a lengthy foot pursuit. Officers were able to apprehend the suspects. In the suspect's vehicle were items stolen from other stores.

Sergeant Stahl, Officer McGrath, Officer MacNamara and Officer Katz.

### Officer of the Quarter Award

Officer Peck was presented with the Officer of the Quarter award at the January meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.



### Other Activities

- ❖ On February 6, 2020 at 2:26 am, Fairfield Police responded to an alarm at Gaine's Construction, 32 Berwick Court, Fairfield. Officers checked the building, which showed no signs of forced entry. As patrols checked the parking lot area surrounding the business, a vehicle was discovered with a broken-out rear window and it appeared, from the fresh wet footprints, that the vehicle had been rummaged through. Patrols also discovered smashed



out windows on vehicles at Fairfield Auto Works, 37 Berwick Court, and Abbey Tent Rental, 158 Commerce Drive.

Moments after the initial response a Sergeant located an individual walking on Commerce Drive a short distance from the broken-into vehicles, carrying two bags. Further investigation revealed that the suspect had in his possession items that were allegedly taken from the burglarized cars, along with tools that are commonly used to commit burglaries.

The suspect was charged with six counts of Burglary in the Third Degree, six counts of Larceny in the 6th Degree, Possession of Burglary Tools, and Interfering with Police.

- ❖ The Detective Division executed a search warrant on a room at the Fairfield Circle Inn and seized over 16 pounds of marijuana and over \$5,000 in cash. The suspect was arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Sell over 1 kilo.
  
- ❖ Sgt. Mastronardi located three juveniles walking north on Stratfield Rd. When he stopped to talk with them, he noticed several credit cards on the ground next to the subjects as if they had discarded them when they saw the police car.

While talking to them and awaiting backup, one of the juveniles fled on foot and got away. The evidence was tagged and the remaining two juveniles, both age 15, were transported to parents in Bridgeport. Photos were taken of the juveniles. The credit cards came back to residents of Bridgeport and no cars in Fairfield appeared to have been entered.

- ❖ ECC received a report of a fight at 741 Fairfield Beach Road. Upon officers arrival two males were punching each other while a group stood around watching. They would not listen to the officer's verbal commands to stop fighting. One of the males who was fighting fled on foot. When the officer tried to grab the second male, he turned around, pushed the officer, who then fell, and sustained minor injuries. The subject was arrested and charged with Interfering with an Officer, Breach of Peace, and Possession of a Controlled Substance (cocaine was found in his socks).



Town staff meeting

## March 2020

### Noteworthy Police Work

- ❖ Lieutenant Koval recognized Sergeant Kline, Officer Chase, Officer Moran and Officer Renaldi for their involvement in the following incident.

On 2/6/20 at about 0230 hours, patrols were dispatched to an alarm at Gaine's Construction, 32 Berwick Ct., for a front shop motion alarm. After Officer Moran and Officer Renaldi checked the building, which was secure, they then checked the parking lot of the business and observed a vehicle with its rear window smashed. The vehicle had been entered and rummaged through. Also observed were wet footprints inside the vehicle with distinct markings.

Officer Moran and Officer Renaldi quickly checked other area businesses and discovered a total of six vehicles with smashed out windows which appeared to have been rummaged through (4 from Fairfield Motor Works and one from Abbey Tent Rental). At the same time the businesses were being checked, Sergeant Kline observed a male carrying several bags and walking eastbound on Commerce Drive, in close proximity to where the vehicles were broken into. Officer Chase assisted Sergeant Kline in detaining the suspect for a field interview.

Further investigation revealed that the male, who has a history of burglary, had several items in his possession that had been stolen from the vehicles at Gaine's, Fairfield Motor Works, and Abbey Tent Rental. Also found in his possession was a pair of spark plugs, which are commonly used by car burglars to quickly shatter car windows. In addition, the bottom of the suspect's shoes were a match to the footprints left at the scene at Gaine's Construction.

The suspect was taken into custody and charged with six counts of Burglary 3rd Degree, six counts of Larceny 6th Degree, and Possession of Burglary Tools. Officer Renaldi, Chase, Moran, and Sergeant Kline all worked as a team in photographing, tagging and logging several pieces of evidence and processing. Their quick response to the alarm and, checking the lot even after the building was secure, and quick observation of a possible suspect walking in the vicinity of the crime led to the apprehension of a car burglary suspect, who is a possible suspect in several similar type vehicle and garage burglaries in the area.

### Other Activities

- ❖ Officer Rubis located a suspicious vehicle with multiple occupants, on the side of the road in front of 2120 Mill Plain Rd. The three occupants were from New York and were not familiar with the area. The driver claimed they were visiting his sister in town but could not provide

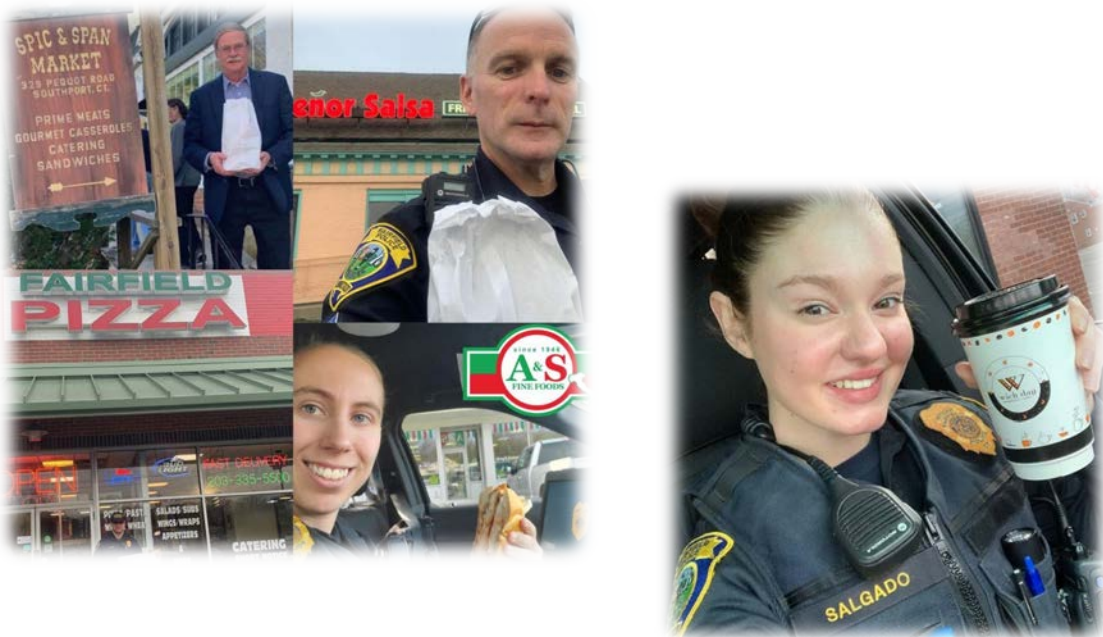
the address of where she lived. There was a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the car. The operator consented to a search of the vehicle and found inside were two bi fold plastic glue traps that were in the backpack of the rear passenger. The substance inside the traps have been used in the past on mailboxes to catch letters and bills that were put in the mailbox to be mailed. Neighboring mailboxes on Mill Plain Road had no new substances in them at this time. Photos of the three occupants and the glue traps were taken.

❖ Patrols responded to a domestic incident between sisters

One of the subjects was arrested and after further investigation, Officer Mirra discovered the suspect gave a false name. He discovered the woman's real name and that she also had two warrants with FPD. Mirra went back to the home and arrested her on the warrants and she was also charged with Interfering with an Officer.

❖ Officer Wiltsie, while doing a business check at the Cumberland Farms Post Rd. location, which recently started closing at 11 PM, appeared to have thwarted a burglary attempt. When checking the lot he saw a vehicle parked with its lights off near the store, a grey Honda Civic, reported stolen out of Hamden. As soon as Officer Wiltsie entered the parking lot the car, occupied by two males, took off at a high rate of speed east on Post Rd. before entering 95 north. State PD was notified to be on the lookout for the vehicle. Cumberland Farms was checked afterward and it checked ok.

**In March, officers started a program to promote local restaurants at the state of the pandemic. The programs encouraged people to do take-out to assist our businesses.**



## April 2020

### Officer of the quarter:



Officer Beattie was awarded Officer of the Quarter. He has consistently been a productive employee who takes on tasks willingly. His initiative has been inspiring to other officers, which has resulted in a positive influence to new officers given his very active role in the FTO program. His initiative and confident demeanor has resulted in a high level of successful arrests and has lent itself to a great assistance to this department.

Officer Beattie has displayed by his actions, the confidence of his supervisors that directly impact the Patrol Division.

### Distinguished Service Medal

The criteria for the Distinguished Service Medal states: The recipient made a significant and major contribution to the development of programs, policies, or procedures, which had a substantial impact on the department, community, or profession. When Detective Clark was assigned to the School Safety Division, he developed, from the ground up, the Fairfield Police Department's home-grown, proprietary program called "SHAPE our Youth," or just "SHAPE" for short.



SHAPE is an acronym for Safety, Health, and Positive Environment. Detective Clark spent countless hours of his own time researching and compiling data, curriculum and lesson building, and developing a model of distribution that has received tremendous praise from students, parents, school staff, and other police agencies nationwide. He identified core concepts that are most relevant to Fairfield youth and built the curriculum around these issues. Such issues go far beyond drug and alcohol education and include social skills, decision making, conflict resolution, and methods of minimizing risk of school violence. An easy to remember decision making model was created by Detective Clark and is applied and reinforced in every lesson. The decision making model is designed to easily incorporate into the children's everyday lives so it can be applied to any difficult situation.

Impact on the community: The SHAPE program reaches over 1,000 Fairfield youth per year, and has been successfully in effect for six years. The children remember their SHAPE officer as they move throughout their school career and respond better to interactions with police as a result. Parents continuously thank us for teaching their children how to discuss and deal with their everyday stressors.

Impact on the Fairfield Police Department: The program shows the agency's ability to pursue effective, alternative lines of community policing. Detective Clark developed a SHAPE T-shirt design which is still to this day distributed upon graduation from the program to commemorate the students' achievement. Thousands and thousands of students have been photographed wearing this shirt and displayed on various media and social media outlets, which has been a tremendous community relations asset. The program helps to humanize our officers and build rapport with the parent and student community. Children can be seen wearing our FPD SHAPE T-Shirts throughout the summer all over town!

Impact on the Profession: By the second year of our SHAPE program we started receiving calls from police agencies throughout the country requesting our model, materials, and lesson plans. They are either looking to start their own similar program, or abandon what they have in search of something better, and they call us for guidance. We still get requests to this day.

SHAPE has become a staple program for our agency and our community. Detective Clark is deserving of the Distinguished Service Medal considering the amount of time, preparation and forward thinking he committed to the conception and creation of this program, and ultimately its successful implementation.

### Retirement



Officer Scott Sudora retired after 30 years of service with the Fairfield Police Department. He is moving on to work for the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles as an inspector.

### Other Activities

- ❖ While on patrol in the area of Brooklawn Terrace, checking the area for suspects breaking into cars, Officer Mirra saw two males standing next to a white Cadillac parked on Brooklawn Terrace. NCIC showed that the vehicle was stolen out of Bridgeport. The males saw Officer Mirra pull onto Brooklawn Terrace and took off running into backyards. A perimeter was set up

and Officer Kaesmann and K9 Maverick began a track. The track was successful and the two suspects were located hiding under a porch at 235 Fairmount Terrace. The keys to the Cadillac were later found on one of the juveniles, along with other items commonly stolen from car burglaries. The items were seized and tagged as evidence and the two juveniles were each issued a Summons and turned over to their parents in Bridgeport.

Charges for each Juvenile: Larceny 3rd and Interfering.

