## **TOWN OF SUFFIELD**

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## Renaming of Suffield Bridge Honors Fallen Serviceman Dustin Doyon

SUFFIELD, Conn. – The Town of Suffield officially dedicates the "Dustin L. Doyon Memorial Bridge" as part of a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 12, 2021, beginning at 10 a.m. The recently renovated Remington Street Bridge will be renamed and serve as a tribute to Doyon, an Electronics Technician 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer and Search and Rescue Swimmer for the United States Navy. Doyon, age 26, tragically died on August 21, 2017 while serving aboard the USS John S. McCain, DDG-56. Suffield First Selectwoman Melissa M. Mack said, "As a community, we promised never to forget Dustin's sacrifice. This bridge will forever bear his name for generations to come."

The town will unveil a small plaque and memorial for reflection at the foot of the bridge, overlooking Stony Brooke. The location is popular among local anglers, a hobby Doyon enjoyed. Karen Doyon, mother of Dustin said, "Dedicating a bridge in his name is a prestigious honor, and fitting, as 'a bridge is inherently symbolic of communication and union, whether it be between heaven and earth or two distinct realms'- the bridge is Dustin. The Doyon's continue to hold those who grieve, in union with this great community."

The bridge, located on Remington Street, which connects Mountain Road and Route 75, reopened on December 11, 2020, following a six-month overhaul. The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved renaming the bridge on December 16, 2020.

## **About Suffield**

The Town of Suffield is a quintessential New England town and home to 16,600 residents. The many people who serve Suffield through town government - as employees and volunteers alike - remain committed to developing and fostering a strong sense of community. More information about the Town of Suffield is available at <a href="https://www.suffieldct.gov">www.suffieldct.gov</a>.

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