

# ANNUAL REPORT

2024

*We strive to earn your confidence and trust.*



Chief Edward R. Lennon, Jr.

Deputy Chief Patrick Tracy

Captain David Emerman

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## EAST HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**Integrity Community Accountability Respect Excellence**



Chief Edward R. Lennon, Jr.

## Chief's Address

*"Police officers take risks and secure the safety of fellow citizens, and they endure such risks and tolerate such inconveniences on behalf of strangers. Consequently, police work is one of the more noble and selfless occupations in society. Making a difference in the quality of life is an opportunity that policing provides - and few other professions can offer."*

*- International Association of Chiefs of Police*



*The East Haven Police Department is a nationally CALEA-accredited agency whose mission is to enforce the law and protect life and property by establishing proactive problem-solving partnerships with our citizens.*

*Our stringent goal is to improve the delivery of public safety services by maintaining a body of standards developed by public safety practitioners covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives.*

*It remains my distinct honor to serve the Town of East Haven and lead the dedicated men and women of the East Haven Police Department (EHPD). As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to highlight the continued commitment, resilience, and innovation demonstrated by our sworn and civilian personnel in service to our community.*

*In 2024, the EHPD continued to build upon the foundation of integrity, professionalism, and community partnership. Our Department remains steadfast in its mission to provide exceptional public safety services while fostering trust and transparency. This year, we expanded our community outreach initiatives, strengthened regional collaborations, and advanced our use of technology to meet the evolving needs of modern policing.*

*In response to national trends and local concerns, our Traffic Enforcement Unit and regional partners have intensified efforts to address roadway safety. Strategic deployments and data-driven enforcement have led to measurable improvements in compliance and reduced traffic-related incidents. Our officers remain vigilant in their efforts to protect all roadway users, and we continue to prioritize education and prevention alongside enforcement.*

*The Department also made notable strides in investigative work. Our Detective Division handled complex incidents involving fraud, domestic violence, and juvenile matters. The Juvenile Review Board continues to serve as a vital resource, offering restorative pathways for youth and reinforcing our commitment to early intervention and community-based solutions.*

*In 2024, we saw a continued decline in pursuits and use-of-force incidents, reflecting our officers' adherence to best practices and evolving standards in law enforcement. These trends underscore our emphasis on de-escalation, accountability, and officer training. Our Early Intervention System (EIS) remains a proactive tool in identifying and addressing potential concerns before they escalate, ensuring our personnel maintain the highest standards of conduct.*

*We also celebrated our Department's ongoing CALEA accreditation, re-affirming our commitment to excellence in policing. As one of only thirty CALEA-accredited agencies in Connecticut, this recognition reflects the tireless work of our staff and the unwavering support of our community.*

*As we look ahead to 2025, I am confident that the East Haven Police Department will continue to rise to the challenges of modern policing with integrity, innovation, and compassion. I invite you to explore this Annual Report to learn more about our operations, achievements, and the dedicated individuals who serve our Town with pride.*

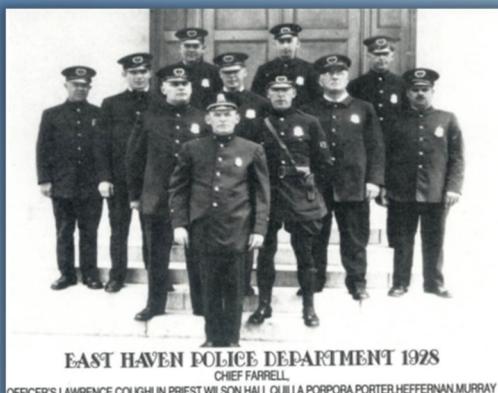
## HISTORY OF THE EAST HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The East Haven Police Department (EHPD) was established in 1925 during the administration of **First Selectman Robert H. Gerrish**, with **Hugh Farrell** appointed as the Department's first Chief of Police. The Department was initially housed at **East Haven Town Hall** before relocating to its current headquarters at 471 North High Street following the completion of the facility in 1974.