- ❖ The following was received recognizing Det. Burbige, Officer Wells, Det. Sgt. Hine, Lt. Broderick

*United States Attorney  
District of Connecticut*

*April 27, 2020*

*PENNSYLVANIA MAN INVOLVED IN MULTISTATE BANK FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT SCHEME  
PLEADS GUILTY*

*John H. Durham, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Peter Quinn, Resident Agent in Charge of the U.S. Secret Service, announced that ANTHONY C. INNARELLA, SR., 63, formerly of Kunkletown, Pennsylvania, waived his right to be indicted and pleaded guilty today before U.S. District Judge Victor A. Bolden to bank fraud and identity theft offenses.*

*Pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the court proceeding occurred via videoconference.*

*According to court documents and statements made in court, Innarella and another individual possessed multiple fake driver's licenses and credit cards in the names of other people and used these fraudulent forms of identification to register phony businesses with municipal offices and county clerks to obtain trade name certificates. They also obtained Employer Identification Numbers ("EINs") from the Internal Revenue Service in the names of the phony businesses. Between approximately October 2016 and May 2017, Innarella and the other individual, posing as business owners, traveled to banks in Connecticut, Delaware, Virginia, New Jersey, Massachusetts and elsewhere and used the fraudulent identifications, trade name certificates and EINs to open new business bank accounts. Numerous fraudulent accounts were linked to legitimate accounts of the people whose identities Innarella and the other individual had used.*

*Through this scheme, more than \$1 million was transferred into the fraudulent business bank accounts, and Innarella and the other individual withdrew cash and cashier's checks totaling approximately \$363,000 from the accounts.*

*On April 5, 2017, Innarella was arrested by the Fairfield Police Department in connection with a fraudulent bank account he had opened at a Wells Fargo Bank branch in Fairfield. At the time of his arrest, he and his co-conspirator possessed numerous counterfeit driver's licenses and*

*credit cards in other individuals' names, several cellphones bearing sticker labels with the names of different individuals, more than \$34,000 in cash, and other items connecting him to a bank fraud and identity theft scheme. State charges against Innarella are pending.*

*Innarella has been detained in federal custody since June 13, 2019. Prior to that date, he was in state custody in Connecticut and New Jersey.*

*Innarella pleaded guilty to one count conspiracy to commit bank fraud, which carries a maximum term of imprisonment of 30 years, and one count of aggravated identity theft, which carries a mandatory consecutive term of imprisonment of two years. A sentencing date is not scheduled.*

*This matter is being investigated by the Connecticut Financial Crimes Task Force, U.S. Secret Service, Greenwich Police Department, Fairfield Police Department, Delaware State Police and Virginia State Police. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anastasia E. King in coordination with State's Attorney for the Fairfield (Conn.) Judicial District, Delaware Attorney General's Office, Prince William County (Va.) Commonwealth Attorney's Office, and the Cape May County (N.J.) Prosecutor's Office.*



## May 2020

### Noteworthy Police Work

- ❖ Lieutenant Koval recognized Officer Rubis and Officer Terifay for their handling of a call involving a suicidal male. The paramedic on scene wrote a letter praising the actions of the two officers. The paramedic wrote, “The two officers present RUBIS and Terifay, in my opinion, exercised extreme restraint, displayed a level of professionalism far beyond any other town/city, and their handling of the entire scene contributed to the best outcome of a less than desirable circumstances.”
  
- ❖ Sergeant Mastronardi recognized Officer Mirra, Officer Kaesmann and Canine Maverick. While on patrol Officer Mirra observed two suspicious males wearing masks standing next to a vehicle on Brooklawn Terrace. A check on the vehicle showed it was a stolen car out of Bridgeport. The two subjects took off running into backyards. A perimeter was set up and Officer Kaesmann and Canine Maverick started a track. They located the two subjects hiding behind a shed. Both were juveniles. They were charged with larceny and interfering and turned over to their parents.
  
- ❖ Lieutenant Bucherati recognized Detective Burbige, Officer Wells, Lieutenant Broderick and Sergeant Hine for their work investigating a bank fraud. Officer Wells was the initial responding officer. He obtained a suspect description. Lieutenant Broderick located the suspect vehicle and as a result two suspects were taken into custody. A follow-up investigation showed that the two were implicated in multiple bank frauds throughout the United States. Federal authorities adopted the case and it was linked to a much larger international bank fraud scheme.

### Lifesaving Award



Officer William Demotses, Officer Seth Jenkins, Officer Kevin Wells



### Other Activities

- ❖ Multiple 911 Callers reported a vehicle had crashed into a utility pole on Oldfield Road at Mona Terrace taking down the pole, transformer, and utility lines. The car also caught on fire. The operator stated he took the turn too fast and lost control. He was transported by AMR to St. Vincent's Medical Center with neck and back pain. Due to him showing signs of intoxication, blood was requested and drawn during his treatment at the hospital. There were no signs the vehicle's brakes were applied prior to the crash.



- ❖ The ECC received a 911 hang up from within Stratfield School. While checking the interior of the school, a juvenile was seen running inside the school. The juvenile was caught and taken into custody just outside the school. The 17-year-old juvenile was transported to his house to be turned over to his parents. After his handcuffs were removed, the juvenile attempted to punch officers several times before being taken to the ground. Believing he had calmed down, the juvenile was brought back to his feet. After he stood up, he spit blood in the face of Officer Gorton and he again had to be physically restrained and handcuffed until AMR arrived. Due to his violent actions, the fact he was intoxicated and his father did not think he could control him at the house, the juvenile was issued a summons and transported by AMR to St. Vincent's Medical Center. Officer Gorton followed AMR and was himself treated for minor injuries.

Paci Restaurant delivered food for the officers and telecommunicators at the Fairfield Police Department as a thank you for the hard work performed by officers and dispatchers.



Emergency Communication Center Employees

## June 2020

### Noteworthy Police Work

- ❖ Sergeant Irizarry recognized Officer Beattie for his investigative work during a theft from a motor vehicle which resulted in the identification of the suspect vehicle.
- ❖ Sergeant Riendeau recognized Officer Zerella, Officer Colwell, Detective Fucci and Detective Clark for their work investigating alleged illegal drug and prostitution activity out of a home in Fairfield. Their work revealed that multiple convicted felons were parking on the dead end street on a nightly basis and that these cars were involved in drug sales and prostitution. They worked with area residents and developed probable cause to arrest several subjects for possession of crack cocaine, heroin, PCP and ecstasy as well as prostitution.

### Officer of the Quarter

#### Christopher J. Rubis

On June 9, 2020, the Lieutenants and Sergeants of the Patrol Division met and after careful deliberation, unanimously nominated Officer Christopher J. Rubis as their choice for Officer of the Quarter (OOQ) for the duty period of 15 July 2020 - 14 October 2020.

Among the many traits they identified was his calm humble demeanor, matched by a strong confidence, along with his persistent work ethic, initiative, investigative skills, judgement, reliability and professionalism. Officer Rubis sets an example for others to follow and has earned the confidence and trust of all his supervisors. His hard work and dedication reflect great credit upon himself, our profession, and the Fairfield Police Department. As a result, he is most deserving of the Officer of the Quarter Award.

### Retirement

Assistant Animal Control Officer William McDonagh retired after 19 years of service with Fairfield Animal Control.



Sergeant Paris, Bill McDonagh, Deputy Chief Smith and ACO Miller

## Protests

Members of the Fairfield Police Department responded to several protests within Fairfield and assisted surrounding departments with protests in their city/towns. The protests were peaceful.



## Other Activities

- ❖ Sgt. Irizarry reported hearing over the police hotline that a shooting occurred in Norwalk, in which a subject was shot by a pistol in the stomach. The description given was four black males in a dark Kia Optima with NY or NJ plates. Sgt. Irizarry requested area exit ramps covered at this time.

Detective Nadeau first spotted the vehicle exiting I-95 at Exit 23. Sergeant Irizarry, Officer Bennett and Officer Letsch were in the area. Sergeant Irizarry observed the vehicle

traveling at a high rate of speed onto Kings Highway East near Circle East where he initiated a pursuit and was joined by Officer Jenkins and Officer Letsch. Officers lost sight of the vehicle as the pursuit headed into Bridgeport. Sergeant Irizarry located the vehicle abandoned, with a mask in close vicinity of the vehicle, near Central High School where the suspect had entered the school. The suspect was captured exiting the school after a perimeter was set by Sergeant Irizarry. He was apprehended without incident.

A gun was recovered on Kings Highway East near Villa Avenue by Officer Beattie and Officer Rubis. Dispatcher Erasmus did a great job assisting the officers identifying streets through Bridgeport that Sergeant Irizarry called out during the pursuit. She also had a current list of all officers involved. The suspect subsequently confessed to the shooting and was turned over to Norwalk PD.

- ❖ Patrols responded to a suicidal subject who ran from the house. Patrol officers and members of the Detective Division searched the area and finally located the person on I-95. All traffic was stopped on I-95 and he was taken into custody and transported to St. Vincent's hospital for psychiatric evaluation.
- ❖ Patrols assisted State Police in locating a suspect who fled from a crash on I-95 in which he was driving in the wrong direction. The suspect was located and taken into custody
- ❖ Bridgeport had multiple shooting victims from the same shooting incident show up at Bridgeport Hospital Emergency Room. Bridgeport Police expected large crowds and possible retaliation, so mutual aid was requested from several towns to guard the perimeter and all entrances and exits to the hospital. Two of our officers and a supervisor responded to assist.
- ❖ Information was that a subject was arranging drug deals and placing the drugs in his grandfather's mailbox on Church Hill Road, which would then get picked up by the buyer. The Quality of Life Unit conducted surveillance and observed the activity, conducted a motor vehicle stop and recovered the purchased marijuana from the buyer. They obtained a detailed admission and obtained a sworn written statement from the buyer.

An arrest warrant was completed for the charges of Sale of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana ½ ounce or more. Additionally a search warrant was obtained.

During the search warrant 55.8 grams of marijuana, packaging, paraphernalia, psychedelic mushrooms, LSD, \$810 in cash was located.

As a result the suspect was arrested for Possession of more than ½ ounce of marijuana, (2) counts of Possession of Hallucinogenic Substance, Possession with intent to sell Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Released on \$2500 bond.

## July 2020

### Noteworthy Police Work

- ❖ Sergeant Nook recognized the following officers for their work locating and assisting in the apprehension of a shooting suspect. The shooting occurred in Norwalk and the suspect vehicle was located by Detective Nadeau and Detective Buckmir on I-95. After the vehicle exited in Fairfield, officers pursued the vehicle to Bridgeport where the operator ran from the car but was later apprehended. The firearm was located by our officers.

Sergeant Irizarry, Detective Nadeau, Detective Buckmir, Officer Jenkins, Officer Bennett, Officer Beattie, Officer C. M. Rubis, Telecommunicator Erazmus.

- ❖ Sergeant Nook recognized the following officers for their response to a suicidal suspect who ran from officers and onto I-95. Officers were able to catch the subject who then became combative. Officer restrained the subject and the subject was taken to the hospital for psychiatric evaluation.

Officer Beattie, Officer Chase, Officer Fuller, Officer C. M. Rubis and Detective Dalling.

- ❖ Sergeant VanDerheyden recognized Officer Gonzalez for his response to a medical call involving a cardiac arrest victim. Officer Gonzalez performed CPR until the arrival of medical responders. The patient survived the incident.

- ❖ Sergeant Vanderheyden recognized Officer Guilfoyle for his response to a person on the ground in front of Andros Diner. The person was in cardiac arrest. Officer Guilfoyle immediately initiated CPR. He continued CPR until the arrival of medical personnel. The subject survived the incident

- ❖ Sergeant Kline recognized Officer Procaccini for his work locating a driver that had been involved in a fatal hit and run accident.

- ❖ Captain Kalamaras recognized the following officers for their investigative work into a fatal accident that occurred on Redding Road.

Lieutenant Bucharti, Sergeant Riendeau, Detective Clark, Detective Fucci, Detective Colwell, Sergeant Paris, Officer Letsch, Officer Wells, Detective Zerella, Officer Procaccini, Officer Medvegy, Detective McKeon, Detective Takacs, Officer Burke, Officer Bok, Officer Thresher and Officer Mazzocchi.

- ❖ Lieutenant Granata recognized Officer C.M. Rubis after he successfully performed the Heimlich Maneuver on a person choking.

**Retirements**

The following officers retired in July:



**Officer John Moran, 30 years of service**

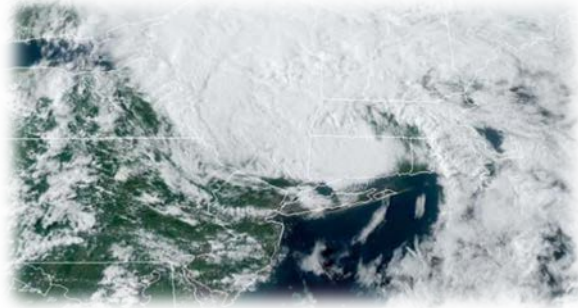


**Lieutenant Edward Greene, 26 years of service**

## August 2020

### Noteworthy Police Work

We would like to recognize all police and ECC personnel who worked during Tropical Storm Isaias. During the several hours the storm impacted Fairfield, telecommunicators handled over 1,000 telephone calls and dispatched hundreds of calls for service. Telecommunicators had to stay beyond their scheduled shift, as well as come in on their time off. They were required to prioritize the many calls for service and assign field resources as they became available.



