



**CITY OF DANBURY**  
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE  
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April 29, 2013

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Mark D. Boughton  
Members of the City Council

From: Alan D. Baker, Chief of Police

Subject: **Police Department Monthly Report  
April 2013**

I submit this report of the activities of the Danbury Police Department for the month of April.

**Personnel**

Department Strength:

**Sworn Personnel 146**

Light Duty – Job Related	3
Off Work – Not Job Related	3
Training Academy	5
Field Training Program	2

**Effective strength (w/e 04-20-13) 133**

**Community Services** (See attached)

**Training**

4/4	Policy Development for Law Enforcement – Lt. Merrick
4/8	Advanced Vehicle Stops Training – P.O. Georgoulis
4/8-19	FBI Basic Sniper School – P.O. Lyder
4/9	Response to a Terrorist Attack – Lt. McNally, Sgt. Marcus & P.O. Pederson
4/15-17	All Hazards Type 3 Communication Unit Leader – P.O. Frinton
4/15-26	Fairfield County Detective School – Det. Burke
4/15-19	Interview & Interrogation – P.O. Casazza
4/16	Supervisor Liability – Sgts. Daniello & Guertin

4/16 Pawnshop Investigations – Det. Lt. Williams  
4/22 Child Homicide Investigation – Sgt. Bishop  
4/22-26 Bloodstain Pattern Analysis & Documentation – P.O. Antedomenico  
4/22-26 Basic/Intermediate Diagramming – Crash Zone – P.O. Cattuti  
4/29-5/1 New England Crisis Negotiators Conference – Lt. McColgan  
4/29-5/3 Digital Photography for Law Enforcement – P.O. Rudisill

**Chief Baker’s Significant Meetings**

4/2 WCSU  
4/2 NexGen Meeting  
4/4 DPD Staff Meeting  
4/4 City Council Meeting  
4/10 Fairfield County Chief’s Meeting – Redding  
4/10 Board of Awards – Purchasing  
4/11 NexGen Meeting  
4/11 Corporation Counsel  
4/11 Danbury Exchange Club – Officer of the Year Dinner  
4/16 NexGen Meeting  
4/16 Public Hearing Meeting  
4/17 Budget Hearing  
4/18 CPCA Quarterly Meeting/Expo  
4/18 DRM Board Meeting  
4/24 LEPC  
4/25 FBINAA Meeting – Windsor Locks  
4/26 Salvation Army Local Heroes Breakfast

Respectfully submitted,

Alan D. Baker  
Chief of Police

ADB:mrl  
Attach.



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Alan D. Baker, Chief  
Department of Police  
375 Main Street

Lt. John M. Browne  
Community Policing Unit  
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April 24, 2013

To: Alan Baker, Chief of Police  
From: John M. Browne, Lieutenant  
Re: Community Policing Unit Activity Report  
April 2013

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Community Affairs Unit:

-See attached report

Community Conditions Unit: Sensitive Information

-See attached report

GTF/UNIT: Sensitive Information

-See attached report

City Center Liaison: Sensitive Information

-See attached report

Police Activities League:

-Not available at this time

Current Staffing Level:

- (1) Lieutenant
- (2) Sergeants
- (11) Patrol Officers

Lt. Browne

**Community Affairs – P.O. Mortara**  
**March 15 – April 15, 2013**

Child Passenger Safety Fitting Station:

- 03/25 13 seats w/P.O. Zaloski
- 04/01 12 Seats w/P.O. Perun
- 04/08 No seats
- 04/15 14 seats w/P.O. Hancock

**Month's Total: 39**

**2013 YTD Inspections: 135**

- 3/21 AARP Senior Safety Presentation – Personal safety, Scams, Internet, etc.
- 3/23 Danbury Public Schools Family University – Safety handouts for children and adults.
- 3/28 Ellsworth School Evacuation Drill – Assisted and critiqued evacuation drill as well as making security recommendations for building.

- Coordinating upcoming events including, but not limited to, miscellaneous safety presentations and tours of the Police Department as well as upcoming Neighborhood Watch presentations and the Citizens Police Academy.
- Handling all types of neighborhood complaints and disputes that entail investigating said complaint, contacting the appropriate agencies if applicable, taking action, making referrals, (UNIT, etc.), follow up to complaint to ensure that it has been resolved.
- Traffic Issues throughout the City. Speeding in residential neighborhoods, parking complaints; complaints handled and/r referred to Sgt. DeRocco in Traffic Unit.
- Telephone calls dealing with many police as well as civil and general advice issues. Working with residents and businesses to remedy issues throughout the community on a routine basis. Received and handled or referred calls regarding all aspects of policing, numerous child passenger safety questions/issues as well as setting appointments for child seat inspections at the DPD fitting station.
- Neighborhood Watch: Proactive patrols of neighborhood watch locations when able. Spoken with both active and non-active NW groups. Having continued interaction with residents as they have been supplying Department with information, license plates, etc. Continual follow up of loitering, prostitution, etc.
- Researching and relaying crime and neighborhood statistics for prospective homebuyers within the community.
- Quota International – Obtaining teddy bears for child victims
- Mobile Operations Center – Routine maintenance/repairs/operation/callouts. Worked with Emergency Service Unit as primary operator on 03/26/13 for full scenario at WCSU. Routine repair issues – revised manuals and deployment logs.
- *Tribuna* Article
- Bank Alarms – Liaison – Updating as necessary

