



# COMMON GROUND

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# YEAR IN REVIEW



## SCSD'S MESSAGE

JANUARY 2026

Greetings and Happy New Year,

As we look back on 2025, we do so with deep pride in the work accomplished by our Department. This past year reflected the strength of our mission and the dedication of our staff, partners, and community collaborators who continue to advance public safety,

rehabilitation, and meaningful involvement across Suffolk County.

This edition offers a glimpse into a year shaped by progress and purpose. We welcomed sixty-five new Correction Officers, who completed our rigorous curriculum and joined our ranks. Our expanded programs and services for our incarcerated populations have supported the emotional, educational, and rehabilitative needs of those in our care. New initiatives for both men and women have brought trauma-informed services that foster accountability, healing, and brighter futures. Creative outlets like arts, music, and podcasting have empowered self-expression and personal growth.

2025 also reaffirmed our commitment to Suffolk County's youth and families. We proudly highlight the eleventh year of our annual paid internship Summer Enrichment Program (SEP), along with our continued support of back-to-school events, our Choice and JailBrake programs, and efforts that emphasize education, guidance, and mentorship. We proudly also recognize the remarkable leadership and service of our staff members. From well-earned awards and promotions to retirements and Officers of the Month recognitions, we celebrate the individuals whose professionalism and dedication sustain the Department's excellence every day.

We hope you enjoy reading these and other stories in this edition, and we look forward to continuing to share the programs, people, and initiatives that make our Department a vital part of the Suffolk County community.

~The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department

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# SCSD WELCOMED 65 NEW OFFICERS IN 2025

This past year, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department marked a significant milestone with the swearing-in of sixty-five new Correction Officers (COs), each committed to upholding the Department's mission and vision. These officers have answered the call to serve with integrity and professionalism, ensuring the proper care and custody of those entrusted to us while maintaining order and operational excellence inside our facilities.

Before earning their badges, each officer candidate successfully completed our rigorous Training Academy, a comprehensive twelve-week program designed to prepare them for the responsibilities inside a correctional setting. The academy curriculum blends classroom instruction with physical training, equipping cadets with both the knowledge and resilience required for the role. Candidates received in-depth education on state ethics laws, inmate rights and responsibilities, emergency response planning, gang awareness, hostage situations, fire safety, radio procedures, report writing, trauma-informed corrections, and security protocols, including key control and inspections.

Alongside these academic components, cadets are trained weekly in defensive tactics, use-of-force principles, and physical resistance, guided by our professional training instructors. The educational section of the academy further reinforced the foundation of public service, studying the elements of the Criminal Justice System, ethics and accountability, courtroom testimony, Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI), and more. Together, these lessons helped develop technical proficiency, sound judgment, integrity, and mental readiness for the challenges officers may encounter.

In addition to physical and mental preparation, every candidate received certification in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). This training remains a critical component of our commitment to safety and care, as it has played a vital role in saving lives during medical emergencies within our facilities.

The successful completion of each training program is formally recognized during a graduation ceremony held at Casa Lucia, hosted by our Department for our officer candidates and their families. In each ceremony, Sher-

iff Steven W. Tompkins administers the oath, officially swearing in the new officers into the Department. Speeches from instructors and class presidents are also presented. Each ceremony also celebrates outstanding achievements, with awards and recognitions presented to officers who demonstrated exceptional performance throughout their training in the Academy.

Congratulations to all sixty-five graduates of classes of Correction Officer Training Academy (COTA) 25-01, 25-02, and 25-03! As Assistant Deputy Superintendent (ADS) Jessica Cabrera-Edwards aptly stated before, "Beyond the uniform, the badge, and the imposing walls of a correctional facility lies a profession that demands an extraordinary blend of strength, intellect, and humanity. To be a Suffolk County Correction Officer takes unwavering resolve and mental fortitude, exceptional communication and observation skills, impeccable integrity and professionalism, physical fitness and situational awareness, empathy balanced with firmness, and a commitment to public service." ~ADS Cabrera-Edwards



**COTA CLASS 25-01**  
May 2nd, 2025



**COTA CLASS 25-02**  
August 29th, 2025



**COTA CLASS 25-03**  
December 19th, 2025

**Class Recognitions and Awards:**

Thierno Diallo - Drill Instructor Award and the Defensive Tactics Award  
Shannon Curran - Academic Award  
Ryan Green - Physical Training Award  
Marisa Hardy - Unit Citation Award

**Class Recognitions and Awards:**

Joseph D'Arriago - Drill Instructor's Award  
Annie Glass - Academic Award  
Joshua Valenzuela - Physical Training Award  
Mateo Dibrana - Defensive Tactics and Unit Citation Awards

**Class Recognitions and Awards:**

Cadet Raphael - Defensive Tactics  
Christian Wesley-Teixeira - Drill Instructor  
Joshua Depina - Grade Point Average (GPA)  
Joshua Depina - Unit Citation  
Demetrious Lambright - Physical Fitness

# SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM 2025 MARKS ITS 11TH RUN

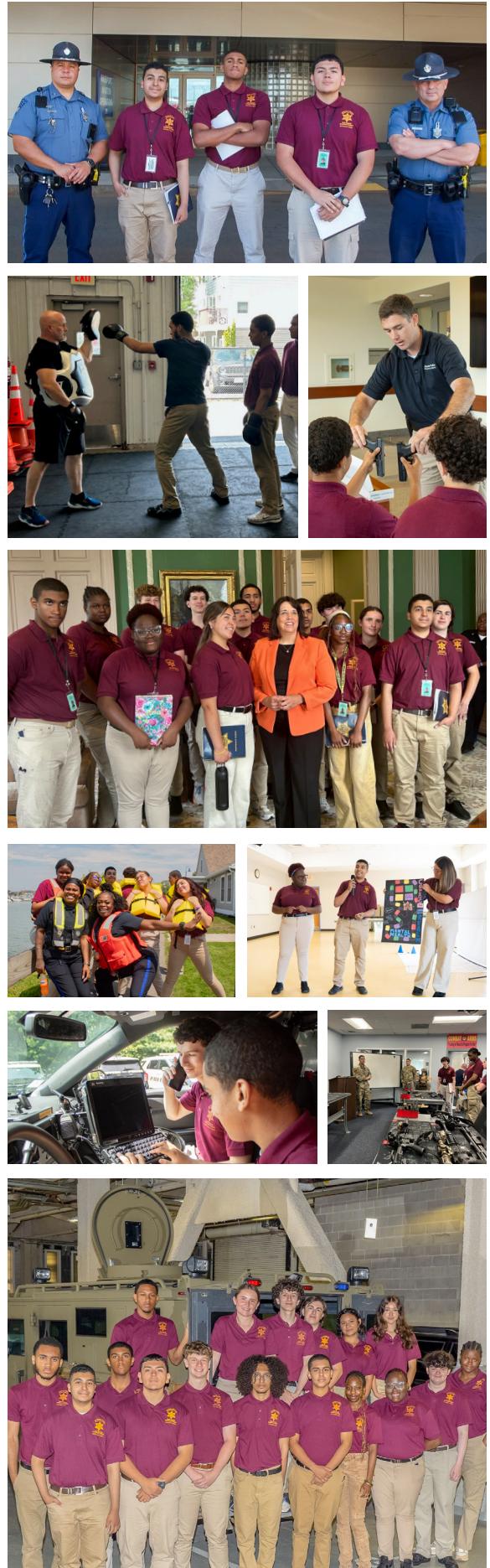
The 2025 Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) cohort concluded its 11th cycle with sixteen driven graduates, marked by experiential and holistic learning. Led by Sergeant Stacey Wood and Community Outreach and Youth Programs Coordinator Lucretia Goodson, and Roxbury Community College Director of Programs and Community Outreach Janelle Ridley, the program was supported by a dedicated team, including Officer Estherline William and Administrative Assistant Stephona Wilson-Singleton, whose guidance helped shape a summer experience unlike years past.

Over the course of the program, high-achieving students from Revere, Winthrop, and Boston explored the breadth of public safety and law enforcement, engaging in leadership training, financial literacy, street law, and Mind Boost cognitive development classes. This summer, classes were taught by esteemed community leaders such as Gary Bracey, State Representative Russell E. Holmes, and former U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins.

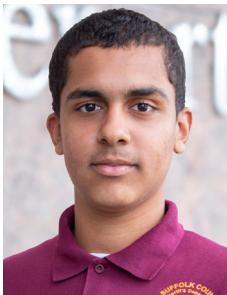
Participants visited some of the region's most notable institutions, gaining firsthand insights from professionals across the field. Highlights included the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters, Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts State Police, Revere Fire and Police Departments, Winthrop Harbormaster Department, Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, and Tufts University Police Department. Within the Sheriff's Department itself, students were trained in CPR, defensive tactics, and first-responder readiness while exploring innovative solutions to ongoing community challenges.

The 2025 program also introduced a new approach to the traditional capstone project, allowing students to translate their learning into interactive board games. From "Crimenopoly" to "Heart2Heart," the cohort combined research, creativity, and problem-solving to explore topics like Artificial Intelligence (AI) in public safety, mental health resources, and substance use education. Presented at the August 22nd graduation ceremony at Roxbury Community College's Reggie Lewis Center, the games turned abstract concepts into tangible, engaging experiences, demonstrating the power of active and experiential learning.

As the 2025 SEP students advance in their future law enforcement, military, legal, and other careers, they carry with them lessons in resilience, critical thinking, and civic engagement, equipped with the confidence to apply them in real-world settings. The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department congratulates its cohort and thanks all staff, mentors, and community partners whose dedication continues to inspire the next generation of leaders.



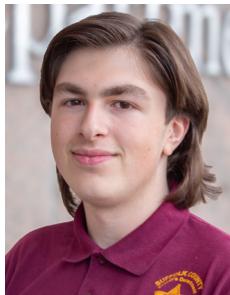
# SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM CLASS 2025



**Abubakar Abanoor**

BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL • ROXBURY  
**CLASS OF 2027**

“Chase purpose, not validation”



**Ayden Edelstein**

REVERE HIGH SCHOOL • REVERE  
**CLASS OF 2026**

“Don’t just dream about accomplishing your goals, instead, do the goals you dream of”



**Adja Sore**

REVERE HIGH SCHOOL • REVERE  
**CLASS OF 2026**

“Always try no matter what others say, and never give up”



**Cecilia Carey**

BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL • BOSTON  
**CLASS OF 2026**

“She believed she could, so she did”  
~R.S. Grey



**Christian Hilerio**

REVERE HIGH SCHOOL • REVERE  
**CLASS OF 2026**

“Growth comes from mistakes, not being perfect”



**Carlos Martinez**

RUTH BATSON ACADEMY  
**CLASS OF 2026**

“Start making your dream a reality”



**Eliezer DePina**

MADISON PARK HIGH SCHOOL  
**CLASS OF 2027**

“SEMPER FIDELIS”



**Esther Odunuyi**

BOSTON PREP CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
**CLASS OF 2026**

“Your net worth is your networth” ~Gary Bracey



**Fajr Riazi**

REVERE HIGH SCHOOL • REVERE  
**CLASS OF 2026**

“Your network is your networth” ~Gary Bracey



**Matoutina Kpodar**

ROXBURY HIGH SCHOOL • BOSTON  
**CLASS OF 2026**

“Forgive yourself for not knowing better until you knew better.”  
~Unknown



**Noor Ashour**

REVERE HIGH SCHOOL • REVERE  
**CLASS OF 2027**

“For one to quit is for one to leave everything they know. For one to strive through is for one who wants to improve and succeed.”



