



THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S BULLETIN

THE NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

March 2021

LOOKING BACK



2020 was a very challenging year for all of us, personally as well as professionally. With the rioting in our cities, looting, and burning business down. We are fortunate that in New England there wasn't much of this activity going on.

With cry for Criminal Justice reform came the push to defund the police which majority of the police departments are dealing with. We are starting to see legislation in the New England States that are dealing with police reform. We can only hope that the legislators involve police executives in this process and listen to what we have to say. There will be reforms that we disagree with and when that happens, we must educate our legislators the reason why. We should also get the public involved as well; they will be affected by those decisions made by the legislators.

Working together with our legislators, citizens, transparency. Will move law enforcement forward and provide better public safety for our communities that we serve.



Chief Sullivan is the current President of the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association, and a member of the International Chiefs of Police Association and the current President of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief Sullivan is Chief of Police in Lincoln Rhode Island.

I look forward to working with President Sullivan in the coming year. Please join us in moving the association forward.

95th NEACOP Conference Nashua New Hampshire November 29-30, 2020

Yes, this was definitely a different year and we worked with the Covid-19 restrictions that were in place by the different states. We had a combined in-person and virtual conference. The conference was moved to Nashua New Hampshire from Rhode Island as it was a central for New England. Considering the Covid-19 pandemic, there was a good turn out for the conference. Training was not offered this year and also due to the circumstances the conference was reduced from three days down to one and a half days.

Elections were held and we have a new President for the association. Chief Brian Sullivan from Lincoln Rhode Island was voted in as president for the New England Association of Chiefs of Police. Brian W Sullivan has been working in law enforcement for 36 years, and has been the Chief of Police with the Lincoln Police Department for the last 12 years. Chief Sullivan began his career with the Lincoln Police Department in 1982 as a police/fire dispatcher. Chief Sullivan has held every position within the Lincoln Police Department starting as patrol officer in 1988 and then promoted to detective, sergeant, lieutenant, Deputy Chief and finally Chief. Chief Sullivan holds a Master of Science in Administration of Justice from Salve Regina University, Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice from Shippensburg University, and a Teaching Certificate from Roger Williams University

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2020/2021:



New Executive Director

Interim Executive Director, Douglas Johnston was voted in as the new Executive Director by the Executive Board at the conference. Chief Douglas S. Johnston retired from the Springfield Vermont Police Department after 40 years of service, 18 ½ years as Chief of Police. Chief Johnston has an Associate in Science Degree in Law Enforcement and a Bachelor of Science Degree, both from Champlain College located in Burlington Vermont. Chief Johnston graduated from the FBI National Academy 190th session and numerous other multiply training courses in administration. Chief Johnston served for and retired from the United States Army after 23 years of service. He volunteered for deployment for Desert Shield/Storm. He was promoted through the ranks to the rank of Master Sergeant before his retirement in 2009. Chief Johnston has held other positions as NEA-COP President, Elected President twice with the Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police, and President of the Vermont Police Association.

Other positions were elected as well, to see those who were elected that represent your state.

President

Immediate Past Pres.

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

3rd Vice President

4th Vice President

5th Vice President

Sergeant-at-Arms

Executive Director

Secretary

Treasurer

Parliamentarian

Director-at-Large

Sergeant-at-Arms

Parliamentarian

Director-at-Large

Brian Sullivan, Lincoln RI

Patrick J. Daley, Norwich CT

Robert Cormier, Tilton NH

Donald Hull, Stow VT

Gary Thomann, Pelham MA

Marc R. Hagan, Topsham ME

L.J. Fusaro, Jr., Groton CT

Arthur Martians, No. Providence RI

Douglas Johnston, Springfield VT

Louis J. Fusaro, Sr, Norwich CT

George Kelley, III, Pawtucket RI

Charles Reynolds Dover NH

Kevin Schofield, Windham ME

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DIRECTORS – Two Years

Paul. Satkowski – Seymour CT

Larry Barrett – Ashburnham MA

Scott Stewart – Brunswick ME

Mark. Chase – Center Harbor NH

Joseph Little – Providence RI

Patrick Foley – Williston VT

DIRECTORS – One Year

Chris Ferace – Putnam CT

Frank Frederickson – Yarmouth MA

Mark Leonard – Veazie ME

Peter Morency – Berlin NH

Patrick Jones – Tiverton RI

William Sampson – Windsor VT

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OF "THE EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S BULLETIN"
ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON
OUR WEBSITE.
NO MORE HARDCOPIES.**





