

Town of West Hartford

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West Hartford Police Department holds Awards Ceremony to recognize exemplary efforts of police officers and citizens

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. (May 29, 2019) – The West Hartford Police Department Annual Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 5:00PM in the Legislative Chambers of the Town Hall building. This ceremony is held each year to recognize the good work of the members of the police department and public.

Police Chief Vernon Riddick, Jr. will host the event. Town Councilor and Public Safety Committee Chairperson Leon Davidoff will present the awards.

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

Citizen Awards – Presented to an individual or organization whose operation has aided the West Hartford Police Department in the prevention of crime, the apprehension of criminals or in the performance of a valuable service to the department.

Mr. David Clymer
Ms. Gabriela Downey
Mr. Jacob Kinnen
Mr. Peter Kanelos

Mr. Sean Walsh
Ms. Erica Katz
Mr. Kyle Egress
Mr. William Kutz

Departmental Recognition Award – Presented to an individual whose cooperation has aided the Police 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

(more)

The following members of the Police Department will be recognized for their 20 years of service:

Lieutenant Roger Brancoforte
Sergeant Christopher Day
Detective Andrew Wamester

Lieutenant Eric Rocheleau
Detective Leigh Cogle
Mr. Keith Victor

Employee Service Award – An award granted to any employee of the Town of West Hartford whose cooperation or actions have aided the West Hartford Police Department in the prevention of crime, the apprehension of criminals or in the performance of valuable service to the department.

Public Safety Dispatcher Michele Lyons*

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

Officer Generoso Coscarelli
Officer Joseph Hopkins
Officer David Michael

Officer Merrick Forader
Officer Michael LaPointe

Officer Steven Dickman*
Officer Jeremiah Gagnon

Officer Brandon Dudzinski
Officer Zachary Kaesmann

PSD Laura Cashman*
Officer Ross Friedman
Officer Dustin Ganci
Officer Lauren Rieger

Officer Kyle Davis
Officer Brian Gallagher
Officer Andrew Teeter

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

Sergeant Steven Hinckley
Officer Dalton Gallagher
Officer Peter Parlos
Officer Brian Delgrande
Officer John Begin

Officer Brandon Dudzinski
Officer Dominic Creaco
Officer Kyle Christian
Detective Benjamin DelMonte
Officer Andrew Teeter

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.

Officer Merrick Forader
Officer Eric Butkiewicz

Officer Dustin Ganci

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Departmental Citation - Presented to members of this Department who through their own initiative and diligence apprehends, or through their actions causes to be apprehended a felon who might otherwise go undetected.

Officer Merrick Forader
Detective Sean Walmsley
Sergeant Brett Balisciano*

Officer Jeremiah Gagnon
Officer Christopher Leonard*

Police Distinguished Service Medal - awarded to a member of the Police 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 Dominic Creaco

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