**Naomi Herrera**

EXCEL ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL  
**CLASS OF 2026**

“You only live once, that’s the motto” ~Drake



**Nicole Urrutia**

“‘Hate’ has four letters but so does ‘love.’ ‘Enemies’ has seven but so does ‘friends.’ ‘Lying’ has five letters but so does ‘truth.’ ‘Failure’ has seven letters but so does ‘success.’ ‘Cry’ has three letters but do does ‘joy.’ And ‘negativity’ has ten letters but so does ‘possibility.’ You always have a choice”



**Pedro Escobar**

REVERE HIGH SCHOOL • REVERE  
**CLASS OF 2026**

“Take action for yourself. You are the only one holding you back.”



**Ryan Gallagher**

BOSTON COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL  
**CLASS OF 2027**

“The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today”  
~Franklin D. Roosevelt

# SCSD CELEBRATES ALL PROMOTED STAFF MEMBERS

This year, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department proudly recognizes the officers and civilian staff who advanced in rank, reflecting their leadership and operational excellence in service. Of the impressive 35 promotions awarded, 24 took place at the Suffolk County House of Correction and 11 at the Suffolk County Jail, demonstrating a department-wide emphasis on developing professional growth at every level.

Each promotion represents the trust placed in these officers to lead with integrity, professionalism, and care for both their colleagues and the communities we serve. The Department also celebrates the advancement of our civilian staff, whose leadership is essential to the success of operations, programming, and administrative continuity.

Among those valued individuals stepping into senior command roles, the Department extends special congratulations to Mark Lawhorne, who was promoted twice in 2025: first to Assistant Superintendent and most recently to Special Sheriff. As second in command, he has been entrusted with leading the Department in the Sheriff's stead, providing steadiness in the wake of Sheriff Steven Tompkins' recent medical leave.

We congratulate all those promoted in 2025 and thank them for stepping into expanded roles that strengthen our Department and move our mission forward.

**Mark Lawhorne**  
*Special Sheriff*  
House of Correction

**Michael Lally**  
*Superintendent*  
House of Correction

**Lauren Kelly**  
*Assistant Superintendent*  
House of Correction

**Kenneth Pires**  
*Assistant Deputy Superintendent*  
House of Correction

**Leo Boudreau**  
*Assistant Deputy Superintendent*  
House of Correction

**Jennifer Sullivan**  
*Assistant Deputy Superintendent*  
House of Correction

**Sharon Corbin**  
*Captain*  
House of Correction

**Keith Medeiros**  
*Captain*  
House of Correction

**Lester Licona**  
*Captain*  
House of Correction

**Sean Clark**  
*Captain*  
House of Correction

**Jason Ortiz**  
*Sergeant*  
Training Division

**Marc St. Joy**  
*Sergeant*  
Suffolk County Jail

**James Antonetti**  
*Sergeant*  
Suffolk County Jail

**Franklin Lemus-Pena**  
*Sergeant*  
Suffolk County Jail

**William Miller**  
*Sergeant*  
Suffolk County Jail

**Timothy Cash**  
*Deputy Director of IT*  
Suffolk County Jail

**Kenneth Jackson**  
*Director of Men's Programming*  
House of Correction

**Steven Siciliano**  
*Director of Re-Entry Services*  
House of Correction

**Elizabeth Conley**  
*Chief Administrative Assistant*  
House of Correction

## Corporal Promotions

Daniel Cotter, Greta Ehrstein, Felismino Fernandes, Michael Ryan, Peter Mello, Brett Martin, Shaun Wilson, Mary Marren, Gerard McManus, Devon Jennings, Joseph Upton, Daniel Wilkins, Don Juan Murray, Renita Dudley-Herbin

# SCSD RECOGNIZES 2025 RETIREMENTS

As 2025 comes to a close, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department honors the dedicated staff whose careers are concluding, as well as those preparing to retire in the months ahead. While their daily service may be drawing to an end, their impact will continue to be felt throughout the Department and the community for years to come.

This year, 23 officers and civilian staff retired, representing a wide range of roles across custody operations, administration, maintenance, and support services. Looking ahead, 13 additional team members are scheduled to retire in early 2026, leaving behind a legacy of guidance that has shaped the SCSD culture.

Every member of our team contributes to the success of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department. We are deeply grateful for the service of our retirees and wish them happiness, health, and fulfillment as they embark on this next chapter of their lives.

