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Press Release

On Monday, February 26th, the Westport Police Department will be welcoming three new officers to its ranks. Additionally, Officer James Baker III will be promoted to the rank of detective.

Officer Scott Aliberti, 42, was previously the Director of Dance at Sacred Heart University where he developed the school's first and very successful dance program. Not long after leaving Sacred Heart University, Aliberti got his Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certificate from Stone Academy, Waterbury, allowing him to start working with the public and communities throughout Fairfield and New Haven counties. Along with holding his EMT certificate, Aliberti graduated Sacred Heart University, Cum Laude, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management. He resides in Fairfield with his family.

Tyler Stevens, age 30, graduated from the Wentworth Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture. Officer Stevens comes to the Westport Police Department from EMCOR Facilities Services, where he was an in-house Maintenance Technician for Bridgewater Associates, LP. Previous to that, he was employed as an Infrastructure Support Associate with Bridgewater Associates, LP. Officer Stevens is a Harwich, MA native and resides in Seymour, CT with his wife Katie.

Officer Mark Grasso recently retired from the Connecticut State Police with over 20 years of experience. He served as a patrol trooper out of the Bethany, Westport, and Bridgeport barracks, and as a detective with the Western District Major Crime Squad, the FBI – Connecticut Violent Crimes Fugitive Task Force, and the Office of the State Fire Marshal. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2006. Mark was also attached to the Connecticut State Police's Emergency Services Unit as a member of their Dive Team and Marine Unit. In January 2011, Mark was assigned as a unit supervisor with the Office of the State Fire Marshal, which eventually became the Connecticut State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit. He retired from the state police as the Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit's "Commanding Officer" overseeing the unit's statewide operations.

Officer Grasso has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Nichols College. Additionally, he has a Master of Science degree in Fire Science with a concentration in Fire and Arson Investigation and a Graduate Certificate in Public Management from the University of New Haven. Officer Grasso is POST certified instructor and a member of the adjunct faculty at the



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University of New Haven. He resides in Orange, CT with his wife, Kelly, and their 7-year-old triplets, Sofia, Luca, and Gabriella.

Detective James Baker III was hired as a patrolman in 2009 with the Fairfield Police Department. During his time with the Fairfield Police, he served on the Emergency Response Team, Honor Guard and Crisis Intervention Team. He also earned a Chief's Letter of Recommendation and a Medal of Honorable Service.

Detective Baker joined the Westport Police Department in 2013 and is a third generation Westport Police Officer. His grandfather, Joseph McAleenan, was a retired Westport Police Lieutenant and the first Chief of the Westport Police Department. His father, James Baker Jr., is a retired Westport Police Detective. Detective Baker serves on the Westport Police Honor Guard and Dive Team, was a former canine handler and has earned a Meritorious Police Duty Award.

Detective Baker holds a Bachelor's degree in Marine Biology from the University of North Carolina Wilmington. He resides in Norwalk with his wife, Kristen, and two sons, J.J. and Charlie.

The ceremony will be held at 2:30pm in the Westport Police Department classroom and is open to the public. The officers will fill vacancies created by recent retirements.

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