**FLEET ISSUES:**

- Performing or coordinating repairs to vehicles in police fleet on aftermarket vehicle equipment such as lighting, audible warning, ICOP, DVR's, mobile data terminals, etc. Replaced public announcement microphones in two vehicles and wrote purchase order requests for purchase of additional mics that are needed. Attempted to repair, without success, MDT in 18DA and replaced with spare. Stripped out emergency lighting, siren, radio, etc from vehicle declared as surplus for use by other city agency. Assisted with restitution reimbursement for vehicle damage by arrested subject.

- Performing and/or coordinating repairs with Fleet Auto Supply for warranty repairs as well as repairs to emergency lighting equipment beyond internal capabilities. Working on completing 5 new vehicles that recently went into service as issues arise. 04/05/13 FAS came to HQ to work on 5 new vehicles, installed security devices, arm rests and worked on “punch list”.
- Still working with IT, attempting to resolve several minor issues with in car computer systems in many of the new patrol vehicles as well as minor issues with existing fleet, particularly 12DA and 222DA. Working on getting MDTs into new patrol vehicles. Work continues with new modems and software for Nexgen.
- ICOP – Performing all physical maintenance and repairs to DVR units and additional components as capabilities allow. Remediating issues with defective components with Safety Vision as well follow-up on all recent purchase orders and writing new purchase orders for additional equipment that is necessary to keep the systems functioning. Routine contact with sales, customer service and tech support for warranty and repair/replacement of equipment. Repaired ICOP units as well as replaced batteries from individual officers’ portable wireless microphones. Worked on GPS failure issues on patrol vehicles. Replaced charging cradle 13DA as it was not syncing. Repaired microphone in 395DA as someone had bent a clip preventing it from fitting in charge/sync cradle properly. Replaced DVR unit in 19DA as public works staff believed that it was causing charging issues with vehicle. Repaired DVR in 5DA as microphone was not syncing. Training department members on the appropriate use of systems, drives for the different DVR’s, etc.
- Vehicle maintenance/repair requests being coordinated on a daily basis by way of fax and email contact with PW.
- Fleet registration renewals (DMV)
- Fleet emissions compliance testing (transporting to and from testing facility for individual testing).
- ELSAG License Plate Readers – Addressing daily technical issues, meeting with reps in attempts to get system in full operation.
- Citizens Police Academy 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10

# CITY OF DANBURY

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Department of Police  
375 Main Street

Matthew McNally, Lieutenant  
Patrol Division

April 10, 2013

## MEMORANDUM

To: Chief Alan D. Baker  
From: Lt. Matthew McNally  
Subject: **Police Explorer Monthly Activity Report – March 2013**

March was a busy month for the Explorers. Annually, it heralds the beginning of the busy season for our Post, with special events beginning to take place with the change of the weather. This year was no different than the past few years. On Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> a squad of explorers assisted with traffic and parking at the **Celebration of World Language Event at DHS.**

**2013 Penguin Plunge Detail** - March 23<sup>rd</sup>, saw a detail of 29 Explorers, at the request of Special Olympics of Connecticut and Sharon Pelkey, working the **Special Olympics of Connecticut's "Penguin Plunge"** at the Danbury Town Park on Lake Candlewood. This is a fundraiser for Special Olympics and it is becoming quite popular. Explorers assisted with traffic control, parking and pedestrian crosswalk coverage. They also helped with crowd control at water's edge. The event for SoC was very successful.

**St. Patrick's Day Parade** – On Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 46 of our Explorers were brought in to work the **Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.** The parade had beautiful weather and the turnout was good. We had Explorers in static posts for this parade, as well as an even dozen mountain bike mounted Explorers riding the traffic posts and routes. We did have the Post's Honor Guard in the line of march, as well as several of our Post's Explorers, who are also members of the DHS Marching Band and the Jr. AFROTC program marched in the parade. Below is a photo of our Explorer Color Guard marching in the parade.



***Honor Guard marching, trailed by the Post golf cart at St. Patrick's Parade***

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, saw 17 Explorers **assisting with the Danbury Emergency Service Unit's SWAT Team** full exercise held in conjunction with Western Connecticut State University. Explorers and advisors were involved in role playing, being hostages or hostage takers. Also, members of the Post provided some traffic direction and assisted in setting up the perimeter preventing traffic to travel into the area of the exercise. Several explorer participants took photos of the ESU Bearcat in action. One explorer, Andy Cruz, made a collage and posted the image on Facebook (See below).



