

# NEW CANAAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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**OUR VISION:**  
**A SAFE, PEACEFUL AND CRIME-FREE  
COMMUNITY**

**OUR MISSION:**  
**TO PROTECT AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY  
WITH COURAGE, PROFESSIONALISM AND  
INTEGRITY.**

**OUR VALUE STATEMENT:**  
**WORKING AS A TEAM AND DEMONSTRATING  
THE UTMOST OF INTEGRITY, RESPECT,  
PRIDE, AND COURAGE, WE WILL PROVIDE  
THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SERVICE TO THE  
COMMUNITY.**



## ***INTRODUCTION***

The New Canaan Police Department became a Nationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency in 1992 and is one of fourteen Connecticut departments recognized by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement agencies. Located at 174 South Avenue; the New Canaan Police Department has expanded and adapted to meet the ever-growing challenges of modern law enforcement.

The Town of New Canaan was incorporated in 1801. Since its inception over a hundred years ago, the New Canaan Police Department diligently serves the community of New Canaan through the enforcement of the laws enacted by the Local, State, and Federal Legislative bodies. In May of 1889, the State Legislature granted the Borough of New Canaan the power to provide police protection to its residents. Prior to this decree, police protection consisted of a night watchman and one or two elected constables. The present day police force was established in November of 1889 with the first Chief of Police of the modern-day police department being named in 1892. From the basement of Town Hall to its current location, from a night watchman to a 45-member police force, the New Canaan Police Department has evolved to become a nationally recognized organization.

The primary mission of the New Canaan Police Department and its Officers is the protection of all persons and properties within its jurisdiction. This mission must be accomplished through the upholding of laws constitutionally enacted by local, State, and Federal legislative bodies. Our agency serves the community of New Canaan by performing the law enforcement function in a professional manner.



# New Canaan Police Department 2015 Organizational Chart

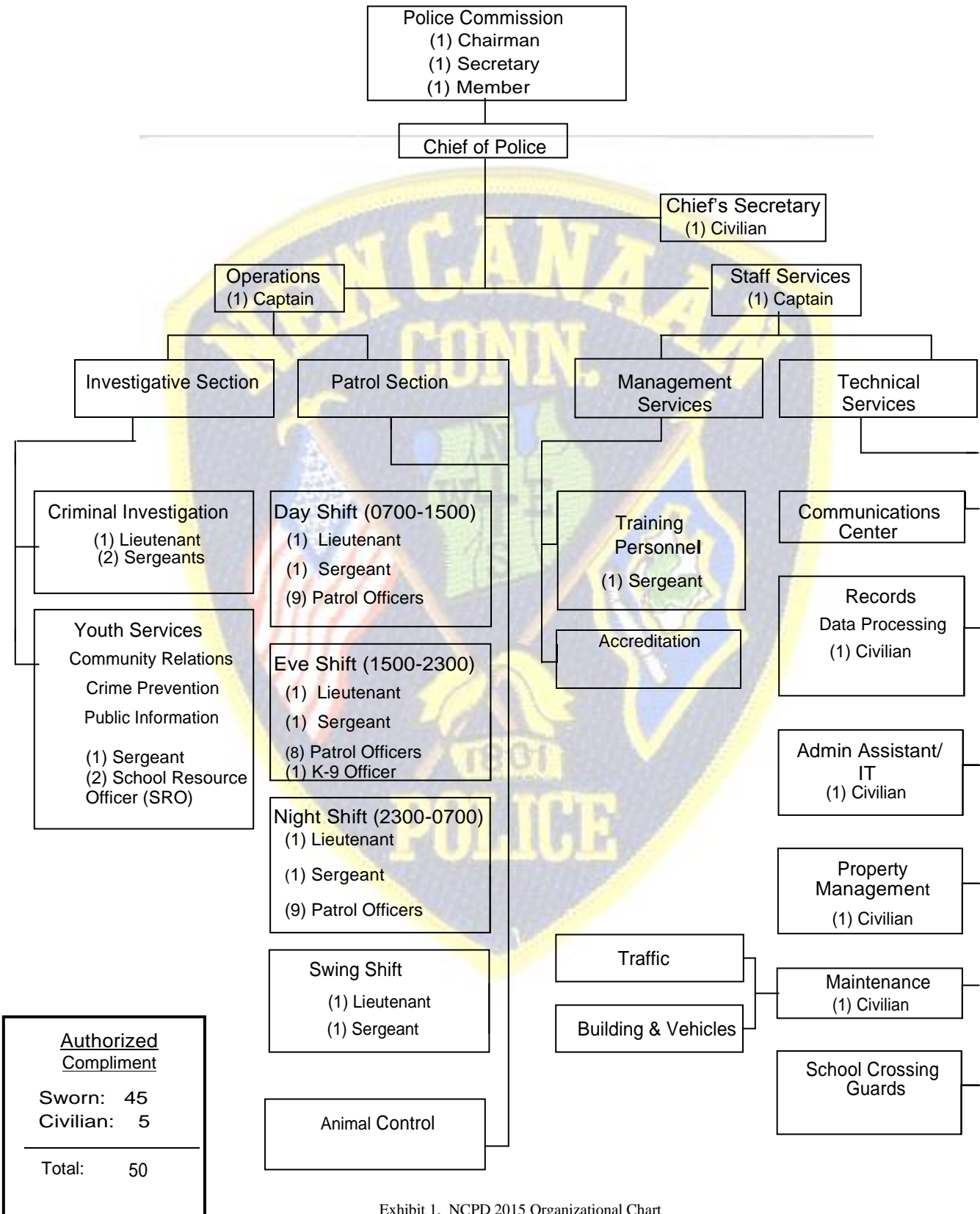
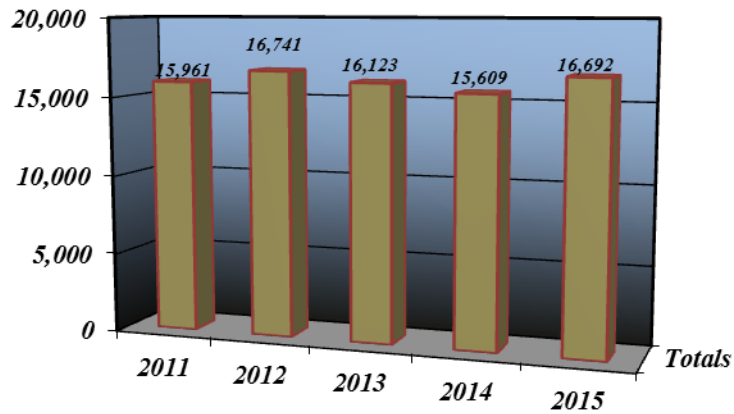


