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Coffee with a Cop

The East Hartford Police Department is building relationships – one coffee cup at a time— and everyone is welcome to join local officers in this initiative.

The EHPD invites everyone to join officers for "Coffee With A Cop" on Saturday, September 8th from 8:00 to 10:00 AM at Dunkin' Donuts, 303 Ellington Road in East Hartford.

Since 2016, the East Hartford Police Department has hosted a regular "Coffee with a Cop" program designed to bring police officers and the community members they serve together to discuss concerns and learn more about each other over a cup of coffee. There won't be an agenda or speeches. Instead, residents will be able to spend some time with local police officers in a casual atmosphere and discuss their neighborhood, ask questions, share concerns, or stop by just to chat.

"The 'Coffee with a Cop' program gives us an opportunity to relax and chat with residents in a nonemergency setting," said Police Chief Scott Sansom. "It allows access and opportunity for distractionfree conversations. If you have a few moments, stop by for a cup of coffee and a friendly chat with an officer."

The "Coffee With A Cop" initiative is recognized on a national level for building community trust. In a short period of time, it allows citizens and police officers to get to know each other and discover mutual goals for the communities they live in and serve. Chief Sansom and the East Hartford Police Department encourage everyone to stop by.

The next East Hartford Police Coffee with a Cop takes place from <u>08:00AM to 10:00AM on Saturday</u>, <u>September 8th</u> at Dunkin' Donuts, 303 Ellington Road, East Hartford, Connecticut. All are welcome.