

New Haven Police Department

The Blue Review







Chief James M Lewis

This edition of the Blue Review highlights numerous examples of officers who have been recognized for the excellent work that they do for the New Haven community.

The above mentioned recognitions are certainly appropriate and supported by the crime statistics that we released this week. For the first nine months of 2009, our audited crime data indicates that crime has decreased by 12% over the same period in 2008. At the beginning of this year we announced that the goal for our Targeted Activity Policing (TAP) would be a reduction of 1000 Part I crime victims in 2009 compared to 2008. As a direct result of the hard work of our members and our partnership with the community, we have almost, reached this goal within the first nine months of the year.

We have also experienced a year to date reduction in homicide of 57% over the same time period in 2008, as well as an increase in arrests involving firearms of 21% over 2008. The increase in firearms arrests is clearly connected to the increase in traffic enforcement and vehicle stops of approximately 78% and the number of incidents in which citizens are calling in and providing information regarding suspects in possession of firearms. Our projected numbers through the end of November indicate that during the past thirteen months, we have experienced crime reductions in twelve of the months and that eleven of the months showed a double digit reduction.

We have now adjusted our original goal of a reduction of 1,000 crime victims for the year, to having less than 9,000 Part I crime victims in New Haven, for the first time since we have been recording this audited data.

During the past month the Department had a very successful experiment with utilizing a hi-tech shooting trailer. Close to 400 officers were able to participate during their working hours in shoot don't shoot scenarios utilizing live fire, while not causing noise issues for the community. It is hoped that funding will be located to periodically continue this valuable exercise.

The Department is moving forward in the leasing of additional motorcycles in hopes of expanding our present traffic unit. This will give us more flexibility in addressing traffic issues in the community.

It is our hope that everyone has an enjoyable and safe upcoming Holiday season and has the opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

First Nine Months Of Audited Data



NEW HAVEN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE

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John DeStefano, Jr. Mayor

James M. Lewis Chief of Police

SEPTEMBER 2009 CRIME STATISTICS

The following figures are taken from the September crime statistics as prepared for inclusion in the F.B.I.'s Uniform Crime Reports, and show the changes experienced for Part I crimes. The changes below are a comparison of the number of selected crimes known to Police for September 2009 compared to the same month in 2008. As the figures show, there was a decrease of 10% for total cases this month, and a decrease of 12% for total cases this year.

CRIME	September 2009	# DIFF.	September 2008	% CHANGE
Murder	0	-4	4	-100%
Rape	6	0	6	0%
Robbery	80	-21	101	-21%
Agg. Assault	102	-13	115	-11%
Burglary	136	+10	126	+8%
Larceny	417	-73	490	-15%
M/V Theft	121	+1	120	+1%
TOTAL	862	-100	962	-10%

	CRIME	9 MONTHS '09	# DIFF.	9 MONTHS '08	% CHANGE	
	Murder	6	-13	19	-68%	
	Rape	47	+5	42	+12%	
	Robbery	653	-20	673	-3%	
	Agg. Assault	937	-29	966	-3%	
	Burglary	1,051	-246	1,297	-19%	
	Larceny	3,427	-291	3,718	-8%	
	M/V Theft	786	-319	1,105	-29%	
7	TOTAL	6.907	-913	7,820	-12%	

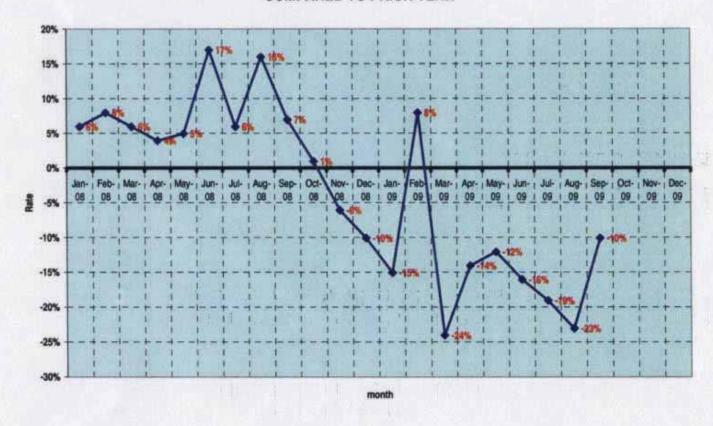
^{*}The year to date figures for 2009 have been adjusted for late reports.

