

THE POST

DANBURY POLICE CADETS

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SWAT COMPETITION

On October 12, 11 of our Cadets competed in the NEERLEA SWAT tactical challenge. Danbury was one of the 18 posts in the northeast region competing. The competition started around 0900 hours with the national anthem. Then, the competition honored the memory of Bristol's Police officers, Alex Hamzy and Dustin DeMonte, who were killed in the line of duty. We then had a short introduction to what would be happening and a summary of the scenarios that were in the line-up.



Cadets sleeping after a long day of competing

Some examples are active aggressor, high-risk stop, and ambush response. For each of the 9 scenarios, we selected specific partners that excelled in those areas. Throughout the day as scenarios were going on, cadets got to socialize with each other and other posts. They used the knowledge they've gained from the past 3 months of training. This year our Post did not place but the day was a great experience and a way to put all of our training to use. We can't wait for next year's competition!



A Cadet participating in a station

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*Lt. Hilderbrand
and a Cadet at
the Potluck*

BEST CLASS

During the last meeting of September, our training division held an open house for anyone interested in joining our Post. The following Thursday, October 3rd, we kicked off our Basic Entry Skills Training Program (BEST). For the first week, 47 recruits participated in 3 hours of physical training, handling stressful environments, drills, and other challenging activities. By October 24 only 32 recruits were left. They are nearing the halfway point in their 10 weeks of intensive training filled with PT, classroom lessons, and learning our Post Standards. Our next open house is on January 9th.

HALLOWEEN AT THE PD

This Halloween about 30 Cadets and BEST Recruits spent the evening closing Deer Hill to ensure safety for trick-or-treaters, handing out candy at the Police Department, and enjoying a potluck-style gathering to celebrate. When not directing traffic and assisting on Deer Hill we donned costumes, played games, ate delicious home-cooked meals like burritos and egg rolls, played games, and got to know one another. The evening was great with many Cadets and Advisors stopping by for food and to hang out. Happy Halloween!



*Cadets in their
costumes at the
Potluck*