

*Department of Police Services  
2018 Awards Ceremony*

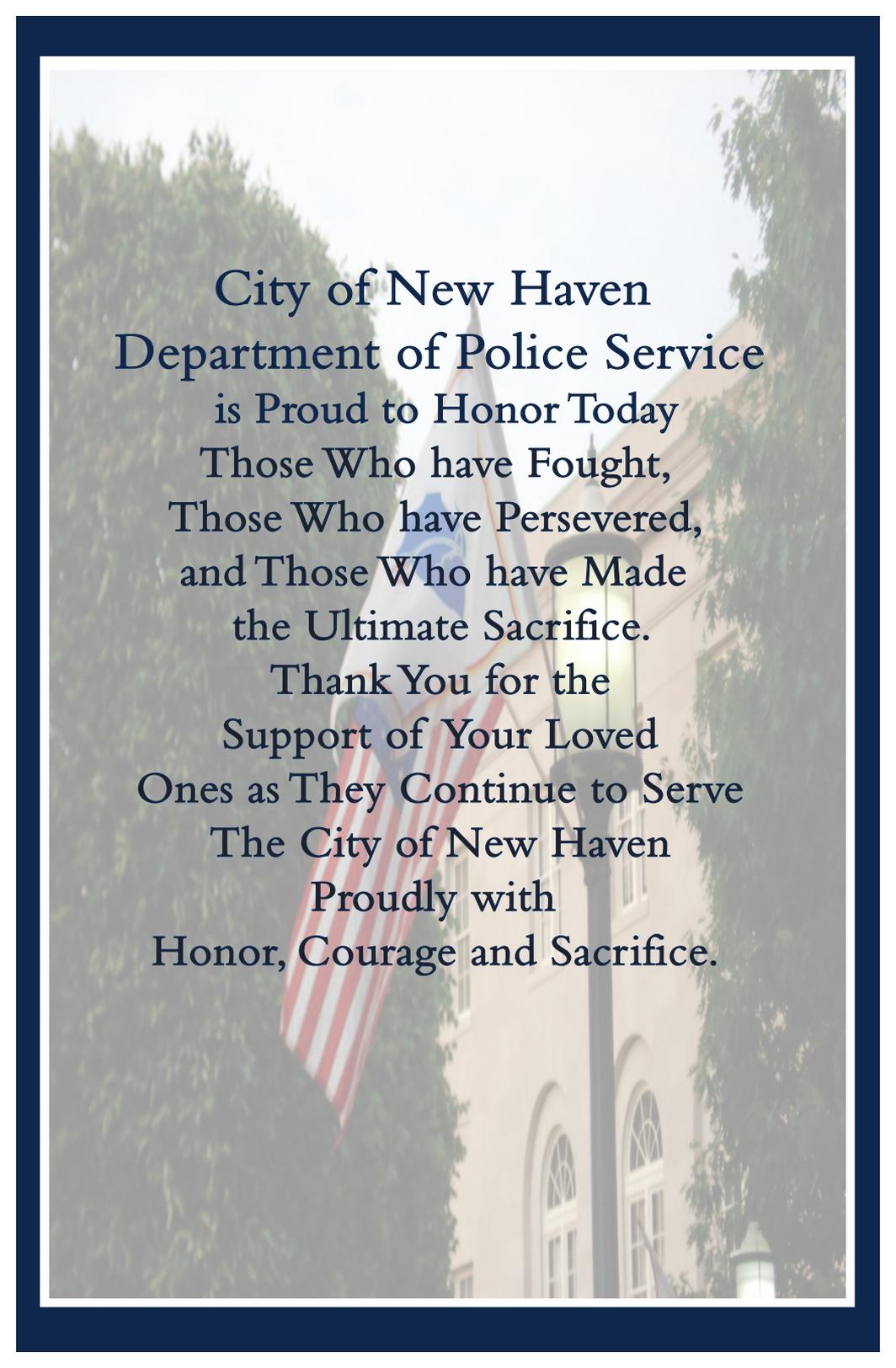


November 30, 2018

Wilbur Cross High School

181 Mitchell Drive  
New Haven, CT

5:00pm



City of New Haven  
Department of Police Service  
is Proud to Honor Today  
Those Who have Fought,  
Those Who have Persevered,  
and Those Who have Made  
the Ultimate Sacrifice.