Exhibit 1. NCPD 2015 Organizational Chart

**New Canaan Police Department**  
**CALLS FOR SERVICE**

The New Canaan Police Department works in partnership with the community to foster a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. In 2015, the Department responded to 16,692 calls. This was an increase in call volume by 6% from 2014. Contributing to this increase was due to a spike in DWI, narcotic and larceny calls. There was however, a decrease in domestic violence calls.

*Calls for Service Totals*



**Exhibit 2. Five-Year Calls for Service 2011-2015**



**New Canaan Police Department**  
**ARREST BY OFFENSE**

There were a total of 186 arrests in 2015. Increases in the areas of DWI's, larcenies and narcotics violations were the main contributors. The department did see a significant decrease in domestic arrests from 2014, specifically with incidents involving both spouses as well as incidents between parent and child. This data is useful in educating the public on various frequent crimes that occur not just in the Town of New Canaan, but nationwide.

**Exhibit 3. 2011-2015 Arrest by Offense**

<b>Arrest by Offense</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Alcohol	6	2	5	9	7
Arson*	0	0	0	0	0
Assaults All*	5	2	0	0	3
Auto All*	0	0	0	0	0
Burglaries All*	5	1	0	4	2
Child Neglect	1	1	3	0	0
Disputes All	7	7	7	7	4
Driving While Intoxicated	24	21	29	19	29
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0
Family Dispute	40	37	31	38	26
Forgery	1	1	0	1	2
Fraud All	3	2	2	1	5
Homicide*	0	0	0	0	0
Intoxicated Person	0	0	1	1	0
Juvenile Complaint	2	0	1	2	1
Larcenies All*	19	16	12	11	21
Miscellaneous / Other Offenses	0	0	1	2	1
Narcotics Violation	32	48	56	45	51
Noise/Nuisance	1	0	0	0	0
Obstructing Justice	0	0	1	3	2
Robbery*	1	0	0	0	0
Sex - All Offenses*	1	1	2	3	0
Traffic Complaint	0	3	1	5	2
Trespass - Criminal	2	0	2	2	1
Vandalism	1	6	1	2	2
Weapons - Possession/Sale/Use	1	1	1	1	0
<b>Index Offenses (marked * above)</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Non-Index Offenses</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>133</b>
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>186</b>
<b>Total Annual Warrants issued - FTA/NC/Other</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Warrant Arrests**</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>