We are in the process modernizing the Association and bringing it into the 21st Century. Current projects we are working on:

- 1) Online store. We are looking at creating an on-line store with NEACOP products that can be purchased. It is in the beginning stages and we hope to have it up and running by the years end
- 2) Corporate Sponsorships. We have gotten out of the telephone solicitation fund raising business for a number of reasons. That was the NEACOP main fund raising which supported the association for a number of years. If you know of any business that would like to contribute to our Association please refer them to executivedirector@neacop.org. To see the different opportunities, they could contribute to our organization, they can preview the contribution information on our website at <https://neacop.org>.
- 3) We are Planning to put an Executive Directors Bulletin several times a year with law enforcement related news from the New England States. You must be a member of NEACOP to have your department showcased. Again, contact your state representative if you have any news such as, new chief of Police, retirement of chief of police, heroic acts, what are you doing for community policing or other programs, new legislation that may affect the New England States. We want to hear from you!
- 4) We are going to showcase police departments each month from various New England states. You need to be a member to have your department showcased. This will go out in our mass -email system and we will place it on our website.
- 5) Speaking of mass e-mails, NEACOP has developed a mass e mail system of the Chiefs of Police in New England States. We will not inundate you with e-mails, but we do want to keep you informed on what is going on.
- 6) We are open to suggestions on different training topics that may be of interest to you. Our hopes are that we can bring some of this training to you vs. going out of state for it. There are smaller departments that cannot afford to send their officers out of state for training.



WHATS HAPPENING AROUND NEW ENGLAND LAW ENFORCEMENT

New Hampshire

Your representative is 1st Vice President, Chief Robert Cormier Tilton Police Department

Vermont

Your representative is 2nd Vice President Chief Donald Hull Stowe Police Department In January 2021. Three Upper Valley police chiefs have announced their resignations: Hartford Police Chief Phil Kasten Plainfield Police Chief Paul Roberts Windsor Police Chief Bill Sampson

Massachusetts

Your representative is 3rd Vice President Chief Gary Thomann Pelham Police Department

Maine

Your representative is 4th Vice President Chief Marc Hagan Topsham Police Department

Chief Janine Roberts of the Westbrook Maine Police Department has retired after more than 35 years of Law Enforcement service. Chief Robert spent the first 29 years of her career with the Portland Maine Police Department, where she blazed a trail of firsts for women in the Department by being the first female Evidence Technician, Motor Officer, Crisis Negotiator, Sergeant, and Commander of the Crisis Negotiation Team. She retired with the rank of Lieutenant.

Connecticut

Your representative is 5th Vice President Chief L.J. Fusaro Jr. Groton Police Department

Rhode Island

Your representative is Sgt. Of Arms, Chief Arthur Martins North Providence Rhode Island Police

Dear Friends & Colleagues - With deep sadness, I regret to report that our Founder, Scott M. Karsten, passed away unexpectedly yesterday. Scott was admitted to the Connecticut Bar and practiced law for 37 years before his retirement in 2019. Prior to that, Scott had been a member of the West Hartford Police Department, and president of its union. He was an unparalleled trial lawyer, respected by all, and a mentor to many, including at our Firm. His wit and wisdom will be sorely missed.

Two new police chiefs were appointed in RI in January 2021. Chief Bradford E. Connor replaced Chief Richard Rathbun in Warwick, RI. Chief Anthony Roberson replaced Chief Daniel Barzykowski in Central Falls, RI. The outgoing Chiefs did not retire, they were not retained by the new Mayor.



It may have looked different this year, but our organization couldn't be more united.