Thank You for the  
Support of Your Loved  
Ones as They Continue to Serve  
The City of New Haven  
Proudly with  
Honor, Courage and Sacrifice.

# 2018 Order of Ceremony



Middletown PBA Pipes & Drums

Welcome

*Sergeant Rob Clark*

Presentation of Colors

*New Haven Police Honor Guard*

National Anthem

*Detective Dana Martin*

Opening Remarks

*Mayor Toni N. Harp*

*Police Chief Anthony Campbell*

*Police Commissioner Chair Anthony Dawson*

Invocation

Presentation of Awards

Retirement of Colors

*New Haven Police Honor Guard*

Hors D'oeuvres Served

# Certificates of Appreciation

*The Certificate of Appreciation is presented to citizens or members of partner agencies who have assisted the New Haven Police Department and have enhanced its ability to fulfill it's Mission.*

Firefighter Patrick Sheiffele

Citizen Katie St. Jean

Citizen Raymond Vernet

Citizen Sajjad Chaudhary

Citizen Ali S. Chaudhary

Citizen Librorio Castillo

Citizen MariaTorres

Citizen Mark O'Ferrall

Citizen Christopher Guarino

Citizen Richard Spreyer

Trooper Paul Makuc

Trooper First Class Matthew Warren

K9 Porter

Officer Christopher Reddington

Officer Johnathan Andino

Sergeant Craig Michalowski

Officer Kyle Savo

Trooper Steven Corona

Officer Maurice Martin

Officer Brandon Esterby



# Unit Citation Award

*The Unit Citation Award is awarded to a Unit, Division or Squad within the department which collectively contributes to effective police accomplishments or achievements as a result of outstanding service or devotion to duty.*



Detective Manuella Vensel	★	Officer Paul Finch
Detective Jonathan Pleckaitis		Officer Robert Dupont
Detective Jessica Stone	★	Sergeant Dana Smith
Detective Michael DeFonzo		Officer Jeffery Luis
Detective Kealyn Nivakoff		Officer Hugo Villacres
Detective Carlos Conceicao (2)	★	Officer Myckol Rodriguez
Detective Joseph Aurora (2)		Dispatcher Paul Mullally
Detective Steven Cunningham		Officer Joseph Roberts
Detective Jarrod Boyce	★	Officer Sean Sullivan
Sergeant Derek Gartner		Officer Ryan Hall
Officer Nicholas Katz		Detective Michael Torre
Officer Richard Gonzales		Lieutenant Nicholas Marcucio
Officer Christopher Rinaldi	★	Sergeant Ryan Przybylski
Officer Eric Eisenhard		Detective Jeremy Cordero
Officer Jasmine Sanders		Detective Mark DeCarvalho
Officer Paul Mandel	★	Detective Ross Van Nostrand
Officer David Diaz		Officer David Acosta
Officer Caitlin Zerella (2)		Officer Christopher Cacula
Fire Investigator Meghan Maidelis		Officer Robert Hwang
Fire Investigations Supervisor Ray Saracco		Officer Luis Lopez
Officer Derek Huelsman		Officer Raul Pereira
Officer Derek Werner		Detective Thomas Glynn
Officer Leslee Witcher		Detective Francisco Sanchez
Officer Michelle Dobson	★	Detective Orlando Crespo
Officer Jeffrey Suchy		Sergeant Renee Dominguez
Officer David Runlett		Sergeant David Guliuzza
Officer Paul Cavalier		Sergeant Dietrich Hernandez
Officer Richard Lennon	★	Sergeant Brett Runlett
Officer Jeffery King		Officer Chris Cameron
Officer Thomas Blaisdell		Officer Robert Clark
Officer Milton DeJesus		Officer Steve McMorris
Officer Endri Dragoi	★	Officer Craig Miller
Lieutenant Stephen Torquati (2)		Officer David Portela
Sergeant Rose Dell		Officer Joshua Smreczynsky
Lieutenant Jason Rentkowicz (2)	★	