**New Canaan Police Department  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVISION**

## NCPD 2015 Domestic Violence Data

Month	Total # of Family Disputes	Total # of Arrests	Dual Arrests	Child/Children Present	Child/Children Involved	Relationship of Victim to Offender
<b>January</b>	6	4	1	0	2	1 Spouse, 2 Parent/Child, 3 BF/GF
<b>February</b>	3	0	0	1	1	2 Spouse, 1 Parent/Child
<b>March</b>	2	1	0	0	1	1 Spouse, 1 Parent/Child
<b>April</b>	6	3	0	1	0	4 Spouse, 2 BF/GF
<b>May</b>	3	2	0	2	1	2 Spouse, 1 Parent/Child
<b>June</b>	4	3	1	2	1	3 Spouse, 1 Parent/Child
<b>July</b>	2	2	0	1	1	1 Spouse, 1 Parent/Child
<b>August</b>	4	4	1	5	0	2 Spouse, 2 BF/GF
<b>September</b>	4	3	0	0	0	2 Spouse, 2 BF/GF
<b>October</b>	3	1	0	0	2	2 Parent/Child, 1 BF/GF
<b>November</b>	6	2	0	1	2	3 Spouse, 3 Parent/Child
<b>December</b>	9	4	0	0	4	1 Spouse, 4 Parent/Child, 2 BF/GF, 2 Other 2, Other Rel.
<b>Totals</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22 Spouse, 16 Parent/Child, 12 BF/GF, 2 Other Relative</b>

Exhibit 5. Domestic Violence Totals, 2015

The New Canaan Police Department can assist residents in obtaining warrants, orders of protection and counseling. As the Domestic Violence Coordinator, Officer Michael O’Sullivan oversees all Family Dispute incidents, reviewing the subsequent investigations and following up with the victims. When necessary, an officer will remove weapons from homes where domestic violence has occurred. For more information about Domestic Violence or the Crisis Center, please contact Officer O’Sullivan at (203) 594-3500.





New Canaan Police Department  
**JUVENILE DIVISION**

<b>Juvenile 2015 Statistics</b>					
<b>Offense</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Juvenile Complaint	6	7	6	5	16
Disputes	0	2	1	0	1
Larceny	1	1	1	0	4
Alcohol	7	6	7	11	8
Missing Person	0	0	0	0	3
Threatening	0	1	1	1	0
Sex - All	4	2	2	5	3
Bomb Threat	0	0	0	0	0
Abuse - All	1	1	1	0	1
Vandalism	2	2	1	0	1
Family Disputes	5	2	1	3	4
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Narcotics Violation	2	10	2	8	14
Other	3	4	4	1	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>59</b>

Exhibit 6. Juvenile Offenses, 2011-2015

The Youth Division, led by Sgt. Marc DeFelice, manages all juvenile investigations, including school-related incidents involving juvenile victims and witnesses. Sgt. DeFelice's position is supported by two School Resource Officers assigned to New Canaan High School and Saxe Middle School. Officer Jason Kim serves as the SRO at the high school and Officer Jeff Deak is the SRO at the middle school. The department works with both public and private schools in its crime prevention programs. Topics discussed include search and seizure, motor vehicle laws, driving under the influence, drug and alcohol use and health-related issues. This type of interaction has proved to be invaluable as it provides a means to educate the students and give them a greater understanding of the role of a police officer. The Youth Officer utilizes the Peer Jury Program which is a diversionary program for juveniles. The program is the equivalent of a Juvenile Review Board which many police departments participate in. The Youth Office has determined that parental notifications are very effective in deterring incidents involving juveniles and are made on a case by case basis.



**New Canaan Police Department  
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

The New Canaan Police Department’s Traffic Enforcement section is confident that our Traffic-Safety program continues to contribute to a decrease in motor vehicle accidents. There is zero-tolerance for driving under the influence, speeding as well as reckless driving. With the NCPD’s department-wide efforts in enforcing motor-vehicle compliance as well as continuous training for DUI detection, we continue to enjoy the successful decrease in incidents of operators driving while intoxicated.

*Drivers are considered to be alcohol-impaired when their blood alcohol concentrations (BACs) are .08 grams per deciliter (g/dL) or higher. Thus, any fatal crash involving a driver with a BAC of .08 or higher is considered to be an alcohol-impaired-driving crash, and fatalities occurring in those crashes are considered to be alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities. The term “driver” refers to the operator of any motor vehicle, including a motorcycle.*

*Estimates of alcohol-impaired driving are generated using BAC values reported to the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) and BAC values imputed when they are not reported. The term “alcohol-impaired” does not indicate that a crash or a fatality was caused by alcohol impairment, only that an alcohol-impaired driver was involved in the crash. Aware of the National statistic that alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes kill someone every 31 minutes and/or injures someone every two minutes (NHTSA 2013)*

The detection of impaired drivers is a high priority for the New Canaan Police Department. The department’s patrol division worked tirelessly in their efforts to maintain the safety of the town’s roads. The New Canaan Police Department makes detection and apprehension of intoxicated operators a top priority.