Field personnel were required to work outside during adverse and dangerous conditions responding to calls ranging from trees and wires down to EMS calls to wires on fire and motor vehicle accidents. Officers were ordered to hold over and come in early to supplement normal staffing.

All personnel handled themselves in a professional manner to help Fairfield get through this short but high impact event. They continued to assist residents in the days following the storm by manning charging stations, both at police headquarters and by setting up the command post on Black Rock Turnpike, passing out water and assisting utility companies with traffic control while they worked to restore power.

### Retirements

**Officer Charles Ricco** retired after 30 years of service.





**Officer Thomas Steinke** retired after 27 years of service. He was hired by the Easton Police Department as a patrol officer.



### Promotions

**Lieutenant John Bucherati** was promoted to captain. He was assigned as the commander of the Administrative Services Bureau.



**Sergeant Gregory Gunter** was promoted to lieutenant. He was assigned to the Patrol Division as a shift commander.



*Pictured with Lt. Gunter is his father, retired Lieutenant Richard Gunter and his uncle, Chief Ronald Sullivan, retired.*

**Sergeant Matthew Riendeau** was promoted to lieutenant. He was placed in command of the Investigative Division.



**Officer Kaesmann** was promoted to sergeant. He was assigned to the Patrol Division as a shift supervisor.



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**Officer Romaine Chamberlain** was promoted to sergeant. He was assigned to the Patrol Division as a shift supervisor.



**Officer Michael Colwell** was promoted to detective. He was assigned to the Investigative Division.



## Other Activities

### ❖ **Response to Tropical Storm Isaias on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 with over 550 calls for service in one evening shift.**

❖ Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Park Avenue. Investigation showed a Toyota Camry was traveling at a very high rate of speed north on Park Ave just above Jackman when it crossed into the southbound lanes, lost control went into the air and struck 2 trees before coming to a stop. The operator was located in the back seat and was extricated from the vehicle with non-life-threatening injuries.

❖ Officers assisted the family of a teenage resident who was killed in a motor vehicle crash on Block Island.

Jake Panus was riding partially outside the passenger side of a vehicle when he was struck by a telephone poll causing his death and serious injury to a second teen. The 16 year old Fairfield female driver from Mill Hill Rd was charged with several crimes related to his death including DUI

❖ After two males were arrested for stealing packages from a home they were released and then were caught entering vehicles at Star Towing. Charged with Burglary 3rd, Criminal Attempt/Larceny 6th, and Criminal Mischief. Both made bail.

❖ On the evening of 8/28/20, ECC received a call that Larry Dunn, brother of Deputy Fire Chief Kyran Dunn, had been missing for seven hours and has Alzheimer's.

Upon receiving the call, Sergeant Wiltsie took command and coordinated a response that demonstrated an in depth knowledge of resources and inter-agency cooperation, including the Fire Department, Eagle 2, CSP K-9, and Officer DeAngelis as a drone pilot.

Officer Wells was the lead investigator, disseminated important, timely information, and coordinated with the bloodhound from CSP Litchfield for the K-9 track in multiple locations. Officer DeAngelis responded to pilot his drone to assist with the search. Officers Gonzalez, Bok, Procaccini, and Gorton also assisted with searching the Lake Mohegan Trails and neighborhood streets. Officer Koukoulas filtered through all of the calls to the front desk reporting possible sightings.

Special Services Sergeant Paris and Officer Letsch immediately offered their assistance with the search, and Sergeant Paris also coordinated with resources from Fairfield and Bridgeport to obtain possible surveillance footage (Fusion Center and Sacred Heart University Public Safety).

Detective Sergeant Vanderheyden responded to the Trumbull Mall with Detectives Nadeau and Buckmir, and were able to obtain surveillance footage establishing that this was Dunn's last known location, as well as his direction of travel from there. Detective Lieutenant Riendeau, with Detectives Vaspasiano and Fucci performed a neighborhood canvas in search of possible sightings or "RING" footage.

Lieutenant Granata and Sergeant Stahl, while off duty, posted pictures and information over social media and coordinated with News 12.

All dispatchers played an important supporting role in gathering and communicating information to and from the public and assisting agencies.

After approximately 9 hours missing, Dunn was found by a friend in Bridgeport in good health other than some mild dehydration, and was transported by AMR for medical attention.

Special thanks to the assisting agencies: Fairfield Fire Department, CT State Police Litchfield, and Eagle 2.

This event showed great examples of strong leadership, knowledge, teamwork, and overall excellence. Fantastic job by all!!

Lt. Weihe recognized the following officers for their work on this incident.

Sgt. James Wiltsie	Officer Mark Letsch	Detective Alex Fucci
Officer Kevin Wells	Detective Lt. Matthew Riendeau	PIO Lt. Antonio Granata
Officer Franck DeAngelis	Detective Sgt. Daniel Vanderheyden	Sgt. Stahl
Officer Felix Gonzalez	Detective Jordan Nadeau	
Officer Matthew Bok	Detective George Buckmir	Telecommunicators:
Officer Virgil Procaccini	Detective Anthony Vaspasiano	Maria Lobo
Officer Thomas Gorton		Kyle Champney
Officer William Koukoulas		Mary Silva
Sgt. Michael Paris		Jennifer DiJoseph
		Lynn Erazmus

## September 2020

### Noteworthy Policework

- ❖ Lieutenant Weihe recognized Officer Kevin Wells for his proactive work in locating a missing, endangered elderly female.

### Awards

The following officers were issued awards in September:

#### Distinguished Service Medal

Captain Bucherati  
Detective Buckmir  
Detective Clark  
Detective Colwell  
Detective Fucci  
Detective Letsch  
Officer Medveg  
Detective McKeon  
Detective Nadeau  
Sergeant Paris  
Officer Procaccini  
Lieutenant Riendeau  
Detective Takacs  
Sergeant Vanderheyden  
Officer Wells  
Officer Zerella  
Telecommunicator Erasmus

#### Medal of Exceptional Service

Sergeant Irizarry  
Officer Bennett  
Officer Beattie  
Officer Jenkins  
Officer Rubis  
Officer Leetch  
Officer Mazzochi

#### Life-Saving Award

Officer Rubis

## Promotions

**Sergeant Edward Nook** was promoted to lieutenant. He has been assigned as a shift commander in the Patrol Division.

**Officer James Wiltsie** was promoted to sergeant. He was assigned as a shift supervisor in the Patrol Division.



Chief Lyddy, First Selectwoman Kupchick, Sgt. Wiltsie, Lt. Nook, DC Smith, Capt. Kalamaras, Capt. Bucherati

- ❖ Detectives took into custody a subject with an active Warrant out of Monroe for Larceny 3<sup>rd</sup>. He is responsible for 5 garage and shed burglaries in Fairfield. Ongoing investigation with arrest and search warrants pending.
- ❖ Officer Letsch recognized Officer Racz for her work during an untimely death investigation:

*“On Thursday 09/24/20 at 1414 hours, I responded to assist Officer McPadden as he had just called in that he was with a vehicle on Unquowa Road and the operator was deceased. Officer Jenna Racz and I arrived together and I began to speak with a coworker of the deceased as Officer Racz began to capture digital photos of the interior of the vehicle, if by chance the victim had to be moved. I then approached Officer Racz and told her we have to ID the deceased. Without hesitation, Officer Racz jumped in the pickup truck and searched for a wallet, having to exit the truck and enter the passenger to get a better grasp of the deceased wallet. I wanted you to know that during this stressful call, Officer Racz was awesome and her swift actions should be recognized. “*

- ❖ The following letter was received:

Dear Chief:

I wanted to take the opportunity to recognize the efforts of two of your offices this past weekend. My signature line will tell you what I do for a living, and I make that point only to provide context for the extremely professional AND compassionate manner in which they managed the situation. I have had the opportunity to be involved in many interactions with patients who found themselves in the same condition as my daughter and I can say that they handled the situation as well as any of the trained behavioral health professional and emergency department professionals with whom I work and in fact better than some.

My daughter suffers from bipolar disorder and as you may know, mood disorders are often accompanied by substance use disorder. She had been dealing with some personal issues and had not been managing her medications and began drinking. My wife and I were concerned for her safety at this point and so Saturday I contacted 911 and relayed my concerns and what I was hoping to achieve (involuntary hold and admission). **Officers Beattie and Krushinski** arrived shortly as promised and I briefed them outside. We then entered her apartment where Officer Beattie led the efforts to get her safely to care. Here is where I really want to compliment both of the officers. The entire time both officers remained completely calm and projected both in what they were saying and their body language, that they were in no rush and that they were truly concerned with her well-being. Office Beattie did a spectacular job of using all of the right behaviors and verbal de-escalation attempts during the entire



conversation with her. The end result is that she quietly consented to going to the hospital. The officers called an ambulance and the entire event remained uneventful as she voluntarily walked to the ambulance and they took her to the hospital. This is in stark contrast to the last time this happened and I transported her to the hospital, and for that I am especially thankful.

In these times of so much polarity and dissension around law enforcement, I wanted to recognize these officers for their efforts and provide you with something that you can share with others as a morale booster. I am grateful for the job you and your team do and especially grateful that they do it with such compassion.

Best regards,

Mark

## October 2020

- ❖ Captain Kalamaras issued Officer Peck the following letter of commendation.

*File Number 20-36660*

*Date of Incident: November 01, 2020*

*Officer Peck,*

*On 11/01/2020 you responded to a burglary from a garage at 66 Milandale Road. The homeowner discovered that her sons' K2 bicycle had been stolen. After the incident, you inquired about obtaining a new one from the departments' inventory of donations for the eleven year old autistic boy. On 11/03/2020 you delivered a new bicycle to the boys' mother whom was overjoyed with elation by your delivery.*

*Your attentiveness, genuine care and tremendous follow up were key to showing great compassion for our community. For exhibiting "above and beyond" actions you are being commended for your outstanding and notable effort.*

*Once again Rich, you have distinguished yourself with your exceptional police work – Nice job!*

- ❖ Chief Lyddy received the following from Easton Police Commissioner David Smith.

*Chief,*

*I apologize for sending this so late, but I wanted to be sure to commend Officer Matt Bok for his good work a couple of weeks ago. My son-in-law and daughter were come from Fairfield to our home in Easton on Black Rock Turnpike, when they felt a bad wobble in the front of their car, and all of a sudden, the car slumped down to the right, and they saw the wheel roll behind them. Fortunately, they were going slow and went on to a soft shoulder and were able to stop without personal injuries, only causing front passenger side damage to the vehicle. A call to the Easton dispatcher, who sent it on to Fairfield got them help from Officer Matt Bok, who was able to take control of the situation, calming what could have been very much more serious for the young people. They, and we were very fortunate in so many ways, but Officer Bok was instrumental in taking care of the problem.*

*I'm sure he deals with events like this with some degree of regularity, but we wanted to single him out and express our appreciation for his timely, and thoughtful work in this incident.*

*Our best wishes to you and your great team of Officers in your ongoing work.*

*David Smith-Easton Police Commissioner*

- ❖ Lieutenant Weihe sent the following to Captain Kalamaras regarding Officer Griffin.

*I would like to bring to your attention a civilian commendation phone call I just received for Officer Griffin. An elderly gentleman named Angelo Cocco informed me that Officer Griffin handled a hit and run accident for him last night. He could not say enough nice things about Officer Griffin's temperament and deportment. I have to include a quote from Mr. Cocco: "The moment I looked at this man I knew I was going to get good treatment."*

*Mr. Cocco continued on to say Officer Griffin has a bright career ahead of him and that we are fortunate to have him.*

*On a personal note, Officer Griffin has been a pleasure to work with on evening shift, so I echo Mr. Cocco's sentiments!*

## Awards

Sergeant Felix Esposito and Officer Nicole Gerosa were presented an award for their work on implementation of a new software platform that will enhance our ability to create, track and issue policies and procedures.

Officer Procaccini was awarded the Officer of the Quarter award.



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Detective Nadeau and Detective Caruso received a Unit Citation from the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for their work on a narcotic case that resulted in multiple arrests and the following seizures:

- ❖ \$90,000 in cash
- ❖ 3 cars
- ❖ 1 motorcycle
- ❖ 1.7 kilos of cocaine
- ❖ 165 grams of MDMA
- ❖ 25 suboxone strips
- ❖ 2,142 Alprazolam pills
- ❖ 1,900 steroid capsules
- ❖ 135 bottles of steroids
- ❖ 541 marijuana vape cartridges
- ❖ 224 packets of marijuana edibles
- ❖ 110 pounds of marijuana
- ❖ Hundreds of rounds of ammunition
- ❖ High capacity magazines
- ❖ 28 firearms
- ❖ Bulletproof vest

### **Retirements**

Lieutenant Jeffrey Bloch retired after 33 years of service.