September 2009 UCR data was converted from NIBRS data submitted by NHDPS to the Crime Analysis Unit of the Department of Public Safety.

Congratulations From The Command Staff

Traffic Stops + Gun Seizures + Solid Investigations = Great Results

MONTHLY PERCENTAGE INCREASE-DECREASE OF UCR PART 1 CRIMES COMPARED TO PRIOR YEAR



Twelve of the last thirteen months experienced crime reduction

Ten of the last thirteen months registered double digit reductions

The first nine months of 2009 there were 913 less part one crimes victims than 2008

Congratulations Captain Bombalicki



National Headquarters Marine Cadets of America Armed Forces Reserve Center 30 Woodward Ave. New Haven Connecticut 06512-3694



October 17, 2009

Captain Leo Bomalicki New Haven Police Department 1 Union Avenue New Haven, CT 06519

I would like to congratulate you on being selected to the Board of Directors for the Marine Cadets of America.

The appointment runs for three years to begin immediately.

I look forward to working with you and seeing you at our next Board meeting, the date to be announced.

Sincerely,

Vito S. DeMarco CDR USN (Ret.)

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Recent Retirement 17 Years Of Service



Michael Illingworth

2009 Rotary Club Officers Of The Year



Officers Monique Cain and Robert Levy

Holiday Spirit Food Basket Contest Set For December 16th









This Year's holiday food basket contest is scheduled for December date to announced. Judging will take place at the Chief's Holiday gathering and the progressive plaque will be presented to the winning division or district. Join us with this worthwhile project. Chief Lewis stated he wants all the employees of this department both sworn and civilian to have fun with this competition. We are asking all districts and divisions to submit a basket for a family in need. Last year a tie for First place went to the records room and the Bureau of Identification. Lets all band together and make this event a success

Record Room Thanksgiving Dinner







On November 24th 2009 the records room family shared a home cooked Thanksgiving Dinner, complete with all the trimmings



From The Press Room

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Monday, November, 23 2009

POLICE ARREST DAYTIME BURGLARS IN THE EAST SHORE

NEW HAVEN – Officers apprehend two burglars with assistance of residents on Kneeland Road. At 10:57 on Monday, an alert resident called the police department to report that two males were forcing open the side door of a house in the 200 block of Kneeland Road. When Officers David Murgo and Robert Hwang arrived, the suspects fled from the rear of the house, carrying several stolen items, and a foot-chase ensued.

A city building official, Jim Turcio, assisted officers in the pursuit by chasing and pointing out the direction of travel of one of the suspects (Jonathan Lopez, 24 of 258 Ferry Street), who was taken into custody by Officer Hwang, while Officer Murgo chased the other suspect. The other suspect was later spotted by officers on Hall Street, and he was taken into custody. He was identified as Manolin Ruiz, 23, of 173 Franklin Street. The property taken from the house was recovered by police. The arrestees were charged with burglary third degree, larceny third degree, criminal mischief first degree second degree, and interfering with police.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Saturday, November 21, 2009

Officers Seize Drugs, Gun, Ammunition From Stolen Car And Arrest Two People

NEW HAVEN –Officers seize drugs, gun, ammunition from stolen car and arrest two people. At 3:30 pm on Friday Officers John Kaczor and Dave Totino were patrolling Farren Avenue when they began to investigate a suspicious vehicle parked in front of 201 Farren. The vehicle traveled onto Fairmont and abruptly pulled into a driveway on Fairmont. The occupants quickly exited the '07 Chrysler 300 and ran. The vehicle had been reported stolen in Berlin. Officers located a loaded .380 caliber handgun in the vehicle. One of the passengers, Jack Thomas, 22, of 145 Poplar St was apprehended nearby. Thomas was in possession of twenty-six packets of crack-cocaine. After a search that lasted for an hour, Officer Craig Miller located the driver, Aamir Burnett, 22, of 37 Earl St, hiding among large concrete blocks and covered with a sheet at 102 Wheeler Street. He was found to be in possession of four packets of powder cocaine. Both arrestees are convicted felons. Officers found additional ammunition in the trunk of the vehicle. Both were charged with drug, weapon, and larceny charges.