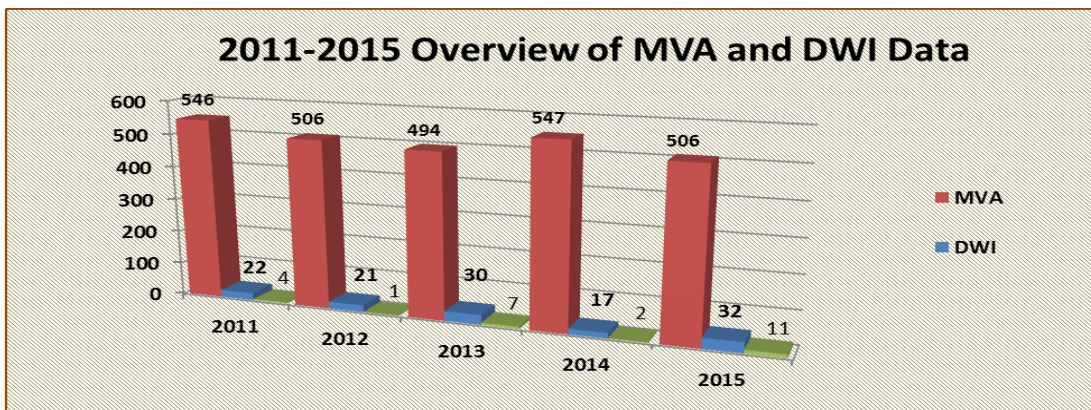


Exhibit 7. MVS and DUI Data, 2011-2015



## EFFECTIVENESS

The New Canaan Police Department is confident that its traffic safety programs have contributed to a slight increase in motor vehicle accidents within the Town of New Canaan. The continued motor-vehicle violation enforcement ultimately equates to a decrease in property damage, less personal injury and safer roads.

Selective enforcement is one method used by the Department to enforce traffic safety laws and prevent drunk driving. The Department's enforcement programs reduce motor vehicle accidents, personal injury, and provide for a positive contact with the community. These assertive traffic law enforcement programs are used throughout the year. These programs are used to achieve voluntary compliance with traffic laws and regulations.

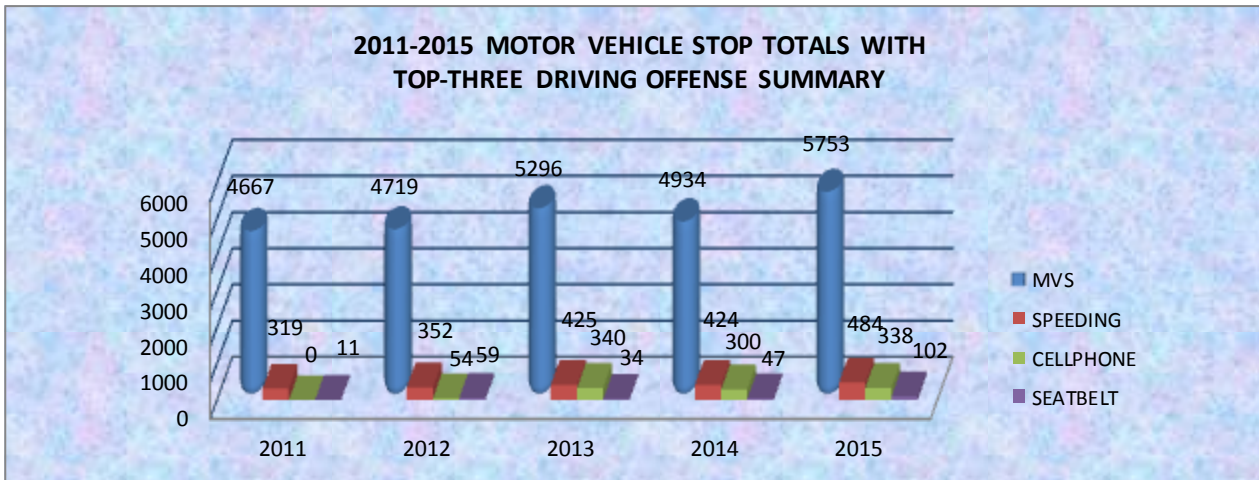


Exhibit 7a. 2011-2015 Total Motor Vehicle stops.



New Canaan Police Department  
**TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAMS**

**TRAFFIC CALMING**

Due to the large number of residential neighborhoods within the Town of New Canaan, the Police Department conducts a program known as Traffic Calming. The Police Commission and the Staff Services Captain direct this traffic safety initiative, with assistance from other officers and town agencies. The Commission takes these solicitations from concerned citizens for problem traffic areas by mail or e-mail. The Group then evaluates the areas, along with historical statistical data to determine a course of action, if any, to take. The Traffic Calming Committee meets monthly to address various traffic safety concerns in town.

**CELL PHONE ENFORCEMENT**

In response to nationwide statistics and voiced community concern, the police department with the support of the Police Commission and Community organized a cell phone and distracted driving initiative.



**OPERATION SAFE SCHOOL BUS STOP**

The “Operation Safe School Bus Stop” program was initiated in 2009 due to growing concern from parents and the New Canaan Board of Education. Officers worked with transportation managers from the New Canaan Public Schools Video cameras were placed inside every school bus to allow bus drivers to record violations. The New Canaan Police Department’s School Resource Officer also utilized an unmarked patrol vehicle to observe violations during peak pick-up and drop-off times.