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## November 2020

- ❖ The following letter was received regarding Officer Peck's giving a presentation to the Boy Scouts:

*First and foremost, I want to commend you and Officer Peck for your service to the Fairfield Community; I know I am speaking for all of the families, that what you do and go through everyday isn't easy and we all know you do your best to protect and serve this community. Thank You!*

*I want to commend Officer Peck as it was a privilege to have him come and talk to the Scouts. His demeanor was exemplary, especially when the Lions (Kindergartners) asked their questions about zombies and mummies as it gave everybody a chuckle, but he answered the questions with a smile. He knew how to speak to the younger Scouts, helping them understand that Police Officers, in general, are there to help and serve the needs of the community and appreciated the story about becoming "Batman" as most of the kids can relate to that aspect. It also did show them that he was willing to learn something new by speaking to animal control to learn how bats function. In addition, having him go over his gear/uniform was much appreciated from not only the Scouts, but the parents were intrigued as well. He humanized himself even more when speaking about his wife and how she is teacher along with how he overcame dyslexia. Overall, Officer Peck was very professional and gave great detail to the Scouts and Parents on explaining what his day is like and no matter what he is human and the goal at the end of the day is for everybody to get home safe, himself included.*

*Rich:*

*Thank you very much for taking the time to stop by and give a great overview on what life is like for a Police Officer; this, I think, helped humanize Police Officers overall and gave better insight on what is done on a day-to-day basis. It was a pleasure having you speak to everybody; overall, it was a great experience for us, and I hope for you as well.*

*If you both don't mind, if others in Pack 95 ask, would it be ok to have them reach out to you via email in the future?*

*Again, thank you both for the service.*

- ❖ Sergeant Wiltsie recognized Officer Peck for his initiative to find a new bike for an 11-year-old autistic boy whose bike had been stolen. Refer to 20-36660 below.
- ❖ Lieutenant Weihe recognized the following officers for their response to a serious motor vehicle accident: Officer Young, Officer Katz, Officer Griffin, Officer Guilfoyle, Sergeant Wiltsie, Sergeant Stahl, Sergeant Paris, Officer Letsch and Officer Medvegy. Refer to 20-37052 below.

### New Officer



Officer Brian McPadden (left) was sworn in as our newest police officer. He is pictured with his brother (right), Officer Kevin McPadden.

### Other Activities

Home Depot delivered food for officers and gifts to animal control in recognition of the work officers and animal control personnel do for the community.



- ❖ On 11/01/2020 Officer Peck responded to a burglary of a bicycle from a garage. The bicycle that was stolen belonged to an 11-year-old autistic boy. Officer Peck took the initiative to inquire about a new bicycle from the departments' inventory of bike donations to give to the 11-year-old.

On 11/03/2020 Officer Peck delivered the new bike to the boy's mother who was elated that Officer Peck "went above and beyond" to replace her son's bike.

- ❖ On November 4, 2020 at approximately 1716 hours, the Fairfield Emergency Communications Center received reports of a vehicle rollover/accident with injuries on Fairfield Woods Road near Stratfield Road.

A young male operator was found unconscious and entrapped within the vehicle. Officer Young, working an outside job detail nearby, heard the call being dispatch and responded to the area. Officers Griffin, Katz and Guilfoyle were dispatched along with other first responders.

Off-duty Sergeant Stahl was on scene and confirmed unconscious person in the vehicle.

Working in direct coordination with one another, Officers Young, Katz, Griffin and Guilfoyle quickly and efficiently gained access to the injured operator's vehicle through the rear window. Officer Katz, without any hesitation entered the overturned vehicle and made contact with the injured operator. Officer Griffin, having knowledge of the components of the vehicle involved, gave instructions to Officer Katz as to how to release the retractable roof. Once the roof was released, Officers Griffin, Young and Guilfoyle worked to remove the roof and gain further access to the injured operator. These actions were vital in allowing medical personnel direct access to the patient upon their arrival and without any delay.

The actions of these officers were heroic, selfless and an outstanding display of their professionalism, competence and bravery. In addition, their actions undoubtedly played a vital role in what will hopefully be a positive outcome for the victim.

## December 2020

- ❖ Sgt. Hine recognized Officer Gonzalez for his work handling an emergency psychiatric committal for a high school student. The high school counselor stated, *"Officer Gonzalez did an awesome job following up and covering all the bases! Best I have seen in a long time! Kindness and compassion for others comes a long way in a situation like this!"*
- ❖ Lt. Gunter recognized the following officers for their response to and handling of a domestic disturbance that resulted in a subject barricading himself inside the home and threatening to kill himself. Officers initially believed the subject was shooting at officers from inside the home when windows started breaking from the inside. Officers established a perimeter, made contact with the subject and after several hours of negotiations, the subject surrendered peacefully.

Sergeant Kline, Sergeant Stahl, Officer Chase, Officer Guilfoyle, Officer Gonzalez, Officer Mazzocchi, Officer McGrath, Officer Mignone and Officer Peck.

- ❖ Lt. Weihe recognized the following officers for their work locating a stolen vehicle being driven on I-95. Officer Rubis was able to deploy spike strips and disable the vehicle. The suspect fled from the vehicle, and after a search, the subject was located in Bridgeport and taken into custody.

Officer Chris J. Rubis, Officer Galaske, Officer Gorton, Officer Chase, Officer DiMarco, Officer Mignone, Sergeant Zdru, Sergeant Stahl.

- ❖ Sergeant Paris recognized Officer Letsch for his work locating and apprehending a shoplifting suspect.
- ❖ Sergeant Chamberlain recognized Officer Racz for her work on a larceny/burglary investigation which lead to the issuance of two arrest warrants.
- ❖ Captain Kalamaras recognized Detective Nadeau for his investigative work on a purse snatching that occurred in September. His thorough investigation resulted in the arrest of two individuals involved in the incident.



**New Officer**



Officer Dimitar Sadiev was sworn in as our newest police officer on December 28, 2020.



## 2020 Letters of Commendation

### *Those with Four (4) Letters Total:*

Off. Chase  
Det. Clark  
Det. Colwell  
Det. Fucci  
Sgt. Stahl  
Off. Zerella

### *Those with Three (3) Letters Total:*

Off. Beattie  
Off. Gonzalez  
Off. Guilfoyle  
Off. Peck  
Off. Rubis, C.M.

### *Those with Two (2) Letters Total:*

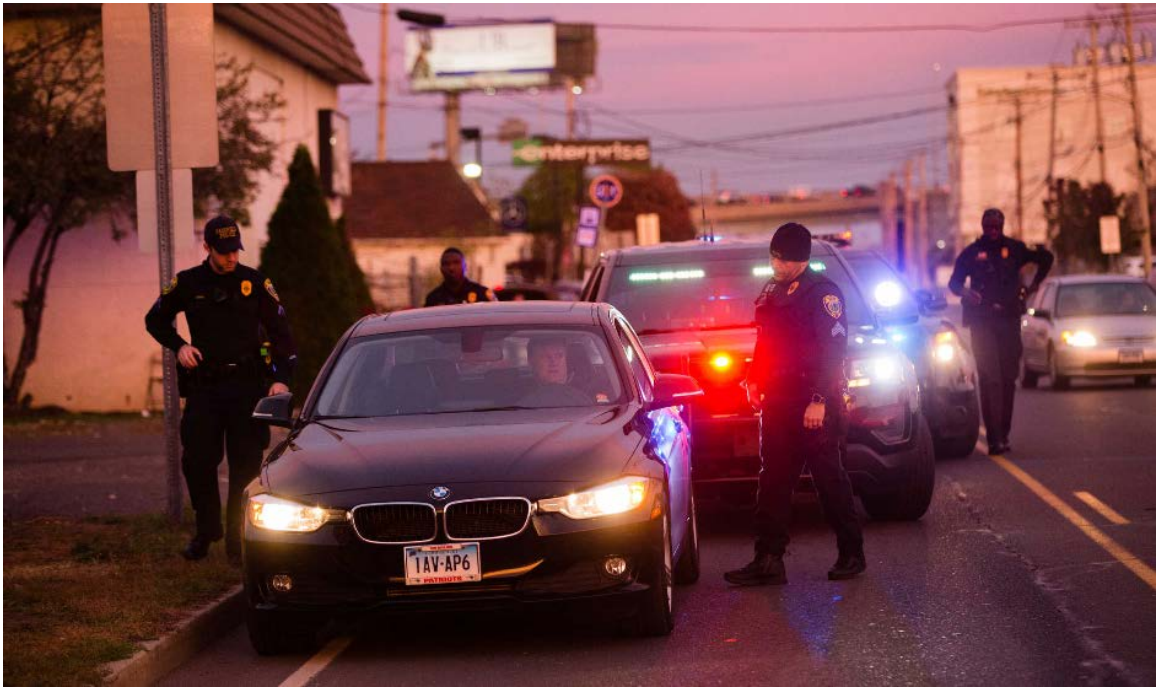
Off. Bok  
Off. Katz  
Det. Kelley  
Sgt. Kline  
Off. Letsch  
Off. Mazzocchi  
Off. McGrath  
Det. McKeon  
Off. Medvegy  
Off. Mignone  
Det. Nadeau  
Sgt. Paris  
Off. Rubis, C.J.  
Off. Wells

### *Those who were recognized with One (1) Letter:*

Off. Bennett  
Capt. Bucherati  
Det. Buckmir  
Off. Burke  
Det. Dalling  
Off. DiMarco  
Disp. Erasmus  
Off. Fuller  
Off. Galaske  
Off. Griffin  
Sgt. Irizarry  
Off. Jenkins  
Sgt. Kaesmann  
Off. MacNamara  
Off. Mirra  
Retired Off. Moran  
Off. Procaccini  
Off. Racz  
Off. Renaldi  
Lt. Riendeau  
Det. Takacs  
Off. Terifay  
Off. Thresher  
Det. Vaspasiano  
Sgt. Wiltsie  
Off. Young  
Sgt. Zdru  
K9 Maverick



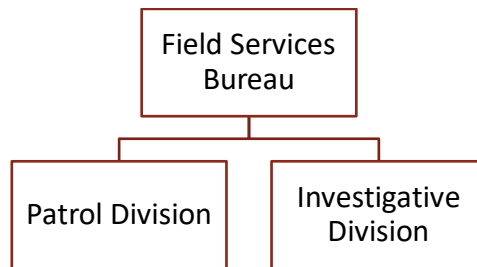
# Bureau and Divisional Information



## Field Services Bureau

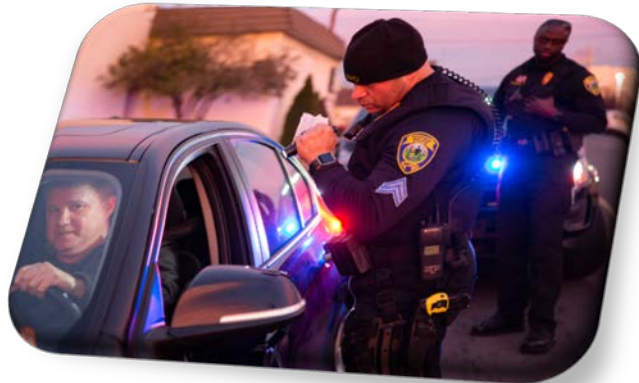


**Captain Keith Broderick**  
**Field Services Bureau Commander**



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

- Patrol Division
- Investigative Division



## Patrol Division



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Nook



Lieutenant Edward  
Weihe



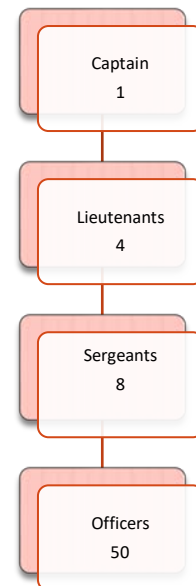
Lieutenant James  
Perez



Lieutenant Gregory  
Gunter

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

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

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

incidents occurring within the town, conduct preliminary investigations and develop positive community relations.

