

East Haven Police Department

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EHPD Cadet Program New for the 2015-2016 School Year

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Chief of Police Brent Larrabee along with The Honorable Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., Superintendent of Schools Dr. Portia Bonner, and East Haven High School Principal Vincent Denuzzo are proud to introduce a new initiative, the East Haven Police Cadet Program to East Haven High School. The new program in conjunction with the East Haven Police Department will offer East Haven High School juniors and seniors an opportunity to take criminal justice and law related classes while partaking in an internship with the East Haven Police Department. Several existing elective classes will fulfill the educational requirements of the cadet program while additional time will be spent after school, during vacations, and during summer vacation working at Police Headquarters. The program provides students with an opportunity to experience the day to day activities of police officers and support staff as they carry out their duties in law enforcement. Vincent DeNuzzo, Principal of East Haven High School, remarked “it is exciting to introduce this new collaborative program between the East Haven Police Department and East Haven High School. It is a great opportunity for students who may be considering a career in law enforcement.”

Mayor Maturo commented, “This is just another example of the fantastic strides our Police Department has made during the last two years. The new “cadet program” is just another extension of our department’s continued commitment to increase community outreach in general and develop relationships with the youth of our town in particular. I would like to thank our Chief, Dr. Bonner and their departments for their work on the creation of this program. I am sure it will be a rewarding experience for both our Police department and the students. I look forward to monitoring their progress along the way and attending the program’s first graduation.”

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates can receive additional points on their applications if they decide to apply to become police officers in East Haven. The cadet program also serves as a means of bridging the gap between law enforcement and the youth of East Haven and is one of several recently introduced programs that aims to improve police-youth relations in our community.

Four students (three female students and one male student) have been chosen to take part in the inaugural year of the cadet program. All have completed an interview and thorough application process. The East Haven Police Department and East Haven High School are looking forward to beginning the cadet program and wish the cadets success in this exciting new program.