

Exploring Asylum Hill Ofc. Sid Palmieri Our New CSO

Asylum Hill has a new CSO. After years of fine work by Ofc. Chris Chanaca, he was recently promoted to the rank of Sargent so we now are fortunate to have our CSO position filled very quickly by Ofc. Sid Palmieri.

Ofc. Sid is from Bridgeport and is a good friend of Ofc Joe Sherbo, the West End CSO who convinced him to apply for a position with HPD on 2008. He was accepted and after all the usual processes began with HPD that year, first as a cadet and then as a patrol officer. When they reinstated the foot patrol two years ago, Ofc. Sid was one of the first to be assigned to that detail, with his beat being the Barbour and Capen Sts. area in the North End. He enjoyed that work very much especially because it allowed him to get to know many of the local residents and just as importantly allowed them to get to know him.

Clearly this has been great training for the CSO position, because he was chosen from a field of more than a dozen officers who applied for the position. That there were so many seeking to be the CSO in Asylum Hill speaks well for our neighborhood as does the fact that he was chosen by Chief Rovella speak well for him. In the few weeks that he has been in his position, I've had several opportunities to speak with him and I think everyone who meets him will be very pleased with Chief Rovella's choice.

Ofc. Sid is qualified for bike patrol, so especially this summer look to see him covering the whole neighborhood with even greater efficiency.

He attended his first meeting in Asylum Hill at the Public Safety meeting on May 17th and he's already working to address the panhandling problem.

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