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

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

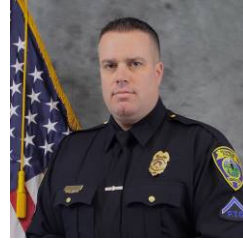
### **Field Training Program**

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

### **Crisis Intervention Team**

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

### **Canine Officers**

**Jake****Jagger****Maverick****Sammy****Officer Chase****Officer Wells****Sergeant  
Kaesmann****Officer DeAngelis**

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

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

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

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

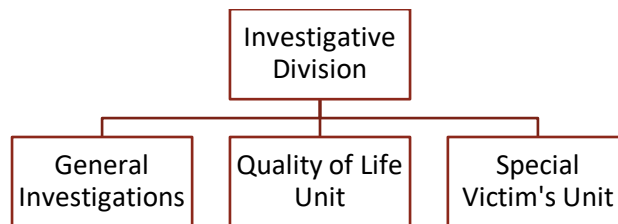
### Canine Unit Summary 2020

	2019	2020	% Change
Traffic Stops	1,158	226	-80%
Narcotic Searches	99	31	-69%
Narcotic Searches Resulting in an Arrest	69	12	-83%
Tracks	78	62	-21%
Building / Area Searches	20	14	-30%
Mutual Aid Requests	130	33	-75%
Demonstrations / Other Miscellaneous Uses	70	25	-64%
Explosive Sweeps/Searches	XX	24	New category

## Investigative Division



**Lieutenant Matthew Riendeau**  
**Division Commander**



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

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



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



**Investigative Division Cases 2020**

	2019	2020	% Change
Referred Cases	235	439	87%
Investigative Division Generated Cases	208	40	-81%
Total Cases Investigated	443	479	8%

**Special Victims Unit**

The Fairfield Police Department Investigative Unit has a Special Victims Unit that handles crimes against or involving juveniles, sexual assault and domestic violence crimes. Two detectives are assigned on a permanent basis and receive extra training in the areas of youth crime and neglect, sexual assault and domestic violence. The detectives work closely with the Department of Children and Families (DCF), Center for Family Justice and other local and State agencies.

**Special Victims Unit Cases 2020**

	2019	2020	% Change
Referred Cases	18	19	6%
Youth Bureau Generated Cases	21	48	129%
Total Youth Bureau Cases Investigated	39	67	72%

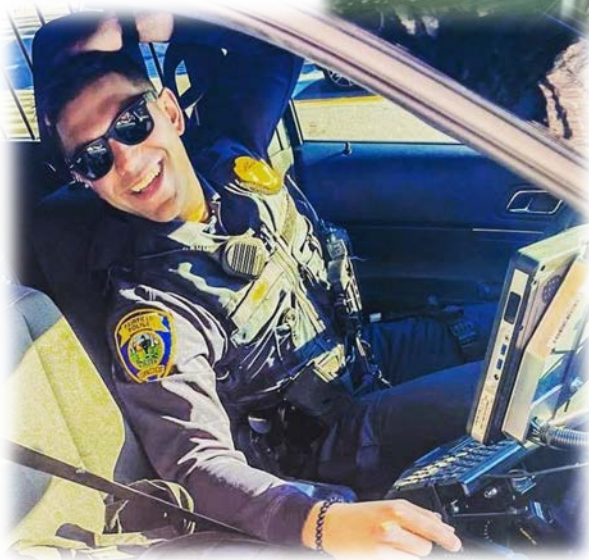
The Detective Division processes all pistol permit applications submitted to the Fairfield Police Department.

**Pistol Permit Applications 2020**

	2019	2020	% Change
Received	128	594	364%
Approved	113	479	324%
Denied	2	8	300%
In-Process	13	107	723%

**Quality of Life Unit**

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

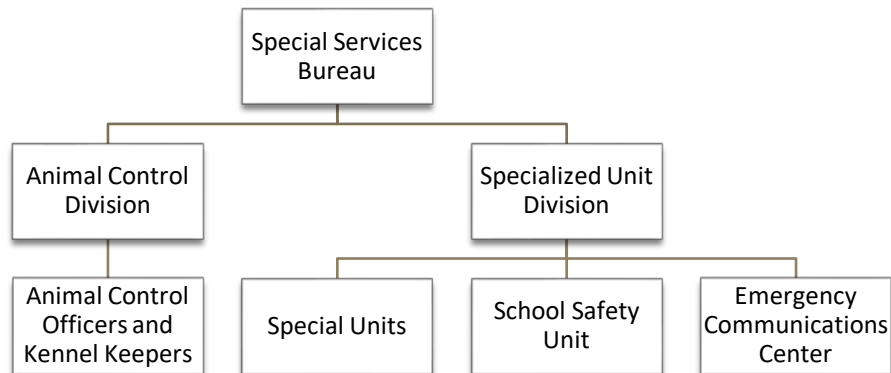


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## Special Services Bureau



**Captain Christopher Tursi**  
**Bureau Commander**



### Specialized Unit Division

The Specialized Unit Division is responsible for the following:

- ❖ Traffic Enforcement
- ❖ Crash Investigation
- ❖ Motorcycle Unit
- ❖ Special Event Planning
- ❖ Dive Team
- ❖ Marine Unit
- ❖ Emergency Services Unit
- ❖ Emergency Communications Center
- ❖ Special Events Coordination
- ❖ Traffic Surveys
- ❖ Officer Wellness Programs
- ❖ Supernumerary Officers
- ❖ Special Officers
- ❖ School Safety Unit

**Traffic Safety Unit**

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

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



**Traffic Unit Summary 2020**

	2019 Total	2020												2020 Total	% Change
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	4,899	492	292	99	0	167	113	326	694	361	304	240	379	3467	-29%
<b>Infractions</b>	3,270	188	95	20	0	0	1	36	305	92	119	32	86	974	-70%
<b>Misdemeanors</b>	193	10	6	5	0	1	1	6	16	3	4	8	9	69	-64%
<b>Crashes Investigated</b>	421	16	30	15	0	13	28	25	25	28	27	27	30	264	-37%
<b>Child Seat Installs</b>	229	14	34	15	0	0	2	5	0	15	0	0	0	85	-63%

### Marine Unit

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



Marine Unit officers respond to numerous types of calls on the water. They handle emergency 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 2019

	2019 Total	2020						2020 Total	% Change
		May	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT		
Complaints	88	12	19	34	28	19	8	120	36%
Boats Towed	11	1	2	2	1	0	0	6	-45%
Written Warnings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Safety Inspections	12	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	-58%
Total Calls For Service	100	13	23	34	28	19	8	125	25%
Hours Underway	505	10	75	165	145	110	24	529	5%
Community Events	19	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	-84%
Location Checks	16	12	3	11	12	6	1	45	181%
Fatalities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%

### Traffic Crash Investigation Unit

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



### Traffic Crash Investigation Unit Summary 2019

	2019 Total	2020												2020 Total	% Change
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Accidents Investigated	837	73	51	40	20	20	43	53	70	81	76	49	63	639	-24%
Accidents Injuries	79	4	6	5	0	1	6	6	6	7	5	11	7	64	-19%
Search Warrants	26	3	0	4	4	5	2	6	4	1	0	2	0	31	19%
Arrest Warrants	30	1	1	0	0	3	1	4	3	1	2	1	1	18	-40%
Misdemeanors	51	3	2	6	0	3	8	5	4	2	5	2	5	45	-12%
Infractions Issued	464	17	8	18	11	7	15	11	113	27	44	7	20	298	-36%
Fatalities	7	0	0	1	0	1*	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	-57%

### Dive Team

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



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

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

### Emergency Services Unit

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

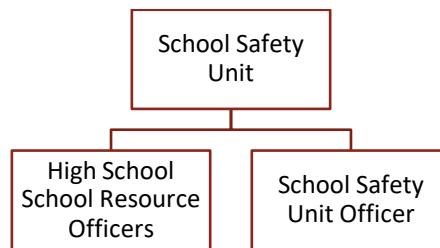
- Building searches
- Hostage negotiations
- Use of several different types of weapons and tactics
- Other necessary skills



## School Safety Unit



**Sergeant Frederick Hine**  
**Unit Commander**



Over the past seven years, the Fairfield Public Schools and the Fairfield Police Department have developed a strong partnership aimed at enhancing school safety and security. A dedicated School Safety 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 within the school community, and 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 regularly provides a variety of trainings to school staff. The trainings include the topics of safety awareness, skills in observing and reporting,



lockdown procedures, and Human Threat Assessment. The training focuses on identifying problems before they reach crisis levels, and how to best respond if there is an unavoidable emergency situation. Lockdown drills are performed regularly, and members of the School Safety 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.

### *School Safety Unit Summary 2019*

	2019	2020	% Change
Initial Investigations	297	<b>123</b>	-59%
Follow-Up Investigations	49	<b>11</b>	-78%
Presentations	201	<b>15</b>	-93%
School Site Checks	4,421	<b>1,534</b>	-65%
General Assistance Provided	377	<b>134</b>	-64%
Community Events	103	<b>19</b>	-82%
Lockdown drills	75	<b>40</b>	-47%
General Collaborations/Notifications	166	<b>56</b>	-66%
Security Site Assessments	1	<b>0</b>	-100%
Juvenile Arrests	17	<b>4</b>	-76%
Adult Arrests	2	<b>0</b>	-100%
Files Being tracked/Info Files	51	<b>0</b>	-100%
Research/Projects Toward Safety/Security Advancement	19	<b>6</b>	-68%
Total School Safety Unit Activity	5,780	<b>1,942</b>	-66%

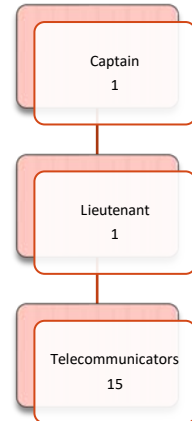
### Emergency Communications Center



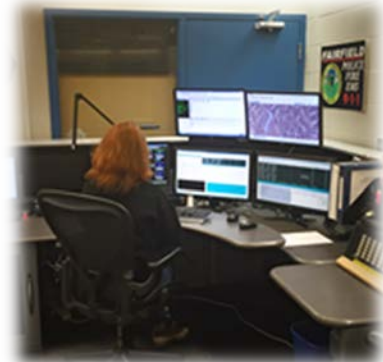
The Fairfield Emergency Communications Center is responsible for receiving all 9-1-1 emergency calls, as well as non-emergency Police and Fire calls. The Communications Center employs 15 full-time telecommunicators and handles approximately 18,833, 9-1-1 calls and 90,000 non-emergency telephone calls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

The Emergency Communications Center operates under the supervision of both the Fairfield Police and Fairfield Fire Departments. It is located in the Fairfield Police Department headquarters. Communications are computerized and work off of multiple radio towers.

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



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Incoming Calls	7,117	6,746	6,586	6,010	7,053	8,098	6,172	10,154	7,791	7,759	7,549	7,468	88,503
911 Calls	1,566	1,622	1,353	1,724	1,430	1,771	1,846	2,702	1,714	1,723	1,681	1,695	20,827
Outgoing Calls	1,825	1,796	1,729	1,157	1,970	2,160	2,132	2,460	2,071	2,181	2,087	2,063	23,631
CSFs Processed	3,816	3,419	3,237	4,079	3,678	3,125	3501	4,479	3,661	3,565	3,818	4,061	44,439
% 911 Calls Under 10 Sec	95.95	95.31	96.33	97.23	96.43	96.32	96.48	78.65	95.16	95.76	95.36	96.99	1,136



## Animal Control Division

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



### Animal Control Summary 2020:

Animal Control	2019 Total	2020												2020 Total	% Change
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Complaints	1,068	65	70	68	66	92	127	121	118	132	108	69	30	1066	0%
Wildlife Complaints	466	23	30	34	32	39	78	64	62	69	41	32	9	513	10%
Animals Tested for Rabies	25	0	1	5	0	1	3	0	6	2	1	3	0	22	-12%
Animals Rabies Positive	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-75%
Animal Bites	41	2	1	2	1	2	1	6	2	3	1	1	1	23	-44%
Written Warnings	69	4	4	2	4	8	5	6	4	9	8	7	6	67	-3%
Infractions	43	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	5	1	0	13	-70%
Misdemeanors	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	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 of creating a proactive warning system that not only would warn parents and dog owners of the danger of hot vehicles but also stimulate timely reporting of violations by the public. Heat Kills signs were placed in several locations in Town to remind pet owners not to leave their pets in cars. In 2019, animal control officers continued to expand this program to more businesses in town. There are now over 61 signs located in both private and public parking areas throughout the town.