2020 NEACOP Annual Meeting/Conference in-person in Nashua, NH and online together for the pledge of allegiance.



President Brian Sullivan is presenting Aram Jarret, long time attorney for NEACOP; with over 20 years a of service, a retirement gift of a cantor and a fifth of his favorite single malt scotch. Thank you, Aram for your service, we wish you a long happy retirement. Aram could not make it to the annual conference due to covid -19.



96th NEACOP Conference October 3-7th Meredith New Hampshire

We are currently in the planning process for this conference working on training for both Chiefs and Command Officers along with a Firstline supervisor training. We are looking at these trainings going on at the same time in separate classrooms. We realize that the future Chiefs of Police start out as first line supervisors and it is important to start the training at that level so that they have the knowledge, training, to be successful Chiefs of Police in the future.

We hope to offer a discount for members of the association for the training. If you're not a member, why wait; join now to take advantage of this discount and other benefits of the association.

Details will be sent out in the future. Please reserve those dates!

FBI LEEDA Conference will be April 26th to the 28th 2021. It will be held in Fort Lauderdale Florida. The conference is on track to be a live-in person event.

IACP September 11-14th 2021 in New Orleans. Housing will open up in the spring of 2021. Details including pricing and "Schedule at a Glance" will be available in the coming months.

HEROIC 2021 Chief's Valor Awards



It is the policy of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police (NEACOP) to recognize a police officer(s) each year that voluntarily distinguishes him or herself by extraordinary heroism. The officer(s) must be fully aware of the imminent threat to his or her personal safety and must have acted above and beyond the call of duty at the risk of his or her own life or well-being.

Now Accepting Nominations for acts of heroism that occurred between 08/01/2020-07/31/2021.

Visit our website for more info:
<https://neacop.org/chiefs-valor-awards-program/>

AWARD FOR COMMUNITY POLICING



The NEACOP has for a number of year's evaluated police departments throughout the six New England States for their efforts in community police. This was originally a work of the New England Community Policing Organization, but that agency ceased to exist several years ago.

The NEACOP aware of how important community policing is, especially in the New England states, decided to take on this process and continue to recognize the best agencies in our region. The award is not given for a program, but rather the entire agencies efforts in achieving a successful community policing program. The agency and its members have embraced a community policing policy that is present in its work and interaction with the community.

The NEACOP has a committee of recognized Police Chiefs in Community policing and academics at Roger Williams University, RI and Norwich University that scrutinize each applicant to decide on awarding those that are the best. The committee is limited to three awards, but will limit it further, if they feel that fewer have reached the goals they set.



NEACOP 2020 President Pat Daly presenting Chief Mark Leonard, Veazie Maine Police Department with a 2020 Community Policing Award.



Lawrence Massachusetts Police Department accepting their 2020 Community Policing Award.

NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE AWARDS FOR COMMUNITY POLICING

***Congratulations to this year's First Place Winners:
Law Enforcement in communities under 15,000
Veazie, Maine***



Chief Mark Leonard

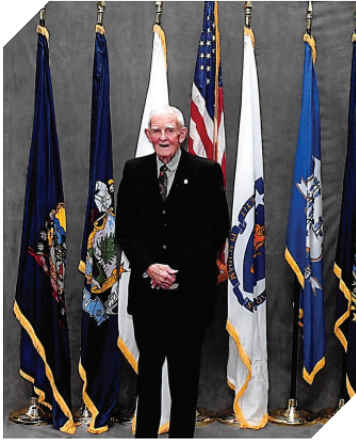
***Law Enforcement in communities over 50,000
Lawrence, Massachusetts***



Chief Roy Vasque

***Honorable mention are the following police Departments:
15,000 and under: Thornton NH PD and Barre Ma PD
50,000 and over Lowell Ma PD.***

Congratulations for a job well done by all!



In August of 1931, John D. Coyle was brought into this world at 85 Peck Street in North Attleboro Massachusetts. Later in life he inherited the nick name of "Jack".

Jack attended the St. Mary's School and North Attleboro High School growing up in North Attleboro. Jack was involved in sports and played football in high school in the guard and

tackle positions. He wore the number "65" on his football jersey.

Jack had entered into the Navy branch of service and when he came back from the Korean War then went into the Marine Reserves for four years. It seemed like a natural calling for Jack to enter into the world of Law Enforcement.

