

CJ News

Newsletter of the Hilbert College Criminal Justice and Forensic Science/Crime Scene Investigation Departments

100 Club Recognizes Officers

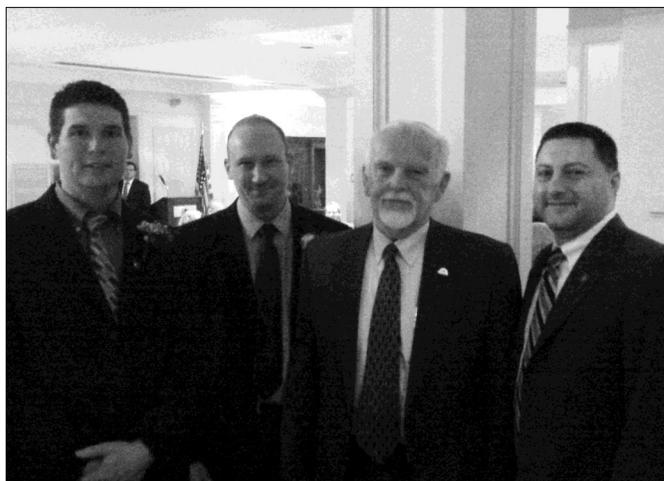
The 100 Club of Buffalo recognized Evans Police Lt. Bradley DiMartino and Officers Jeffrey DeVinney and Greg Szarowicz as well as Highland Hose Fire Company Lt. Philip Schott for their quick and decisive actions of July 30, 2015 which saved the life of an 11 year old child and one of their own.

During the early evening of July 30, 2015 Evans Police Officers, Lt. Bradley DiMartino, Officers Greg Szarowicz and Jeffrey DeVinney as well as Highland Hose Fire Company Lt. Philip Schott responded to a call of swimmers in distress in the waters of Lake Erie at Wendt Beach Park. Upon arrival they were apprised of the fact that a woman and two young girls were in the Lake Erie waters. They were also greeted by 25 MPH winds and 5-6 foot rolling waves coming in 3 to 5 second intervals making it difficult to spot the victims in the water. Lt. DiMartino, finally spotted the head of one of the victims, an 11 year old girl, bobbing in the water about 100 yards offshore.

Without regard for his safety, Lt. DiMartino removed his gun belt and entered the water in an attempt to rescue the girl. He later stated that he has been swimming in Lake Erie since he was a young boy and has never encountered such pounding waves and undertows and if not for Officers Szarowicz and DeVinney along with Firefighter Schott, he may have become a victim himself. Lt. DiMartino stated that the waves kept crashing over him knocking him to the lake and the undertow felt like a vacuum but he was determined to reach the young victim. When he did he was thoroughly exhausted and had to pass her off to Officer DiVinney who along with Officer Szarowicz and Firefighter Schott

assisted both DiMartino and the girl to shore where she was throwing up water. The other girl was able to make it to shore without assistance and the rescued child's mother unfortunately drowned in an attempt to save her daughter.

The two girls were eventually transported to and treated at Woman's and Children's Hospital where they were reported to have made full recoveries.



Pictured: Officer Gregory Szarowicz (BS-05 CJ), Lieutenant Bradley DiMartino (AA-91 and BS-01 both CJ), Ed Qualey (Hilbert AA-74) and Joseph LaRosa (Hilbert AA-93) who is also an T/Evans PD officer, a part-time Hilbert Campus Safety officer and presently in the undergraduate CJ

Police Department Promotes Two to Lieutenant

By Chris Graham, Editor, Orchard Park Bee

Patrick Rizzo, (AA'96 and BS '97, CJ) and David Bowersox, (BS '97, CJ) have new titles to get used to now that both patrol officers have been promoted to lieutenants in the Orchard Park Police Department. The promotion became official during the April 6 Town Board meeting. Police Chief Mark Pacholec said one lieutenant had previously retired and the Town Board authorized an additional lieutenant last year. The department now has five patrol lieutenants and one detective lieutenant. Pacholec added that once the positions are approved, a call is made to civil service for a list of those who have taken the test for lieutenant.

From there, interviews by the command staff

are conducted, along with looking at the individuals' performance and records. The officers are then ranked by who is believed to be the best choice. "Both of these gentlemen have been here for 14 and 17 years, respectively," Pacholec said. "Both have been field training officers, which means they're training and supervising our new officers out at the academy." Bowersox and Rizzo both graduated from Hilbert College. Bowersox has served in the U.S. Army and Air Force Reserve. Rizzo is a former University at Buffalo police officer.