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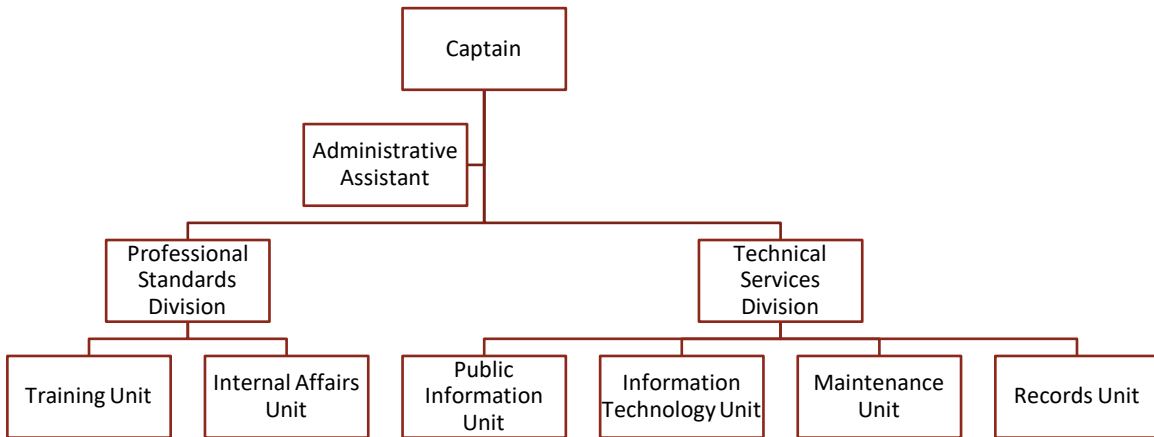


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# Administrative Services Bureau



**Captain John Bucherati**  
**Bureau Commander**



Support Services is responsible for the following functions:

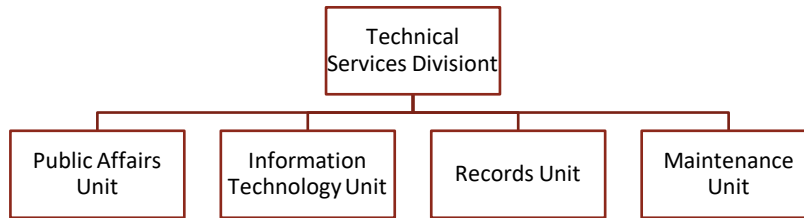
- Records
- Property and Evidence
- Training
- Quartermaster
- Hiring
- Time and Attendance
- Payroll
- Public Information
- Outside Services
- Personnel

- Alarm Ordinance
- Audits
- Parking Ticket Processing
- Equipment
- Building Maintenance
- Fleet Maintenance
- Information Technology
- Internal Affairs
- Policy Development
- Accreditation
- Awards

## Technical Services Division



**Lieutenant Antonio Granata**  
**Division Commander**



### Public Affairs Unit

The Public Affairs Unit is responsible for:

- ❖ Public Information
- ❖ Neighborhood Watch Coordination
- ❖ Crime Prevention
- ❖ Social Media
- ❖ Freedom of Information Requests
- ❖ Traffic Surveys
- ❖ Code Enforcement
- ❖ Block Parties
- ❖ Citizen Police Academy

### Information Technology

The information technology unit oversees all IT for the department. Additionally, they maintain vehicle computers, radio systems and phone systems.

### Records Unit

The records unit is responsible for maintaining the department's record management system, processing all required state and federal reports, providing report copies to the public and processing court paperwork. Additionally, this unit oversees the following functions:

- ❖ Alarm Ordinance Enforcement
- ❖ Payroll
- ❖ Time and Attendance
- ❖ Property and Evidence
- ❖ Department Quartermaster
- ❖ Parking Ticket Management

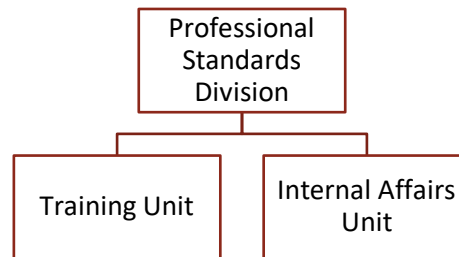
### Maintenance Unit

The maintenance unit oversees both building and vehicle fleet management.

## Professional Standards Division



**Lieutenant Felix Esposito**  
**Division Commander**



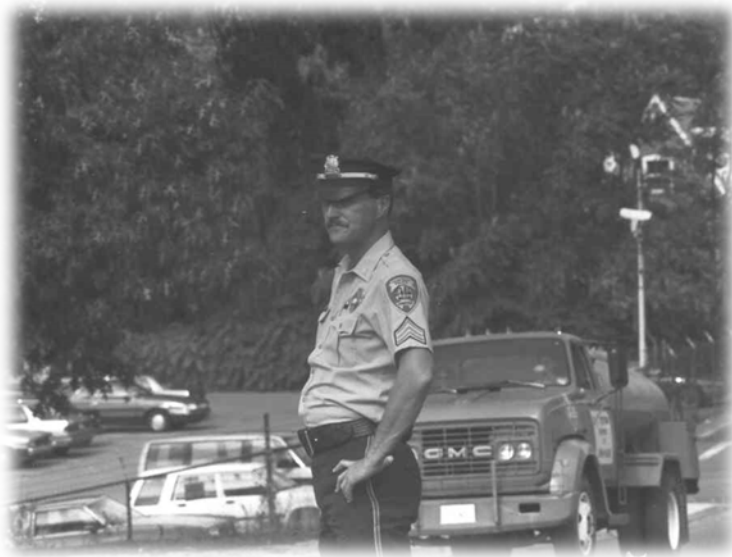
The Professional Standards Division of the Fairfield Police Department is responsible for the following functions:

- Department Audits
- Internal Affairs / Incident Reviews
- Internship Program
- Policies and Procedures
- Awards

### Training

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

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



*Professionalism.....Honor.....Excellence*



## Explorer Post



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

### Post Advisors

Chief Christopher Lyddy, Retired  
 Lieutenant Gregory Gunter  
 Officer Kevin Wells  
 Detective Belinda Papageorge  
 Officer Richard Peck  
 Officer Jenna Racz

### *Explorer Post Summary 2020*

- ❖ 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 both in person and virtually.
- ❖ Logged over combined 4000 hours of community service in Fairfield and surrounding communities
- ❖ The annual competitions and week long summer academy normally attended by the explorers were postponed due to the global health crisis.



### Recent Alumni and Awards



❖ Deaglan Mcdade - Connecticut State Police State Trooper

❖ Explorer of the Year 2020 – Erick Alvarez-Whalen

In recognition to the dedication and resolution within the Fairfield Police Explorer Program. Throughout 2020, Erick attended every meeting, both in person and virtual. This reliability is a testament to his commitment to the program, and willingness to make the post a priority.

❖ Meritorious Service Award – Erin Perrotta

In recognition to an outstanding act of service, of an exceptional character. For the action of assisting in a police investigation, which put into practice the skills and ideals of the Fairfield Police Explorer Post. Erin exhibited characteristics of integrity, selflessness, and reliability, and sets forth an example for fellow explorers.

❖ Lifetime Achievement Award – Deaglan McDade

In recognition to the outstanding achievement of completing all Programs of the Cadet Police Academy, including Basic Program, Advanced Program, Mock Police Department, Bike Program, and Career Development Program. Notably, McDade earned the Director's Award for his perseverance in Career Development, making him the first Fairfield Explorer to earn the award.

❖ Academic Excellence – Torrelle Adebewale

In recognition to obtaining the highest GPA in the Fairfield Police Explorer Program. Torelle has also excelled in all Police Explorer lectures, demonstrates the ability to grasp concepts quickly, and uses her knowledge to assist others.



# 2019 Department Statistics

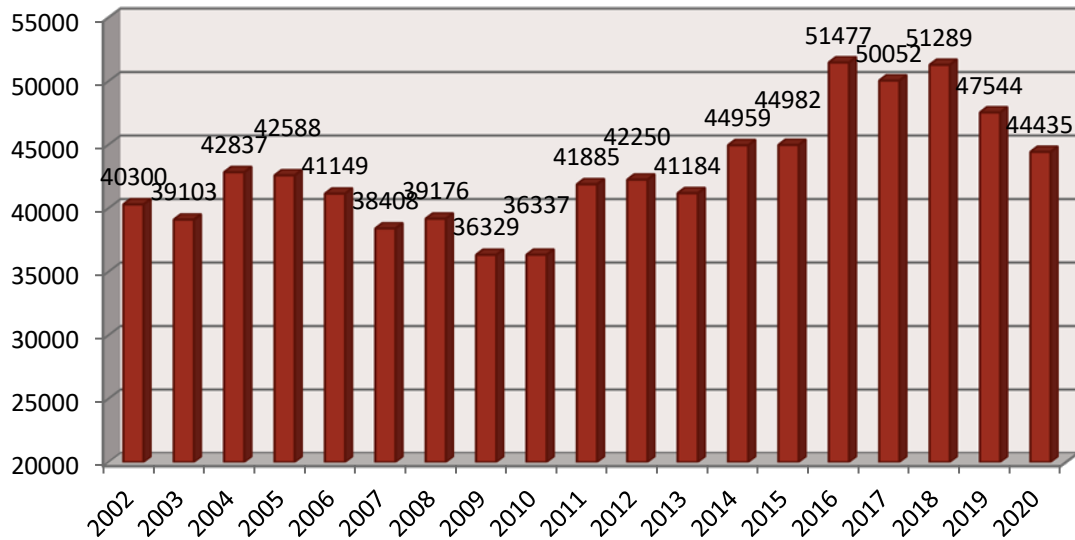


# Year End Statistics – 2020

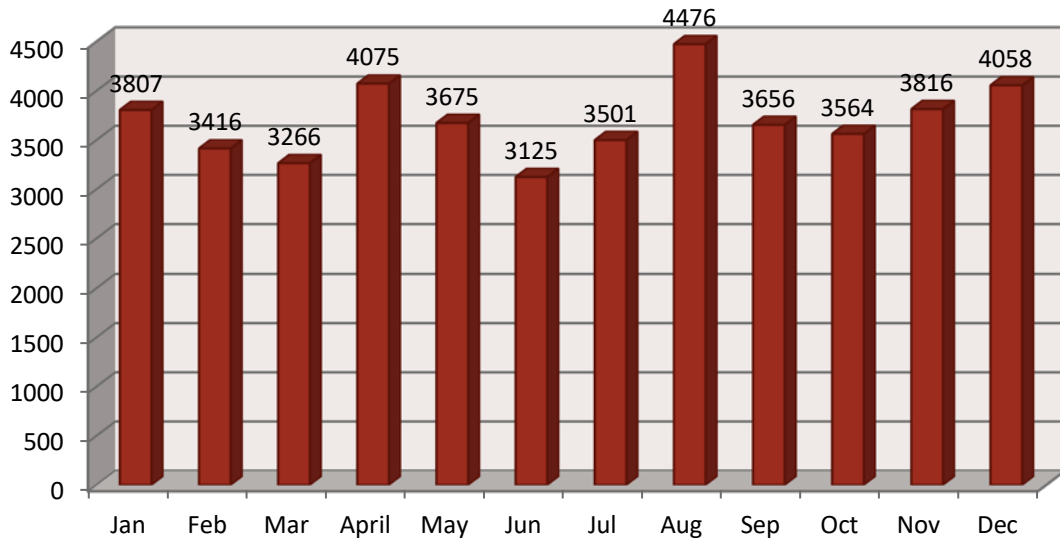
## Calls for Service

**Total Calls for Service: 44,435**

**Annual Calls For Service Comparison**



**Calls for Service 2020 - Monthly Comparison**

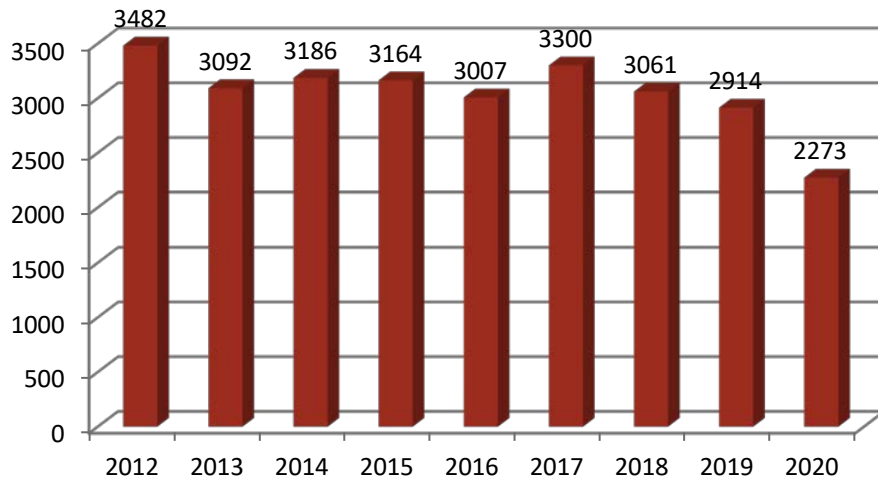


## Alarm Response Summary

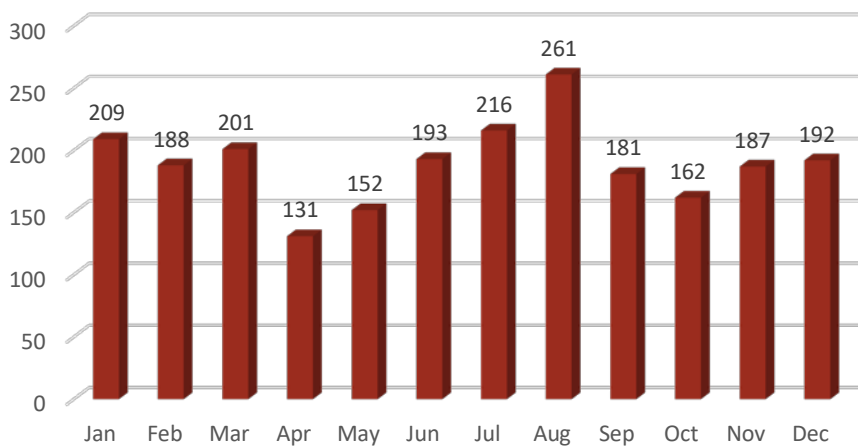
Total Alarms	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2019	243	214	227	232	253	261	274	285	216	204	250	255	2,914
2020	209	188	201	131	152	193	216	261	181	162	187	192	2,273