The Department's uniform patch prominently features the **Old Stone Church**, one of East Haven's most recognized historical landmarks, completed in 1774 according to published records. Early EHPD patches displayed a standard State emblem with the municipality's name. During the tenure of **Chief Pascarella (1965 - 1993)**, the patch was redesigned to incorporate an image of the Old Stone Church, reflecting the Department's connection to the Town's rich history.

In 1993, newly appointed **Chief James Criscuolo** initiated a further redesign of the patch, modeled after the style of the New York City Police Department. The updated patch featured a revised shape and a new illustration of the Old Stone Church, drawn by **Sergeant Ed Peterson (Retired)**, finalizing the design still in use today.

Currently, EHPD is comprised of sixty-two (62) sworn personnel and seven (7) civilian staff, continuing its long-standing commitment to public safety and community service.



Adopted in 1969, the Town of East Haven operates under a **Mayor-Council** form of municipal government. The Mayor, elected at-large every two (2) years, serves as the Town's chief executive officer. The legislative body consists of fifteen (15) Town Council members, also elected at-large for two-year terms.

The Town provides essential public safety services through its **Police Department** and a **Fire Department**, both operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week. East Haven also maintains a comprehensive public education system serving Kindergarten through Grade 12, including Deer Run Elementary School, East Haven Academy, East Haven Adult Learning Center, D.H. Ferrara Elementary School, Momauguin Elementary School, Overbrook Elementary School, Grove J. Tuttle Elementary School, Joseph Melillo Middle School, and East Haven High School.

According to **CT Data Collaborative and ADVANCECT (2024)**, East Haven encompasses approximately 12 square miles with a population size of 27,729, resulting in a population density of 2,254 residents per square mile. Demographic data (2019-2023) identifies the population as White/Caucasian (73%), Hispanic/Latino\* (19%), Black/African American (4%), Asian (2%), and Other (2%), which includes American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and individuals identifying with two or more races.

Further data from the **2024 Town Profile** reports a median age of 45 years and a median household income of \$86,498. Employment figures indicate 15,717 residents employed and 620 unemployed, with an overall poverty rate of 8%. Major employers within the Town include **East Haven Builders Supply, Stop & Shop, Regalcare at New Haven, ShopRite, and Town Fair Tire**.

\*Hispanic includes those of any race. Remaining racial groups include only non-Hispanic.

## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT UNIT

The Traffic Enforcement Unit, consisting of a supervisor and patrol officers, is responsible for ensuring the safety of motorists and pedestrians throughout the community. The Unit focuses on identifying unregistered, uninsured, stolen, and suspicious motor vehicles, while addressing traffic hazards and resident complaints.

In 2024, the Unit enhanced roadway safety efforts through the use of specialized enforcement equipment and regional collaboration with partner traffic units to address speeding and traffic law compliance. Key enforcement statistics for the year are summarized below:

	2024
Custodial Arrests	0
DWI	4
Family Violence Felony	4
Infractions	263
Misdemeanor Summons	59
Motor Vehicle Stops	1,103
Stolen Vehicle Recovered	4
Vehicles Towed	82
Warnings	779
Weapons Offense	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,195</b>

## LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### ASSESSMENT

The EHPD continues to enhance communication with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) residents through the use of EHPD Authorized Interpreters (EHPDAI's) and the Language Line service. These resources ensure timely, effective, and meaningful access to police services for all community members, regardless of national origin or limited ability to speak, read, write, or understand English.

In 2024, data from Law Enforcement Analysis System (LEAS - CAD/RMS) identified 148 calls for service requiring language assistance. The primary language requested was Spanish (140), followed by Arabic, Hindi, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Traditional Chinese, Turkish, and Vietnamese (1 each). This data confirms that Spanish remains the predominant language among the LEP population requiring police assistance.