<b>Abiezer Ayuso</b> Suffolk County Jail	<b>Francesco Torra</b> House of Correction	<b>Matthew Haggerty</b> Suffolk County Jail	<b>Stephen Fiste</b> Suffolk County Jail
<b>Bryan McAfee</b> Suffolk County Jail	<b>Frank Burgess, Jr.</b> House of Correction	<b>Michael Caprigno, Jr.</b> Suffolk County Jail	<b>Suzanne Travis</b> Suffolk County Jail
<b>Charles Plaskasovitis</b> House of Correction	<b>James Terrezzano</b> House of Correction	<b>Nicholas Adams</b> House of Correction	<b>Timothy Rollins</b> House of Correction
<b>Christopher Buckley</b> Suffolk County Jail	<b>Joseph Doherty</b> House of Correction	<b>Paul Ferringo</b> House of Correction	<b>William Botteri</b> House of Correction
<b>Christopher Summers</b> Suffolk County Jail	<b>Joseph Zoccola</b> Suffolk County Jail	<b>Peter Golden</b> House of Correction	<b>William Peneau</b> Suffolk County Jail
<b>David Kitterick</b> House of Correction	<b>Mark Salvucci</b> House of Correction	<b>Robert Andrew</b> House of Correction	<b>Amilia DiFeo</b> House of Correction
<b>Derek Prather</b> House of Correction	<b>Matthew Batchelder</b> House of Correction	<b>Robert Milisi</b> House of Correction	<b>John Winnett</b> House of Correction
	<b>Romand Cook</b> House of Correction	<b>Michelle Patrick</b> House of Correction	

# SCSD'S YOUTH PROGRAM INITIATIVES CONTINUE ACROSS SUFFOLK COUNTY

This year, twenty-one Suffolk County officers stepped into classrooms with one goal: to inspire students before life's challenges turn into lasting consequences. After completing an intensive three-day training at the Correction Officer Training Center in May, these officers are now certified Choice Program Officers, prepared to deliver lessons on digital literacy, personal responsibility, emergency preparedness, Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) reports, and more to K-12 students across Suffolk County.

Led by ADS Jessica Cabrera-Edwards and Captain Deniqua Lopes, the training combined practical public speaking skills with mentorship strategies. Officers explored bullying, peer pressure, sexting, gun violence, substance use, and active shooter protocols. They also learned from seasoned guest instructors, including Sgt. Detective Janine Busby and Officer Alexander Reyes of the Boston Police Department's School Engagement Unit, Courtney Grey from the Boston Public Health Commission, and Jacquelyn Lamont of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Children's Advocacy Center. Mock classroom presentations gave officers a chance to practice delivering age-appropriate, engaging lessons, preparing them to connect with students as mentors and role models.

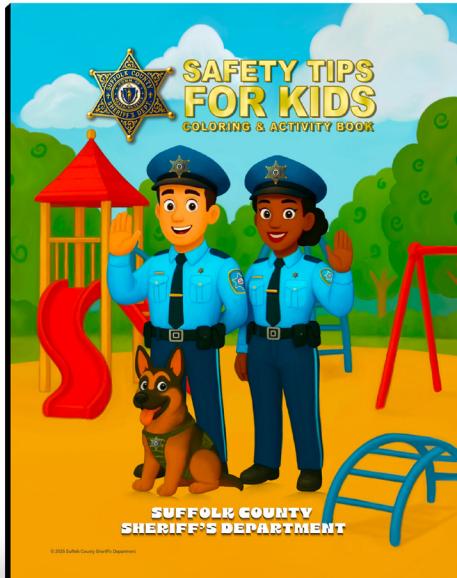


Following this choice-driven model to disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline, the JailBrake program was brought back this Fall to reach at-risk youth between the ages of 12 and 16. Participants engage in a guided, educational glimpse into life behind bars, meeting jail staff, caseworkers, and detainees while learning firsthand about the consequences of arrests and convictions. Beyond the tours, students are connected with legal and emotional support resources to help them make informed choices that can redirect their path toward opportunity and success.



Together, Choice and JailBrake are equipping young people with the tools to navigate through life safely. By addressing challenges at the onset, these programs are working to break cycles that have led too many down a path of loss, proving that preventative engagement can influence trajectories.

# SCSD OFFERS REDESIGNED SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS COLORING BOOK AND NOT BEYOND HOPE QUARTERLY PUBLICATIONS



To learn where you can pick up a free copy of the Safety Tips for Kids Coloring & Activity Book, please contact our Office of Communications and External Affairs at:

**(617) 704-6688.**

You can also access a PDF version of the book and view the answer key online at:

**scsdma.org/scsd-coloring-book**

As part of our ongoing commitment to public safety and to create a more informed Suffolk County, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department has launched a redesigned edition of the Safety Tips for Kids Coloring Book, developed and designed to be educational, constructive, and fun. This new version blends learning with fun, giving children an exciting way to discover essential safety concepts. With hands-on activities, puzzles, and fun coloring pages, young readers can explore practical tips and find resources they can count on during emergencies or real-life situations.

We are also excited to reintroduce Not Beyond Hope, our quarterly publication that shines a spotlight on the creativity of Suffolk County Jail and House of Correction residents. Filled with artwork, poetry, and prose crafted in our creative writing and art programs, this collection celebrates the unique voices and talents of participants who voluntarily submit their work for inclusion. Our therapeutic classes offer a positive space for self-expression, helping residents manage emotions and discover new avenues for reflection, creativity, and personal growth.

Together, these initiatives reflect the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department's ongoing commitment to service, safety, and community well-being. By investing in education, creative expression, and meaningful outreach, both within our facilities and in the community, we continue to strengthen trust, promote positive change, and uphold our mission of care, custody, and control.

To see or download our Not Beyond Hope publications, visit us online at: **scsdma.org/category/not-beyond-hope**



# SCSD'S TRANSFORMATIVE MEN AND WOMEN PROGRAMMING:

As our readers already know, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department is committed to providing programs and services that extend beyond the scope of traditional correctional care. Guided by the vision of improving the lives of both our male and female residents alike, the Department places a strong emphasis on rehabilitation, personal development, and successful reintegration into the community. Our comprehensive programming includes adult basic education, vocational training, substance use & harm reduction programs, religious and reentry services, and pre-release initiatives, all thoughtfully designed to empower, heal, educate, and uplift those in our care.

