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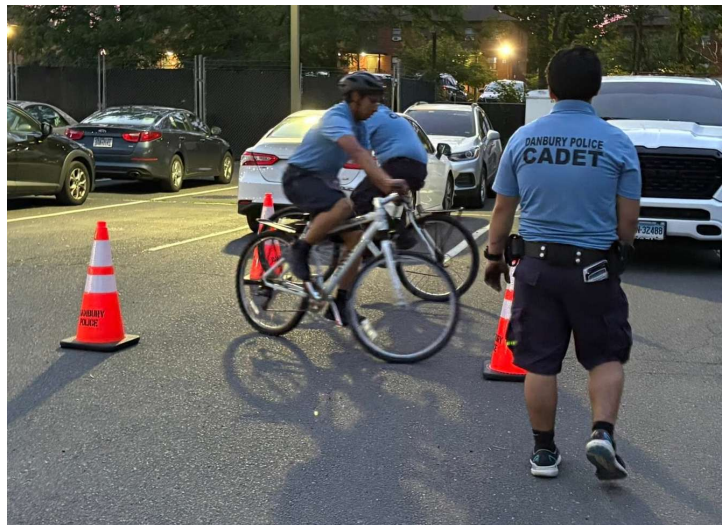
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June 24th, 2026

To: Chief Ridenhour,

May should have held our biggest event of the year with the Memorial Day Parade, but unfortunately it was canceled due to weather concerns. Nevertheless, the Cadets put in a great deal of time practicing for the parade. We had four Color Guards, Bike Squad, Division Commanders, and numerous Cadets ready to help with traffic control.



May ended with the St. Anthony's Lebanese Mahrajan Festival on the green on the weekend of the 30-31st.





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June's first meeting on the fourth became an event as the Cadet's assisted with the Corpus Christi procession from St. Joseph's Church to St. Peter's Church. Cadets helped with traffic at the intersection and with keeping the pedestrians and vehicles separated.



June 6th had a squad of Cadets help with the Athletes of Christ 5k. They assisted with traffic control and kept the runners/walkers safe!





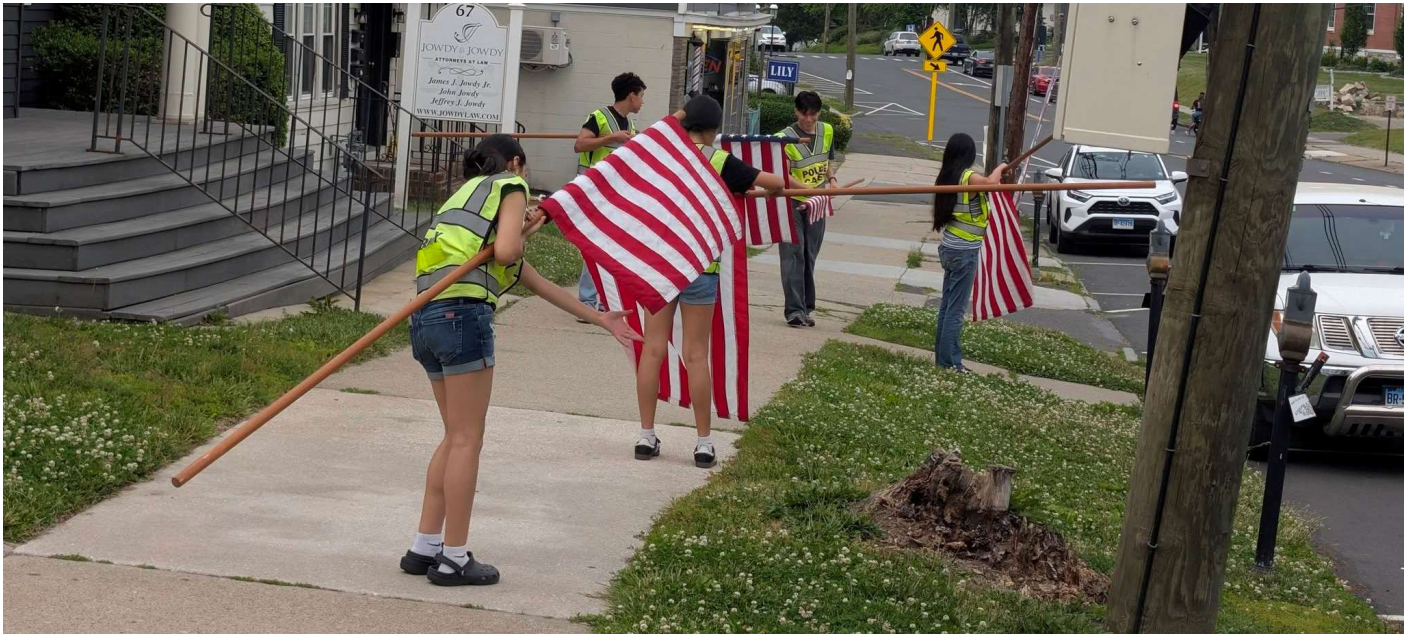
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June 6th, D-Day, finished with the Cadets taking down the flags that the Volunteer Firemen had put up in the morning.



June 7th the Cadets split between two jobs, the Hat City Dash 5k and the Portuguese Day Parade.





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The Cadets maintained barricades and helped people navigate around the Portuguese Day Parade



June 13th and 14th was another busy weekend with the Street Festival, Greek Festival, and the Flag Day flag detail.



Our Cadets are involved with most community events in the City of Danbury. They put a lot of time and effort into serving the community, but the program also allows them to build their self-esteem, leadership skills, and form friendships that will last a lifetime.



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The flag detail is one of the jobs that the Cadets enjoy. It is a relaxed job that they take seriously. They have learned to treat the flags with respect, wrapping the flags tightly around the poles so they can fit them all in their allotted storage location. They place a sheet on the floor of the trailer so the flags don't get dirty. The Cadets take pride in their assignment. Unfortunately, with the removal of the meters downtown there will soon be no place to set the flags.



June 22nd the Cadet Color Guard presented the colors at the Veteran's Award Ceremony at Roger's Park Middle School.





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On June 23rd I was notified by the Public Safety Cadet National Office that two of our Cadets were chosen to attend the National Leadership Academy at George Mason University. The Cadets, Lt. Dennis Alvarado and Captain Chelsea Pelaez, are exceptional Cadets that have dedicated several years to our program and their acceptance into this Academy is well deserved. Only 40 Cadets from across the country were chosen to attend.



More information about our program can be found on our website, 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:

6/27 Candlewood Lake Fireworks 1600-2300
7/3 Roxbury Town Fireworks 17:30-2200
7/4 New Fairfield Lion's 4th of July Parade
(Color Guard) 0730-1100
7/4 Flag Detail - Independence Day 1900-2030
7/12 – 18 Cadet Police Academy
8/2-8 PSC Leadership Academy
8/4 National Night Out
8/8-9 Ecuadorian Festival
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
10/10 Cadet Tactical Challenge
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