

KELLY A. GRANT

PUBLIC RELATIONS ~ MEDIA AFFAIRS ~ SOCIAL MEDIA

PROFILE

Experienced state trooper with a demonstrated history of varied law enforcement experience, who is also skilled in public speaking, media and public relations, and social media practices.

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EXPERIENCE

Connecticut State Police - 2001

State Trooper, Public Information Officer

Naugatuck Police Department - 1996

Patrol Officer, Detective

EDUCATION

Sacred Heart University, 2019

Master's Degree, Strategic
Communication and Public Relations

University of Connecticut, 1994

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology

SKILLS

- Law Enforcement
- Public Safety
- Investigations
- Public Speaking
- Public Relations
- Media Relations
- Community Outreach
- Internal Communication
- Social Media Content Creation

WORK EXPERIENCE

Connecticut State Police, State Trooper Public Information Office

Middletown, CT 2001-present

- Public information officer, spokesperson for the Connecticut State Police.
- Provide information to the public and media regarding incidents, accidents, arrests, highway closures, and more.
- Provide information to state police employees regarding upcoming events and opportunities through the internal employee website.
- Provide assistance to local police agencies by offering guidance, writing and reviewing press releases for major incidents.
- Build and maintain positive relationships with the public, community, and media through social media and community engagement events.
- Build and maintain positive relationships with local and federal law enforcement agencies through open communication.
- Prepare and provide press releases to the media and public regarding incidents, accidents, and community engagement efforts.
- Post press releases, photographs and other information to the various state police social media platforms and website.
- Prepare speeches and PowerPoint presentations for press conferences, speaking engagements, trade conferences and lectures.
- Give presentations and speeches at conferences, speaking engagements, health fairs, businesses, career fairs and schools.
- Teach “public information and media relations” classes to law enforcement, first responders, other state agencies, non-profit organizations and many others.
- Provide quotes to the written media on a variety of topics including active investigations.
- Provide “on air” interviews to the television and radio media regarding active investigations, major accidents, highway closures, safety initiatives and more.
- Coordinate with media representatives for press conferences, informational presentations and public service announcements.
- Respond to major incident and accident scenes, and provide information to the media regarding the safety of the public.

- Conduct state police award ceremonies and promotional ceremonies.
- Complete various administrative duties as assigned.
- Supervise a small office of sworn and civilian staff.
- Maintain Connecticut State Police social media platforms – Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Recruitment and Selection Unit

- Recruit qualified candidates in an effort to bolster the ranks of the Connecticut State Police.
- Represent the state police at career fairs, while seeking out qualified candidates for hire.
- Represent the state police in a wide variety of community engagement initiatives.
- Participate in all phases of the candidate testing process.
- Assist qualified candidates from the time they are recruited, until they enter the state police training academy.
- Broaden the extent in which information about the Connecticut State Police is disseminated by working with the media, and creating content for social media platforms.
- Maintain the Connecticut State Police Recruitment website and social media platforms – Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- Work to meet the demands of both the state police recruiting effort, and candidate needs.
- Show the Connecticut State Police and candidates our commitment to those transitioning to life as a recruit.

Western District Major Crime, Detective

- Respond to, and investigate major crime incidents.
- Assume primary investigative responsibility of homicides, bank robberies, serious injury assaults, kidnappings and suspicious deaths.
- Assist state police troopers with complex crime scene management, evidence processing and extensive follow-up investigations.

- Assist other state agencies, municipal police departments and Federal agencies with complex crime scene management, evidence processing and extensive follow-up investigations.
- Investigate complaints to include sexual assault, child abuse, domestic violence, robbery, larceny, homicide and suicide.
- Conduct extremely thorough and well-documented investigations.
- Conduct detailed interviews of victims, witnesses, and suspects.
- Write, obtain, and serve search and seizure warrants, and arrest warrants.
- Prepare detailed investigative reports for the Connecticut court system, other law enforcement agencies, insurance-related claims, and victims.
- Work closely with the State's Attorney Office.
- Testify in court trials.

Selections Management Committee

- Review and rate completed candidate background investigations, polygraph investigations and additional files, for potential hire.
- Once hired, review recruit and trooper trainees for potential dismissal from the CT State Police, and make alternative recommendations for same.