Addressing the individual needs of our residents is essential to achieving meaningful and lasting change. This commitment is reflected in the continuous development of programs that foster accountability, skill-building, and personal transformation, helping residents prepare for a productive and positive future.

Over the past year, we celebrated graduations from several programs and the launch of new initiatives for both men and women. These milestones represent significant progress for our residents and underscore the Department's dedication to innovation and advancement. Below, you will find a timeline featuring last year's highlights.



Wellness Navigators with House of Correction (HOC) resident.

## **MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT)** *A Service Offered to all Residents* **March 2025**

Our Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program provides lifesaving care for individuals struggling with substance use disorder through a comprehensive, strength-based approach. By combining Federal Drug Administration (FDA)-approved medications, education, and coordinated support, MAT helps stabilize health, reduce overdose risk, and prepare participants for successful reentry into the community, offering hope, continuity of care, and a pathway toward long-term recovery.



Family Activity , House of Correction (HOC) Reentry.

## **NURTURING FATHERS CLASS GRADUATION** *A Service Offered to all Male Residents* **March 2025**

Our Nurturing Fathers program is a 10-week reentry initiative that helps incarcerated fathers heal from past trauma, strengthen emotional stability, and rebuild meaningful connections with their children. Led by experienced facilitators from the Family Nurturing Center, the program goes beyond parenting skills to address accountability, personal growth, and breaking cycles of generational harm. Through reflection, family engagement, and a powerful graduation ceremony shared with loved ones, participants leave committed to becoming present, responsible fathers and returning to their families with renewed purpose and hope.



Case Manager Adjie Burnett with House of Correction (HOC) residents.

## **FATHERS' UPLIFT CLASS GRADUATION** *A Service Offered to Male Residents* **March 2025**

Fathers' Uplift is a transformative 10-week program designed to help incarcerated fathers rebuild their lives, strengthen family bonds, and embrace responsible, sober parenthood. Through guided self-reflection, mentorship, and practical parenting education, the Nurturing Fathers curriculum equips participants with the tools to take accountability, heal relationships, and prepare for successful reentry.



House of Correction (HOC) Residents During their Art Class Session.

## **ART PROGRAM** *A Service Offered to All Residents* **July 2025**

Our Arts Program offers residents at the House of Correction (HOC) a powerful outlet for healing, self-expression, and personal growth. Through hands-on instruction in painting, drawing, sculpture, and mixed media, participants are guided to explore creativity as a therapeutic tool to process trauma, manage stress, and rebuild confidence.

The program also helps residents reconnect with themselves, envision a positive future, and take meaningful steps toward rehabilitation and reentry.



House of Correction (HOC) Residents During their Women's Empowerment Group Session.

**WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT GROUP**  
*A Service Offered to Female Residents*  
**July 2025**

The Women's Empowerment Group is a six-week initiative designed to support incarcerated women through self-discovery and personal growth. Led by formerly incarcerated sisters Angelia Jefferson and Chitiera Thomas, the program offers a curriculum focused on self-worth, resilience, healthy relationships, life skills, and future planning. Rooted in lived experience, empathy, and authenticity, the group provides a safe space where women feel seen, heard, and supported.



Resident with Radical Reversal Instructor at the House of Correction (HOC).

**RADICAL REVERSAL, MUSIC PROGRAM**  
*A Service Offered to Male Residents*  
**September 2025**

Through an ongoing partnership with Radical Reversal and our Department, our "Positive Energy Always Creates Elevation" (PEACE) Unit residents enjoy a creative outlet centered on music composition and writing. Led by professional artists and educators, the program uses songwriting and recording workshops to help participants express their experiences, build emotional awareness, and develop positive coping skills.



Affirmation Project by Suffolk County Jail Detainees

**ART THERAPY**  
*A Service Offered to Male Detainees*  
**October 2025**

At the Suffolk County Jail, a new Art Therapy Initiative offers detainees a creative outlet for healing, reflection, and personal growth. Led by caseworker Shawnte Walls, the program combines painting, journaling, scrapbooking, and affirmations with open group discussions, helping participants build self-esteem, emotional awareness, and confidence. Through these expressive activities, detainees engage in meaningful reflection while developing tools to support rehabilitation and successful reentry into the community.



"LOCKED IN" First Class Session, House of Correction (HOC)

**"LOCKED IN" PODCAST PROGRAM**  
*A Service Offered to Male Residents*  
**August 2025**

The Department's new Podcast Program called "LOCKED IN" is a six-week initiative that was launched last year at the House of Correction, which empowers incarcerated individuals to build confidence, creativity, and job-ready digital media skills. Through hands-on training in podcast production and storytelling, participants learn to share their voices, strengthen communication, and prepare for future opportunities in media and beyond.



Female residents at the Department's podcast studio, House of Correction (HOC).

**"LOCKED IN" PODCAST PROGRAM**  
*A Service Offered to Female Residents*  
**October 2025**

Our "Locked In" podcast program expanded its service to female residents, offering them hands-on training in podcast production while fostering creativity and self-expression. Meeting twice a week, the class teaches technical skills like camera operation and editing while providing a supportive space for storytelling, peer connection, and personal growth. Through the program, participants gain confidence, share their unique perspectives, and create podcast episodes that amplify their voices, providing a creative outlet and skills for the future.



Launch of "My Story" initiative, House of Correction (HOC).

