

The West Hartford Police Department 2018 Annual Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 18, 2018 at 8:00 am in the Legislative Chambers of the Town Hall building. The ceremony is held each year during National Police Week.

Acting Chief Daniel P. Coppinger will host the event. Mayor Shari Cantor and Public Safety Chairperson Leon Davidoff will be presenting the awards.

The following members of the department and public will be receiving awards.

Departmental Recognition Award – Presented to an individual whose cooperation has aided the department in the prevention of crime, the apprehension of criminals, or has performed a valuable service.

Ms. Maria Salas
Ms. Patricia Gleason
Ms. Courtney Melanson

The following members of the police department will be recognized for their years of service:

Ms. Donna Allen	25 years of service
Captain Jeremy Clark	20 years of service
Officer Douglas Martindale	20 years of service

Unit Citation - An award granted to sworn or civilian members of a unit who exhibited exceptional professional skill and conduct during a coordinated action.

Sergeant Aaron Vafiades	Officer Michael Boughton
Officer Jeffrey Swank	Officer Miguel Godoy
Officer Lauren Rieger	Officer Matthew LaRiviere
Officer Christopher Leonard	Officer Merrick Forader
Sergeant Anthony Anderle	Detective Jeremy Tangarone
Officer Erich Moylan	Officer Robert Hass
Sergeant Brett Balisciano	Sergeant Thomas Lazure
Officer Raymond Narciso	Officer Jeremiah Gagnon
Officer Brian Wallace	PSD Judith Morrell
PSD Lauren Rudzinski	PSD Todd Hungerford
PSD Nicole Salter	

Police Merit Award – Presented to members of this Department upon commission of intelligent and valuable police service which demonstrates a special faithfulness or devotion to duty.

Sergeant Christopher Tyler
Officer Nicholas Sanford
Officer John Cardone
Detective Benjamin DelMonte
Officer John Begin

Sergeant Kerry Cloukey
Officer Brian Gallagher
Officer Brian Delgrande
Detective Steven Ciarleglio

Life Saving Award - An award granted to any sworn member or civilian member for a successful effort in saving a human life which involved exceptional courage or performance.

Sergeant Aaron Vafiades
Officer Christopher Lyth
Officer Joseph Hopkins
Officer Nicholas Roman

Officer Jeremiah Gagnon
Officer Timothy Camerl
Officer Peter Senick
PSD Eileen Bartlett

Police Distinguished Service Medal - awarded to a member of the Department who in the intelligent performance of his/her duty and at personal danger, apprehends or through his/her actions causes to be apprehended a dangerous felon.

Officer Aaron Thomas