

FAIRFIELD POLICE

Monthly Report – November 2018



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Noteworthy Police Work

Lieutenant Bloch recognized the following officers for their work during a motor vehicle stop that resulted in the arrest of four individuals on larceny charges. Sergeant Riendeau, Officer Zerella, Officer Kaesmann, Officer Greenfield and Officer Matejek.

Lieutenant Koval recognized Sergeant Riendeau who, after observing suspicious activity, conducted an investigation that resulted in two arrests for breaking into vehicles and larceny.

Sergeant Paris recognized Officer Wells, Officer Letsch and K-9 Jagger for their work locating a subject wanted in connection with a burglary to the subjects ex-wife's home and violation of a protective order.

Lieutenant Greene recognized Sergeant Kline for his arrest of a subject on multiple narcotic charges and the seizure of cash relating to the sale of narcotics during a routine traffic stop.

Promotions

The following personnel were promoted during a ceremony held at police headquarters on November 19, 2019.



Captain Michael Gagner

Patrol Division Commander

Michael Gagner was born in Bridgeport and grew up in Black Rock and in Fairfield. A graduate of Fairfield Prep, he also attended Sacred University where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. Mike joined the Fairfield Police Department in 1989 and graduated the police academy as the class valedictorian. Serving as a Patrol Officer, Mike was selected as a Field Training Officer and was instrumental in formalizing the FTO program. As one of the original Emergency Services Unit members, he rose to squad leader and eventually served as Team Commander, and was a trained hostage negotiator.



Mike was promoted to Detective in 1999 where he was assigned to the burglary squad before being promoted again to Sergeant in 2000. Assigned to the Special Services, he supervised the Traffic and Accident Investigation Units along with the Emergency Communications Center.

In 2009, Mike was promoted to Lieutenant and was selected to serve as Commander of the Detective Bureau, a position he currently holds. Mike has numerous law enforcement awards and Letters of Commendation to include the Lifesaving Award, the World Trade Center Service Medal, and 5 Unit Commendation Citations.



Mike is an 18-year veteran of the US Army and US Navy, and is currently a Lieutenant Commander assigned to an NCIS unit, where he has served as the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer. Recalled to active duty in 2004, he was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq where he led a counterintelligence team throughout the city. He has numerous military awards to include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, 3 Navy Achievement Medals and the Combat Action Ribbon.



Lieutenant Peter Koval

Patrol Shift Commander

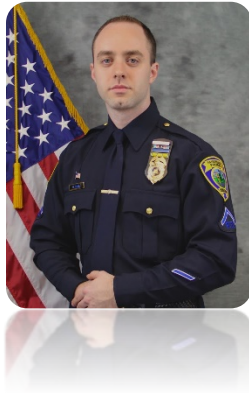
Lieutenant Koval was hired in 2002 and served as a Patrol Officer for eight years during which time he trained new employees as a Field Training Officer. He was also selected to be a member of the Emergency Services Unit. Lieutenant Koval was promoted to Detective in 2010 and in 2015 he was promoted to Sergeant where he was assigned to the Patrol Division. As a Sergeant, he served as the Crisis Intervention Team Coordinator and as the Field Training Officer Coordinator. Lieutenant Koval is a twice recipient of the U.S. Attorney’s award.



Lieutenant Koval grew up as the oldest of three children in Bridgeport, CT. He graduated from Quinnipiac University in 2001 with a degree in English and History. He comes from a Law enforcement family, his father, Peter Koval is a Bridgeport Police Officer, his mother, Sue Koval, is a Stratford Police Officer, and his late God Father, Jack Messina was a retired Bridgeport Police Officer.



Lieutenant Koval lives with his wife, Christine, and three children, Peter (10), Corey (7), and Siena (4). When not at work, Lieutenant Koval enjoys spending time with his family and he loves volunteering his time as a coach for Trumbull Little League Baseball, coaching football for the Shelton Flag Football League, and coaching basketball for the town of Trumbull.



Sergeant Michael Stahl

Patrol Division Supervisor

Sergeant Stahl was hired in September 2010 and has served within the Patrol Division for the past eight years. Within his first five years as a Patrol Officer, Sergeant Stahl received a number of unit citations and recognitions including the Distinguished Service Award for his work in developing the Safe Return Network. He was one of the founding members of the Department’s Crisis Intervention Team and currently serves as a Crisis Negotiator for the Emergency Services Unit.



Sergeant Stahl has served as a Field Training Officer since 2014 and was an integral part of implementing a computer based evaluation system for the field training program. He is additionally responsible for the administration of the Department’s ever-growing web and social media presence, which has proven vital during emergencies, natural disasters and day-to-day communication with the public.

In 2017, Sergeant Stahl was elected by his colleagues to represent them within the Police Union and has since served as the Union’s Secretary.



Sergeant Stahl contributes his accomplishments to his friends and family, especially his wife, Amy, and sons, Alexander and Lucas, without whose love and support none of his success would have been possible.

Sergeant Stahl is a Graduate of Fairfield University where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Communications with a minor concentration in Management.

Support Services Bureau

Training

- Basic Interview and Interrogations
- NEOA Regional Criminal Investigations
- Drug Investigations
- Search and Seizure for Active Officers
- Critical Legal Issues for LE Supervisors and Executives

Animal Control

Complaints: **70**

Wildlife related complaints: **27**

Animals tested for rabies: **3**

Wildlife testing positive for rabies: **0**

Animal bites: **5**

Enforcement:

Written warnings: **14**

Infractions: **6**

Misdemeanors: **0**

Lake Mohegan

- 3 Infractions Issued

Special Services Division

Traffic Safety Unit

Traffic Stops: **527**
Infractions: **370**
Misdemeanor Summons: **17**
Accidents Investigated: **31**
Child Seats Installed: **16**

Traffic Crash Investigations

Total Accidents Investigated: **77**
Total Accidents with Injuries: **8**
Search Warrants: **0**
Arrest Warrants: **1**
Misdemeanor Summons Issued: **1**
Infractions Issued: **36**

Traffic Unit Click it or Ticket Campaign conducted: 11/19/18 - 11/27/18

- 188 Infractions Issued
- 15 Misdemeanor Summons
- 2 Warrant Arrests
- \$32,298.00 in fines

Traffic Enforcement Targeted Areas

Duck Farm Rd / Alma Dr
Black Rock Tnpk / Burroughs Rd
Bronson Rd / Governors Lane
Warde Ter
Mill Plain Rd / Ludlow Rd
Cornell Rd / White Oak Rd
Bronson Rd / Sturges Rd

Castle Ave / Longfellow Ave
Euclid Ave
Alberta Ave
Mountain Laurel Rd
Villa Ave
Commerce Dr
Burr St

Other Activities

Traffic Unit Officers assisted Al's Angels with unloading of boxes for Thanksgiving
Traffic Unit / Crash Investigators conducted a clothing drive at Marshalls for the needy
Traffic Unit officers located a subject involved in thefts from motor vehicles after a short foot pursuit
Snow Storm - Traffic Officers investigated several MVA assisting the crash team
Light Tower / Traffic Pattern set up for Old Navy
Traffic Pattern set for Roseville St - Christmas Light Decorations
Light Towers set up for Veterans Day at park across from Bobs
Traffic / Crash Unit officers conducted a food drive at Super Stop and Shop
Traffic Officers assisted at the Town Tree Lighting - Santa Escort
Police Tour (2 Groups - Riverfield School)
Black Rock Tpke Meeting
Code Enforcement Meeting
Police Tour (2 Groups - McKinley School)
Tip A Cop - Chips
Southport Woods Neighborhood Meeting
AAA Driving Improvement Class