Press Room

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Tuesday November 17th 2009

Police Seize Drugs During Traffic Stop

Officers seize seventy-one packets of crack-cocaine, eighteen packets of marijuana, and \$401.00 during traffic stop. At 9:45 PM on Tuesday, New Haven Police Officers Dave Totino and John Kaczor stopped a vehicle that had failed to signal when it turned from Barnes Avenue onto Middletown Avenue. When the passenger opened the center console to look for the registration and insurance, officers saw a sandwich bag full of what appeared to be crack-cocaine. The driver of the vehicle, Robert Williams, 18, of 25 Wayfarer St., and the passenger, Terrence Yopp, of 26 Lodge St, (both of New Haven), were charged with several narcotics violations, including possession with intent to sell. Williams was also charges with failing to give proper signal for a turn. A total of seventy-one packets of crack-cocaine, eighteen packets of marijuana, and \$401.00 cash was seized from the vehicle.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Monday, November 02, 2009

NEW HAVEN POLICE ARREST MAN WITH GUN WITH HELP FROM A CITIZEN

NEW HAVEN – On Saturday October 31st, Police received calls reporting gunfire near Farren Avenue and Fulton St. at 1450 hrs an anonymous citizen called to report that she observed a subject, later identified as Jamal L. Sumler D.O.B. 01/02/91 of 96 Webster St, pull out a handgun and fire several shots at a group of people standing on the corner of Farren Avenue and Fulton. Street. Sumler then left the area on a bicycle with another subject and the anonymous citizen followed them at a distance and gave the dispatcher the locations they were at until police arrived. As Sumler approached Grand Avenue and East Pearl Street, Sgt Edwin Diaz and Officer Levy approached Sumler at gun point at which point Sumler began running from police, dropping a Smith & Wesson .22 cal. auto pistol in front of 130 E. Pearl. Sumler was apprehended and the gun recovered.

Yale Child Study

From July through October the Child Development - Community Policing Program (CD-CP) received a total of 152 police referrals, for an average of 9 referrals per week.

123 of these referrals were specifically trauma related and received an in-person response from an officerclinician team. These include responses to the scene at the time of incident and follow-up visits to the family within a few days of the referral. These families were then offered further services in our clinic or assisted with referrals to alternate providers.

The remaining 29 referrals did not receive an in-person response, but were either offered an immediate appointment in our clinic due to trauma related needs or were referred to a community provider for more general mental health and behavioral services.

Recently, a referral exemplified excellent collaboration between police and clinicians. A 15-year-old male was punched and kicked in the ribs, stomach, neck, and face by his father—a similar incident occurred two years prior when his father beat him with a broken broom stick. During the most recent incident he was badly bruised, his eye was swollen shut, and he sustained a fractured skull. His two younger siblings witnessed the assault. A referral was made to the CD-CP program by Ofc. G. Hammill, prompting a team home visit with Ofc. C. Ortiz and CD-CP clinician Caroline Diemar. During the home visit, the 15-year-old's mother expressed concerns regarding her children's mental health and her family's safety. A full no-contact protective order had been issued to the 15-year-old victim, however, during the visit the team learned that it did not include his siblings, who were fearful of their father. With this information a discussion ensued during our CD-CP Team Meeting, resulting in Lt. J. Johnson speaking with the District Attorney about increasing the charges from a single count of risk of injury to three—with hopes of prompting protective orders for the two siblings. At the next court hearing, the father's charges were increased, but the protective order was not extended to include the other children. The father, however, was rearrested for violation of a court order and remains incarcerated.

Any Old Time Photos You Might Want To Share? Can You Identify Any Of These People







1959 Fidel Castro comes to New Haven



The Blue Review



Home Security Christmas Holidays Lets Keep Our Families Safe



Christmas holidays are a special time when families and friends come together to celebrate the season. It is also the time of year where families and friends are most generous and practice the tradition of gift giving. It should be a joyous and happy time for all of us.

