

# THE POST

DANBURY POLICE CADETS

JANUARY 2024



## BEST TRAINING

Starting January 16, 2025, our Training Division began a ten week program to train future Cadets. These candidates, called BEST (Basic Entry Skills Training) endure military-based physical training learning how to work with each other in high stress situations. Our F.T.O's teach BEST how to execute drills such as marching, standing at attention, and parade rest. BEST also teaches prospective Cadets how to control traffic, park cars, hand signals that may need to be used,

and steps they need to take when closing roads. The Training Division is also in charge of teaching BEST one how to maintain their uniform and be squared away. They are taught to look presentable by ironing their uniform, shining shoes, and slicking back their hair. Each Thursday meeting they hold uniform inspections to ensure that everyone's uniforms are meeting our standards. We look forward to seeing what their training holds in the coming weeks.



*Cadet Badges that BEST will receive after their training*

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*Cadets shining their boots under the advice of an advisor*

## BOOT SHINING CLASS

On January 30th, 2025, cadets had the opportunity to participate in a hands-on boot shining class During our weekly meeting. This class, led by experienced advisors and police officers, not only taught cadets the techniques for achieving the perfect shine for their boots but they learned about the pride and commitment required to wear their uniform with honor. This session ended in a minor competition to highlight those whose shining abilities were the best that week. This boot shining was a complete success, leaving the cadets with valuable skills and lessons that they will use in for our community.

## HAT TRICKS JOB

On January 25, 14 cadets from the Post attended the Danbury Night Hat Tricks' hockey game. This was a way to promote and spread the word about our program's next BEST class in January of 2026. The cadet's main focus was to patrol around, ensuring everyone was having a nice time. At one point Mayor Roberto Alves came to check in and even took a group photo with everyone. Going back to patrolling, each person handed out flyers to anyone who might be interested in joining our program. Once the job came close to the end, anyone who was patrolling got to enjoy the hockey game! Go Hat Tricks!



*The Cadets with Mayor Alves during the hockey game*