# *Daniel Picagli Special Merit Award*

*Police Officer Dan Picagli died on October 21, 2006 from injuries he sustained after being struck by a vehicle while directing traffic a few days prior. He was directing traffic near a construction site on Chapel Street in the Wooster Square section of the City when the accident occurred. Officer Picagli had served with the New Haven Police Department for 17 years. He was assigned to the Board of Young Adult Police Commissioners and the Police Athletic League where he organized athletic camps for City children.*



*The Daniel Picagli Special merit Award is presented to one member of the Department who demonstrates day to day excellence.*

Officer Leslee Witcher  
Officer Steven McMorris



# Police Achievement Award

*The Police Achievement Award is presented to members of the Department who demonstrate outstanding performance in a specific event or project that was substantially above and beyond normal expectations.*

Detective Christopher Cameron (2)

Detective Marcin Podsiad (2)

Detective Orlando Crespo

Detective Elizabeth White

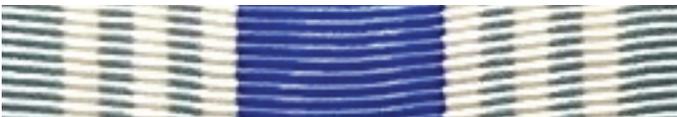


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# Outstanding Contribution Award

*The Award for Outstanding Contribution is presented for an act of service which furthers law enforcement or community policing. This award may also be given to an officer, citizen or agency who, at the risk of harm, has aided police work, preserved a life or made the community a safer or better place to live.*

Officer Christian Bruckhart



# Certificate of Commendation

*The Certificate of Commendation is awarded to a member of the Department who contributes to an effective police accomplishment, beyond normal expectaions.*



Officer Albert Acosta

Officer David Diaz

Officer Martin Feliciano

Officer Mathew Borges

Officer Louis DeCrescenzo

Officer Michael Fumiatti

Officer Frank Grillo (2)

Officer Ryan Walker

Officer Mathew Stevens

Officer John Gregorczyk

Officer John Lalli

Officer Jeffrey Suchy

Detective Leonardo Soto

Sergeant Craig Dixon

Officer Edrick Agosto

Officer Derek Huelsman

Officer Christopher Rinaldi

Officer Christian Carfora

Officer Donald White



# *David Williams Life Saving Award of Merit*

*David Williams was a New Haven police Officer for 7 years when he drowned tragically trying to save his two young sons in 1991. He was attending a family reunion in Alabama when he and his 2 young sons went swimming in the Tallapoosa River. His two sons were swept away by the current and Officer Williams was able to save one son before he and his other son were swept away.*

*He and his 6 year old son Devon did not survive.*



*The David Williams Award is presented to members of the department who perform an exceptional act under emergency conditions which result in sustaining a human life such as providing CPR or first aid to an injured person.*

Officer Steven McMorris (2)  
Officer Rafael Ramirez  
Officer Christopher Lawrence  
Officer Jacob Cedeno  
Officer David Vega  
Officer Francisco Ortiz  
Officer Jason Bandy  
Officer David Totino  
Officer Elsa Berrios

Officer Keron Bryce  
Officer Mark Savalti  
Officer Paul Mandel  
Officer Scott Shumway  
Officer Brendan Hawley  
Officer Jocelyn Lavandier  
Officer Matthew Stevens  
Lieutenant David Zannelli

