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WHAT: Officer Brian A. Aselton Memorial Snow Dash 5k Road Race

WHERE: Langford School, 61 Alps Drive

WHEN: Sunday, January 5, 2020

Officer Brian A. Aselton Memorial Snow Dash 5 K Road Race

East Hartford, CT— The 28th running of the annual Officer Brian A. Aselton Memorial Snow Dash 5K Road Race, sponsored by the East Hartford Parks and Recreation Department and the East Hartford Police Department, will be held on **Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 1:30 PM**. The race will start and finish at Langford School located at 61 Alps Drive. Over 200 runners are expected to participate in the race that is run in tribute to Officer Brian A. Aselton. Proceeds benefit the East Hartford Police Department Child Safety and Crime Prevention Programs and the Officer Brian Aselton Scholarship Fund. Commemorative award plaques will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division for men and women. Divisions include 17 & under, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 & up. Discount Trophy generously provides the awards. Official race apparel is available race day.

On January 23, 1999, Police Officer Brian A. Aselton gave his life in the line of duty protecting the citizens of East Hartford. The tragic loss of Officer Aselton devastated the community. Officer Aselton was only 26 years old when his brilliant life was extinguished; yet, his spirit lives on in those who remember him. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Officer Brian A. Aselton Memorial Scholarship Fund and East Hartford Police Child Safety and Crime Prevention Programs. In 2019, a total of \$6,233 was raised with \$3,116.50 going to each fund.

Originally, the race was developed in 1993 to benefit the East Hartford Police Department's Community Outreach Division. The Community Outreach Division operated youth programs throughout town in areas such as Veterans Terrace, Hockanum Park, Mayberry Village and East Hartford Estates. The race was renamed for Officer Aselton in 2000. In 2001, the Quality of Life Division took over these responsibilities. In 2005, Child Safety and Crime Prevention Programs became the race's beneficiary. Hundreds of East Hartford children and teens annually participate in these programs.

To register for the race online, follow this link:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/EastHartford/AseltonSnowDash>

Online registration ends January 4, 2020 at 11:59am EST. Day of registration is available.

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Hard copies of registration are available at the Parks and Recreation office located at the Community Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, CT.

On January 5 police officers will be directing traffic throughout the run. The following streets will be temporarily affected with road closures:

Long Hill Street (between Burnham Street and Goodwin Street), Leverich Drive, Alps Drive, Yale Drive, Goodwin Street (between Long Hill Street and University Avenue), Prestige Park Road, University Avenue, Colby Drive, Bay Path Drive, Andover Road, Temple Drive, Syracuse Drive, and Purdue Lane.

For more information, please contact Recreation Supervisor, Jonathan Cooper, at 860-291-7164.