



WPD Newsletter

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Weekly "5K Fun Runs"

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- Beginning promptly at 7 PM
- Runners/walkers of every age and ability are encouraged to participate



The Watertown Police Department is sponsoring weekly Thursday night Fun Runs around the river during the summer months. The first run was held on Thursday May 31 beginning promptly at 7 PM, the starting point is on the bicycle path at the corner of Galen Street and Charles River Road in front of the fishing dock in Watertown Square.

The Police Department encourages you to come join your friends and neighbors for some exercise and camaraderie on this 5K run/walk along the banks of the Charles River. Runners/walkers of every age and ability are encouraged to participate.

Over the first five weeks we've had a great turnout. The event is being enjoyed by all. In fact, some avid runners have even found new running partners for the rest of the week. There is ample free parking along Charles River Road.

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Those planning on running are asked to RSVP via email to lburke@police.watertown-ma.gov

Promotion - Sgt. James P. O'Connor Jr.

Sergeant James O'Connor, Jr. joined the Watertown Police Department in April 2000. Prior to joining the WPD, Sgt. O'Connor worked for the Baltimore City Police Department and the Provincetown, MA Police Department.

While working in Watertown, Sgt. O'Connor has been assigned to the night patrol division, the traffic division, and has spent the last five years as the School Resource

Officer at Watertown High School.

On June 26, 2007, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and is now assigned to the night patrol division as the patrol supervisor. Sgt. O'Connor is the son of retired Sergeant James O'Connor, Sr. (WPD) and retired Watertown Middle School Principal Jane O'Connor. Sgt. O'Connor, Jr. holds a master's degree in criminal justice administration.



[Congratulations](#) to Sgt. James O'Connor, Jr. !!!-

"Your" Forum

Since many new people have requested to receive the newsletter, I wanted to take a moment to inform everyone of your chance to be a part of this publication. ...

This section is yours! The newsletter is intended to be interesting and informative. We want to know what infor-

mation you want to know more about. Therefore we hope that you will e-mail us with any questions 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 Officer O'Dette at this address: kodette@police.watertown-ma.gov and we will either answer your questions or post the information.



College Internship

Anyone Interested in an **internship** with the Watertown Police Department should send a resume and cover letter to:

Lt. Justin Harahan
Watertown Police Department
34 John "Sonny" Whooley Way
Watertown, MA 02472

The cover letter should include at least the following:

- College or University presently attending
- Available start date and end date
- Hours and days or availability
- Goals and reason for seeking the internship



Note:

An internship with the Watertown Police Department is without remuneration.

Meet the Officers - Ofc. Lewis

Officer Mark Lewis was born and raised right here in Watertown. Prior to joining the Watertown Police Department Officer Lewis worked with the MA Dept. of Corrections. This experience furthered his already existing interest in law enforcement.

Mark attended Westfield State College where he earned his bachelors degree in Criminal Justice in 2004. Not long after graduating college, he attended and graduated from the

M.B.T.A. Police Academy.

In September 2006 he was sworn in as a full-time police officer for the Watertown Police Department and is currently working a rotating nightshift as a patrol officer.

Currently Mark is attending Westfield State College in hopes of earning his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice.

In his free time he enjoys playing sports, working out, and fishing with friends.



School Crossing Guards

The Watertown Police Departments Traffic Division is looking to hire two new full-time school crossing guards. This would be for the beginning of the school year in September 2007.

It is a Monday– Friday commitment for approximately 40 minutes in the AM

as well as 40 minutes in the PM. Uniforms are provided. Starting pay range is \$14.65 - \$16.65.

This is an ideal job for someone who is retired and/or looking for some supplemental income.

Anyone interested in applying please contact

Sgt. Joseph Deignan @
617-972-6547.



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Scholarships to W.H.S. students...

The Watertown Police Association awards two \$500.00 scholarships on an annual basis to graduating seniors of Watertown High School.

Graduating seniors apply for this scholarship and are considered amongst other members of their peers. A

committee, comprised of members of the Watertown Police Association, meet annually to review all of the applications. Scholarships are then awarded based on academic performance, student activities, as well as financial need.

This year's RECIPIENTS WERE: Jaime Kasabian who will be attending Boston University and Krista Cardarelli who will be attending Westfield State College.

[Congratulations and good luck to both of them!!!](#)



Jaime (left), Officer O'Connor (middle) and Krista (right).

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<http://www.watertownpd.org>



Upcoming Community Events

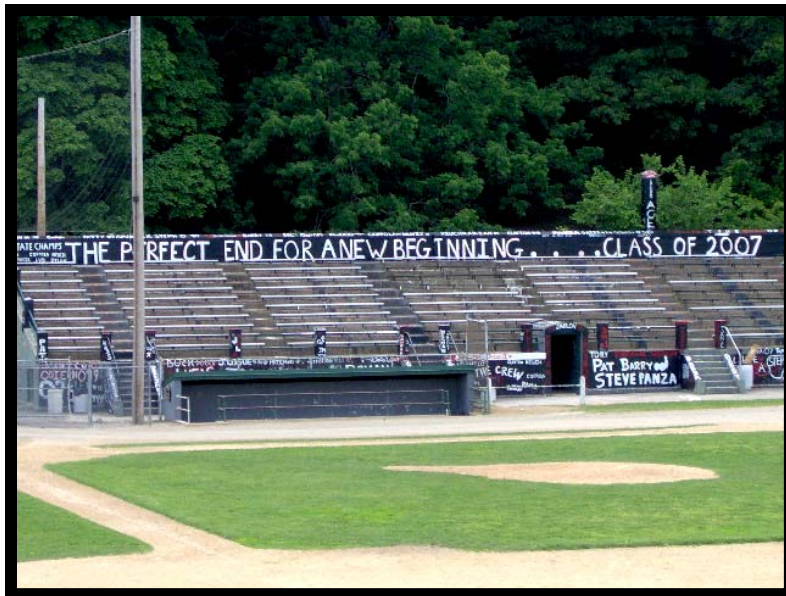


9th Annual Faire on the Square

Saturday, Sept 29, 2006

10:00 am—4:00 pm

<http://www.faireonthesquare.org/>



This is a picture of the painted wall at Victory Field. It is an annual event which takes place during WHS senior week and is sponsored by the Watertown Police Association.



GPS Thefts

As GPS devices become more popular so don't the thefts of these devices. The thefts of these devices are now a common problem throughout the Commonwealth.

Motor vehicles are being broken into and the devices are being taken off the dashboard. In most of the motor vehicle breaks, a window to the vehicle is smashed and the device is taken. These breaks are taking place in shopping

mall parking lots as well as on side streets when people are parked at their homes.

The Police Department recommends that you take precautions with your GPS when parking your motor vehicle. The GPS device and any component of it should be removed from the dash board and placed out of public view. We have had breaks where suspects see the stand for the GPS on the dashboard and know the unit must be in the vehicle. The units have then been found in the glove box or under the seat and then taken from the vehicle.

Take the extra minute and place the device in a secure location. It only takes seconds for it to be gone. Prepared by Det. Lt. Michael Lawn.