Unfortunately for us, home burglars view the holiday season a little differently. For them, it is a time of opportunity to burglarize your home for cash, credit cards, and all the new gifts of small electronics, computers, jewelry, and easily sold valuables.

Here are a few tips of what they look for when shopping for a house to burglarize. These tips will help you enjoy the holidays without incident.

- Burglars look for an easy entry with good escape routes. Don't openly display your Christmas tree and gifts in the front window so it's easily visible from the street. It's too tempting for them to smash the window and grab the wrapped packages.
- Burglars look for occupancy cues like outdoor lights burning 24 hours a day, piled up newspapers, or advertising flyers hanging on the door knob. Use an inexpensive light timer when you are away and ask a neighbor to keep the front of your home clean of papers and debris.
- Burglars know to look for the hidden door key near the front entrance. Don't hide spare keys under rocks, in flowerpots, or above door ledges. Instead give the spare key to a trusted neighbor.
- Burglars prefer to enter through unlocked doors or windows. Sliding windows that are not secure can be seen from distance. One holiday problem can occur when exterior Christmas light extension cords are run inside through a window and prevent it from being secured. Hire an electrician or handyman to install an inexpensive exterior outlet for your holiday lights.
- Don't post your family name on your mailbox or on you house. A burglar can call directory assistance to get your telephone number and call your home while in front of your house to confirm that you are away.
- Don't leave descriptive telephone answering machine messages like, "You've reached the Wilson's...we're away skiing for the Christmas holidays...please leave a message." Burglars love to hear that they have plenty of time to break in and completely ransack your home.
- After Christmas day, don't pile up empty gift boxes from your new computer, DVD player, or stereo receiver on the street for the garbage man. Burglars appreciate knowing that you have expensive gifts inside for them to steal. Break them down or cut them up to conceal the items better. After a lucrative burglary, the chances of being burglarized again are increased to steal the new replacement products.

Last, but not least, fortify your home by installing solid core doors, heavy duty locks, longer screws in the lock strike plates and door hinges, and install secondary security devices on all accessible sliding windows.







New Haven Employee Wellness Program

The New Haven Employee Wellness Program is now available to Police Department Employees. The City of New Haven has introduced a program to increase health awareness and improve the quality of life for city employees, retirees and their families. This Employee Wellness Program is administered by health experts from The Hospital of Saint Raphael and Behavioral Health Consultants, LLC. This program is completely voluntary, and HIPAA compliant, meaning all personal health information is kept in strictest confidence, and handled by the health and wellness professionals of The Hospital of Saint Raphael. Below is a sample list of programs included in this comprehensive wellness initiative:

- Health Risk Assessment
- o WebMD's HealthQuotient
- o Health Screenings
- o Blood Pressure
- Cholesterol
- o Glucose
- o BMI
- o Fitness Assessments
- Workshops and Seminars
- o Stress Management
- o Better Nutrition
- o Weight Management
- o Ergonomics and Safe Lifting
- o Back Pain Management
- Smoking Cessation
- o Managing and Preventing High Cholesterol
- o Managing and Preventing High Blood Pressure
- o Preventing Cardiovascular Disease
- o Managing and Preventing Diabetes
- Cancer Prevention and Early Detection
- o Senior Living
- o Fitness Programs
- o Walking Program
- Group Exercise
- Yoga

WebMD's HealthQuotient

Remember to take your Health Risk Assessment

Just go to
www.straphaelhealth.org
Click on "Register Now" and complete WebMD's HealthQuotient.

As a bonus you will receive a \$15 gift card to Stop & Shop for completing this confidential questionnaire.

If you have any questions about the Health Risk Assessment or the Employee Wellness Program please contact Joanne Cavadini at jcavadini@srhs.org or (203)507-3053.

Swat Team Gets A Visit



Scouts visit New Haven SWAT team

The Bear Den (third graders) from Cub Scout Pack No. 24 Wallingford, visited the New Haven S.W.A.T. team on Thursday, Oct. L as part of their Law Enforcement requirement. They got up close views of the team's emergency vehi-cles and tried on safety vests and helmets. Sergeant Peter Moller, of the New Haven Police Department and the New Haven S.W.A.T. Team, talked to the boys about safety and the role of the S.W.A.T. team. To find a scout group near you go to www.BeAScout.org.





