

# Watertown Police Department

## Internship Program

Applicants for our internship program are required to submit a short essay outlining what meaningful work they intend to perform or what project they intend to complete during their internship. To assist prospective applicants in the formulation of ideas, some examples of such meaningful work have been provided below. The lists below are certainly not all inclusive. We would be happy to entertain other ideas, as well. Please be aware that this is a competitive process, and applicants will be evaluated on the work they intend to perform.

### Examples of meaningful work conducted by previous interns:

1. An intern researched the costs associated with purchasing (and the benefits of deploying) a small trailer that housed a radar gun and speed display board. The work done by the intern played a significant role in the WPD acquiring what we today call a speed board trailer. This trailer is pulled to various locations around Watertown and left on the side of the road, where it informs motorists of their speed.
2. An intern conducted some research into the needs of police families at a local level. The intern circulated surveys among the employees. The surveys were meant to ascertain whether or not employees or their spouses would be interested in forming a support group for the families. The concept eventually evolved into a spousal support group which is known today as the "Wives Beside the Badges."
3. An intern, who was studying electronic media in school, rode with officers and filmed them as they went about their daily business. The intern compiles hours of footage of the officers and the support staff. The intern compiled the footage into a seven minute long informational and recruiting video that was used to promote the WPD on our website.
4. Two interns worked together to create a ten foot by five foot rendition of our organizational chart that contained photos of every employee grouped according to their duty assignment.

### Below is a list of projects or meaningful work that the WPD would be especially interested in entertaining:

- **Creating a Promotional Video** - The video project mentioned in #3 above was last done in 2009, and is in need of updating.
- **DARE Prep** - During the school-year, we often need someone to assist with the preparation of DARE materials. This would involve gathering together paper work and other materials that are used during DARE classes.
- **Creating Shooting Simulator Videos** - We currently have a series of videos that are meant to replicate real-life situations that officers encounter. The videos are used by the officers as part of a shoot or don't shoot training exercise. The videos are projected onto a wall. Officers interact with the people in the video and shoot simulation weapons if necessary. We would like to add more videos to the collection. This would involve gathering together actors at various locations and filming scenarios.
- **Assistance with Camp Chance** – Camp Chance is a summer youth program held for three weeks each July. There is always clerical work to be done leading up to Camp Chance (preparing and mailing information to parents, organizing materials to be used during the camp, etc.). Once the camp begins, it is helpful to an extra person to help direct attendees and other volunteers.