False Alarms	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2019	243	211	227	232	250	261	274	283	215	203	250	254	2,903
2020	209	182	201	131	152	192	216	261	181	161	187	192	2,265

Alarms - Annual Comparison



Alarms - Monthly Summary - 2020



## General Calls for Service

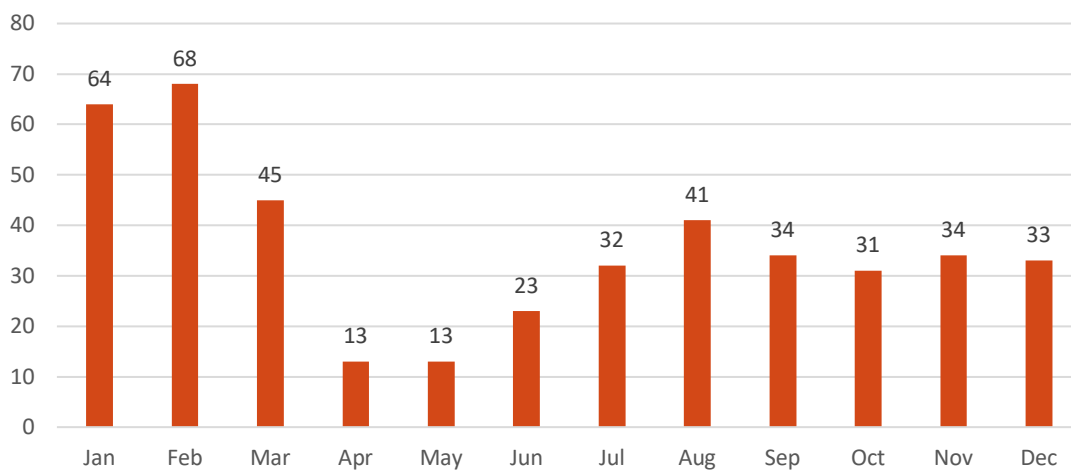
	2019	2020	% Change		2019	2020	% Change
911 HANG UP	89	89	0%	ICE / WATER RESCUE	0	0	0%
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE	95	80	-16%	INFORMATION	382	3566	834%
AIRCRAFT CRASH	0	0	0%	INTOXICATED SUBJECT	78	34	-56%
ALARM	1	1	0%	INVESTIGATION	1976	1878	-5%
ALARM EXCUSED	11	7	-36%	INVESTIGATION- SENIOR CITIZEN	8	6	-25%
ALARM FALSE	2902	2272	-22%	INVESTIGATION-ARREST	25	10	-60%
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	1157	1117	-3%	INVESTIGATION-BAD CHECK	1	1	0%
ANIMAL RESCUE	11	9	-18%	INVESTIGATION-COUNTERFEIT	14	10	-29%
				INVESTIGATION-CREDIT CARD			
ANY SITUATION	115	121	5%	FRAUD	21	17	-19%
ASSAULT	27	24	-11%	INVESTIGATION-FINANCIAL CRIME	19	17	-11%
ASSAULT IN PROGRESS	0	0	0%	INVESTIGATION-FORGERY	33	26	-21%
ASSISTANCE	2181	1702	-22%	INVESTIGATION-INTERNET CRIME	23	14	-39%
BANK ESCORT	244	228	-7%	INVESTIGATION-MVW	0	0	0%
BOAT CRASH	0	0	0%	INVESTIGATION-WARRANT ARREST	156	64	-59%
BOAT FIRE (AT DOCKS)	0	0	0%	LARCENY IN PROGRESS	4	4	0%
BOAT FIRE (AT SEA)	1	0	-100%	LARCENY/THEFT	279	228	-18%
BOMB THREAT	0	0	0%	LARCENY-EMPLOYEE THEFT	11	1	-91%
BREACH OF PEACE	581	595	2%	LARCENY-IDENTITY THEFT	100	89	-11%
BURGLARY	17	9	-47%	LOCKOUT	0	1	0%
BURGLARY - RESIDENCE	18	31	72%	M.V. ACCIDENT	2300	1457	-37%
BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL	26	27	4%	M.V. ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	3	2	-33%
BURGLARY - GARAGE	13	35	169%	MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT	0	0	0%
BURGLARY - SCHOOL	0	3	300%	MEDICAL ALARM	27	19	-30%
BURGLARY ATTEMPT	9	2	-78%	MENTAL PATIENT	49	52	6%
BURGLARY ATTEMPT - RESIDENCE	14	4	-71%	MISSING PERSON	29	29	0%
BURGLARY ATTEMPT - COMMERCIAL	6	7	17%	NARCOTIC VIOLATION IN PROGRESS	1	2	100%
BURGLARY ATTEMPT - SCHOOL	0	1	100%	NARCOTICS VIOLATION	62	27	-56%
BURGLARY IN PROGRESS	0	1	100%	NOISE COMPLAINT	366	469	28%
BURNING COMPLAINT	26	39	50%	OFFICER NEEDS ASSISTANCE	0	0	0%
BUS FIRE	2	2	0%	OTHER RESCUE	4	1	-75%
BUSINESS/LOCATION CHECK	11947	11394	-5%	PACOS ASSIGNMENT	271	758	180%
CANCEL 911 HANG-UP	9	8	-11%	PARKING VIOLATION	498	561	13%
CANCELLED ALARM	608	568	-7%	PISTOL PERMIT APPLICATION	128	594	364%
CAR FIRE	30	15	-50%	PUBLIC SERVICE CALL	479	447	-7%
COMMUNITY EVENT	652	209	-68%	RECKLESS DRIVER	356	339	-5%
CONFINED SPACE RESCUE	0	0	0%	RECOVERED PROPERTY	189	196	4%
DEAD ANIMAL ON ROADWAY	28	33	18%	RESIDENTIAL LOCK IN	7	4	-43%
DEAD ON ARRIVAL	35	37	6%	RESIDENTIAL LOCK OUT	54	28	-48%
DOOR UNLOCKED	71	35	-51%	RIOT	0	0	0%
DROWNING	1	0	-100%	ROAD HAZARD	578	633	10%
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	3256	2291	-30%	ROBBERY	13	7	-46%
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL (CODE 2)	593	984	66%	ROBBERY IN PROGRESS	0	0	0%
EMS	474	164	-65%	SEX VIOLATION	5	5	0%
ESCAPE	0	0	0%	SEX VIOLATION IN PROGRESS	0	0	0%
FIREWORKS COMPLAINT	64	148	131%	SHOPLIFTER	233	292	25%
FLOODING CONDITION	30	11	-63%	STOLEN VEHICLE	57	113	98%
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	5	2	-60%	STOLEN VEHICLE ATTEMPT	1	1	0%
FUNERAL ESCORT	196	107	-45%	STOLEN VEHICLE IN PROGRESS	0	0	0%
GPS ALERT	6	3	-50%	STRUCTURE FIRE	63	77	22%
HARASSMENT	167	181	8%	SUICIDE	4	4	0%
HOMICIDE	1	0	-100%	SUICIDE ATTEMPT	9	12	33%

	2019	2020	% Change		2019	2020	% Change
SUICIDE THREAT	48	47	-2%	VANDALISM IN PROGRESS	1	1	0%
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	544	415	-24%	VANDALISM MISCELLANEOUS	40	79	98%
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	278	247	-11%	VANDALISM TO STRUCTURE	17	17	0%
TEST	51	53	4%	VANDALISM TO VEHICLE	55	48	-13%
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	286	475	66%	VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	297	185	-38%
TRAFFIC CONTROL MALFUNCTION	80	61	-24%	VEHICLE LOCK IN	10	9	-10%
TRAIN ACCIDENT	0	0	0%	VEHICLE LOCK OUT	267	154	-42%
TRAIN ACCIDENT	0	0	0%	VESSEL INSPECTION	12	5	-58%
TRAIN FIRE	0	0	0%	WATER RESCUE	7	13	86%
TRESPASSER	105	152	45%	WIRES DOWN	104	134	29%
UNKNOWN TROUBLE	3	3	0%				

## Criminal Arrests

Criminal Arrests by Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Larceny	46	52	32	6	10	14	24	28	19	18	27	21	297
Vandalism	2	3	10	4	0	2	1	1	2	3	2	4	34
MV Theft / Attempt	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	9
Burglary / Attempt	12	7	1	2	2	3	3	9	2	6	4	3	54
Assault	2	6	2	1	0	4	4	2	6	1	1	4	33
Robbery	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	4
2020 Totals	64	68	45	13	13	23	32	41	34	31	34	33	431

## Total Criminal Arrests - 2020

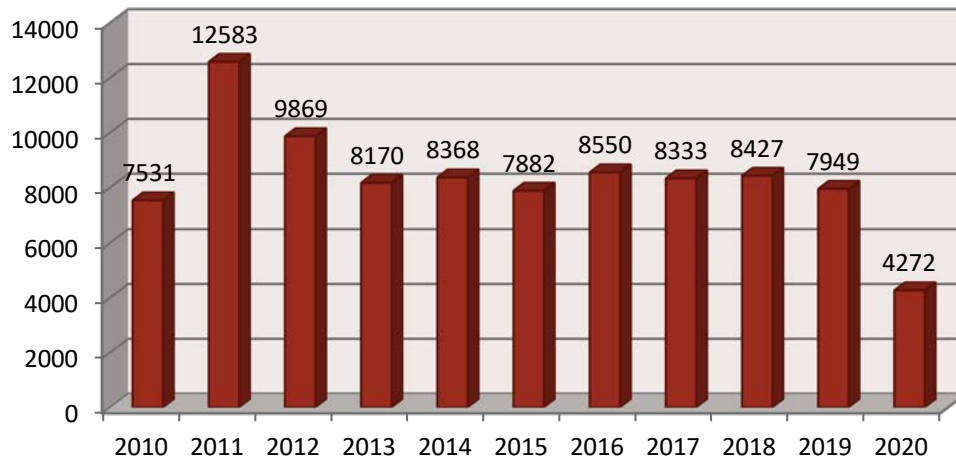


## Motor Vehicle Activity Summary

Enforcement Summary	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change
No Action	234	191	179	203	<b>128</b>	57	-55%
Verbal Warnings	4,354	4,300	3,465	3,254	<b>3,432</b>	2848	-17%
Written Warnings	105	59	27	41	<b>25</b>	58	132%
Infractions	2,620	3,503	4,157	4,420	<b>3,799</b>	1181	-69%
Misdemeanors	517	431	440	456	<b>516</b>	118	-77%
UAR Arrests	52	66	65	53	<b>49</b>	10	-80%

Total MV Contacts	7,882	8,550	8,333	8,427	<b>7,949</b>	4,272	-46%
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### Motor Vehicle Contacts - Annual Comparison