Project Blue Light



December Birthdays

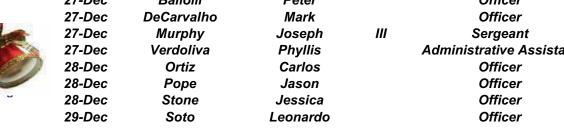


1-Dec	Ansaldo	Andrea		Officer
1-Dec	Dobson	Michelle		Officer
2-Dec	Joyner	Max		Sergeant
4-Dec	King	Jeffrey	Jr	Recruit
4-Dec	Myers	Matthew		Officer
5-Dec	Marcucio	Nicholas		Sergeant
5-Dec	McFadden	Albert	Jr	Officer
7-Dec	Benson	Richard		Officer
7-Dec	Francia	Marco		Officer
7-Dec	Hayden	Robert		Officer
8-Dec	Vale	Armando		Officer
9-Dec	DeJesus	Nancy		Dispatcher
10-Dec	Nieves	Omaida		Detective
10-Dec	Reid	Rosealee		Detective
11-Dec	Forbes	Theodore	Jr	Detective
11-Dec	Torres	Tashasua		Records Clerk
12-Dec	Kenney	Christopher		Sergeant
13-Dec	Roche	Kimberly		Officer
14-Dec	Giammatti	Cheryl		Dispatcher Assista
15-Dec	Higgins	Robin		Sergeant













Congratulations to Detective Renee Luneau and Mackie Sheckfee On the Birth Of Their Daughter Ava Jordyn Sheckfee



Ok, so for all who missed out on her stats.....Ava was born on 11/19 at 5:11PM, weighing in at a healthy 8 lbs 5 oz and 21" long. Our little Chitalian princess ♥

Thank All Of You



Jeanne and Joe Polio would like to thank family, friends, and current and retired members of the New Haven Department of Police Service, for their generosity at a recent benefit. The love showed to all present and the kindness of volunteers, team members and Almighty God, made it a day that will remain with us for our entire lifetime. We love you all.

38 Pledges Help Police Youth Programs



On 11/27/09 the police department completed 38 pledge forms during this year's United Way campaign. This year the New Haven PAL program was listed as an organization to which donations can be made via the United Way. As we LIVE UNITED donations are still being accepted contact Sgt. Rick Rodriguez x 2888 or Officer Monique Cain x 5916. Donations via the United Way will help our PAL program, Explorers program and GREAT program.

New Haven Police Explorers



A newer police program the New Haven Police Explorers consist of about 15 young men & women from the ages of 14-20 and have a interest in Law Enforcement, you might have seen us around New Haven being involved in different police assignments with the sworn New Haven Police Officers such as D.U.I Check Points, Traffic for Road Races. We work hard to prepare ourselves for the Law Enforcement Career. Our Post and also our badge number is #300 to represent our own Officer Dan Picagli who was killed in the line of duty who ran the youth orientated programs now its ran by Sgt. Ricardo Rodriguez. We hold a executive rank team Lt. Jamarr Daniels, Master Sgt. Christopher Morrison, Sgt. Yamilet Corret-

MEMORANDUM

New Haven Department of Police Service

DATE: December 3, 2009

TO: Distribution

FROM: Assistant Chief Stephanie Redding

CC: Chief James Lewis

Assistant Chief Ken Gillespie

Captain Denise Blanchard, Operations Division Sergeant Louis Cavaliere, President Local 530 Michael Piasecki, Supervisor Management Services

RE: Body Armor Fitting – Second Notice

The vendor for body armor will be here at Police Headquarters on the dates listed below. Please make arrangements to attend one of the scheduled fitting sessions. If you encounter circumstances beyond your control that hinder your attendance, please contact Karizma in my office at 946-6270 to discuss alternate arrangements.

DATES & TIMES

Thursday, December 10th and Friday, December 11th Between the hours of 6:45 am – 9:00 am **and** 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm.

LOCATION

Police Headquarters – 1 Union Avenue, Third Floor Conference Room

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Anyone with something to add to the blue review is welcome to submit articles for review you could be sworn, civilian or retired or anyone receiving this publication.

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