



Salute to the Finest - Nominations

Honoring Outstanding Police Officers and Law Enforcement Across Connecticut and New York

Each year, the CT District Exchange recognizes the valor and dedication of Connecticut's police officers and Law Enforcement. This annual event not only honors those who have demonstrated exceptional bravery, dedication, and commitment to their communities but also serves as a beacon of inspiration for the entire police community. The salute is a poignant reminder of the selfless acts of bravery and duty that these men and women perform daily, often under the most perilous conditions, to ensure the safety of their fellow citizens. It is an excellent opportunity for Clubs to engage with their communities, show support for those who protect and serve, satisfy a program of service and provide a statewide platform for recognition of the Club and of those being honored.

Event details:

31st Annual Awards Dinner Thursday, May 21, 2026
Aqua Turf Conference Center, Mulberry Street, Plantsville, CT
6:00 PM Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar) | Dinner & Program to Follow

How Your Club Can Participate

Step 1: Appoint a Club Chairperson

- This person will serve as your club's main contact with the CT District Salute Chairman/Annette Petruzzi.
- Your Club Chair will coordinate with your local Police Chief(s) to identify a nominee.

Step 2: Select Your Honoree

- The local Police Department can select a Officer/Detective who reflects the values of service and prevention.
- If already honored at a club meeting, simply complete the nomination form.

Step 3: Promote the Event

- Encourage attendance at the Salute. Invite club members, the honoree's family, fellow Police Officers/Law Enforcement, and community supporters. It's a special night for the awardee!

- Share the Salute flyer, post event date to your social media sites and website, share with local media, and ask your local politicians/representatives to support/promote as well.

Step 4: Submit Required Materials by May 5, 2026 to Annette Petruzzi

- Nomination Form (included in your packet)
- Two Police Department Patches
- Short Bio (max 15 lines, Word document format)
- Ticket Payment - by check

Prepaid Individual Ticket	\$55
Prepaid Table of Ten	\$550
Ticket Prices after May 5	\$65 each / Table of 10 - \$650

Important:

- Honorees must be present at the dinner to receive their award.
- Reservations confirmed only upon receipt of payment
- Tables assigned on a first-come, first-served basis
- All others will be seated at open tables

Send Materials & Payment To:

Annette Petruzzi

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Questions?

Annette is happy to guide you through the process. Let's make this year's Salute to Connecticut's Finest a powerful celebration of service and community.

CT District Exchange Clubs

Exchange Club of Branford, CT, Exchange Club of Bristol, CT, Exchange Club of Canaan, Exchange Club of Cobleskill, NY, Exchange Club of Danbury, CT, Exchange Club of Dutchess County, CT, Exchange Club of Farmington, CT, Exchange Club of Glastonbury, CT, Exchange Club of Greater Candlewood, Exchange Club of Madison, CT, Exchange Club of Naugatuck, CT, Exchange Club of New Canaan, CT, Exchange Club of Northwest Hills, CT, Exchange Club of Norwalk, CT, Exchange Club of Old Saybrook/Westbrook, Exchange Club of Portland, CT, Exchange Club of Ridgefield, CT, Exchange Club of Shelton, CT, Exchange Club of Stamford, CT, Exchange Club of Waterbury, CT, Exchange Club of West Hartford, Exchange Club of Westport, CT, Exchange Club of Wolcott, CT, Exchange Club of Yonkers, NY