**“SLOW DOWN IN OUR TOWN”**

In 2014, the New Canaan Police Department continued with the program entitled “**SLOW DOWN IN OUR TOWN**”. This program was designed to enhance public awareness of their own driving speeds by targeting their line of sight. The “**SLOW DOWN IN OUR TOWN**” magnetic logo that affixes to the rear of a vehicle, which is in view of the vehicle traveling behind is currently advertised and sold at the police department and in local businesses for zero profit. All proceeds are held in the NCPD “Traffic Safety Initiative” account for future traffic calming programs.





## **"CLICK IT OR TICKET"**

It is a goal of The New Canaan Police Department to prevent unnecessary injury or death due to a failure to wear seatbelts. The department has found that a significant way to gain compliance is through enforcement of the law. The New Canaan Police Department, in conjunction with the State of Connecticut, annually participates in the **National Click-it-or-Ticket** campaign.

### **Safe Kids - OCCUPANT PROTECTION**

According to the National average, more than 85% of all child passenger safety seats are incorrectly installed. The New Canaan Police Department recognizes this and has 2 officers who are trained in the proper installation procedures for child passenger safety seats, Officers Geoffrey Lambert and Thomas Patten. Those officers work throughout the year installing and/or inspecting child passenger safety seats here at the New Canaan Police Department, For an appointment for a child passenger safety seat check, call (203) 594-3555.

### **SAFE ROUTES – WALK TO SCHOOL DAY**

The Town of New Canaan conducted their second annual Safe Routes to School day. In April of this year, the Police Department coordinated efforts with the Town including the Public Works Department and C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team), to encourage, greet and aid students and their families to walk to school.



**New Canaan Police Department  
COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**CIVILIAN POLICE ACADEMY**

The New Canaan Police Department's Training Division invites New Canaan residents to enroll in a 10-week session covering topics such as the Special Response Team (SRT), use of force, youth issues, working with the court system, and traffic enforcement, among other topics. The program's initiative is to increase citizen awareness of New Canaan's police operations and building a cooperative relationship with the community. It will be offered once a year by the department on an annual basis. For additional information on the Civilian Police Academy, please refer to the New Canaan Police Department's home page at [www.newcanaan.info](http://www.newcanaan.info).

**NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK**



The New Canaan Police Department and the Inland Wetlands Department continued to partner with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in 2012 to participate in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Residents brought their unwanted prescription medication to the police station. The initiative is meant to promote proper disposal of drugs as well as prevent abuse of medication that could be expired and dangerous. The drop box is located within the front lobby of the New Canaan Police Department, located at 174 South Ave. Disposal instructions are posted on the front of the box. All medications can be disposed of safely and confidentially.

**FINGERPRINT SERVICES**

The New Canaan Police Department provides fingerprinting services for New Canaan residents, employee applicants, and persons who work within the Town limits. The hours for fingerprinting are 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a \$15.00 fee and each applicant is required to produce a valid photo ID at the time of service. For more information about Fingerprinting services, please contact Property Management at (203) 594 – 3503.



**PROJECT LIFESAVER**

Project Lifesaver is a program that provides a timely response in order to save lives and reduces potential injury to adults and children who wander due to Alzheimers, Autism and other related conditions or disorders. Citizens enrolled in the project wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. If the enrolled client goes missing, once notified by the caregiver, their local Project Lifesaver agency (NCPD) sends out a trained emergency team to find the wanderer. The program utilizes radio frequency technology, which is reliable and can track an individual who wanders during adverse weather conditions, in water, in densely wooded areas and in a concrete or steel structure or in a building.



## **TOURS**

Tours of the Police Department are conducted by the Youth Officer, Sgt. Marc DeFelice, as requested by various groups. Most tours include the administrative areas of the Department, Communications, Report Room, Training Classroom, Investigative Section, Youth Office, Records, Property Management, Security Area and Cell Block, Briefing Room, and police vehicles. Tours can be adjusted according to the maturity level of the group. For more information on scheduling one of these tours or for additional information, please contact the Youth Office at (203) 594 – 3523.

## **CLOSED HOUSE CHECKS**

As a service to New Canaan residents planning on being away from their homes for an extended period of time, the New Canaan Police Department offers house checks. Residences on the closed house list are checked on a limited basis by a uniformed police officer. The perimeter inspection of the home ensures all doors and windows are secure. This service helps to deter potential burglars and provides for additional security while your house is unoccupied. If you are interested in this service, please call (203) 594 – 3500 for more information.

## **LUNCH WITH THE CHIEF**

Chief Krolkowski offers his “Lunch with the Chief” community outreach initiative to keep interested members of the town informed of the activities going on within the Police Department. This monthly informal meeting allows anyone to come to the department and be kept informed of what initiatives the department is working on and provides the attendees the opportunity to ask questions of the Chief and his staff.

## **SPEAKERS**

The Department can arrange for one of its personnel to speak on many police related subjects to any community group. Please allow for two weeks’ notice. Contact the Community Relations Officer at (203) 594-3523.