By comparison, 2023 reflected 129 calls for service requiring language assistance - primarily Spanish (126) - while 2022 recorded 96 calls, including 81 Spanish-language requests.

Overall, the Department's language access services continue to be effectively implemented, ensuring LEP individuals receive meaningful and equitable access to police services in accordance with established policy and best practices.



## PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division, commanded by a Captain, serves as the operational backbone of the EHPD. Patrol officers are typically the first point of contact between the Department and the community, providing an opportunity to demonstrate professionalism, competence, and compassion while fostering public trust.

The Patrol Division operates across three (3) separate shifts staffed by lieutenants, sergeants, and patrol officers. Personnel include members with specialized training and assignments such as school liaison officers, bicycle officers, federal task force officers, and three (3) K-9 officers, ensuring comprehensive and responsive patrol services.

During the reporting period, two (2) patrol officers continued to serve as School Resource Officers (SROs) assigned to East Haven High School (EHHS) and Joseph Melillo Middle School (JMMS). The SROs worked closely with school administrators and students to address an increase in behavioral issues, including incidents influenced by social media activity. Their duties included assisting with juvenile investigations, conducting home visits to resolve student-related concerns, and serving on the **Juvenile Review Board**.

## CALLS FOR SERVICE

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Calls for Service	22,498	27,645	28,731	28,738
Arrests*	668	842	626	582
Citations/Infractions	616	496	653	653
Domestic Violence Incidents	443	365	396	397
MMUCC Accident Reports	561	--	--	--
Motor Vehicle Accidents	661	736	751	745
Motor Vehicle Stops	1,742	2,028	2,201	1,935
Stolen Motor Vehicles	105	102	91	106
Theft from Motor Vehicles	78	129	192	141
Shopliftings	200	282	253	360
Private Property Accidents	160	--	--	--
Psych. Emergencies	242	272	233	247
Use of Force Incidents	35	28	40	35

\*Reporting parameters for 2021 were updated to reflect more consistently accurate data.

## USE OF FORCE TYPES - 2024



The Department's highest priority is the preservation and protection of human life. Members are required to use only that level of force that is objectionably reasonable and necessary to effect a lawful arrest, place an individual into protective custody, bring an incident under control, or prevent injury or death to the public or to themselves.

An analysis of use of force data from 2017 through 2024 was conducted to identify possible trends and patterns.

The review resulted in the following findings:

- There were thirty-five (35) use of force cases which indicate a **25% increase compared to 2023 (28)** and a **12.5% decrease compared to 2022 (40)**.
- The number of use of force cases in 2024 remained well within the average of the overall number of use of force cases that occurred from 2017 through 2024.
- The category of force, Physical (Hands-on/Non-compliant Handcuffing), was the leading type of force used by officers in 2024 which continues to be the trend (2017 - 2024). There were a total of 85 officer-involved use of force cases, compared to 165 in 2023, a **decrease of 48.48%** (-80) due to the nature and severity of several incidents. Overall, these numbers continue to be proportionate over the past seven (7) years, and accounted for about 0.1% of the Department's calls for service in 2024.
- Individuals who were subjected to force comprise the following ethnicity: White (non-Hispanic) (57.89%), Black (non-Hispanic) (13.15%), White Hispanic (26.31%) and Black Hispanic (0%). Based on historical data and trends (2017 - 2024), White (non-Hispanic) continues to be involved in the majority of cases.

## PURSUIT SNAPSHOT



An analysis of pursuit data collected from 2017 through 2024 was conducted in order to identify possible trends and patterns. Based on analyzing the data, the number of pursuits and the number of officers involved in pursuits have been steadily decreasing over the past several years; this continued downward trend is due to officers adhering to State Law and the Department's Policies and Procedures as to when a pursuit can be initiated. Officers are increasingly evaluating the circumstances prior to engaging in pursuits.

The number of operators who failed to stop after being signaled to do so by an officer has decreased in 2024 when compared to 2023. Seventy-three (73) operators failed to stop for officers in 2024, while one-hundred seven (107) operators failed to stop in 2023, reflecting a **decrease of 31.77%**.

## DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Detective Division is responsible for conducting and assisting with criminal investigations involving violent crime, narcotics, burglaries, thefts, and other non-violent offenses. The Division also processes crime scenes, conducts evidence collection, and supports complex investigative operations.

In addition to investigative responsibilities, the Detective Division conducts comprehensive background investigations for prospective employees across all Town public safety services, including the East Haven Fire Department (EHFD) and the East Haven Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC).

In 2024, the Detective Division participated in the investigation of approximately **427 cases**, reflecting a **20.78% decrease** (-112 cases) compared to 2023 (539), 2022 (-13.56%), and 2021 (-13.73%).

The following is a representative sampling of cases:

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Abuse of Child	2	12	3	4
Arson	2	0	0	0
Assault Other	15	14	17	20
Assault with Firearm	0	3	1	0
Attempted Burglary	4	6	2	4
Attempted Robbery	2	1	1	0
Bank Robbery	1	0	0	0
Bomb Threat	10	1	0	2
Burglary	33	56	24	45
Fraud	133	186	212	167
Homicide	1	1	1	0
Identity Theft	29	59	53	35
Overdose	36	47	63	58
Report of Gunshots	35	31	24	28
Robbery	3	4	10	3
Sexual Assault	16	13	25	31
Stolen Vehicles	105	105	58	98
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>495</b>

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE AND FOLLOW-UP

The Department assigns a designated detective to conduct follow-up investigations related to domestic violence incidents. These follow-ups may include the development of safety plans, assistance with referrals, and coordination with Domestic Violence Advocates and support services.

EHPD maintains active partnerships with the **Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV)**, the **HOPE Family Justice Center of Greater New Haven**, and the **Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services**, both of which are subsidized through **BHcare**, our longstanding local mental health partner. These collaborations enhance victim support and ensure access to comprehensive services.

In 2024, the Department responded to **443 domestic violence calls** for service, representing a **9.22% decrease (-45 calls)** compared to 2023 (488). While call volume declined from the prior year, domestic violence calls have fluctuated over time, with previous totals of 2022 (510), 2021 (368), and 2020 (392).

## JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD

The Juvenile Review Board (JRB) is a community-based diversionary and prevention program that collaborates with troubled youth and their families to design reparative action plans that emphasize accountability and responsibility. The process is not punitive but rather connects youth with resources utilized to reinforce the stepping stones of youth development to deter future occurrences.

In 2024, of the eight (8) cases handled by the JRB, six (6) were breach of peace complaints, one (1) was for disorderly conduct, and one (1) was interfering with police officers/engaging in pursuit which reflects a **20% decrease** from 2023, which saw ten (10) cases; compared to fifteen (15) cases in 2022.

Since its inception in 2013, the JRB has consistently upheld its mission of strengthening the program through intervention strategies focused on individual growth and personal responsibility.

In February 2024, the JRB policy was updated to incorporate new approaches of coordinating meetings where they discuss behavior, academic performance, and overall well-being with School Resource Officers (SROs). The SROs, as members of the JRB, have direct insight into each participant. This year, of the eight (8) minors reviewed by the JRB, there were two (2) identified as reoffenders. This recidivism was attributed to the individuals' unwillingness to fully engage with the program. None of the participants who were fully engaged reoffended.

As the JRB moves into the new year, it remains inspired by the many youths whose lives have been changed through opportunities to make amends, grounded in the principles of compassion and accountability.

# Reporting for Duty: Welcome K-9 Gunner...

## SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT TRAFFIC UNIT - ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION

The SCCTU operates under a police mutual assistance compact pursuant to C.G.S. § 7-277a and is comprised of officers from East Haven, and neighboring municipalities, including North Haven, North Branford, Branford, Madison, and Guilford.

EHPD currently has six (6) officers assigned to the SCCTU to investigate serious injury and fatal motor vehicle collisions.