In July 1955, (I wasn't even born yet); Jack was hired as a patrolman by North Attleboro's first police chief under civil service, Chief Peter McKeon.

Jack rose through the ranks and became Chief in 1971. Jack can remember when he first started out there wasn't any training and there were only two police cruisers with everything else a walking beat. Placed with a veteran of officer, Jack's training consisted of "learning on the job".

Jack has seen law enforcement develop over the years, from writing reports, to typing reports and onto computers. It doesn't stop there; he has also has seen tech-

nology developed over the years along with training and modernized of the department when that technology became available. He developed the Attleboro Police Department into a modern professional police agency.

Jack retired as Chief of North Attleboro in July of 1999. He continued on as Executive Director of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police. This helped Jack adjust to retirement although it's not like being a police chief of the home town you grew up in.

I have known Jack since being involved with NEACOP. You did not have to guess what was on Jack's mind, he will tell you. LOL. Jack was the glue to hold the association together through the years until the day he retired as Executive Director. There is a lot of work to keep the organization running with it being almost a full-time job, whether it was answering phone calls, dealing with any complaints that may come in, keeping in touch with board members keeping them informed on what has been going on; organizing meeting and conferences etc. (You get the picture)

Jack retired from NEACOP in January of 2020 and by unanimous decision was voted in as Executive Director Emeritus.

God bless you Jack, thank you for the direction you gave the association and the support to board members throughout the year. May you have a long and healthy retirement; it has been well deserved.

Doug Johnston - Executive Director

*Information about Jack's history was taken from an article in the Sun Chronicle July 1, 1999.

In Memoriam

Our thoughts and prayers are for those families, mothers, fathers, spouses, dads, moms and other family members who have lost loved ones during this last year.

God bless you and your family!



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT: VERMONT



STOWE POLICE DEPARTMENT STOWE, VERMONT



The Town of Stowe is a quintessential New England town that is also a high-end four-season resort community. Stowe is located between the Green Mountain and Worcester Mountain Ranges. Stowe is in close proximity to Burlington, Vermont, and within a day's drive to Boston & Montreal.

The Town has 4,300+ year-round residents and a tourist population that can increase daily to 8,000–10,000 during peak periods.

The Stowe Police Department was established in 1965. Today the Stowe Police Department is comprised of the following staffing:

Police Chief

Sergeants (2)

Detective Sergeant

Corporals (2)

Patrol Officers (7)

Part-time Officer (10)



Stowe Police Department is located in the Stowe Public Safety complex, which also houses the Fire Department, EMS, Mountain Rescue and Emergency Management.

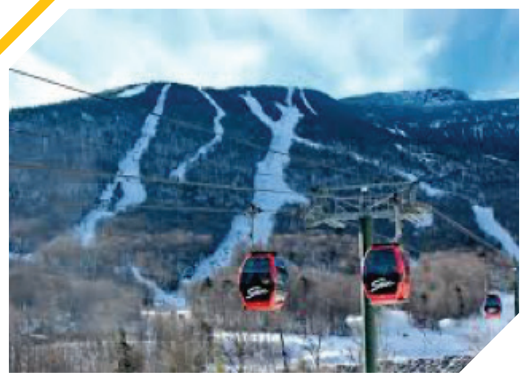
***The Police Department moved into the new
Public Safety Complex in 2010.***



OLD



NEW



Stowe is known as the "Ski Capital of the East" and is an outdoor recreation mecca. Complementing the outdoor experience is a wide array of dining, shopping and numerous special events (e.g. balloon festival, car shows, craft shows).