## **POLICE COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Police Commission meetings are held monthly at police headquarters, 174 South Avenue. Except for executive session, meetings are open to the public. The meetings allow the Commissioners to review monthly departmental reports and address requests from the townspeople. Updates on the state of the Police Department are reviewed, and the Commissioners are informed of the accomplishments of the police officers, letters of appreciation, training received and other issues pertinent to the internal order of the Department. Anyone who would like to address the Police Commission should contact the Chief’s Secretary at 203-594-3512.



**New Canaan Police Department**  
**OFFICER PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT**

**PERSONNEL SUMMARY**

The New Canaan Police Department was pleased to promote both Andrew Walsh and Carol Ogrinc to Lieutenants and Aaron LaTourette and Marc DeFelice to the position of Sergeant. Also in 2015, there was a lateral hire of Officer Clinton Jarvis from Bridgeport Police Department as well as Officers Kelly Coughlin and William Sheehan who successfully graduated from POSTC in December of 2015. The department is comprised of forty-five sworn officers, five full-time civilians and two school crossing guards. Among the sworn personnel, there were forty-four male and three female officers in 2015.

**POLICE COMMISSION**

The New Canaan Police Commission consists of three appointed Commissioners. Stuart Sawabini Chairman, Sperry DeCew, Secretary and Member Paul Foley. They are responsible for managing and supervising the Police Department and appointing the Chief of Police and subordinate Police Officers. Monthly meetings, which are open to the public, are held to allow the Commission to review reports and to address requests from New Canaan residents.



**CHIEF OF POLICE**

The Police Chief’s position is designed to provide effective leadership, control and planning for the police department. Under the guidance of the Police Commission, the Chief’s responsibilities include management, budgeting, and control of the Operations and Staff Services Divisions within the department. Under the direction of the Chief of Police, Captain Leon Krolikowski took over the position of Chief of Police for the New Canaan Police Department and continues to serve the community and the department as a whole.



**CAPTAIN – OPERATIONS**

Under the direction of the Chief of Police, Vincent DeMaio, who was promoted in October 2013, oversees the Patrol and Investigative Sections to insure adherence to the rules, regulations, and guidelines of the department. The Captain of Operations also serves as the Department’s commander when there is a general deployment of officers in response to an emergency or special event.



**CAPTAIN – STAFF SERVICES**

Captain John DiFederico, under the direction of the Chief of Police, supervises the personnel in the support division. Support divisions for the Department include Training, Records, Property, Information Technology, Maintenance, and School Crossing Guards. Additionally, the Captain coordinates and directs Department activities relating to police-community relations, chaplain services, counseling and referral services for Department members, Internal Affairs and other special projects.





## **INVESTIGATIVE (Adult/Youth) DIVISION**

The Investigative Division is responsible for the follow-up investigations of all major crimes not immediately cleared by the Patrol Officers and the apprehension of offenders. The Division is staffed by a Lieutenant and 3 Sergeants. The Investigative Division is divided into two units, Adult and Youth and reports directly to the Captain of Operations. The Investigative Division investigates cases that involve missing adults, property crimes, financial crimes, armed robberies, identity theft, and major assault crimes. The Youth Division handles all matters relating to missing children, child abuse, sexual assault cases and crimes committed or witnessed by juveniles. The Youth Officer also serves as a liaison between the Police Department, school officials and the community at large and is also responsible for the Crime Prevention, Public Information, and Community Relations functions of the Department.

### **LIEUTENANTS**

Lieutenants are responsible for assisting the Captain of the Operations Division in the administration, direction, and coordination of the Patrol and Investigative Sections. When on duty, these mid-level supervisors are in charge of their respective shift and provide direct supervision to the patrol sergeants and police officers. In this capacity, a Lieutenant acts as a Commanding Officer in the Captain's absence.

### **SERGEANTS**

Sergeants are responsible for the direct supervision of Patrol Officers. Although they work under the command of a Lieutenant, they may be in charge of a shift in the Lieutenant's absence. A Sergeant may also be assigned to any one of the following specialized divisions where they perform duties specific to these sections: Investigations, Training or Youth Office. This insures that supervisors are involved in all aspects of policing.

### **PATROL OFFICERS**

Patrol Officers comprise the largest number of sworn officers in the Department. They are responsible for protecting the lives and property of the New Canaan residents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year by enforcing Federal, State and Town laws and ordinances within the scope of their specific assignments. To undertake the enormous responsibility of ensuring the safety of the thousands that work and live in New Canaan, the Officers receive countless hours of training ranging from constitutional law to emergency medical procedures throughout their careers.

### **TRAINING**

Although New Canaan retains the charm of a small town, it is not immune from crime, which plagues large and small towns alike. To better serve the residents of New Canaan, supplementary training and State mandated re-certifications are required of officers. Currently, all sworn personnel have undergone the 26-week recruit training program and are certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC). The Department gives an additional 10-week field training program to new



recruits after they complete the academy. In addition, each officer of the Department surpasses the State's directive that officers complete at least sixty hours of specialized training every three years.

