



THE 26th & 27th ANNUAL Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Awards



*Theodore Roosevelt in his office as President of the Board of Police Commissioners of New York City, 1896
Theodore Roosevelt Collection, Harvard College Library (Roosevelt R500.P69a-018)*

September 16, 2021

Sagamore Hill National Historic Site | Oyster Bay, New York

THE AWARD



The Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award is given annually to officers nationwide who have overcome a major physical challenge or handicap as Theodore Roosevelt triumphed over the illness of his youth, and who remain on active duty to render outstanding and praiseworthy service to their respective police departments as Theodore Roosevelt did in his years as President of the Board of Police Commissioners of New York City.

The Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award was established to honor TR's distinguished service as President of the Board of Police Commissioners of New York City (May 6, 1895-April 19, 1897). It also recognizes his lifelong admiration for the police. The Theodore Roosevelt Association will make a donation to the charity of choice of the recipient officers. * *Sculpted by Marc Mellon*



Theodore Roosevelt Bust by Gleb W. Derujinsky (188-1975)

Gleb Derujinsky was born into the aristocratic golden age of late 19th Century Russia and immigrated to New York the year Roosevelt died, 1919. Derujinsky's classical and religious sculptures quickly gained critical acclaim, and over the next fifty-six years he won a series of Gold Medals, art exhibitions, and important commissions. The *Theodore Roosevelt Bust* was completed in 1920 to grace the memorial reconstruction of Roosevelt's birthplace. The New York City home where Roosevelt lived until he was 14 years old is now the Theodor Roosevelt Birthplace NHS, containing five period rooms, two museum galleries, and a bookstore.

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THE SCHEDULE

Welcome.....**Howard Ehrlich**
Chief Executive Officer, Theodore Roosevelt Association

Musical Presentation..... **Nassau County Police Pipe and Drum Band**
Suffolk County Police Pipe and Drum Band

Presentation of the Colors.....**Nassau County & Suffolk County Police Color Guard**
and Pledge of Allegiance

Greetings from the National Park Service.....**Jonathan Parker**
Superintendent, Sagamore Hill NHS

Remarks.....**Rhonda Delorenzo**
Senior Vice President & Area Manager, Flushing Bank

Recognition of Past Recipients.....**Howard Ehrlich**
Chief Executive Officer, Theodore Roosevelt Association

Taps.....**Retired Police Officer Kurt Maler**
Bugler, Nassau County Police

Presentation of Awards

Remarks.....**Commissioner Patrick J. Ryder**
Nassau County Police Department

Remarks.....**Honorable Laura Curran**
Nassau County Executive

Theodore Roosevelt Association® Police Award recipients for Nassau County: Deputy Chief Bartscherer's award will support the Alzheimer's Association & Deputy Chief Inspector Costello's will support the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

Remarks..... **Acting Commissioner Stuart Cameron**
Suffolk County Police Department

Remarks.....**Honorable Steve Bellone**
Suffolk County Executive

Theodore Roosevelt Association® Police Award recipients for Suffolk County: Police Officer Dennis Hendrickson's award will support the Alzheimer's Association & Detective Sergeant James Cerone's will support Memorial Sloan Kettering.

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2020 AWARD RECIPIENTS



Deputy Chief James F. Bartscherer, Nassau County

Deputy Chief James F. Bartscherer has shown determination and perseverance in returning to work after overcoming several illnesses over the past ten years. He has thirty-four years of service in the Nassau County Police Department.

In May of 2010 Deputy Chief Bartscherer was at the Nassau County Police Memorial at Headquarters when he suffered a serious medical episode requiring hospitalization. A heart defect was discovered which required surgery and a lengthy rehabilitation. After recovering, Deputy Chief Bartscherer returned to work full duty.

In August of 2018 while attending National Night Out in Elmont, Deputy Chief Bartscherer suffered severe abdominal pain and collapsed. He was rushed to the hospital where a serious digestive system blockage was discovered.

Recovering after two months, he returned to work full duty and even attended and graduated from the FBI National Academy in March of 2019.

