

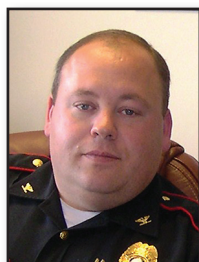
# NHTI

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## NHTI Grads Rise to the Top

Seven New Hampshire Chiefs of Police

Michael Lewis '00  
Appointed 2010



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Appointed 2011  
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Appointed 2008

Newport

Northwood

Henniker

Ryan Murdough '08  
Appointed 2010

Wilton

Hollis

Brent D. Hautanen '99  
Appointed 2010



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**C**riminal Justice is one of the largest majors at NHTI. In May the program sent a record 70 students to the podium for their degrees, trailing only Nursing and General Studies for number of grads this year.

The Criminal Justice program has awarded over 1,000 Associates degrees since its inception in 1989. Our graduates serve as police officers and in other law enforcement positions throughout the state.

At least seven of our alumni are currently serving as Chiefs of Police in various New Hampshire towns. (If you know of others, please let us know at [nhtialumni@ccsnh.edu](mailto:nhtialumni@ccsnh.edu).) Read three of their stories in this issue of *NHTI Alumni News*!

## Home Grown Top Cop

As Jim Burroughs poses patiently to have his photo taken, a friendly shout resonates from a passing car.

"Say cheeeeeese, Jim!"

Such is life in the small town where Jim he grew up and now serves as the chief of the Newport Police Department. You live and work in the same town your whole life, people get to know who you are, and you get to know your town and its people.

"It is six degrees of separation in practice," says Jim, referring to the idea that everyone on Earth is just six steps away from each other, by way of knowing a friend who knows a friend. "If I don't know them, they know me. Living here all my life, it gives me an intimate knowledge of the people, places and things . . . genuine and personal connections. It gives me a huge advantage in helping people in the community."

### An Early Start

Chief Burroughs started his law enforcement career at an early age – 10th grade – when he attended the cadet academy run through the New Hampshire Chiefs of Police Association. Geared for ages 14 to 20, the cadet academy is a week-long intensive introduction to the world of law enforcement. After graduating from Newport High School in 1993, Jim was hired by the Newport Police Department while he attended his first year in the Criminal Justice Program at NHTI. As a CJ student he lived in North Hall during his freshman year and worked part-time. With the chance to increase his hours (and his on-the-job experience), he took to commuting during his senior year.

"Going to NHTI made sense because the program fit so perfectly with my personal goals," he recalls. "The school made it easy with flexible scheduling. For me, it was a natural choice."

Upon earning his associate's degree in 1995, Jim's focus was on career. He has continuously worked his way through the ranks ever since.

He has served in positions from patrolman and the town's first-ever school resource officer, to field training officer, advisor working with police cadets and detective.



Jim Burroughs

He eventually became detective lieutenant in charge of the criminal bureau and the department's prosecutor, before he landed the top job in 2011. After 18 years of service, it was a special day for Jim, with his chief's badge pinned by his father on March 31, 2011.

"It was a great moment, for me and for my family," says Jim. "The induction ceremony was supposed to take place on April 1st but I just couldn't agree to being appointed Chief of Police on April Fool's Day!"

As Chief, he often refers back to his time at NHTI. Dr. David Orrick taught a constitutional law class that Jim describes as, "the basis of all we do in law enforcement and why we do it." Jim appreciates the fact that his Criminal Justice professors brought real-world skills and experiences to their classes.

His wife, Stacey (also born and raised in Newport) teaches elementary school in Newport. They have two daughters: Malia just finished her first year at Colby Sawyer College, and Victoria will be starting sixth grade in the fall.

Looking back on his career so far, Jim says, "I love working in

the place I grew up in. For me, it has just been an absolute pleasure to do the work I do, surrounded by good people. I hope my future holds more of the same.

## Mastering and Teaching Law Enforcement

Hollis Police Chief James (Jay) Sartell is passionate about law enforcement. Holding three degrees in criminal justice (A.S., NHTI, 1999; B.S., Franklin Pierce University, 2002; M.S., Boston University, 2010), he's passionate about higher education. Now an adjunct professor at NHTI, he's committed to helping students. Jay vehemently believes that every student needs a personal business plan . . . a map of where they want to go and how they are going to get there.

"Many of today's college students are focused solely on securing a job after graduation," says Jay. "With the one-two punch of the down economy and the cost of higher education, students are demanding the skills and technical know-how to get hired immediately."

With 18 years police experience added to his advanced degrees, Jay is perfectly positioned to help students looking to enter law enforcement.

Jay's own entry to the field came in his early 20's when he worked as a Corrections Officer for the NH State Prison in Concord. He was able to start taking classes because the State offered tuition assistance. In 1995 he was hired by the Candia Police Department; in 1997 he moved to the Hollis PD, where he has worked since.

