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Three Middletown Police Officers receive awards from various organizations in the city.

(See attached photographs of officers)

Lieutenant Sean Moriarty

On June 16, 2011 Lt. Moriarty received an award from the Middletown Fire Department.
Award: Outstanding Service Award.

On October 30, 2009 the Middletown Police Department was looking for a suicidal/missing person in the woods near Villa St. The missing person was located in the Coginchaug River in waist deep water clinging to a branch to prevent the current from carrying him down the river. Lt. Leary from the fire department entered the river and brought the missing person to the water's edge. Lt. Moriarty and Fire Fighter Lespier helped pull the missing person out of the water.

Lt. Lear, FF Canaveri, FF Lespier and Lt. Moriarty were all given a citation for Outstanding Service Award.



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Sergeant Richard Davis

Award: Connecticut's Finest award presented by the Connecticut District Exchange Clubs "Seventeenth Annual Salute to Connecticut's Finest"

Sgt. Davis received the award from the Connecticut Exchange Club on May 26, 2011 for his commitment to law enforcement. Sgt. Davis is in charge of the Middletown Police Department's Street Crime Unit dealing with quality of life issues as well as high risk narcotics investigations. He is the narcotic canine handler of K-9 "Rika". The K-9 is used to detect concealed narcotics on people or in buildings, vehicles or other locations.

Sgt. Davis is also the Commander of the Middletown Police Department's Marine/Dive Team. He oversees the operations of the team which includes boating enforcement, evidence recovery in bodies of water and scuba/dive operations.

Sgt. Davis is the Commander of the Crisis/Hostage Negotiator Team. Trained in critical incidents, responsible of incident command and resolving or assisting in high threat situations involving barricaded suspects and hostage situations.

Sgt. Davis is one of the certified child passenger safety seat technicians reaching out to the public to install and instruct the public as to properly installing child car seats ensuring the safety of young children.

Sgt. Davis is a participant in the Special Olympics fund raisers such as the Law Enforcement Torch Run, Penguin Plunge and Tip-a-cop.



Officer Lee Buller SRO

Award: Certificate of Appreciation by the Middletown High School VoAg Program

Ofc. Buller serviced as a School Resource Officer this past school year at the Middletown High School. In addition to his SRO duties he also assisted the VoAg program. Officer Buller has a background in natural resources and interest in animals that has made him a tremendous supporter of the program. Among other contributions, he provided his expertise, equipment and time to lead two fishing field trips in the Natural Resources Classes. Ofc. Buller was one of four recipients of a Certificate of Appreciation presented May 31, 2011 at an awards ceremony.

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