



# Waterbury Police Explorers

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## Supervisor Meeting Results in Changes

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The Waterbury Police Explorer Supervisory staff met for a very detailed and extensive Supervisor meeting on April 16 in the Main Office located in the Brass Mill Center.

While Field Training Officers commanded a Brass Mill Center Bertucci's Fundraiser detail, Explorer Corporals, Sergeants, Master Sergeants, the Explorer Lieutenant and Explorer Captain met for a roundtable meeting to discuss topics such as discipline, field trips, explorer divisions, attendance, and many more imperative topics.

According to the notes of the meeting, which were immediately released, there were several changes voted on in regards to the several divisions of the Waterbury Police Explorers. As noted on these documents, all divisions were scheduled to be established by June 1. The Explorer SWAT Team will consist of 13 members, Honour Guard team will have 12 certified members, Awards Committee will consist of five

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## Explorers in the Media

The Waterbury Police Explorers have recently been recognized several times by the local media.

Several articles in the Republican American newspaper and an interview conducted by the Office of Radio and Television of the Archdiocese of Hartford have placed the spotlight on the work the Waterbury Police Explorers are completing in the community.

The Republican American has helped the Waterbury Police Explorers spread the importance of community volunteerism by publishing several pictures and articles of members of the Waterbury Police Explorers Post 4141 helping to make the community a cleaner place for everyone. A picture of Junior Explorers Joshua Aponte and Sarah Morain, as well as a photo of Officer Frank Lee was published in the local paper on Monday

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*"The resources available at the Waterbury Police Explorer Computer Lab have helped me have a successful marking period." -Nohemy Rossi*

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## Explorer Field Trips on the Rise

Field Trips are great tools to provide an incentive to explorers who have committed great dedication to the community, fellow explorers, and the Waterbury Police Explorers.

The first field trip of the year was a trip to New York City. Over thirty explorers were randomly chosen to attend after an Officer Down Physical Exercise Tribute. Explorers met early on Saturday April 6, 2013. Officer Jose Diaz and Officer Frank Lee transported all of the explorers on the Explorer Bus and Van.

Upon arrival in New York City, the Waterbury Police Explorers met with New York City Detective Watson, who is the Senior Advisor of the New York City Police Explorers, which consists of over 1,000 explorers separated by various precinct departments. Detective Watson had a preliminary schedule planned for the Waterbury Police Explorers visit to the city.

First stop on the tour was One Police Plaza in Manhattan. The Waterbury Police Explorers toured the department's lobby which consists of several memorial walls honoring every city officer who has passed away on the line of duty. The tour then proceeded to the Joint Task Force multimillion dollar dispatch center, where members of each New York City Force meet to dispatch on a daily basis and where elected officials and upper ranking officers meet during high-priority incidents. The explorers also had the privilege of seeing the New York City camera system, which captures surveillance footage of the city 24/7.

After the tour of One Police Plaza, Detective Watson then led the Waterbury Police Explorers to the New York City Police Department Aviation Unit located on a former military base. While on the base,

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Waterbury Explorers in front of an NYPD Air Sea Rescue Chopper.

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undisclosed members chosen by the Advisors, Labor Union will have a total of 3 representatives, the Explorer Bike Team will have 8 certified explorers, two explorers will be assigned to Quartermaster, and the Webmaster Team will have two designated explorers. All members who have earned a position will be announced during the Waterbury Police Explorers 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Promotional and Awards Ceremony.

As a result of the April Supervisor Meeting, a full list of squad assignments will always be posted in the Explorer Main Office. Other topics discussed during the meeting included Chain Of Command policies, Explorer Computer Lab policy, and a brief Time Management workshop.

“There will be at least one Supervisor Meeting per month,” said Captain Ysmael Peguero in a brief interview.

To access the April 16, 2013 Supervisor Meeting Notes please see a member of the Administrative Squad.

## Supervisor Exam Results in the Mail

The 2013 Waterbury Police Explorer Supervisor Exam was administered in late April with over twenty eligible explorers taking the challenge.

All explorers who pursued a supervisory promotion have taken strictly administered Knowledge-Based and Oral Board exams, mirroring the exams administered by Police Departments nationwide.