State Police Training Academy

- Instructor for the 122nd which graduated 26 recruits, and the 123rd Training Troop which graduated 83 recruits.
- Train recruits on how to "Serve and Protect" the state of Connecticut.
- Train recruits in the skills necessary to become a law enforcement officer and Connecticut State Trooper.
- Train recruits to utilize their physical and mental resources.
- Build self-confidence, instill self-reliance, develop leadership ability, poise and self-control, and improve reaction time of the individual recruits.
- Lead Instructor in public speaking and media relations.
- Lead Instructor in penal code (Connecticut general statutes).
- Lead Instructor during experiential training for the 122nd Training Troop.

Governor's Security Unit

- Provide protection, security, and assistance to the sitting Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut.
- Provide transportation for the Governor's daily business.
- Work independently and make decisions regarding the Governor's safety.
- Conduct preliminary investigations of the different locations and events that the Governor will be attending, and travel with the Governor in and out of the state and country.
- Provide security at the Governor's mansion and Governor's office at the state capitol.
- Complete administrative duties as assigned.

Resident State Trooper

- Perform duties as shift supervisor.
- Supervise three to five Town of Southbury police officers per shift.
- Assist and direct officers with investigations, and provide them with guidance, supervision and decision-making.
- Prepare officer evaluations and provide constructive criticism.
- Conduct community speaking engagements regarding various aspects of safety.
- Complete additional administrative duties as assigned.

Patrol Trooper

- Investigate motor vehicle accidents, incidents, and various criminal complaints to include larceny, burglary and domestic violence.
- Conduct thorough, detailed and well-documented investigations of crimes committed against victims.
- Prepare investigative and accident reports for the victim, the Connecticut court system and insurance companies.
- Prepare investigative reports for follow-up by the various specialized units of the Connecticut State Police to include Major Crime, Computer and Cyber Crime, Narcotics and other investigative units.
- Prepare and present detailed arrest warrants to the court, for identified suspects following a criminal investigation.

- Prepare detailed search and seizure warrants for presentment at court, in order to obtain additional information while conducting a criminal investigation.
- Respond to emergency and routine calls for service, to include motor vehicle accidents, larcenies, domestic violence, and assisting broken down vehicles.
- Conduct motor vehicle enforcement violations of the Connecticut State Motor Vehicle Laws.
- Conduct patrols of the highway to ensure traffic and motorist safety.
- Conduct patrols of towns within state police jurisdiction, to ensure personal and property safety.
- Conduct patrols of state buildings within different cities and towns to ensure security of state-owned buildings and their employees.
- Act as a Field Training Officer for new trooper trainees, to help them with the on-the-job learning portion of their training.

Naugatuck Police Department

Naugatuck, CT 1996–2001

Detective Youth Bureau

- Primary investigator of sexual assaults, child abuse and domestic violence cases, one of which led to a confession and a conviction which levied a 40-year prison sentence.
- Conduct detailed interviews of victims, witnesses, and suspects.
- Conduct extremely thorough and well-documented investigations.
- Write, obtain, and serve search and seizure warrants for evidence, and arrest warrants for suspects.
- Prepare detailed investigative reports for the Connecticut court system.
- Assist officers and other detectives conduct detailed investigations of various crimes.
- Work closely with the State's Attorney Office.
- Testify in Court trials.
- Member of the Child Abuse Investigative Team (CAIT) – a multi-jurisdictional team approach at investigating child sexual abuse cases.
- Respond to all incidents in the elementary and middle schools.
- Act as a mentor for middle school students.
- Teach Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) in elementary schools.

Patrol Officer

- Investigate motor vehicle accidents, and various criminal complaints to include larceny, burglary and domestic violence.
- Conduct town patrols to ensure traffic and public safety.
- Conduct motor vehicle stops for various motor vehicle violations.
- Respond to emergency and routine calls for service including motor vehicle accidents, larcenies, and domestic violence complaints.
- Prepare investigative reports for victims, the Connecticut court system, and insurance companies.
- Prepare investigative reports for follow-up by the detective bureau and youth bureau.
- Prepare arrest and search warrants as necessary.
- Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) instructor.
- Field Training Officer (FTO) for police officer trainees.
- D.A.R.E. instructor in the elementary schools
- Research and assist in developing policies and procedures to gain Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) accreditation.

Naugatuck Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Naugatuck, CT 1988 – 1995

- Began volunteering, and obtained Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification, at age 16.
- Volunteer first responder in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) field.
- Responded to emergency medical calls for service and provided life-saving techniques to those in need.
- Emergency vehicle operation – began driving the ambulance at age 18.
- Provided patient updates to Emergency Department hospital staff while en-route to the hospital.
- Wrote medical reports detailing facts, observations and treatments of patients in my care.