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July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

To: Chief Ridenhour,

June ended with the Annual Fireworks display at Candlewood Lake sponsored by the Danbury Volunteer Fire Department.





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At the July 2<sup>nd</sup> Cadet meeting the Cadets were faced with two challenges, the extreme heat outside and lack of air conditioning inside police headquarters due to the chillers being upgraded. The met that challenge by organizing team building activities involving water balloons and ended the evening with an Ice Cream Social courtesy of the Department Copsicle Ice Cream truck.



The games were a competition where they had to move water balloons from one point to another without breaking them and the winning team got to throw the water balloons at the losing team. Considering the heat, I think the losing team came out ahead. Finishing the evening with ice cream was a nice way to begin the holiday weekend, especially as busy as the Cadets were.



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July 3<sup>rd</sup> the Cadets assisted Roxbury with their Fireworks parking, unfortunately due to the impending weather the Fireworks had to be set off before it was fully dark.



On July 4<sup>th</sup> the Cadet Color Guard marched in New Fairfield's Parade celebrating our 250<sup>th</sup> year as a nation.



The Cadets finished the 4<sup>th</sup> with their regular flag detail downtown, beating the incoming rain by minutes.





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July 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> thirty-two Danbury Police Cadets participated in the Cadet Police Academy at Westfield State University. All thirty-two graduated on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Several received awards for their efforts during the week. Additionally, our Color Guard was chosen to present the colors at Graduation and one of our Career Development graduates, Chelsea Pelaez, was chosen to participate in the graduation opening ceremony.





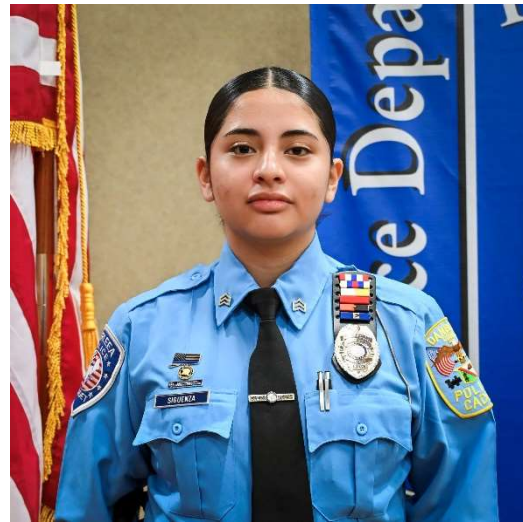
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On June 29<sup>th</sup> 2026 We were notified that a third Cadet is joining the previous two we were notified had been accepted to the National Leadership Academy. Cadet Captain Brigette Siguenza, is joining Cadet Lieutenant Dennis Alvarado and Cadet Captain Chelsea Pelaez at George Mason University on August 1-8, 2026.



More information about our program can be found on our website, [danburypolicecadets.org](https://danburypolicecadets.org), our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/DanburyPoliceCadets>, Instagram: [Instagram.com/danburypolicecadets/](https://www.instagram.com/danburypolicecadets/) and Youtube Channel: [youtube.com/@DanburyPoliceCadets](https://www.youtube.com/@DanburyPoliceCadets).

### **Tentative upcoming events for 2026:**

7/25 New Hope Baptist Church Summer Cookout  
7/25 International Festival  
8/1 Italian Festival Fireworks  
8/1-8 PSC Leadership Academy  
8/4 National Night Out  
8/8-9 Ecuadorian Festival  
8/19 Party on the Patio  
8/19-23 San Gennaro  
9/2 VJ Day Flag Detail  
9/6 Danbury Police Cadet Car and Truck Festival  
9/7 Newtown Labor Day Parade

9/11 Memorial Service  
9/11 Flag Detail - 9/11 Anniversary  
9/11-13 Bethlehem Fair  
9/18 Flag Detail - POW/MIA Day  
9/18-20 Newtown Arts Festival  
9/26-27 CAMA Fall Festival  
10/10 Cadet Tactical Challenge  
10/17 POD Exercise RPMS  
10/24 Halloween on the Green  
10/31 Halloween PD - Deer Hill Ave  
11/11 Flag Detail - Veteran's Day  
12/7 Flag Detail - Pearl Harbor Day  
12/5 Light the Lights Winter Festival

Respectfully,  
Sergeant David Antedomenico,  
Advisor, Danbury Police Cadets