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## Emergency Services Calls At All-Time Low

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Calls for service to Danbury Emergency Services—police, fire and EMS—reached an all-time low in 2017.

Kevin Barry, HACD’s Director of Public Safety, said that calls for service fell below 400 for the first time since records have been kept starting in 2005.

A total of 363 calls were recorded in 2017, down from the previous low of 430 in 2016.

The downward trend is on pace with both the city’s and state’s numbers over the past few years.

Of the calls for criminal activity, domestic complaints were

the highest with 44.

In the category of Peaceful Enjoyment the most frequent calls were those of suspicious persons or activity. Barry points out this is a good statistic since it indicates tenants are taking an active part in protecting their neighborhoods.

Eleven reported falls topped the EMS/Fire category.

The highest category total calls were in the “Other” category with 129. This grouping includes such calls as lockouts, preventing breach of peace, lost or found property, parking issues and others.



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## Smoking To Be Prohibited At All HACD Sites

Complying with a HUD mandate, smoking at all HACD properties will be prohibited.

Smoking will not be allowed in tenant’s apartments, in common areas or anywhere in a HACD building.

Smoking areas will be established, where possible, in the

outdoors away from buildings and will be restricted to these areas.

HACD is exploring providing programs for residents wishing to quit smoking.

Additional information will be available at each site.



## NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER NAMED

Housing Authority of the City of Danbury Chairman Domenico Chieffalo and Executive Director Mary C. Sistrunk announced that Jeffrey A. Pagelson, CPA, CGMA, is the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Housing Authority of the City of Danbury,



New York State Society of CPAs. He has chaired committees on members in public practice.

He is a graduate of Rider University with a BA in Accounting. He resides in Bethel, Connecticut.

Mr. Pagelson joined HACD after serving over 13 years as Controller of the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). He lead the Accounting & Fiscal Service activities of the NYCHA's \$3 billion annual operating budget. During his tenure NYCHA was awarded the prestigious GFOA Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 14 consecutive years.

While at NYCHA, he played an integral role in several high profile Low Income Housing Tax Credit and mixed-finance transactions.

Mr. Pagelson began his career in Public Accounting, having spent 14 years in the areas of audit and taxation and is a member of the American Institute of CPAs, the Connecticut Society of CPAs and the

## PARKING RULES AT HACD SITES

Many HACD sites have assigned parking for their residents. These sites include Laurel Gardens, Glen Apartments, Crosby and Wooster Manors, Eden Drive and Putnam Towers.

Vehicles parked in a fire zone and other restricted areas may also be towed. violations of parking rules.

Ives Manor and moderate rental sites do not have assigned parking.

Residents must park in their assigned spots only. Residents are also responsible to make sure their guests do not park in assigned spots.

HACD has contracted with Grand Prix Motors to tow any violating vehicles. Vehicle owners are responsible for all towing expenses associated with



**Excessive noise is a problem.**

**Be considerate of your neighbors and tone it down.**

**Lease enforcement is an option. Arrest is a possibility.**





The Danbury Fire and Police Departments took part in the Danbury Public Housing Residents Council's Easter Egg hunt at Tarrywile Park and allowed attendees to explore their emergency vehicles. Above (left) is Leonel Castro in a fire truck and his sister, Leonela, in a police vehicle

## Det. Williams Named Police Officer Of Year

Det. Justin Williams joined the Danbury Police Department in May 2004. As a member of the Patrol Division, he assumed extra responsibilities, including serving as a part-time Evidence Technician and a Field Training Officer and was recognized with numerous awards. Awards include a Lifesaving Medal for saving woman from choking.

Justin was promoted to Detective in March 2014 and produces a quality work product through his hard work & diligence, which is the reason why many major criminal investigations he has conducted have resulted in the arrest of suspects who

would undoubtedly have continued committing crimes. He has a knack for being productive, eager and thorough and demonstrates patience even when some tasks are tedious and new leads need to be developed.

Out of the many cases that Det. Williams has investigated and solved, the most notable ones include: a shooting where the suspects were from the Bronx and involved coordination with the US Marshal's Violent Fugitive Task Force; a home invasion in which a female was shot in the stomach, and despite the lack of cooperation from the victim and witnesses, a suspect was identified and

arrested; and most recently, he investigated the homicide of an 18-year old, which was complex from the beginning, and involved four suspects and witness tampering.

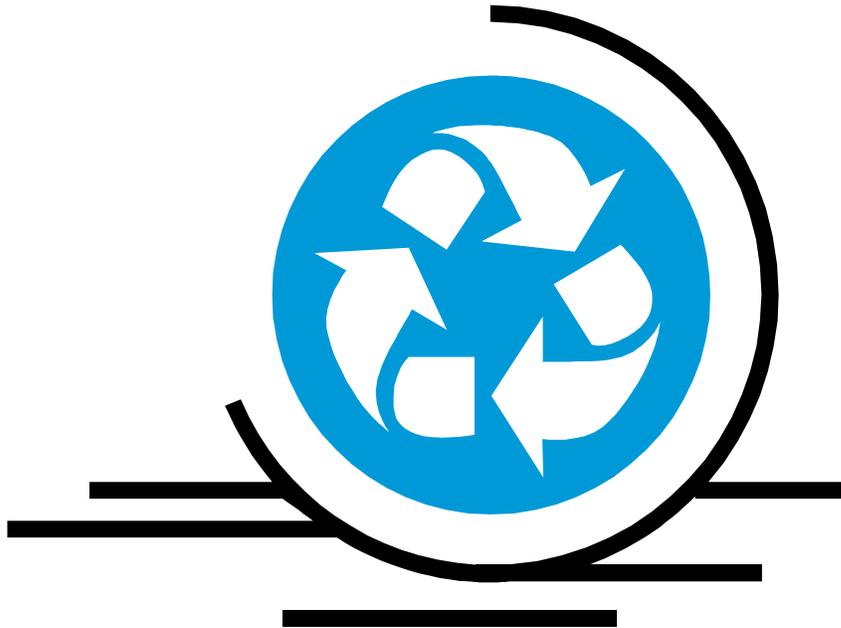
Detective Williams is highly respected by his colleagues and has a willingness to not only help the members of the community but his fellow officers as well. One notes that while "he may come across as quiet, he is quick witted, has a sharp sense of humor and a smirk that will bring a smile to your face. If you are lucky enough to call him your friend, you have a loyal friend for life."



The Exchange Club of Danbury and the Housing Authority of the City of Danbury sponsor the Police Officer of the Year.

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## RECYCLING LAW BEING ENFORCED

Connecticut residents are required to recycle certain items rather than throwing everything in a garbage container. The Housing Authority of the City of Danbury is taking steps to encourage its residents to do their part in the recycling effort.

HACD has under contract LoStocco Refuse Service LLC. For sites where it provides refuse services, they will be providing recycling containers. Residents **MUST** only put recyclable items in these containers which will be clearly identifiable. Sites that are provided refuse service by HACD are Eden Drive, Putnam Towers, Wooster Manor, Laurel Gardens, Crosby Manor, Glen Apartments and at HACD's military student residence at 3 Eighth Avenue.. Ives Manor is also included.

Residents in moderate income sites provide their own refuse service and must include recycling in their pickup schedule.

Representatives of LoStocco Refuse will be available at the HACD refuse provided sites to explain the recycling procedures and provide specific information as to what items are recyclable and those that are not.