**MY STORY**  
*A Service Offered to Female Residents*  
**November 2025**

The new initiative, "My Story," empowers formerly incarcerated women to share their post-release journeys of recovery, personal growth, and reunification with family through posters and in-person presentations. Led by Jennifer Wolter, the initiative inspires current residents by highlighting real-life examples of resilience, hope, and transformation, showing that past mistakes don't define a person and that change is possible.

# CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: 2025 DEPARTMENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

As we step into 2026, we pause to reflect on 2025 and celebrate the exceptional achievements of our staff members. Last year, our Department received recognition from esteemed organizations for the dedication, innovation, and impact demonstrated both inside our facilities and throughout the community. We extend our gratitude to the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), U.S. Marine Corps Greater Boston Chapter, Latino Law Enforcement Group of Boston (LLEGO), the City of Revere, Boston Red Sox and the Boston Area Church League (BACL), and the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association for their continued support. These awards underscore our ongoing commitment to public safety and community engagement, take a moment to explore the honors we received in 2025.



## **NOBLE CONFERENCE: FIRST ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY:**

During Black History Month 2025, Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins was honored with NOBLE Massachusetts' inaugural "Living Legend" Award for his decades of leadership, advocacy, and impact in law enforcement and criminal justice reform. Joined by Department staff, the ceremony celebrated excellence across several categories, highlighting Sheriff Tompkins' lasting influence and his role in inspiring the next generation of Black law enforcement professionals.



## **SCSD HONORED BY TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE:**

Members of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department were recognized by the U.S. Marine Corps' Greater Boston Chapter for their commitment to the 2024 Toys for Tots drive, helping bring joy to children and families across Suffolk County. Honored at an awards banquet in Quincy, the evening celebrated collaboration among law enforcement, fire rescue teams, and community leaders, highlighting shared dedication to service, generosity, and community impact.



## **LLEGO BOWLING TOURNAMENT FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH (WHM):**

The Suffolk Sheriff Phantoms, also known as "Amo a Loíza," proudly returned as champions after winning first place at the Latino Law Enforcement Group of Boston's Annual Women's History Month (WHM) Bowling Tournament. Led by Special Sheriff Abiezer Ayuso, the team earned a \$1,500 grand prize and chose to donate their winnings to Casa Myrna, a Boston nonprofit supporting survivors of domestic violence. This victory highlighted not only teamwork and perseverance but also the Department's continued commitment to giving back and uplifting the community.



#### **SCSD GETS RECOGNITION BY REVERE CITY COUNCILOR:**

On February 27, 2025, members of the North Metro Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team were awarded City Citations by Revere City Councilor Michele Kelly for their role in dismantling three major drug houses in Revere. Honored for their professionalism and precision, the team's high-risk operations led to the seizure of narcotics, firearms, and cash, significantly enhancing public safety. The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department proudly recognizes its dedication and exemplary service.



#### **SCSD'S MARINE PATROL ASSIST IN RESCUE OPERATION:**

On July 12th, the swift and coordinated response of the SCSD's Marine Patrol and the Winthrop Harbormaster's Office led to the successful rescue of two kayakers in distress off the Winthrop coast. Battling dense fog, high winds, and rough seas, Sergeant Dennis DeCarney, retired Captain Kevin Janielis, and Donald Lancelotte conducted a challenging search and rescue operation that safely located and recovered both individuals. Their professionalism, teamwork, and dedication to public safety exemplify the critical role SCSD's Marine Deputy Team plays in protecting lives on our waterways.



#### **SCSD JOINS RED SOX AREA CHURCH LEAGUE AWARDS:**

On September 26th, Lieutenant Holly Nelson and Officer Kerson Lara of the Suffolk County Jail were honored at the 23rd Annual Boston Red Sox and Boston Area Church League (BACL) Community Fellowship Luncheon for their dedication to mentoring Boston youth through weekend baseball programs. Lt. Nelson received the Jackie Robinson Community Leadership Award, and Officer Lara earned the Community Youth Mentor of the Year Award, recognizing their years of service, commitment, and positive impact on the community.



#### **DEPARTMENT JOINS MASSACHUSETTS SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION (MSA) AWARDS:**

On November 13th, our Department joined the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association at the State House to honor excellence in law enforcement and corrections where our Captain Melvin Reed was awarded with the Deputy Sheriff of the Year for his extraordinary bravery after rescuing an unconscious driver from a burning vehicle following a serious car crash, acting swiftly and selflessly to save a life. His actions exemplify the highest standards of courage, professionalism, and public service, both on and off duty.



