Officer James Naccarato Professional Standards and Internal Affairs

East Haven Department of Police Services
East Haven, CT

James Naccarato is a twenty-seven year veteran police officer first serving twenty-three years with the New Haven Police Department and then the East Haven Police Department for the last four years.

Officer Naccarato has been an integral member of the East Haven Police Department since 2012, beginning his tenure as a patrol officer. Currently, he is the Professional Standards and Internal Affairs Officer implemented under the U.S. Department of Justice Settlement Agreement with the Town of East Haven. Upon completing its first thirty-six months under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Department has shown unprecedented compliance with nearly all objectives.



In 1989, James entered the New Haven Police Academy and upon graduation, he was assigned in the Hill Section as a Community-based Officer, to both a walking beat as well as a bicycle patrol officer. James spent two years at Hill Regional Career High School where he served as the School Resource Officer. During his career he also was assigned to the Statewide Regional Auto Theft Task Force and later promoted to Detective. While in the Detective Division, Officer Naccarato was first assigned to the Robbery/Burglary Unit and then transferred to General Investigations with a focus on homicides and serious assaults. He finished his career in New Haven while serving in the Homicide Unit. Additionally, Officer Naccarato spent twelve years on the New Haven Police Department SWAT team where he was a certified sniper.

Officer Naccarato is a certified Police Officer Standards and Training Council Ethics Instructor and holds the following training certifications: Police Internal Affairs, Institute of Police Technology and Management, University of North Florida; Ethics Train-The-Trainer, Institute for Law Enforcement Training, Center for Law Enforcement Ethics.

Officer Naccarato is a 1984 graduate of Branford High School and attended Southern Connecticut State University.

Officer Naccarato will be promoted to Deputy Chief of the East Haven Police Department effective July 1, 2016.