# *Officer of the Year Award*

*Officer of the Year is presented in recognition of service by an officer who has consistently displayed exemplary performance, dedication, and professionalism to duty and is thereby recognized.*

Officer Robert Dupont ~ 2016  
Officer William Gargone ~ 2017



# *Detective of the Year Award*

*Detective of the Year is presented in recognition of service by a detective who has consistently displayed exemplary performance, dedication, and professionalism to duty and is thereby recognized.*

Detective David Zaweski ~ 2016  
Detective Ryan Macuirzynski ~ 2017

# Police Cross



*The Police Cross is awarded to an officer who, in the line of duty, sustained a serious injury or died during thier official police duties.*



Officer Scott Shumway  
Officer Eric Pesino  
K9 Vader (Posthumous)



# Medal of Valor

*The Medal of Valor is awarded to a member of the Department who, in the line of duty, performs an outstanding act involving personal hazard and/or in cases of heroism, involving combat with an armed adversary.*



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Officer Osvaldo Garcia  
Officer Jesse Buccaro  
Officer Gregory Ammon  
Officer Brian Jackson (2)  
Officer Elvin Rivera  
Sergeant James Evarts  
Officer Christopher Lawrence  
Officer Paul Vitale  
Officer Luis Lopez  
Officer Jason Santiago  
Officer Maegan Moran  
Officer John Gregorczyk  
Officer Diego Quintero  
Officer Jocelyn Lavandier  
Officer Matthew Stevens  
Officer Krzysztof Ruszczyk  
Officer Douglas Pearse

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# Medal of Honor

*The Police Medal of Honor is the highest medal awarded for bravery. The recipient has displayed self-sacrifice which has involved the risk of his/her life in order to prevent death or serious injury to him/herself or another person(s).*



Officer Scott Shumway  
Officer Eric Pesino



# WE WILL NEVER FORGET...

## K-9 VADER

The Virginia State Police are mourning the line-of-duty death of narcotics detection K-9 Vader. Vader, a two-year-old Belgian Malinois, was shot on August 1, 2018, during the pursuit of a suspect in a stolen vehicle. An individual in the stolen vehicle fired shots striking Vader, who was riding with his handler in a State Police vehicle. Vader graduated from the 13-week canine basic school in December 2017.

Vader is the second Virginia State Police canine to be killed in the line of duty since the canine program began in 1961. On September 12, 1962, Baron was struck and killed while tracking an escaped inmate in Powhatan.

## K-9 VADER

END OF WATCH:  
AUGUST 1, 2018





# Above and Beyond the Call of Duty

Dedicated to the courage and sacrifice of the officers who gave their lives in service to the community of New Haven



Officer [Name], [Rank], [Service Dates]



Officer [Name], [Rank], [Service Dates]



Officer [Name], [Rank], [Service Dates]



Officer [Name], [Rank], [Service Dates]



# Thank You

*The following earned a special thank you for helping with this great event.*

To the Board of Education for repeatedly assisting  
the Police Department for allowing us be here.

The Middletown PBA Pipes and Drums for their great performance.

Detective Dana Martin for her great voice & style singing the  
National Anthem, nobody does it better.

The Board of Police Commissioners for the continued support.

Phoenix Press for their continued professionalism and great products.

The Greek Olive.

The New Haven Police Department Recruit Class for assistance.

The New Haven Police Bureau of Identification (B of I) for their photography.

The Chiefs' Office civilian staff for their continued support and coordination.

A special thanks to Assistant Chief Luiz Casanova for his experienced  
guidance of the Awards Committee  
and...

A very special thanks to the families of the awardees for their continued  
support of their law enforcement loved one.

## *The 2017-2018 Awards Committee*

Sergeant Matthew Abbate

Officer Eric Aviles

Sergeant Bertram Ettienne

Officer Nancy Jordan

Officer Raphael Ramirez

Sergeant John Wolcheski

Sergeant Derek Werner

Sergeant Robert Clark, Chair