# 2025 SCSD'S YEAR IN NUMBERS

## SWORN OFFICERS



**65**  
GRADUATES



## STAFF PROMOTIONS

**35**  
TOTAL PROMOTIONS

JAIL 11  
HOC 24



SPORTS AFFILIATION



CEREMONIAL RECOGNITION



COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE

**15**

## AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

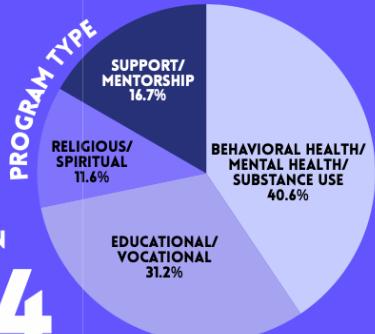
## DETAINEE PROGRAMS & SERVICES



**132**  
PROGRAMS IN OPERATION

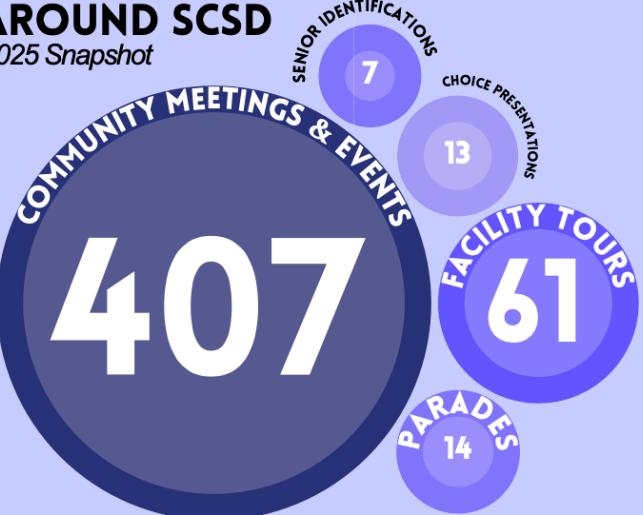
**58,904**

PERSONS SERVED IN FISCAL YEAR \*Approx.



## AROUND SCSD

2025 Snapshot



## SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM 2025 Cohort

**16** GRADUATES



## SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

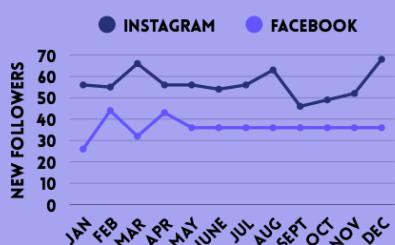
All data is approximated and aggregated from available monthly Meta Insights metrics



4,272 TOTAL INSTA INTERACTIONS

### FACEBOOK REACHES

487,179 \*Approx.



**667** Approx.  
TOTAL NEW FOLLOWERS

**433** Approx.  
TOTAL NEW FOLLOWERS

# The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department Celebrates and Recognizes **2025 OFFICERS OF THE MONTH**

**Officer O. Barboza**  
January 2025

**Officer G. Enos**  
April 2025

**Sergeant T. Stowers**  
September 2025

**Sergeant J. Manalokis**  
January 2025

**Officer W. Hickey**  
May 2025

**Officer R. Green**  
September 2025

**Officer K. Green**  
January 2025

**Officer J. Ezike**  
May 2025

**Officer W. Mirville**  
September 2025

**Officer M. Paul**  
February 2025

**Officer E. Thomas**  
June 2025

**Sergeant P. Fallon**  
October 2025

**Lieutenant M. Ferry**  
February 2025

**Captain A. Lopez**  
June 2025

**Lieutenant K. Conroy**  
October 2025

**Sergeant A. Jones**  
March 2025

**Officer St. Surin**  
June 2025

**Officer A. Vincent**  
October 2025

**Sergeant R. Bernard**  
March 2025

**Sergeant J. Zoccola**  
July 2025

**Officer W. Miller**  
October 2025

**Officer H. Rayne**  
April 2025

**Officer P. Sullivan**  
July 2025

**Officer A. Bernard**  
October 2025

**Lieutenant K. Riley**  
April 2025

**Officer K. Scadding**  
August 2025

**Sergeant Z. Miller**  
November 2025

**Sergeant S. Boyce**  
April 2025

**Officer R. Green**  
August 2025

**Officer J. Browder**  
November 2025

**Officer W. Hickey**  
April 2025

**Sergeant J. Vass**  
September 2025

**Officer E. Donoghue**  
December 2025

**Officer D. Dor**  
April 2025

**Officer D. Trainor**  
September 2025

**Sergeant J. Moseley**  
**Officer J. Louis**  
November 2025

# AROUND SUFFOLK COUNTY 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

This past year, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department engaged with communities across Suffolk County through programs, events, and outreach initiatives that promoted safety, mentorship, and support for families. From back-to-school celebrations and youth sports to holiday giving and self-defense programs, our officers and staff members worked efficiently to build trust, foster connections, and make a meaningful impact on the Suffolk County community. Here's a look at some of the ways we connected, empowered, and supported our neighbors last year:



## SCSD Continued Facility Tours, 2025

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department offered 30 tours in our facilities to eligible schools and community organizations, where they're able to learn firsthand about corrections and public safety, fostering transparency and education.



## Defensive Aids in Situations of Help (DASH) Program March 2025

The Department brought our (D.A.S.H.) self-defense program to the Kroc Center in Dorchester, empowering women with practical safety strategies and hands-on instruction.



## Back-to-School Events August-September 2025

SCSD's Officers supported families and students at neighborhood celebrations and supply drives, distributing backpacks, school supplies, and resources to help children start the school year strong.



## National Night Out (NNO) Events August 4-5, 2025

SCSD participated in Boston's block parties and resource fairs, engaging residents with information booths, activities, and community dialogue alongside city leaders.



## Faith & Blue Week | October 5-11, 2025

Suffolk County Sheriff's Department's Officers joined local faith institutions and police partners for citywide walks, senior events, and volunteer activities to strengthen community ties and celebrate collaboration across belief systems.



## SCSD Joined Special Olympics Soccer Jamboree October 28, 2025

SCSD joined City of Boston Public School (BPS) Department and law enforcement partners at Garvey Playground for a Unified Soccer event, promoting inclusion and teamwork among students with and without disabilities.



## Turkey Giveaway November 2025

Our Department joined the City of Boston Mayor's Office of Returning Citizens and Chefology Turkey Giveaway. SCSD staff generously donated and delivered Thanksgiving meal kits to returning citizens and families, ensuring everyone could enjoy a warm, home-cooked holiday meal.

