

## Neighborhood Initiative

The Meriden Police Department is committed to attending and organizing events that give back to the community. The Meriden Police Department assigns Officers to areas in the City which may benefit from more Police presence and community outreach. A Citizens Police Academy is provided to community members and business owners to engage with individuals.



## Bike Patrol

The Meriden Bike Patrol runs in the spring and summer specially trained Officers. Members of the division are required to attend a specialized course to prepare for unique situations. Bike Patrol provides Officers the ability to interact with the com-

## Honor Guard

The Honor Guard provides escort and ceremony to special functions and events such as: parades, funerals, memorials, ceremonies, sporting events, and festivals. This as an additional assignment available to members of the Meriden Police Department which honor tradition and courtesy.



## School Resource Officer

The School Resource Officer serves as a partner between Meriden Public Schools and the Meriden Police Department in youth development. The School Resource Officer strives to keep our schools safe during routine hours and extracurricular activities. School Resource Officers are counted on to mentor and guide our youth to achieve success. There are 5 SRO Officers assigned to Meriden High Schools and Middle Schools.



## Motorcycle Unit

The motorcycle unit performs traffic duty and takes part in special events such as parades and escorts. The motorcycle unit is comprised of two Harley Davidson motorcycles.

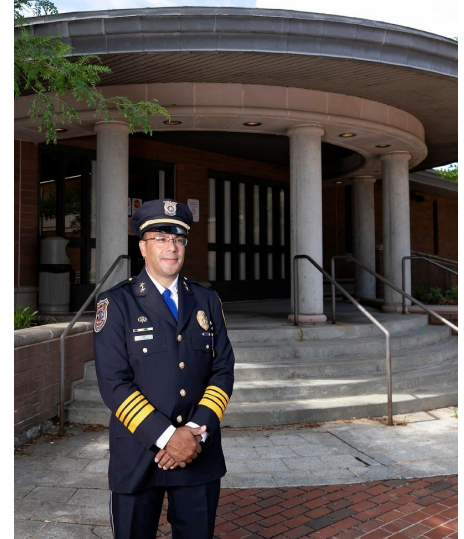


## Drone

Pilots of the Meriden Police Drone team are utilized to provide assistance with various tasks such as search and rescue, accident reconstruction, active shooter incidents, crime scene analysis, surveillance, and crowd monitoring. Pilots of the Drone team receive highly specialized training and each hold an active unmanned aircraft system license through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

## K9

The Meriden Police Department currently has 4 K-9 units covering different Patrol shifts within the city. Each handler is required to train with their K-9 daily to maintain extreme skill and awareness. K-9 units assist in traffic stops, drug recognition, article searches, tracking of suspects, missing persons and other necessary tasks.



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## Patrol Division

Meriden Patrol is the foundation of the Police Department and has the core responsibilities of addressing citizen complaints, conducting traffic stops, gathering initial information for the Detective Division, serving as community caretakers, among other valuable functions. Patrol has a minimum of nine Officers per shift including one two supervisors.

Meriden Patrol Officers also serve to provide additional security for various city functions and make special appearances at local school functions. There are 78 people assigned to the Patrol Division including supervisors.



## Crisis Intervention

Specially trained Officers work with social workers from within the Meriden Police Department through a partnership with Rushford Prevention to assist people facing addiction and during times of mental crisis in order to deescalate stressful situations and resolve incidents in a safe manner.



## Task Force

Patrol Officers may be assigned to the Detective Division to work under various federal task forces including: FBI, Statewide Narcotics, US Postal Inspectors Office, Homeland Security, Drug Enforcement Administration.

## Meriden Police Department

### Working in Partnership

### With the Community

The City of Meriden is approximately 24 square miles with more than 61,000 diverse residents. At full capacity, the Meriden Police Department employs 124 Officers including the Chief of Police, Deputy Chiefs, Lieutenants, Sergeants, Detectives, Corporals and Patrol Officers.

Newly hired Patrol Officers attend the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden, CT for 26 weeks of training followed by an additional 12 weeks of field training at the Department. While attending the Police Academy, an Officer's rate of pay will start at \$56,000 per year. After completion of a one year probationary period, Officers will earn \$81,556 per year. Continued pay increases are afforded upon successful completion of years of service, reaching a top step of \$91,520 at 3.5 years. Benefits include 25 year pension with a 3% matching 401k.



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## Detective Division

Meriden Detectives are on call 24/7 to respond to major assaults, crimes against children, sex crimes, homicides and other serious incidents. The Detective Division is responsible for processing crime scenes and collecting evidence related to investigations. Units within the Detective Division are: Evidence/Identification, Sex Crimes/Juvenile, Major Crimes, Narcotics/Street Crimes. There are 19 people assigned to the Detective Division including supervisors.

## Accident Reconstruction

Members of the Accident Reconstruction team are required to investigate serious accidents and fatalities using advanced technology and resources to document the scene and determine various factors involved in the accident. Accident Reconstructionist members receive highly specialized training related to the science and mechanics of vehicle collisions.



## S.W.A.T.

The Meriden SWAT team is comprised of 14 sworn Officers at the Department. The SWAT team trains monthly and provides mutual aid to surrounding jurisdictions. This program is designed to provide tactical support and safety to the community and Department during high risk situations. Increased training and education is required annually.