

# THE POST

DANBURY POLICE CADETS

AUGUST 2024

*Cadets learning  
how to help with  
the Mass  
Casualty Drill*



## MASS CASUALTY DRILL

On August 20th approximately 30 Cadets headed to the Danbury War Memorial where we assisted the Emergency Response Team (ERT) with practicing setting up and filling the emergency shelters. Cadets roleplayed as displaced persons who were brought to the shelter in waves. They acted as though they had been through a traumatic situation and tried to cause problems for the volunteers to ensure they could handle anything. Some Cadets only spoke a different language, refusing to communicate in English. After the event, we debriefed with the volunteers and got to eat pizza!

## POST PICNIC

On August 22nd, 2024, our Danbury Police Cadets had our annual picnic as a way for the post to relax. In place of our weekly meeting, the Cadets met at Hatter's Park, everyone brought a dish to share for dinner. Friends and family attended and the Post brought board games, face painting, a blow-up obstacle course, and water balloons! After dinner, some Cadets were promoted to Cadet First Class, Corporal, and Sergeant. Once promotions were completed it was time for a water balloon fight. For the rest of the evening Cadets and family played outside and enjoyed the last days before school.



*Cadets playing  
soccer during  
the Picnic*

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*Our FTOs in their jackets*

## FTOC GRADUATION

On August 29, during our weekly meetings, our Training Division held its Field Training Officer Candidate (FTOC) graduation. Throughout August the training commander Sgt. Chelsea Pelaez held 10 training sessions. 10 Cadets signed up for the program, five participated in the program, and only four graduated. The four weeks of training included CHIP tests, creating cadences, running, pushups, and other physical exercise.

The FTOs also taught the candidates many classes on interviewing, resumes, and presenting. To graduate from the program the candidates were graded on a presentation, cover letter, resume, drill abilities, teaching abilities, and a final CHIP test. After all this hard work we spent some time celebrating all the hard work they had done. Congratulations to Maria Silva, Yara Sanchez, Dennis Alvarado, and Samantha Maza the newest FTOs.



*The back of their jacket with last names*