## **RECRUITMENT/ TESTING/ SELECTION**

Police officers are subjected to continuous mental and physical stress. In addition to the dangers of confrontations with criminals, police officers need to be constantly alert and ready to deal appropriately with a number of other threatening situations. As a result, applicants undergo a comprehensive recruitment and selection process. Throughout this intense process, candidates must pass a written examination, a physical fitness exam, a series of psychological tests, a polygraph, and an extensive background investigation and lastly an oral exam must be passed, which is conducted by senior officers and the Police Commission.

## **SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

### **BICYCLE PATROL**

The Bicycle Patrol Unit is authorized to conduct motor vehicle stops while on patrol. The mobility of the bike patrol also simplifies enforcement of pedestrian and bicycle traffic and crosswalk violations. The bikes are equipped with red and blue lights, a siren and "POLICE" decals, making them easily identifiable as a police unit. Although ensuring the safety of the roads in the business district for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic is a high priority, one of the other priorities for the Bicycle Patrol Officer is to help establish more open lines of communication between the citizens and the police department.

### **MOTORCYCLE PATROL**



The New Canaan Police Department motorcycle is an effective tool in addressing the many traffic issues that face our department. Over the past few years, the Department has been challenged with additional traffic enforcement and traffic investigations from the community. With the increase in calls-for-service and other demands placed upon the duty shift, the department believes that an alternative approach to better respond to the community is best resolved by a dedicated Motorcycle Enforcement Officer (M.E.O.) which will be modeled after the Traffic Enforcement Program. An internal selection process results in the extensive training and testing with the Connecticut State Police.

### **SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM**



The Special Response Team (SRT) was established after a comprehensive testing process that included an FBI fitness test, a firearms proficiency exercise, and a personnel interview. The SRT is comprised of nine officers, two of who are snipers. Each team member is specially trained and equipped to handle critical incidents with levels of danger beyond normal



expectations and exceeding the safe operation limits of regular Department personnel. The team trains monthly on situations ranging from search and rescue, barricaded suspects, hostage rescue, warrant service, firearms, railroad issues, and perimeter security. Armed with their extensive training in tactical procedures and weaponry, these officers are indispensable in resolving matters involving potential armed aggression and resistance.

## **K-9 UNIT**



The K-9 Unit, funded by public donations as well as a state grant was established in 2010 within the New Canaan Police Department. K-9 Zira retired in July of 2012, due to a degenerative spinal condition. Rocky, the latest addition to New Canaan's police force began his work in November of 2012. Rocky was three years old, a solid 80 pounds and was very effective in aiding officers in solving burglaries or drug arrests. Rocky's End of Watch was Sunday, April 7, 2013. The New Canaan Police Department is currently looking into resuming the K-9 program in the near future.

## **BUSINESS LIAISON UNIT**

Business Liaison Officers work directly with the business community and citizens to strengthen the lines of communication to heighten community awareness and develop a stronger community partnership. The Department selected three patrol officers to oversee this section. Officers meet with business owners, identify concerns, and generate common priorities between the private and the public sectors. Liaison Officers discuss problems with business owners and managers and share possible solutions for the problems businesses face, such as loitering, vandalism, and shoplifting. They also advise on robbery prevention and fraud. For more information about the Business Liaison Unit or to report an issue, please contact the New Canaan Police Department at (203)594-3500.

## **AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) PROGRAM**

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are used to restart the patient's heart when they are in cardiac arrest. The AEDs have proven themselves to be valuable assets since they have been in service, saving the lives of several individuals in cardiac arrest. All patrol vehicles also carry basic first aid supplies as well as oxygen equipment.

## **ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION UNIT**

The Accident Reconstruction Unit is comprised of Officers Scott Romano, David Payne and Jason Kim. In order to become certified as a Traffic Crash Reconstructionist, these officers attended three intense courses sponsored by the Police Officers Standards and Training Council. The Traffic Crash Reconstruction program represents the third course in the comprehensive Crash Investigation Training series. Officers that attend this course must successfully complete both the At Scene Traffic Crash Investigation and Advanced Crash Investigation seminars. Consequently, these officers now qualify as experts in a court of law and can testify to the causation factors in motor vehicle crashes. They have completed extensive project work and controlled vehicle experiments for first-hand experience to prove that specific equations are accurate.



## **T.R.I.A.D.**

T.R.I.A.D is a coalition of Senior Citizens, Police, and the representatives of local businesses working together to foster community support from our seniors and to reduce crimes against the elderly. This community-based policing program allows the Department to interact with a specific segment of the community in a caring, cooperative manner. TRIAD also strives to improve quality of life through education, creative problem solving, prevention, special initiatives, crime reporting, timely intervention, and follow up. For more information about TRIAD, please contact the New Canaan Police Department at (203) 594 – 3500.

