



Suffield Police Department

James Canon Jr. Chief of Police



September 6, 2024

VACANCY - JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD

The Suffield Police Department is seeking volunteers to join the Suffield Juvenile Review Board, a diversionary program existing to specifically address issues with juvenile offenders, in lieu of them being referred to the juvenile justice system. The JRB meets monthly, or when there is a referral, generally on the first Wednesday of the month, during the morning hours. The JRB hears cases and provides for a multitude of services based upon the specific needs of the parties involved. The JRB is intended to be a diversionary program, however if the recommendations made by the JRB are not adhered to, the juvenile offender may still be referred to the Juvenile Justice System. Additionally, the matters discussed are highly confidential and the JRB members are required to sign confidentiality agreements. The JRB is a collaborative effort of community leaders involved with the juvenile community, as well as parental involvement. The JRB is currently overseen by the Suffield Police Department with input from its members. Current members of the JRB include Suffield School Administration, Youth Services Director, member of the Suffield Clergy, Suffield Community Aid, Park and Recreation Director, School Resource Officer and members of the Suffield community.

Anyone interested in joining the JRB should have a strong interest in supporting the local youth and have some history involving youth issues, to include areas of child development, adolescent behavior, family dynamics, youth development and/or juvenile laws and procedures. **For those interested, please send a letter of interest and resume to Suffield Police Chief James Canon Jr. at jcanon@suffieldct.gov, or hand deliver to the Suffield Police Department located at 911 Mountain Road, no later than 4 pm on September 27, 2024.** Be advised that all applicants shall have to undergo a background check, inclusive of a Department of Children and Families background search. Applicants will be required to undergo an interview for the position and if selected, will service a probationary period. If there are any questions or concerns related to the JRB, it's functions or selections, please contact the Police Department directly at 860-668-3870.