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

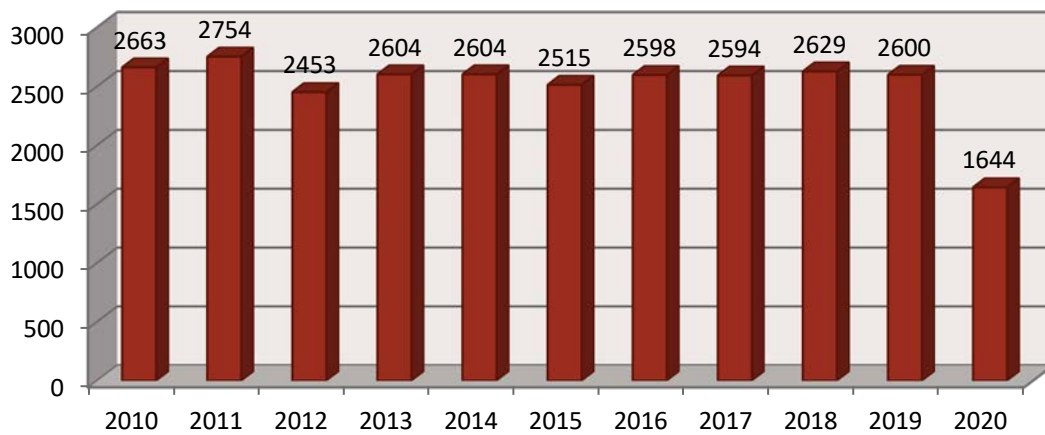
MV Enforcement: Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Speeding Violations	158	92	20	0	3	5	48	32	103	28	23	30	542
Seatbelt Violations	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	39	0	2	4	28	79
Registration Violations	51	35	10	0	1	0	3	11	3	6	8	5	133
License Violations	8	11	14	2	1	5	4	10	6	13	8	15	97
Distracted Driving	3	7	4	0	0	2	1	307	6	113	3	40	486
Suspended License	18	11	7	1	2	0	10	13	3	8	7	7	87
Stop Sign Violations	83	22	15	2	26	10	24	31	49	41	29	52	384
Traffic Light Violation	6	9	2	0	3	2	2	4	3	2	1	4	38



## Motor Vehicle Accident Summary

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2,156	2,147	2,245	2,311	2,300	<b>1,457</b>	-37%%
Motor Vehicle Accidents with Injuries	359	451	349	318	300	<b>187</b>	-38%%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,515</b>	<b>2,598</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>2,629</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>1,644</b>	<b>-37%</b>

### Motor Vehicle Accidents - Annual Comparison



## State Traffic Stop Reporting Details - 2020

Ethnicity			
	Hispanic	M. Eastern	N/A
White	588	50	3049
Black	23	4	451
Indian	1	2	45
Asian	1	0	58
Unknown	0	0	0
Totals	613	56	3603

Gender		
	Female	Male
White	1638	2049
Black	192	286
Indian	14	34
Asian	33	26
Unknown	0	0
Totals	1877	2395

Stop Nature			
	Investigation	Violation	Equipment
White	29	3601	57
Black	9	437	32
Indian	0	48	0
Asian	0	59	6
Unknown	0	0	0
Totals	38	4145	89

Custodial		
	Yes	No
White	16	3671
Black	6	472
Indian	0	48
Asian	0	59
Unknown	0	0
Totals	22	4250

Enforcement Category			
	General	Blind	Spot Check
White	2548	1035	104
Black	334	114	30
Indian	34	13	1
Asian	39	18	2
Unknown	0	0	0
Totals	2955	1180	137

Resident		
	Municipal	CT
White	1346	3457
Black	37	444
Indian	13	45
Asian	16	52
Unknown	0	0
Totals	1412	3998

Authority to Search				
	N/A	Consent	Inventory	Other
White	3664	2	1	20
Black	463	4	0	11
Indian	48	0	0	0
Asian	59	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0
Totals	4234	6	1	31

Vehicle Search		
	Yes	No
White	23	3664
Black	15	463
Indian	0	48
Asian	0	59
Unknown	0	0
Totals	38	4234

Duration of Stop			
	0-15	16-30	Over 30
White	3594	73	20
Black	439	27	12
Indian	48	0	0
Asian	59	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0
Totals	4140	100	32

Vehicle Towed		
	Yes	No
White	38	3664
Black	15	463
Indian	0	48
Asian	0	59
Unknown	0	0
Totals	38	4234

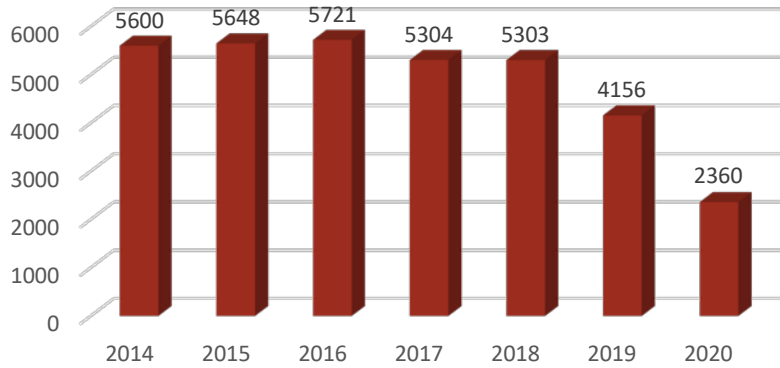
Contraband		
	Yes	No
White	14	3673
Black	6	472
Indian	0	48
Asian	0	59
Unknown	0	0
Totals	20	4252

Result of Stop						
	UAR	Misdemeanor	Infraction	Verbal	Written	None
White	6	90	1006	2489	49	47
Black	4	28	135	298	4	9
Indian	0	0	17	30	1	0
Asian	0	0	23	31	4	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	118	1181	2484	58	57

### Parking Tag Summary

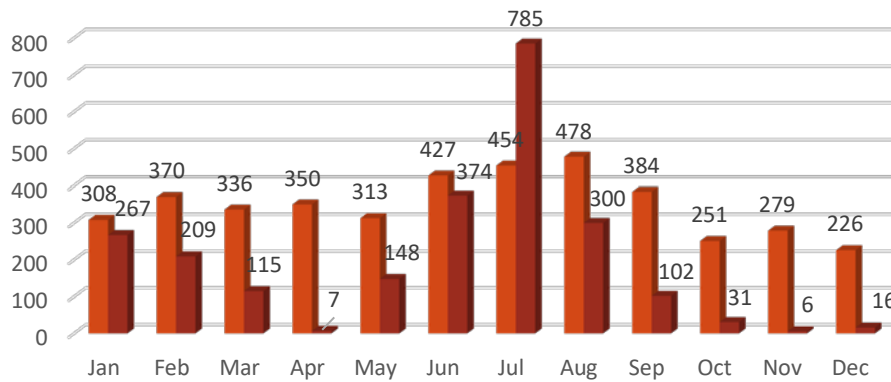
	FY 2019	FY 2020	% Change
<b>Parking Tags Issued</b>	5,303	<b>4,156</b>	-43%
<b>Fees Collected</b>	\$152,341	<b>\$147,647</b>	-23%

Parking Ticket Annual Comparison



Total Issued	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2019	308	370	336	350	313	427	454	478	384	251	279	226	4176
2020	267	209	115	7	148	374	785	300	102	31	6	16	2360

Parking Ticket Monthly Comparison

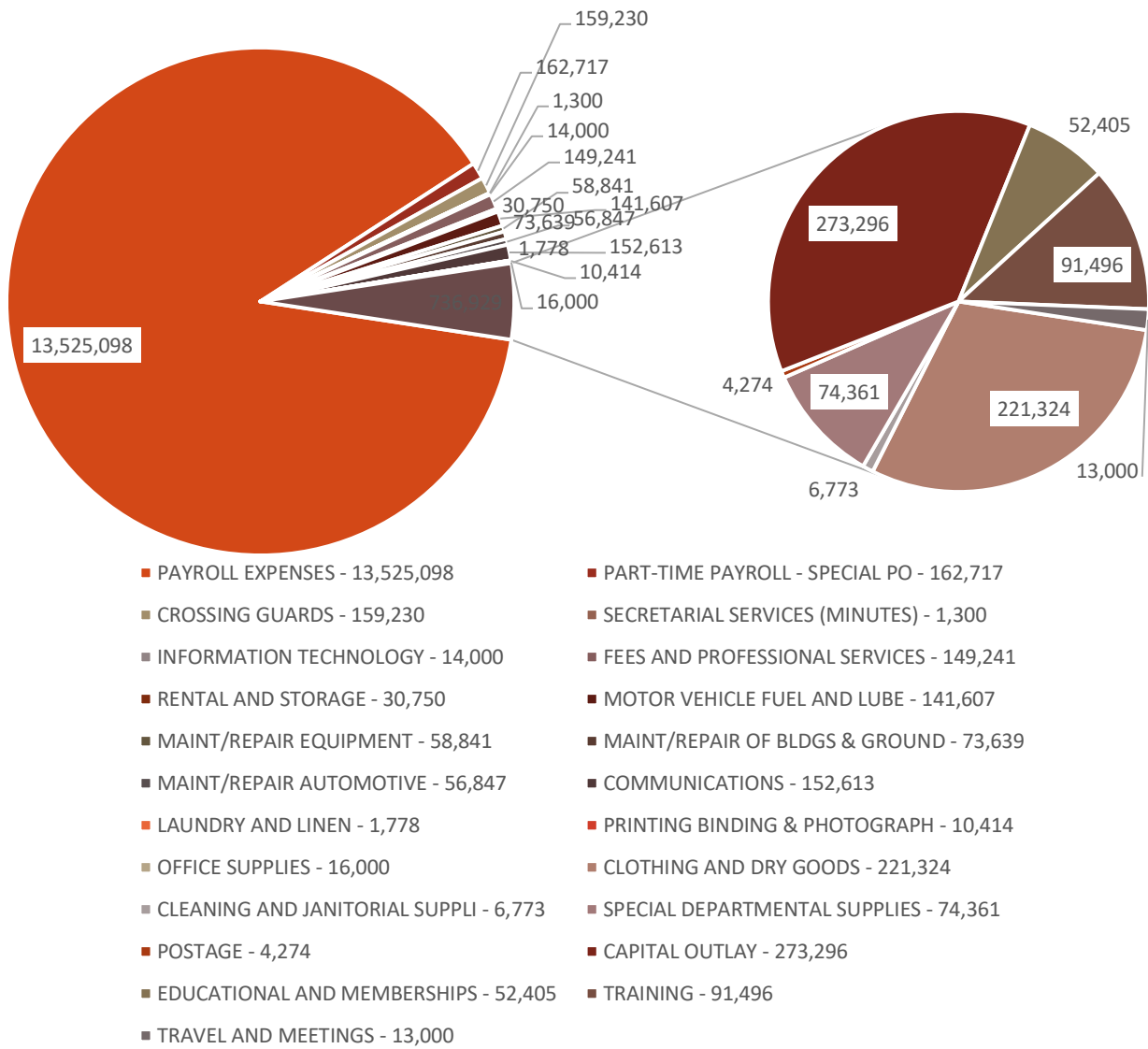


**Fees Collected:**

	FY 19	FY 20	% Change
Photostat Fees	\$ 7,603.00	\$ 7,690.00	1%
State Motor Vehicle Surcharge	\$ 70,859.00	\$ 63,865.00	-10%
State 911 Grant	\$135,224.00	\$135,224.00	0%
Police Licenses	\$ 26,590.00	\$ 17,631.00	-34%
Alarm Ordinance	\$ 22,757.00	\$ 12,589.00	-45%
Other	\$ 15,532.00	\$ 7,400.00	-52%

**Budget FY 2021:**

Chart Title





**2021**

As we enter a new year, the department has made several changes that will continue our goal to of improving the services we provide to the citizens of Fairfield. In January, we saw the retirement of Chief Christopher Lyddy and the appointment of Chief Robert Kalamaras as the department's 14<sup>th</sup> Chief of Police.



Chief Kalamaras has 21 years of experience with the Fairfield Police Department, has deep roots in the community, and a wide range of law enforcement experience. First Selectwoman Brenda Kupchick stated, *"his integrity and professionalism makes him exceptionally suited for his new role."*



Several other promotions were made in January.



Lieutenant Keith Broderick was promoted to Captain. He was assigned to command the Field Services Bureau.

Sergeant Felix Esposito was promoted to Lieutenant. He was assigned to the Office of Professional Standards

Officer Donald Matejek was promoted to Sergeant. He was assigned as a patrol division supervisor.





## Conclusion

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

**Professionalism**  
**Honor**  
**Excellence**

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

**Making Fairfield Safer!**

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