

THE POST

DANBURY POLICE CADETS

MARCH 2024



*Mayor Alves
and Sgt. Dave
Presenting
Awards*

AWARDS DINNER

March 16th, 2024 we held our annual Awards dinner where we commemorate each other's achievements in the past year. Awards are passed out, promotions given, and advisors recognized. The evening started with the Post's color guard presenting the colors and Chief Mario Vidal singing the National Anthem. Followed by speeches given by Hannah Sussman (Vice President), Dennis Alvarado (Asst. Secretary), Sergeant Dave Antedomenico, and Advisor Stevenson. After the speeches were finished, everyone had a great dinner, served by Anthony Lakehouse employees. Their outstanding employees helped make the night even better.

Shortly after dinner, we began awards, promotions, and recognition. Awards included, the Tenure Award, Cadet Achievement Award, Law Enforcement Assistance Award, and many more. After the awards, we came to the promotions. In total 15 people got promoted to Cadet First Class, Corporal, Sergeant, or Captain. Along with promotions, we also had some departures of excellent cadets, Aya Schwartz, Mario Vidal, Bryan Quinde, and James O'Donnell. Their impact on the post will be remembered; hopefully, we'll see them as Advisors someday. Melanie Fajardo also had to leave the Post due to personal reasons. Because of the hard work she put in, we've promoted her from Patrolman to Sergeant. We all wish her well with what she's going through now and we will miss her dearly. The night was a wonderful recognition of the year!

Written By Emily Prieto



*Hannah Sussman,
Advisor
Stevenson and
Dennis Alvarado
(Left to Right)*

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All the Cadets who attended with the Skills Day 2024 logo

SKILLS DAY

On Saturday, March 23, 10 of our Cadets accompanied by four advisors made the hour drive to Hartford, CT, where they participated in NERLEEA (North East Regional Law Enforcement Educational Association) Skills Day, where they spent the day collaborating with other Cadet Posts from around the state and learning all they could in preparation for the Intra-Post competition in May. This competition has tactical situations that can involve handcuffing, body searches,

clearing buildings, and possible medical situations requiring assistance. Skills Day involved hands-on classes that provided the Cadets with the best possible training. They use Nerf guns to practice hostage recovery and building search, took a Stop The Bleed course, ran through possible 911 call reenactments, practiced their crisis intervention abilities with some advisors and their incredible acting! And much more. We are all looking forward to Stations Day this May.

Written by: Hannah Sussman



Cadets practicing applying a tourniquet

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*The Post
Color guard
Practicing for
the Awards
Dinner*

OPEN HOUSE

This past Thursday, the 28, during our scheduled weekly meeting our Field Training Officers (FTO's) held an open house for anyone ages 13 - 20 interested in joining the Post. Over 40 cadets accompanied by family and friends attended the two hour session to learn all about what being a Cadet entails. The prospective Cadets got to see the Cadets in formation outside and talk to them about what we do week to week. We look forward to seeing all the prospective Cadets next week!

Written by: Hannah Sussman

ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE

On March 24th, Danbury Police Cadets were asked to assist in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade was set to start around 2:00 pm, so Cadets were asked to start prepping at 12:30 pm. Once everything was ready we got in the vans and dropped off at our designated locations around the parade's route. Our main goal for the parade was to make sure no car got into the route and check on traffic control. An hour later around 3:00 pm, the parade had officially ended. We met up at the Irish Cultural Center on Lake Ave to ensure we had everyone, and shortly after we returned to the PD. Overall, the parade was successful and citizens had a fun, safe time watching it.

Written by: Emily Prieto



*The FTO's at
the most
recent BEST
graduation*