



THE 28th 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)*

June 16, 2022

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.....**Thomas Buonaiuto**
Senior Vice President & Chief of Staff, 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 Bruce A. Blakeman**
Nassau County Executive

Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award recipient for Nassau County: Police Officer Douglas M. Bedell award will support

Remarks..... **Commissioner Rodney K. Harrison**
Suffolk County Police Department

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

Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award recipient for Suffolk County: Police Officer Jocelyn Nuttall's award will support

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2022 AWARD RECIPIENT NASSAU COUNTY



Police Officer Douglas M. Bedell

In February 2018, Police Officer Douglas Bedell completed the Nassau County Police Academy and was assigned to the 4th Precinct. On April 11, 2018, Police Officer Bedell had a lump on his neck/jaw region evaluated. A few days later, after the mass was removed, Officer Bedell was informed that the mass was malignant and he was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Diffuse Large Cell B Lymphoma.

Officer Bedell was given several options for his cancer treatment and he decided that there was no other way than to aggressively treat the cancer. Over the next few months, Officer Bedell endured (6) rounds of Epoch Chemotherapy. Each round of Chemotherapy lasted (5) days as an inpatient in the Sloan-Kettering Hospital in Manhattan where Officer Bedell was intravenously administered Chemotherapy for (96) hours straight. In between his week-long chemotherapy sessions, Officer Bedell endured numerous PET/CAT Scans and continued to fight the disease. Officer Bedell eventually ran out of sick time due to the fact that he was only on the police department for a year. Subsequently, members of the Fourth Precinct donated the time needed so that Officer Bedell could continue his fight without the financial stress.

On October 15, 2018, Officer Bedell informed the Nassau County Police Department that he was in remission and ready to return to work. He insisted on returning to full duty and even insisted on requalifying with the Firearms Training Unit as during one of his Chemotherapy treatments he had numbness on the right side of his body which included his right arm on the side that he carries his gun. Officer Bedell qualified with a 92 percent.

In April 2019, Officer Bedell was informed that he was in remission and had graduated to getting scanned every (4) months. Unfortunately, the Chemo treatments had taken a toll on his liver functions and he is now in need of a liver transplant.

Officer Bedell had a very emotional time reconciling with the fact that he could no longer physically do what he loved and had to resign to the fact that he needed to be placed on Restricted Assignment. He continues to work in the 4th Precinct and the only sick time that he has used was to have his liver drained when it had retained (2) liters of fluid. To date, Police Officer Bedell is currently waiting for a liver donor.

Officer Bedell's positive attitude and eagerness to continue working and also his perseverance in the face of adversity is an inspiration. He has shown determination and perseverance in returning to work after a successful battle against cancer, and then returning to work as a full duty police officer on patrol while awaiting a liver transplant. It is my privilege to honor Police Officer Douglas Bedell to be the recipient of the 2022 Theodore Roosevelt Award.

2022 AWARD RECIPIENT SUFFOLK COUNTY



Police Officer Jocelyn Nuttall

On September 8, 2016 Police Officer Jocelyn Nuttall was assigned the Second Precinct, specifically Post 219. At 1355 hours, she was on duty and involved in a motor vehicle accident in which her car was struck head-on by a utility truck. The crash was so devastating that it fractured the first two vertebrae of her cervical spine. Additionally, she sustained a concussion and her left arm had several lacerations from broken glass, metal and plastic.

Police Officer Nuttall was transported by police helicopter from the scene to University Hospital Stony Brook. The orthopedic surgeon told her that her neck was fractured. Rather than have surgery to fuse her vertebrae, she opted to have a halo traction device installed. This medical device is used to stabilize the cervical spine after traumatic injuries to the neck. The apparatus consists of a halo vest, stabilization bars, and a metal ring encircling the patient's head and fixated to the skull with multiple pins. She suffered extreme pain during her time in the hospital.

After enduring the halo brace for 14 weeks, P.O. Nuttall then began three years of physical therapy, and yet, after just one year of therapy returned to work limited duty. During that time, she would suffer from pain to her temporomandibular joint (TMJ) and for two years had to wear bite plates to realign her lower jaw.

Amazingly, Police Officer Nuttall healed and returned to full duty in Second Precinct patrol.

The Theodore Roosevelt Police Award "honors hometown heroes who experience serious injuries or illnesses but continue to render praiseworthy service to their departments." Police Officer Jocelyn Nuttall is most worthy of receiving this award. She exemplifies the personal qualities and character through her perseverance and dedication for which this award is presented.

HONOR ROLL OF PAST RECIPIENTS

Nassau County, New York

2021.....Deputy Inspector Darin Costello
2020.....Deputy Chief James F. Bartscherer
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

2021.....Detective Sergeant James Cerone
2020.....Police Officer Dennis Hendrickson
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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