In 2024, the Unit was deployed for ten (10) investigations, including one (1) incident within East Haven.

## SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM

Through a mutual aid agreement with regional compact agencies, the Department participates in a shared Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team, allowing access to specialized personnel and resources beyond the capacity of a single agency. EHPD currently assigns six (6) highly trained and skilled officers to the team.

In 2024, SCRSWAT, including the Crisis Negotiating Team, was activated eleven (11) times and placed on standby and/or provided consultation five (5) times to include one (1) incident within East Haven.



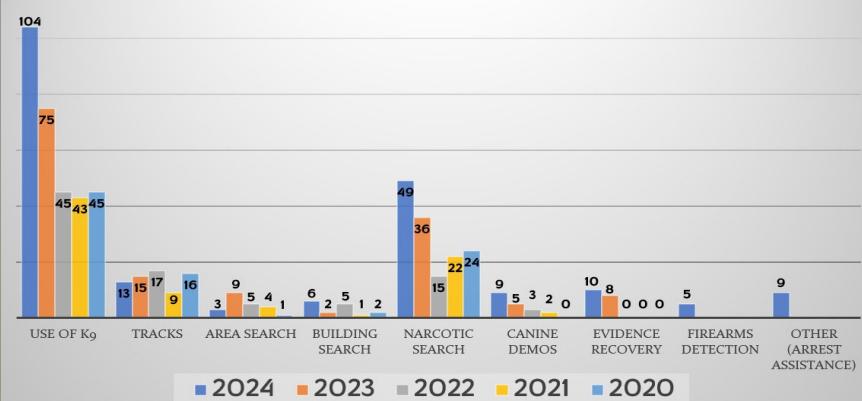
## CANINE UNIT

The Canine Unit is an essential operational resource utilized in suspect apprehension, missing person searches, narcotics detection, evidence recovery, and community engagement initiatives.

In 2024, the Department's three (3) K-9 teams were deployed 104 times, reflecting a significant increase (+38.66%) in utilization compared to 2023 (75).



### Annual Statistics



### Retirement of Police Canine K9 Ace

Thank you for your hard work and loyalty!



After eight years of dedicated service, K9 Ace officially retired on October 17, 2024.

Throughout his distinguished career, Ace served as a loyal and dependable partner to Officer Kevin McGuire, playing an integral role in countless operations and contributing significantly to public safety.

K9 Ace's commitment, skill, and unwavering service exemplify the dedication of our Police Canine Unit.

As he begins this well-earned retirement, Ace will now enjoy leisurely walks, games of fetch, and plenty of restful naps.

Enjoy your retirement!





## TRAINING DIVISION

The Department continues to provide the most progressive, comprehensive, and high-quality training that exceeds the requirements of the Connecticut Police Officer Standards and Training Council (CT POST) to our sworn personnel as well as for civilian staff as it relates to their role or assignment which in turn reduces liability to the Town and offers better police services to the community.

In 2024, these were the various trainings provided in-person or virtually:

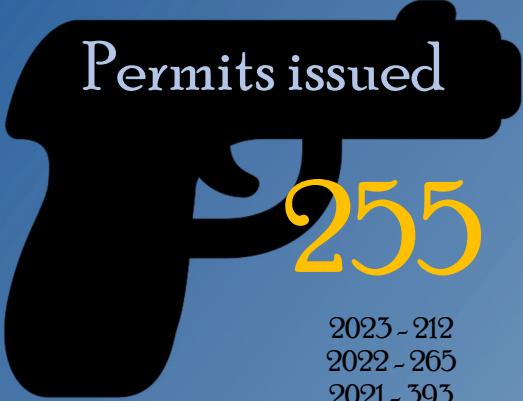
- 97th SPI COMMAND OFFICERS DEVELOPMENT COURSE
- ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION
- ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE
- ADVANCED HOSTAGE RESCUE & ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE
- ADVANCED ROADSIDE IMPAIRED DRIVER ENFORCEMENT (ARIDE)
- ARMORER TRAINING
- ARSON INVESTIGATIONS
- BODY-WORN AND DASH CAMERA POLICY & PROCEDURE
- CELL PHONE INVESTIGATIONS
- CHIEF STATE'S ATTORNEY DETECTIVE SCHOOL
- CLANDESTINE LAB AWARENESS
- CRIME SCENE PROCEDURES
- CRISIS INTERVENTION
- CRISIS NEGOTIATIONS
- CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE
- CT GANGS AND GANG VIOLENCE
- DATA EVENT RECORDER ANALYSIS
- DE-ESCALATION
- DEFENSIVE TACTICS
- DRONE DETECTION EQUIPMENT
- ETHICS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT
- EXPLOSIVE BREACHING
- FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY
- HARASSMENT & HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT
- HATE & BIAS CRIMES
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- IMPLICIT BIAS & PROCEDURAL JUSTICE
- INTERNAL AFFAIRS
- IPMBA POLICE CYCLIST INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION
- K-9 OFFICER TRAINING & CERTIFICATION
- LAW ENFORCEMENT PEER SUPPORT
- LESS LETHAL FORCE: OC AND BATON
- LESS LETHAL MUNITIONS
- LOCKUP ARREST & CONTRAL INSTRUCTION CERTIFICATION
- MOTOR VEHICLE PURSUIT POLICY & PROCEDURE
- NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES
- NATIONAL COMPUTER FORENSICS
- NATIONAL TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT
- PATROL RIFLE AND FIREARM
- PISTOL MOUNTED OPTICS
- PROPERTY ROOM & EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT
- RAILROAD SAFETY
- RECRUITING TODAY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT
- SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
- SCHOOL SAFETY PLANNING
- SEARCH & SEIZURE LAW
- SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATIONS
- SPANISH FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
- SPECIAL VICTIMS INVESTIGATIONS
- STAR CHASE™ OPERATOR CERTIFICATION
- STATE ACCREDITATION
- STINGER® SPIKE SYSTEM TRAINING
- SUPERVISING CRITICAL INCIDENTS
- SWAT OPERATIONS
- TASER® CERTIFICATION
- UNDERCOVER CONCEPTS AND TECHNIQUES
- USE OF FORCE: LEGAL TRAINING & POLICY

## RECORDS DIVISION

The Records Division serves a critical administrative component of the Department, responsible for the maintenance, control, and dissemination of departmental records in compliance with **Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)** requirements. The Division provides reports and official documentation to the public, courts, and authorized agencies in a timely and secure manner.

The Division also administers key regulatory functions, including the initial processing of pistol permit applications, maintenance of firearms transfer records, management of court subpoenas, and completion of required COLLECT and NCIC validations.

Additionally, the Records Division collects and processes fees associated with permits, licenses, and parking violations, ensuring accuracy, accountability, and adherence to applicable laws and professional standards.

Permits issued  
 255

2023 - 212

2022 - 265

2021 - 393

Revenue  
Q1 \$9,600 + Q2 \$6,867 + Q3 \$5,634 + Q4 \$4,816  
**\$26,917**

2023 - \$37,461

2022 - \$38,995

2021 - \$33,311

## BIAS-BASED PROFILING COMPLAINTS

### ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

The Department is committed to protecting the constitutional and civil rights of all persons and strictly prohibits any form of discriminatory practices, including bias-based policing.

The Professional Standards Officer (PSO) is responsible for monitoring, documenting, and investigating all allegations of bias-based policing. The PSO supports effective supervision and management through the early identification of, and response to, potentially problematic behavior. All bias-based policing complaints, whether verbal or written, are formally documented in the Department Review (DR) module and investigated in accordance with Department policy.

It is the policy of the EHPD that officers shall not initiate or conduct responses or investigations based solely on an individual's race, ethnicity, gender, or perceived religion. The absence of complaints arising from field contacts reflects adherence to this policy.