On June 1, 2011, Jay became the 12th Chief of Police for the Town of Hollis, overseeing a department of almost 30 employees (including police officers,

civilians and dispatch) and a nearly \$1.6 million budget. He says that although he inherited a smooth operation at the Hollis PD (and one that he helped build), the "ability to



Jay Sartell



procure the necessary resources is the number one challenge, and most any person working in the public sector would agree.”

### Looking Back & Moving Forward

Jay says his time at NHTI was the best value for a high-quality education. One of his professors, Earl Sweeney (now the Assistant Commissioner of Safety in the NH Department of Safety) emphasized the importance of critical thinking and writing descriptively, connecting class materials and law enforcement theory directly to what an officer would be doing in the field.

“You can’t underestimate the amount of paperwork you do in police work,” Jay states. “When you are trying to recall a particular situation in exact detail for a written report, you better know how to write well!”

Now a professor himself, Jay hopes to provide students with the tools and skills it takes to set them apart in the field, to help them get good jobs which will then become great careers. “I know how the hiring process works in my town,” he says. “Students need to know how to prepare, how to speak about themselves and their skills proficiently.”

Thinking about ways to give back to NHTI, where he started, Jay envisions a round table discussion with criminal justice alumni, faculty and students. He says, “Building a strong connection with the alumni of the College would be of great benefit to the current students. We can discuss current issues in the field, and share our experiences in hopes that the students would gain knowledge. It would also be an excellent way for students to network with people who are working and succeeding in the field.”

### Community Policing at its Finest

Ask Doug Wyman about the best part of his job as Chief of Police for Sandwich, NH and he doesn’t hesitate: “The residents,” he says. “The people who live here have a wonderful respect for the Police and they support us in many ways. It’s reciprocal because we take great pride in looking out for our own.”

Indeed, the Sandwich Police Department is so skilled at “looking

out for their own,” that they were named as a finalist for the 2011 International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Community Policing Award. Chief Wyman says it’s an honor they share with the people of Sandwich.

Just what sets the Sandwich PD apart when it comes to Community Policing? Caring for the elderly, assisting the underprivileged, running drug prevention programs for kids, teaching civic engagement, and promoting bike and vehicle safety, among other things.

“Project Good Morning” is geared to keeping elderly residents who don’t have regular daily contact with others, safe. Senior citizens call into the Police station at scheduled times each day, and if a call isn’t received, a Police Officer is sent to check on their well being.

Other initiatives include the D.A.R.E. program, which is co-taught by a special agent of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); a Christmas toy drive; a winter coat drive; and the Ice Cream Ticket program, which awards children with a free ice cream for wearing safety helmets while bike riding, in-line skating or skateboarding. Helmets are provided to children who either don’t have one or can’t afford one, thanks to a grant the town received from the NH Highway Safety Agency.

Each year, the Department teaches the 6th grade class at Sandwich Central School how to care for, display and fold the American Flag. The 6th graders are then responsible for raising and lowering the flag each day at school. The PD also meets with each graduating Driver Education class to educate new drivers about traffic safety, acceptable driving behaviors, traffic stop etiquette, drug and alcohol laws and the anatomy of an accident.

All of these programs are offered in addition to the Police Department’s everyday mission of providing the highest



Doug Wyman

degree of law enforcement service to the community.

### A Long and Varied Journey

Doug Wyman describes his career path as a long and varied journey. His introduction to law enforcement came in 1989 when he was hired part-time by the Plymouth

State University Police Department, while he was attending school. More dedicated to police work than to hitting the books at that point, Doug rose through the ranks in the Thornton and Moultonborough Police Departments. His aspirations grew with the experience of the job and he returned to school, taking criminal justice classes through the NHTI Distance Learning Program.

“Being married with two children and working full-time, I needed to take classes one at a time,” he recalls. “It allowed me to do well in school but still focus on everything else I was doing.” Doug earned his associates degree in Criminal Justice in 2000.

In 2001, he went to work for the NH Department of Corrections, assigned to Laconia’s Alcohol and Drug Facility, which has since closed.

“It was eye-opening, to say the least,” Doug says. “As a patrol officer, you see what an arrest looks like. As a corrections officer, you see the far end of that – what a person’s life looks like after being convicted and sentenced.”

In 2004, he joined the Sandwich Police Department full-time and in 2009, Doug was sworn in as the Police Chief. He is also a graduate of the New England Chiefs of Police Command Training program at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island.

Doug and his wife, Carol, have two children: Doug Wyman III graduated from Moultonborough Academy in June and Kyla Wyman will begin her sophomore year at Moultonborough Academy this fall.