

Watertown Police Department



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Important Safety Tip:

Wear a helmet:

Helmets can prevent head injuries-the main cause of accidental death and disability among children. They make it easier for motorists to see you and avoid you!
You don't want to ride without it!!!

Welcome to the inaugural newsletter of the Watertown Police Department!

Every two months we will be issuing a newsletter that is designed to be both informative and interesting.

This newsletter will have many purposes. First, it is intended to give you, the reader, an overview of things currently occurring within the police department. Secondly, it is intended to inform you of any upcoming and on-going events within the department; as well ways you can get involved.

Finally, our newsletter will be providing the reader with information and tips that will be helpful to you,

your family, and our community.

The police department is no longer a separate entity within the community, it is part of the community and works closely with the people of Watertown to resolve common problems and to reach common goals. It is our goal to strengthen this partnership with the help of this newsletter.

If you know of anyone that would be interested in receiving this newsletter via e-mail, simply let us know.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter. We invite your questions, suggestions, comments, tips, and contributions.

Sincerely,
Edward P. Deveau
Chief of Police



Summer is Coming!

As the days go by the weather gets increasingly warmer. With warm weather comes changes in our activities. Our officers will be embracing the change in weather as well as the activities. That is

why you should expect to see more officers patrolling the streets on motorcycles as well as on mountain bikes.

The officers assigned to a bike will be patrolling ar-

reas such as the paths along the Charles River, as well as the parks in our town. If there is an area you'd like to see these bikes more often: stop, say hello, and let the officer know.

"Melanie's Law"

The Traffic Division is currently involved in the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Challenge in the hopes of being recognized on both the State and National levels for the quality of enforcement as well as the educational initiatives we have developed over the past two years.

The Watertown Police Department strives to make

the streets safe and to ensure the efficient flow of traffic. Questions or comments on any traffic related issue will be answered promptly by calling Sgt. Joseph Deignan – Traffic Division Commander at 617-972-6547 M-F 8AM to 4PM.

Business owners who employ drivers in any capacity are encouraged to contact

the Traffic Division for updates on "Melanie's Law".

This law came into effect on January 1, 2006 and provides a substantial civil penalty for any person who allows a motor vehicle under his or her control, to be operated by a person whose license is suspended.



Governor Mitt Romney signs Melanie's Bill into law. To the right of the Governor are Melanie's parents and grandfather. Photo by Berta A. Daniels

"Your" Forum

This section is yours! The newsletter is intended to be interesting and informative. We want to know what information you want to know more about. Therefore we hope that you will e-mail us with any ques-

tions or concerns you may have.

It is also an opportunity for you to provide other residents with important safety information that you have come across and want to pass along.

Simply send an e-mail to this address:

kodette@police.watertown-ma.gov and we will either answer your questions or post the information.

"The three great essentials to achieve anything worth while are, first, hard work,; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense."

Thomas Edison

WPD's New Appointees

The Watertown Police Department has recently hired nine Police Officers to fill existing vacancies.

The candidates were selected from the civil service list. Before being

hired they underwent an interview process, a psychological examination and physical agility test. They are attending the M.B.T.A. Police Academy, which began on April 10th.



The candidates are: *George Demos, Crystal Dunmore, Katie Hickey, Corey Scafidi, Eric Garabedian, Brendan O'Hearn, Joe Reynolds, Miguel Colon, and Mark Lewis.*

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[Upcoming Community Events](#)
Saturday, May 6, 2006 1:00-3:00 pm
Springwell will be hosting a [Wellness Fair for Caregivers](#). Learn about local services that can help family caregivers take care of themselves! Explore massage, fitness, nutrition, skin care, chiropractic, elder care, and more.
125 Walnut Street, Watertown, MA 02472.
Event is free of charge and open to the public.
For more info, call (617) 926-4100.



Police Athletic League (PAL)



The Watertown Police Department in its continuing effort in community policing is pleased to announce the 7th season of the Watertown Police Athletics League (nationally known as P.A.L.).

This program which is directed and it's teams coached by Watertown Police officers, will hopefully promote a great deal of positive interaction between the police department and the youths of our community. We hope this program

can continue to bring our officers closer to the youths and create special bonds that will last a lifetime. The 2006 season has begun! This league has two divi-

sions; a Western Division comprised of 6th, 7th & 8th grades and an Eastern Division comprised of 4th & 5th grades and is open to both girls and boys.