In August 2019 another very serious illness presented itself. Deputy Chief Bartscherer was diagnosed with bladder cancer. He attempted several rounds of treatment without success. He was then required to have lifesaving surgery to remove his bladder. After further treatment and rehabilitation, he once again returned to work in February of 2020 to Command the Fifth Precinct.

Deputy Chief Bartscherer's grit and determination during all of these difficult times, along with his infectious optimism, was an inspiration to his staff and peers. It is a privilege to honor him as the recipient of the 2020 Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award.



Police Officer Dennis Hendrickson, Suffolk County

Police Officer Dennis Hendrickson has made a career out of serving the people of both Nassau and Suffolk counties. Prior to joining the Suffolk County Police Department on September 11, 2006, P.O. Hendrickson worked for the Nassau County Police Department for 16 years as an Ambulance Medical Technician and as an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic supervisor at Nassau University Medical Center. He has also been involved in volunteer service for 34 years with both the Syosset and Manorville Fire Districts.

In 2009 he volunteered for the Medical Crisis Action Team (MedCAT) which consists of police officer tactical medics who undergo continuous training to provide advanced life support in dynamic situations, as well as advanced pre-hospital medical care.

In March 2015, Police Officer Hendrickson responded to a motor vehicle accident on the Long Island Expressway. While he was out of his police vehicle assisting a Highway Patrol Officer, another vehicle entered the shoulder of the expressway and struck him. The operator of that vehicle was charged with D.W.I. Dennis suffered extensive injuries to his right hand, wrist, arm, shoulder, neck and both knees. Since the accident, he has endured multiple surgeries on his neck and shoulder. Despite being in constant pain, Dennis returned to work in July of 2015 in a limited duty capacity. He was eventually transferred to the Police Academy, where he continued to utilize his experience as a paramedic and a MedCAT member to the benefit of the Police Department and the general public.

In 2018, he was selected to work in the Emergency Management Section where he began working on implementing "Stop the Bleed" training program for Suffolk County residents in partnership with Stony Brook University, all while continuing his training and work with MedCATH. In June of 2019 he was chosen to work in the Homeland Security Section where he worked until his retirement in June of 2021. Police Officer Hendricks was a vital component of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program in relation to developing active shooter exercises. The components of the training that he revised will be utilized at all future training iterations. During Covid-19 Pandemic, Dennis stood up multiple vaccination points of dispensing (PODs). He worked tirelessly to help create these PODs, with the administration of them and serving as a vaccinator. As of his retirement, the H.S.S. and MedCAT have participated in 68 PODs where more than 20,000 NY State residents received their vaccinations.

Throughout his career, Police Officer Hendrickson has demonstrated a dedication to duty with a positive work ethic and a profound sense of serving the people of Long Island no matter the assignment. It is for this reason he was selected as the 2020 nominee for the Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award.

2021 AWARD RECIPIENTS



Deputy Inspector Darin Costello, Nassau County

Deputy Inspector Darin Costello has shown determination in returning to work after having survived a near fatal car accident. He has sixteen years of service in the Nassau County Police Department.

In December 2016, a Sergeant at the time, he was involved in a serious auto accident while off duty. He was sitting at a red light and was rear ended by another vehicle at a high rate of speed. The resulting collision forced Darin's vehicle into a building and caused fatal injuries to the operator of the other vehicle. The damage to Darin's vehicle was so severe that it took over 20 minutes for emergency responders to extricate him out of the car. Darin sustained multiple serious injuries, including fractures of the C-5 cervical spine vertebra and fractures of the L-1, L-2, L-2 lumbar vertebra. The vertebrae that were injured are major to the functions of the body and nervous system. He spent two days in the neurological intensive unit and was then airlifted to Weill

Medical Center where he underwent surgery to repair fractures to his spine. After that surgery he remained confined to a bed with a cervical spine collar for an additional eight weeks. After the eight weeks, he then went through a very demanding physical therapy program for six months where he relearned how to stand and walk again.

After surviving a nearly fatal auto accident, spinal surgery, two months of bed rest and six months of intense physical therapy, Deputy Inspector Costello requested to return to work, where he was placed on restricted assignment. After only five months of restricted assignment, he requested to be placed back to full duty where he has remained ever since.