The Department addresses bias-based policing through annual training, ongoing analysis of traffic stop data, thorough investigations of complaints, and continuous review of best practices. In 2024, EHPD received two (2) bias-based policing complaints. Both were fully investigated by the PSO and resulted in findings of exoneration, indicating that while the incidents occurred, the officers' actions were determined to be lawful, proper, and justified. No trends or patterns of bias-based policing were identified through administrative review.

## EARLY INTERVENTION SYSTEM (EIS)

It is the policy of the Department to intervene as rapidly as feasible to address potentially problematic behavior in order to mitigate risk and liability. The Department utilizes an **Early Intervention System (EIS)**, monitored by the Professional Standards Officer (PSO), to support effective supervision and management of both sworn and civilian personnel.

The EIS is designed to identify behaviors or incidents at the earliest possible stage. When an incident triggers the system, the PSO conducts a comprehensive review to confirm the validity of the trigger. Upon confirmation, a written analysis is completed and, when appropriate, the employee's direct supervisor is notified to address the matter. The supervisor then documents any required intervention through a Department Review Report.

An annual evaluation of the EIS was completed for 2024. During the reporting period, EIS triggers included arrests for Assault on a Public Safety Officer, Interfering with an Officer, Department Motor Vehicle Accidents, Electronic Defense Weapon Use, Firearm Use (no discharge), Physical Force Incidents, and Sick Time Usage. Following review, no trends or patterns of concern were identified, and no further action was required.

In 2024, the Department enhanced the EIS by transitioning from officer-generated report data to supervisory report-based triggers, resulting in improved accuracy and reliability. The EIS continues to serve as an effective tool for monitoring performance, promoting accountability, and supporting positive organizational outcomes.

# Noteworthy News

## DECEMBER 2024 | FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



Captain David Emerman graduated from the prestigious **FBI National Academy**, Session 292 in Quantico, Virginia on December 12, 2024. The intense 11-week program brings together law enforcement leaders from across the United States and around the world, providing advanced leadership, communication, and fitness training. Session 292 included 257 officers representing 48 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, 27 countries, and various federal and military organizations. The program is internationally recognized for its academic excellence, with courses accredited through the University of Virginia. **CONGRATULATIONS, CAPTAIN!**

## EAST HAVEN ROTARY CLUB | JOSEPH BUONOME MEMORIAL PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD

K9 Officer Donato Palma was honored by the East Haven Rotary at their Annual Installation Dinner held on June 27, 2024, at Woodwinds in Branford. In October 2024, the K-9 team was also recognized by the Clinton PD for their assistance in the apprehension of multiple suspects involved in robbery, assault, and kidnapping investigations.

## MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING | LAW ENFORCEMENT OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGGED DRIVING AWARD

Officers Francisco Ortiz and Tristan Goodwin were honored at the Annual MADD Law Enforcement Recognition Luncheon held at Mohegan Sun on October 4, 2024.

## UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE | LAW ENFORCEMENT PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Officer Luke Rasile was the recipient of the **2024 Federal Law Enforcement Foundation Award** for his outstanding service and performance as a Department of Justice FBI task force officer for the District of Connecticut.

## SENSORY-FRIENDLY PUBLIC SAFETY DAY | COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVE

The first inaugural **Sensory-Friendly Public Safety Day**, held on December 28, 2024, at East Haven High School, helped individuals in the special needs community connect with first responders. Attendees explored emergency equipment to ease fears associated with rescue situations. Co-sponsored by **Linked - Autism Safety Project** and the **East Haven Fire Department**, the event was well-attended. Special thanks to Officer Brandon DePalma for coordinating the program and Officer Ahmad Wahib for participating.



## BATTLES OF THE BADGES AND HAVENS

EHPD celebrated its fourth consecutive victory over the EHFD at the annual **charity softball game** on October 11, 2024 at Deer Run School.