In efforts to continue following a routine that explorers may face when testing for a supervisor position in the Law Enforcement field, all participants who have taken the exam should expect a letter in the mail with their individual testing results.

“Following this procedure will help the explorers get ready for the real experience in Law Enforcement,” said Officer Frank Lee, who is also the Career Development Advisor.

All explorers will have the opportunity to practice taking a mock Police Officer examination in preparation for testing for a police department entry exam.

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April 22. Another newspaper article published before the citywide Earth Day Cleanup initiative on April 27 featured a 2010 photo of Waterbury Police Explorers sweeping city streets. The photo was used to draw in more community members to help with the cleanup initiatives. “It is great that we are being recognized by the local newspaper for our efforts, but our intention is deeply rooted in the good of the neighborhood,” said Officer Frank Lee. The Waterbury Police Explorers also participated in several more cleanups in both April and May.

The Office of Radio and Television of the Archdiocese of Hartford recently aired a brief interview that a representative had with Explorer Captain Ysmael Peguero at the state Blue Mass celebration on May 5. Explorer Captain Peguero commented on the Waterbury Police Explorers participation in the celebration of fallen personnel from surrounding Police, Fire, and EMS Departments. The video recorded interview will be aired several times on the Archdiocese local television programs.

The Waterbury Police Explorers were also recognized for assisting AMR ambulance company in setting a Guinness World Record in teaching the most people CPR in a 24-hour period. Several Waterbury Explorers volunteered as teaching assistants at Wilby High School.

The last media attention that was given to the Waterbury Police Explorers was in honor of several explorers who have earned prestigious recognitions in the community. Several Waterbury Police Explorers earned one of “Waterbury’s Best 100 Young People Award.” Among these explorers were Explorer Mike DaSilva and Captain Ysmael Peguero. Junior Explorer Starly Garcia received a Leadership Award from Waterbury Youth Services and Captain Ysmael Peguero also received a “Future Leader Award” from the Rivera Memorial Foundation, Inc.

“We are very proud of all the Explorers accomplishments and our goal is to continue to help the young leaders of our community,” said Officer Jose Diaz in a statement release.



*Waterbury Police Explorers at a Rock Cats baseball game!*

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*“I enjoy volunteering with the Explorers; they are like my second family.”*

*–Michel Flores*

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explorers had the opportunity to see the several police helicopters and the New York City Police SWAT “Hercules” van.

The New York City field trip ended with a visit to the Explorer Office and a stop at Checkers Restaurant.

Another small trip was held on Sunday May 19, 2013 after explorers volunteered at a Fulton Park Cleanup and CT Food Bank Walk Registration.

## Explorers in Summer 2013

With the summer season quickly approaching, the Waterbury Police Explorers would like to remind all organizations, private and public, to submit Explorer Request forms on time. A Request application can be submitted online at [www.waterburypoliceexplorers.org](http://www.waterburypoliceexplorers.org) under the “Request Explorers” tab. It is important that a request is submitted for every event, regardless to previous participation in previous years.

The Waterbury Police Explorers provide services such as large crowd control, First Aid/CPR coverage, security patrol, honour guard assignments, traffic control, parking assistance, and many more tasks approved by the Advisor on Duty

The Waterbury Police Explorers operates year round and often volunteer several events per day. Although explorers meet bi-weekly during

Explorers who worked these events traveled to New Britain to watch A Rock Cats baseball game. Lunch and prizes were offered at the game.

According to Officer Jose Diaz, there will be many more opportunities for all Explorers to attend a field trip.

Special thanks to Detective Watson of the NYPD and to Waterbury PAL.

summer months, you may submit a request for any date.

The Waterbury Police Explorers is a non-profit organization and does not charge for services provided but donations are greatly appreciated.

To learn more about how to donate to the Waterbury Police Explorers, please visit us at our Main Office or contact an Advisor On-Duty at (203) 228-3422 or leave a message at our Main Office line at (203) 568-0575.

On behalf of the Waterbury Police Explorers and its affiliates we would like to wish everyone an enjoyable, fun, and safe summer season!

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