Both men also had additional special skills, according to Pacholec. "They bring a lot to the table; the performance

has been exemplary," he said. Bowersox, an officer in the department for 14 years, said he's excited about the promotion. "I'm looking forward to the new change in my career," Bowersox said. "It's going to be a learning process, but it's also going to be a new challenge." Rizzo, who has been an officer for 17 years, said there's a mix of excitement and anxiety. "It feels like a new job, so there's excitement and anxiety, but it's good," Rizzo said. "You don't want to mess up." Pacholec said the two men will have the ability to authorize time off, purchasing and training. "It's a matter of learning the procedures and processes," he said.



Institute for Law and Justice News

The US Attorney's Office, Western District of New York, the Erie County Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc., NY/NY HIDTA, MAGLOCLLEN, National Counterterrorism Center, FBI, Hilbert's Criminal Justice Studies Division and the Institute for Law and Justice sponsored several conferences during the past few months.

The following conferences will recently offered at the Institute for Law and Justice at Hilbert College.

On January 14-15, 2016, the Hilbert College Institute for Law and Justice in conjunction with the US Attorney's Office Western District of New York, and MAGLOCLLEN, hosted a conference on The Physiological Impact of Combat. Seventy Nine members of law enforcement from several agencies attended the conference.

On March 7, 2016, the Hilbert College Criminal Justice Studies Division and the Institute for Law and Justice in conjunction with US Attorney's Office Western District of NY, MAGLOCLLEN, East Coast Gang Investigators Association, FBI, Erie County Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc., Erie Crime Analysis Center sponsored a conference titled Identifying and Documenting Your Local Gang Members. One Hundred Fifty Seven members of law enforcement from various agencies attended the conference.

Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Training was offered on March 8, 2016. This conference was sponsored by the US Attorney's Office Western District of NY, FBI, Peter & Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation, Erie County Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc., and the Hilbert College Institute for Law and Justice. Forty Four members of various law enforcement agencies were in attendance.

Adopt a Highway

The spring Adopt-a-Highway clean-up was held on Saturday, April 2, 2016. Students and faculty volunteers worked to spruce up the campus and surrounding area of South Park Avenue.

Thanks to all!



Acknowledgements

Joseph Browning, current criminal justice student and military service veteran is a Correction Officer for the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

Marissa Carvalho, a 2015 Forensic Science/Crime Scene Investigation graduate, has accepted a position as a Wage Medicolegal Death Investigator with the Virginia Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in the Central District of Richmond, Virginia.

Bayle Cruz, a 2016 Criminal Justice graduate, has been selected to begin the training academy with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

Lieutenant Bradley DiMartino (AA '91,) and Officer Gregory Szarowicz (BS '05,) both Criminal Justice graduates and employees of the Town of Evans Police Department were recognized by the 100 Club of Buffalo on February 26, 2016 for their courageous efforts during a July 2015 rescue of an eleven year old girl from Lake Erie. (cover story)

Michael Farnham, a 2010 Criminal Justice Graduate, returned to campus on March 16th to present information to corrections students. Michael is currently a Correctional Officer for the Bureau of Prisons and works at FCI McKean in Pennsylvania. Students watched a PowerPoint presentation that Michael created to discuss his position, the hiring process, and a few notorious inmates he supervises.

Stephanie Gerwel, a 2015 graduate of the Master of Science/Criminal Justice Administration Program has been appointed as a Law Department Investigator with the New York State Attorney General's Office.

Dylan Goodrich, a 2014 Criminal Justice Graduate, is currently attending the New York State Police Academy.

Krysten Goins-Singletary, a graduate student in the Criminal Justice Administration program, presented her graduate research project defense titled "New York Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative: The impact of secure and non-secure detention on recidivism" on February 11, 2016.

Ashley Kurucz, a current Forensic Science/Crime Scene Investigation student recently received an award for dedication and excellence from her employer for rendering assistance to a patron who had collapsed and stopped breathing. Ashley's quick response resulted in the patron receiving immediate medical care. Ashley is a security officer at the Hamburg Gaming Casino in Hamburg.

Evan Laczi, a 2008 Forensic Science/Crime Scene Investigation graduate has been selected for a position with the New York State Environmental Conservation Police. Evan began his academy training in February, 2016.

Nathan Szustak, a Hilbert graduate and Coordinator of Veteran Services on campus has been selected to begin the training academy with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

Joshua Walsh-Steines, a current graduate student in the Criminal Justice Administration Program, has been accepted for a position with the Prince Edward County Police Department in Virginia. Josh will complete the academy soon and graduates this May from the CJA program.