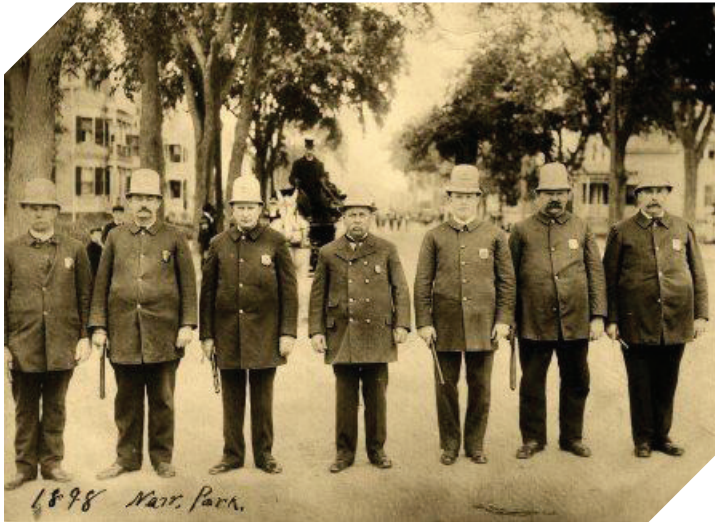


Stowe Police operates throughout the town's 79 square miles of village streets, state roadways, mountain trails and forests, including the ski resort.



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT: RHODE ISLAND

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Cranston Police Department – 1898

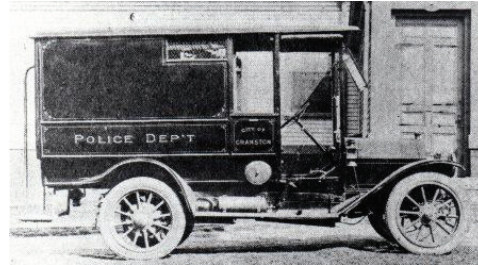
The City of Cranston was incorporated as a town in 1754. The first semblance of law enforcement was established in 1755 with the election of the first Town Sergeant and the expansion one year later with the appointment of six constables. In 1886, the office of Chief of Police was created with a focus on the enforcement of liquor laws. Chief John Bigbee held both the position of Chief of Police and Town Sergeant until his death in 1908.

Fifty-three years later, the Cranston Police Department officers would participate in another first by founding the International Brotherhood of Police Officers in 1964. The Cranston City Seal is memorialized in the center of the Union's Official Emblem.

With Colonel Michael J. Winkvist at the helm since 2014, the Cranston Police Department has continued to push for innovation and advancement in the field of policing. The department is the third-largest in the state, with authorized staffing of 154 sworn officers. These initiatives include investment in our training facility that services the department's members and a wide variety of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies; Cali's deploy-

ment marked the first therapy dog in the state to comfort and support children and victims of crime. Leveraging technology, social media, and in-person events, the department has sought to partner with the community to improve public safety and quality of life throughout the city. Members of the department regularly participate in initiatives designed to open up the agency to the community we serve, including "Shop with a Cop," "Coffee with a Cop," K-9 Demonstrations, National Night Out, Faith and Blue, Police Explorers, Citizens' Police Academy, along with many other community-based events.

Cranston, Rhode Island, is the second-largest city in the state by population and encompasses 28.2



**First Cranston Police
Patrol Vehicle – 1911**

In 1911, the department became the first in Rhode Island to use an automobile to patrol the city. The car, which The Providence Journal described as "a high-powered, distance-destroying, upholstered, buzz-buggy," was a Ford Model -T that was donated by the family of one of the patrolmen. The idea of an officer using an automobile to patrol his beat was seen as progressive by some and ludicrous by others.



IBPO Seal

square miles, and is home to 81,274 residents. The municipality is comprised of urban ring and suburban neighborhoods, rural areas and farmland, and industrial, commercial, and shopping center areas. It is home to a wide range of recreational facilities, including ice rinks, one of the largest outdoor public swimming pools in the country, baseball fields, parks, basketball courts, golf courses, yacht clubs, soccer fields, tot parks, football fields, bike paths, and tennis courts. There are 3 1/3 miles of Narragansett Bay and Providence River shoreline edging the city. Pawtuxet Village was the setting for one of the first colonial acts of civil defiance against British rule on June 10, 1772, with the burning of the British revenue cutter HMS Gaspee's burning.

**We Hope You Have Enjoyed The New Look Of Our Executive Director Bulletin.
Keep An Eye Out For Our Online Executive Director's Bulletins In Your Inbox.
Here's To A Healthy And Safe 2021.**