## **HONOR GUARD**

The Honor Guard is comprised of nine members. Under the direction of Lieutenant Vincent DeMaio, Sergeant John DiFederico, Officers, Jeffrey Deak, Scott Romano, Aaron LaTourette, Marc DeFelice, David Payne, Dan Gulino, and Jason Kim dedicate themselves to drill and ceremony etiquette while presenting the colors of the United States of America, and the State of Connecticut. They represent the Department at the funeral ceremonies of deceased officers, with the utmost respect and dignity.

## **INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

In 2015, the department reported no Internal Affairs Investigations.

## **ACCREDITATION**

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) has established standards designed to increase law enforcement capabilities, prevent and control crime, and reduce liability. Accredited status is intended to earmark an agency's commitment to excellence in leadership, resource management and service delivery. The benefits of accreditation are several; assurance of the best professional police service that can be provided, better accountability to citizen concerns, controlled liability insurance costs, increased community advocacy, and recognition of excellence. The next Accreditation on-site inspection is scheduled for late summer 2015.



**New Canaan Police Department  
RECOGNITION OF OFFICERS**

**AAA RECOGNITION**

In early 2015, AAA Southern New England-CT recently honored Officer Geoffrey Lambert and Officer Thomas Patten with the 2014 Gold Award for the department's outstanding traffic safety programs. Both Officers install and conduct safety checks on child and infant seats.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARD**

Officer O'Sullivan received the ASIS award for his dedication and successful work against domestic violence within the town of New Canaan.

**PERKIN/COMMISSIONERS' SHOOT**

The Perkin/Commissioners' Shoot is the department's annual pistol qualification event, a competition to determine the department's best shooter. A perfect score in the shoot is 400. The 2015 winner of the Perkin Award was Officer Bryan Connolly. Sgt. Latourette won the Commissioner's Shoot Award for 2015.



**New Canaan Police Department**  
**ADMINISTRATION**

**CHIEF'S SECRETARY**

As the Senior Administrative Secretary, Jennifer Lapolla performs highly responsible secretarial duties and administrative functions for the Chief of Police. The Chief's secretary is the liaison for the Chief of Police in communications with the entire Police Department, the Police Commission, other Police Departments, as well as the Town Hall.

**RECORDS DIVISION**

Frances Danaher is responsible for the record keeping and updating of criminal and incident reports within the department. The Records Clerk is the liaison between the Criminal courts and police department, which include preparing the necessary paperwork for court filings; reviewing and updating case file dispositions; processing infractions through the in-house LEAS system; assistance in NIBRS data updates; updating and maintaining an active warrant file; processing of pistol permits applications; responding to Freedom of Information requests and providing local background checks in response to requests made by either government agencies, business and/or educational entities.

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

Jean Cross is responsible for the Property Management section of the department. A major responsibility of this section is to manage the chain of custody of all evidence in order to verify that evidence has not been compromised since the seizure and to maintain its credibility when prosecuting cases. This function provides for the security and control of seized, recovered, and evidentiary property as well as abandoned, lost, or found property in the custody of the department. To ensure integrity of the Property and Evidence Management, inspections are conducted regularly.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

As the IT department's Systems Administrative Assistant for the Police Department, Christine Brown's primary role is to provide information technology support services for the Police Department with assistance from the Town's IT Department. This includes basic maintenance, operation, and enhancement of existing systems.

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Mary Ann Kleinschmitt has been The Town of New Canaan's Animal Control Officer since 2000. Mary Ann's responsibilities include protecting the lives and property of the citizens of New Canaan; to enforce the laws of the state and town ordinances; and to serve the public. The canine control officer is permitted considerable latitude for self-initiated activity within the framework of departmental policies and procedures. This position is under the direct supervision of the Operations Captain who will delegate, review and discuss assignments and performance as necessary.



## **MAINTENANCE**

Frederick Tiani is responsible for the Maintenance function at the Department. He keeps the fleet of sixteen vehicles, many of which are in use 24-hours a day, in safe operating condition. His responsibilities also include assisting with the installation of traffic signage, maintaining traffic lights owned by the Town, placing snow chains on police vehicles and maintaining certain aspects of the building and property.

## **SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS**

Working three hours a day, Monday through Friday, during the school year, the two school crossing guards, Nick Bianco and James Muccio assist children on their way to and from school in safely crossing roadways and intersections. The School Crossing Guards are under the direct supervision of the Captain of Staff Services.

## **CHAPLAINS**

To provide a ministry of presence, support, and counsel to members of the New Canaan Police Department, Monsignor William Scheyd and Reverend Leszek Szymaszek are the Department Chaplains. The police chaplains strive to be close friends to the police officers. Knowing the police officer's job is an extremely difficult one; the chaplains create a relationship with the officers whereby the officers feel free to turn to them for counsel at any time or called upon to assist any member of the community during difficult times.