Other notable events during the past month involving members of the Exploring Program include:



Explorer Sergeant-at-Arms and “thespian” Matthew McNally V performed in New Milford High School’s all-school musical production of ***Carousel*** from March 22<sup>nd</sup> through the April 4<sup>th</sup>.

From *The News-Times* (article below), former long-time Danbury Police Explorer Steven Ortiz is slated to receive the ***Ellis Island Medal of Honor***. The Medals are presented on Ellis Island, in a dramatic ceremony, to American citizens for their outstanding contributions to their communities, their nation and the world. They are awarded annually to outstanding American citizens, from all walks of life, who have distinguished themselves through their significant contributions to this country. The Ellis Island Medal of Honor ranks among the nation's most prestigious awards. The [U.S. Senate and House of](#)

[Representatives](#) have officially recognized the Ellis Island Medals of Honor, and each year the recipients are listed in the Congressional Record. We are quite proud of his accomplishments!



Steven Ortiz at age 15



Steven Ortiz today

## Danbury schools' grad receives Ellis Island award

[Steven Ortiz](#) said he's grateful for the education he received in the Danbury public schools, which he thinks don't get the credit they deserve. The summa cum laude graduate of [Western Connecticut State University](#) has a master's degree from the [Hartt School of Music](#) at the [University of Hartford](#) and is now the band teacher at [Windsor High School](#). The 30-year-old father of two also is one of 100 citizens who will receive an Ellis Island Medal of Honor at a ceremony on the island May 11. "It's very humbling," Ortiz said, noting the company he is joining.

Recipients include six presidents of the United States, Nobel Prize winners, athletes, artists and leaders of industry. Since 1986, the [National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations](#) has sponsored the Ellis Island Medals of Honor, which honors living U.S. citizens who are native or naturalized and satisfies one or more of the following criteria: helps others at a community or national level; preserves and celebrates the history and traditions and values of their ancestry; strives for acceptance between ethnic, racial and religious groups; and shares their personal and/or professional gifts for the benefit of humanity. Ortiz is a member of the Massachusetts [Air National Guard](#) and has served as the commander and conductor of the Air National Guard Band of the Northeast, which has played at the Ellis Island medal ceremony for years.

It's the last year they will perform because the unit is being disbanded because of the sequestration. NECO spokesman [Otto Coca](#) said he's worked with Ortiz for years at the ceremony and because it was the last year of the band and because of his help with the group, they felt he deserved to be honored. "He's been a good friend to NECO," Coco said. "He's a great example. He loves music. He loves his country and he gives back. We are proud to have him part of the Ellis Island award recipients."

Coco said the group decided to honor Ortiz and then learned about his other work reinforcing the mission of the award. Ortiz is one of those people who are really more than they appear on the surface, Coco said. Ortiz is the founder and director of a group that collects and ships used clothes to Latin America and has provided educational scholarships in Costa Rica.

As a college undergraduate, Ortiz founded the Danbury Youth Band and served as a musical director for the Sons of [Portugal School of Music](#). He taught music for the Danbury elementary schools for a year then at [Immaculate High School](#) before going to Windsor six years ago.

Ortiz has received the [Air Force](#) Outstanding Unit Award, the National Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the University of Hartford Graduate Regents' Award and the Connecticut State University Henry Barnard Award. He has served as a mentor and credits mentors in Danbury for helping him find his path.

When in middle school, he joined the [Danbury Police Explorers](#), which were led by Lt. [Matt McNally](#), whom he called an important mentor to him. "It's a sound, sound program," he said, and McNally helped him learn about respect and hard work and integrity.

In high school, he ran cross country and track team under [Danbury High School](#) coach [Rob Murray](#). "He was a phenomenal mentor, whose lessons on how to run better really became lessons on how to be a better person," Ortiz said.

"They really touched my life," he said.

Ortiz's parents came from Costa Rica in the 1970s and he was born and raised in Danbury.

"Even though my parents didn't come through Ellis Island, they symbolize the immigrant experience," he said. "Everyone is an immigrant in this country and we've all come together to make it the great place it is."

As the month drew to a close, we had approximately 74 Explorer cadets enrolled in the program. We currently have a waiting list, and as we lose some through attrition, we will pull from the waiting list on a seniority basis. Our program continues to grow without any recruiting effort, and we have maxed out all of our resources as of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt. Matthew McNally  
Post Advisor/Program Coordinator

<b>I. Membership</b>	
# of Explorers Enrolled	74
# of Advisors Enrolled	14

<b>II. Hours-Explorer</b>	
Total Job Hours	275.00
Total Training Hours	573.25
Total Explorer Hours	848.25

<b>III. Hours-Advisor</b>	
Total Job Hours	62.75
Total Training Hours	55.00
Total Advisor Hours	117.75