The second annual **charity ice hockey game** was held on December 28, 2024 at East Haven Memorial Ice Rink, where East Haven Police defeated New Haven by a score of 7-3.



All proceeds from both events were donated to **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**, supporting its mission to advance lifesaving treatment and research for children.

## PASTA-4-PUPS

The K9 Pasta Dinner Fundraiser hosted by the Old Stone Church raised approximately \$2,500 for the K-9 Unit.



# EAST HAVEN POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

## Building Community. Supporting Youth. Creating Opportunity.

The East Haven Police Athletic League (EHPAL) promotes positive interaction between community members, especially young people, and East Haven police officers through recreational and educational activities. By participating in athletic and competition-based programs, EHPAL works to build trust with area youth while instilling the core values of sportsmanship, self-discipline, and teamwork. Through the creation of a safe, inclusive recreational environment, EHPAL promotes self-esteem, confidence, and physical fitness for all participants, strengthening both individual growth and community bonds.



As we reflect on 2024, the **East Haven Police Athletic League (EHPAL)** is proud to share a year filled with meaningful programs, strong partnerships, and memorable moments that brought our community together. From youth sports and scholarships to family-friendly events and fundraisers, EHPAL remained committed to supporting local youth and fostering positive relationships throughout East Haven.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



#### March 2024 | East Haven Little League

EHPAL kicked off the spring season with our “Pass with a PAL” event in partnership with East Haven Little League. This interactive event strengthened connections between local youth and law enforcement while celebrating teamwork, sportsmanship, and fun on the field.

#### 2nd Annual Touch-A-Truck

One of the year’s most exciting family events returned with even bigger attractions. The New Milford Police Department’s Eagle 2 Helicopter was the highlight of the day, giving children and families a rare, hands-on experience while learning about public safety and emergency services.

#### 3rd Annual National Night Out

In collaboration with Mission BBQ and East Haven Youth Services, EHPAL hosted another successful National Night Out. This well-attended event promoted neighborhood unity, community safety, and positive interactions between families and first responders.

### YOUTH SUPPORT & EDUCATION

#### EHPS Field Day Participation

EHPAL proudly participated in East Haven Public Schools Field Day events, supporting students with encouragement, engagement, and a positive presence throughout these energetic celebrations of school spirit and physical activity.

#### Scholarship Awards

Continuing our commitment to education, EHPAL awarded two (2) scholarships to deserving East Haven High School graduates, recognizing their academic achievement, leadership, and dedication to their community.

#### Youth Sports Sponsorships

EHPAL proudly sponsored East Haven Youth Football and Cheer and two (2) teams in the *Sal Tinari Biddy Basketball Program*. These sponsorships ensured local youth had access to organized sports while learning teamwork, discipline, and confidence.

### PARTNERSHIPS, FUNDRAISING & SIGNATURE SPECIAL EVENTS

#### October 2024 | Lyman Orchard Golf Club

EHPAL hosted its first annual Golf Tournament, bringing together community members, sponsors, and supporters for a day of friendly competition and fundraising. The event was a tremendous success and laid the foundation for future annual tournaments.

#### Halloween Movie Night

Families gathered for a festive Halloween Movie Night featuring **THE HAUNTED MANSION**. The event offered a safe, fun, and seasonal experience for children and parents alike.

#### BINGO!

Throughout the year, EHPAL hosted BINGO nights, providing ongoing opportunities for community engagement, entertainment, and fundraising.



# POLICE SERVICES PERSONNEL *by the numbers*

Chief of Police  
Deputy Chief of Police  
Captains (2)  
Lieutenants (5)  
Sergeants (9)  
Detectives (6)  
Patrol Officers (35)  
Part-Time Officers (4)  
Civilians (7)  
PSCC Lead Dispatchers (2)  
PSCC Dispatchers (7)  
PSCC Part-Time/Per Diem (3)



## HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Dominic Balletto  
Vice Chairman Joseph DiSilvestro  
Commissioner Paul Carbo  
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