

The Defender



DPD Receives Accreditation with Excellence

Five representatives from Danvers Police Department, Chief Neil Ouellette, Captain Edmund Plamowski, Lieutenant Dana Milne, Sergeant Bobby Bettencourt and Sergeant Billy Carleton, recently traveled to Colorado Springs, Colorado for the annual Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA) conference. The Danvers Police Department hosted CALEA representatives in April 2011 for an on-site assessment and received reaccreditation for the eighth time. This year, DPD received Accreditation with Excellence Award, an additional



recognition granted to departments that show excellence in developing and implementing modern policies and procedures, among other things.

Along with accepting the Department's award, representatives attended training and presentations on numerous facets of the

accreditation process. Danvers Police Department representatives Chief Ouellette, Lieutenant Dana Milne and Sergeant David Joyce also attended a conference in Cape Cod where they accepted the reaccreditation at the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission.

Welcome Back, Officer Melto!

As many are aware, the Danvers Police Department suffered a tragedy last August when one of our brother officers, Officer John Melto, sustained numerous stab wounds during an altercation with a suspect. Melto was out injured

for a number of months.

DPD is happy to welcome Officer Melto back to work patrolling the overnight shift. The suspect in the case, Roy Limbaugh, is currently in jail, being held on bail, pending trial.

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Danvers Police Citizen's Academy

Danvers Police Department graduated its Citizen's Academy on November 15, 2011.

The Citizen's Police Academy offers insight into how officers perform their duties and how the Department serves the community.

Participants learned about various functions of the Police Department including Community Oriented Policing, Criminal Investigations, Emergency Response, DARE, K9 demonstration, Juvenile Crime Prevention, Crime

Analysis, Domestic Violence, Dispatch, Patrol procedures, and Operating Under the Influence.

Attendees also had the ability to shoot a firearm in the Department's firing range, and go on a ride along with a patrol officer.

A represent from Danvers Community Access Television (DCAT) was present during many of the sessions and will be compiling footage which will be aired on DCAT in the coming months

The next Citizen's Police Academy is scheduled to begin in

March and run for 10 weeks on Tuesday evenings.

The Academy is free to Danvers residents, as well as anyone who works in Danvers.

Interested parties can contact Sgt. Robert Bettencourt at 978.774. 1213 ext 134 for an application. Applications can also be picked up at the Police Station or downloaded from the Department's website and emailed to [Sgt Bettencourt](mailto:Robert.Bettencourt@danverspolice.com).



Safety Tips During the Holiday Season

For the home:

Large displays of holiday gifts should **not be visible** through the windows and doors of your home.

When setting up a Christmas tree or other holiday display, make sure **doors and passageways are clear** inside your home.

Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a **sturdy base** so that children, elderly persons or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves and be injured.

If you use lights on your Christmas tree, ensure the **wiring is not damaged** or frayed which could cause a fire. Make sure Christmas Trees are well **anchored and watered** so that they do not become fire hazards. Place your Christmas tree in water or wet sand to keep it green.

Don't advertise to burglars that you just received a new TV, computer, or other expensive gift. After packages have all been opened, remember to either **bag your empty boxes in dark garbage bags or break them down before** putting them in garbage cans and placing them on the curb.

It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved. Ask for their identification, and find out how the donated funds will be used. If you are not satisfied, do not donate.

If children are involved in baking holiday items, make sure the **adults handle any hot kitchen items.**

While Shopping:

Try not to carry a large wallet or purse. Take only the credit/debit cards and cash you expect to use.

Make sure you receive your card back after each transaction.

Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers and Customer Service contact numbers at home in the event the cards are lost or stolen.

Keep cash in a front pocket to minimize the opportunity of being pick-pocketed.

Take note of where you parked your car. Always park in well-lit areas at night, or near other vehicles during the day.

Don't leave shopping bags or packages in your vehicle in plain sight. If you must take them with you, always lock them in the trunk!

Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At certain times of the year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.



Recent Trends: October & November



Incident Type	Usual Range	2011	Notes
Receiving Stolen Property	1-3	6	Detectives have located property related to multiple housebreaks at pawn shops. Also, a stolen MV and stolen license plates were recovered.
Violation of RO	2-7	8	Only one repeat offender
Vandalism	42-62	38	Down 27%; very few graffiti. No patterns.
Drugs	10-14	5	Down 59% when compared to the average

First murder in Danvers since 2006

Stephen Anastasi, 24, of 2 Auburn St was arrested on Saturday November 12 and charged with his father's murder. Anastasi allegedly told neighbors that aliens had killed his father. The neighbors contacted the police and the victim was found to be deceased. Anastasi was arrested a short time after police arrival.

According to police reports, Anastasi allegedly was using heroin at the time of the murder.

Stephen Anastasi was arraigned on charges of first degree murder on Monday, November 14 and is currently being held without bail until his trial.

Crime Totals October 1-November 30, 2011

Incident Type	Usual Range	2011
Robbery	1-3	2
Agg Assault	3-7	5
Simple Assault	21-31	20
Housebreaks	3-11	7
Comm. Break	3-10	4
Theft from MV	30-52	34
Shoplifting	39-64	57
Auto Theft	3-9	5
Fraud/Forgery	19-25	18
Vandalism	42-62	38
Drugs	10-14	5
Disorderly	14-34	16
Noise Complaints	47-65	59
False Alarms	44-66	40
MV Accidents	190-244	211

Officer of the Quarter

Congratulations to Officer Ashley Sanborn who was named Officer of the Quarter! Officer Sanborn works the 9:00 am-5:00 pm shift in the patrol division. Officer Sanborn is also certified as a School Resource Officer and recently completed DARE training. She will begin teaching at the St. Mary's School in January.

