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WESTFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL'S "C.A.K.E." INITIATIVE

WESTFIELD – OCTOBER 20, 2020 – The Westfield Police Department has recently announced that it will place a distinctive logo on all of its marked patrol vehicles to help promote the Westfield Mental Health Council's "C.A.K.E." initiative.

The Westfield Mental Health Council was formed in 2018 by Mayor Shelley Brindle with the goal of bringing members of the community together with mental health stakeholders to assist with the following:

- To coordinate and align efforts amongst the various organizations that provide mental health services;
- To create awareness for existing community resources;
- To break the stigma that exists around mental health;
- To identify best practices for support and crisis prevention measures and make recommendations accordingly;
- To establish additional mental health programs and support for Westfield families and youth as identified by the community.

The Westfield Mental Health Council recently introduced its "C.A.K.E." initiative, which is an acronym for behaviors that it is working to promote – **Compassion, Acceptance, Kindness, and Empathy** – all of which can enable a "stigma-free" community.

"The Westfield Police Department will strive to demonstrate all of these behaviors in its interactions with the public," stated Westfield Police Chief Christopher Battiloro. "And to promote this initiative, the distinctive "C.A.K.E." logo will now be prominently displayed on all marked police vehicles," he added.

Pictured are members of the Westfield Mental Health Council and the Westfield Police Department with a marked patrol vehicle displaying the distinctive "C.A.K.E." logo.



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Pictured (from left to right): Officer Joseph Saunders; Detective Sergeant Lauren Maloney; Officer Matthew O’Holla; Town Councilwoman Linda Habgood; Town Councilman James Boyes; WMHC Rep. Giao Williams; WMHC Rep. Dominique Trott; Chief Christopher Battiloro; WMHC Member Maureen Mazzaresse; WMHC Member Lauren Kaplan-Sagal; WMHC Member Ellen Devin; WMHC Member Liz Jeffery; Officer Kristopher Jackus; WMHC Rep. Ron Holmes; Officer Anthony Perconte.



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