## Toys for Tots Drive December 2025

Staff members and Community Works Program (CWP) participants assisted in sorting and packing toys for distribution through the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program at the Thomas M. Menino Convention and Exhibition Center.

## Toys for Tots Shopping & Delivery December 2025

SCSD joined law enforcement departments and community volunteers to purchase toys and deliver them to the Children's Services of Roxbury, spreading holiday cheer to children in need. Generous gift cards were provided by the U.S. Marine Corps Toy for Tots.



## SCSD Joined Heroes & Helpers December 2025

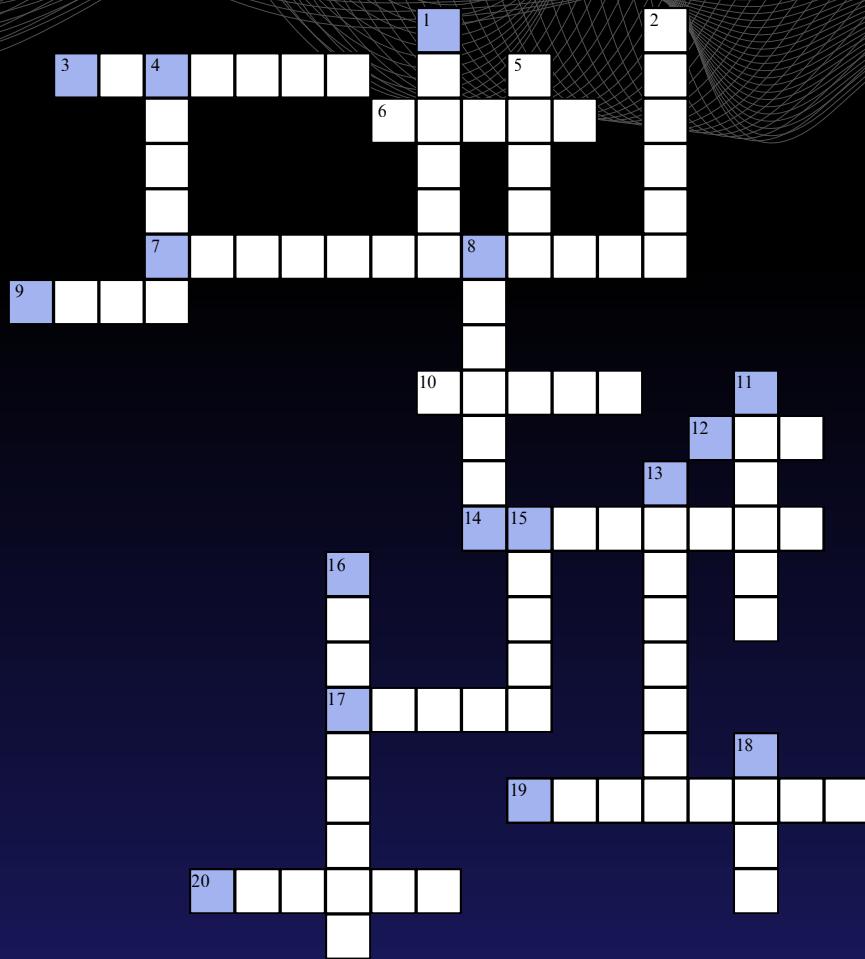
Custody and non-custody staff members joined the Revere Police Department for their Heroes & Helpers for a festive shopping event at Target, giving children a chance to shop with first responders and our officers, bringing holiday cheer to the community.

## Shop With a Cop | December 2025

Our Department joined the 2025 Shop With a Cop event, pairing with the community children from families in need for a shopping trip at South Bay Target, providing \$100 gift cards to help kids buy toys and essentials for the holidays.

# CROSSWORD

## SCSD GAMES



### DOWN

1. A Suffolk County Jail and Boston Medical Center Project (BMC) addressing behavioral health and substance use disorders
2. Chef and culinary instructor of the New England Culinary Arts Training (NECAT) Program
4. Local community center, partner of the Summer Enrichment Program
5. Summer Enrichment Program board game capstone name example
8. A “Lock Up” system integrated into SCSD facilities
11. Local news outlet featuring “The Intersection” column
13. New book launched for children’s use, distributed at community events
15. Retiring Superintendent and former Special Sheriff
16. Revamped youth program disrupting the school-to-prison pipeline
18. Training women in self-defense combat

### ACROSS

3. U.S. Military faction that runs annual “Toys-for-Tots” drives
6. The subject of Aspen Institute’s Socratic Seminar; Related to voter rights, “Unlocking Your \_\_\_\_\_ Hour”
7. Where local and national news, arts, education, culture, history, politics, and public safety collide
9. Arts showcase of Suffolk County House of Correction resident talent
10. Launched by the Women’s Programming Division, featuring reformed former residents: “My \_\_\_\_\_”
12. Program reducing overdose risk
14. Recently promoted, Special Sheriff
17. Social group of Latino emergency first responders
19. Rank with most promotions in 2025
20. Resident-produced podcast, “\_\_\_\_\_ In”

# WORD SEARCH

SCSD GAMES

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COMMUNITY

DIVERSITY

JUSTICE

PREVENTION

REENTRY

SAFETY

COMPASSION

INCLUSION

LEADERSHIP

PROFESSIONALISM

REHABILITATION

SECOND CHANCE

CORRECTIONS

INTEGRITY

OFFICERS

RECIDIVISM

RESILIENCE

SERVICE



**SHERIFF STEVEN W. TOMPKINS  
& THE SUFFOLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

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**2026**

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

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