Deputy Inspector Darin Costello is an inspiration to others. He worked hard and showed dedication and tenacity. Since his accident he has remained on full duty, has been promoted from Sergeant to Deputy Inspector and currently serves as the Deputy Commanding Officer of the Second Precinct. It is a privilege to honor him as this year's recipient of the Theodore Roosevelt Police Award.



Detective Sergeant James Cerone, Suffolk County

Detective Sergeant Cerone has been a member of the Suffolk County Police Department since September of 2000. He has always been an active and energetic police officer. He has been in several commands in the Department from the 4th Precinct, Narcotics as a detective, and Identification Section as a Detective Sergeant since 2017.

In 2009 Detective Sergeant Cerone was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in the muscle of his leg. This aggressive cancer diagnosis was met with his determination to beat it. It was the first time he had taken a sick day in his career. Even with this diagnosis, he retained his positive attitude at work. After having the tumor removed, yearly scans confirmed that the cancer was not present.

In July of 2018 the cancer resurfaced. He was diagnosed with myxoid liposarcoma, an aggressive cancer of the soft tissue. Anyone would be terrified by this realization, but Detective Sergeant Cerone continued to come to work and be an instrumental part of his command. He has undergone multiple chemotherapy sessions, as well as a trial immunotherapy treatment. His attitude while undergoing treatment is incredible. There is always a smile on his face and he is eager to be involved. It often appears as if his greatest concern is how he can do more at work. To the amazement of his coworkers and subordinates, he often is back at work shortly after receiving treatment. On a positive note, the treatments appear to have kept his condition stable for many months now.

Detective Sergeant Cerone's determination, work ethic, and positive attitude is an inspiration to all who know him. It was without hesitation that he was nominated for the 2021 Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award.

HONOR ROLL OF PAST RECIPIENTS

Nassau County, New York

2019.....Detective Sergeant Craig W. Croly
2018.....Police Officer Richard Rothwell
2017..... Police Officer Joseph Avanzato
2016.....Police Officer Nicholas Brando
2015.....Police Officer Mohit Arora
2014.....Police Officer Stephen Conlin
2013.....Police Officer Peter Chuchul
2012.....Police Officer Jeffrey Ferguson
2011.....Detective Sergeant Carmine E. Soldano
2010.....Police Officer Sharon Galvin
2009.....Sergeant John Mateer
2008.....Police Officer Edward Hartmann
2007.....Police Officer Michael Schmitt
2006.....Police Sergeant Michael O'Mara
2005.....Police Officer Lee Krill
2004.....Police Officer James Read
2003.....Police Officer Theresa Cronin
2002.....Detective Lieutenant Eric Jenkins
2001.....Detective Patrick J. Bellotti
2000.....Detective Brian F. Sullivan
1999.....Police Officer James R. Graham
1998.....Police Officer Allan J. Wicklund
1997.....Deputy Chief Michael F. Miglino
1996.....Detective Lieutenant Eugene Dolan
1995.....Detective Lieutenant Robert R. Reed

Suffolk County, New York

2019.....Police Officer Vincent Pelliccio
2018.....Detective William Maldonado
2017.....Police Officer Edward Gomez
2016.....Police Officer Mark Collins
2015.....Sergeant Andrew Kenneally
2014.....Police Officer Thomas Tatarian
2013...Detective Lieutenant Jack (John) Fitzpatrick
2012.....Deputy Inspector Kevin Fallon
2011.....Police Officer Thomas Wilson
2010.....Police Officer Michael Conklin
2009.....Detective Robert Sehy
2008.....Police Officer Kenneth Ripp
2007.....Detective Thomas McDougall
2006.....Detective Margaret Tatarian
2005.....Police Officer Kathleen McGowan
2004.....Police Officer Marlene Tully
2003.....Police Officer William R. Fairchild
2002.....Detective Robert J. Anderson
2001.....Police Officer Scott A. Farber
2000.....Police Officer Daniel Cunningham
1999.....Detective James Hughes
1998.....Police Officer Anthony T. Molfetta
1997.....Lieutenant John J. Horan
1996.....Detective Robert T. Staab
1995.....Detective John P. Keane, Jr.

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