



# 2nd Annual Gala



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## Thursday, March 22, 2018

The Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade Committee Executive Board thanks you for your generous support and donations and we look forward to seeing you at the Freddy Fixer Parade.

**Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade Day on Dixwell Avenue  
Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Parade Registration and donations available online:  
[elmcityfreddyfixerparade.com](http://elmcityfreddyfixerparade.com)**

*Photo 2018 Officers: Seated from l to r: Iman Hameen, Petisia M. Adger, & Eula Ward. Standing from l to r: Diane Brown, Dexter Jones, Leonard Jahad, Howard Boyd, & Krina Byrd.*

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# History of the Freddy Fixer Parade

In September 1962, a Clean-up Campaign was started in the Dixwell-Newhallville community initiated by the late Dr. Fred Smith, a respected physician in the Dixwell area, which culminated in the parade organized with assistance of Edward Grant, Edna Baker Carnegie, and Dr. Charles Twyman.



**The 1<sup>st</sup> Parade 1963**  
Courtesy Colin M. Caplan & New Haven Museum.

The 1<sup>st</sup> parade was held on May, 18, 1963 with 7,000 onlookers. By 1972, the parade

drew 20,000 people and its grand marshal was Jackie Robinson. Today, Freddy Fixer Parade is nationally recognized as the oldest Black American Parade in the northeast.

In December 2015, a group of civic-minded community members set out to revitalize the Freddy Fixer Parade through their membership in a newly incorporated committee: The Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade Committee, Inc. ECFFPC members have already made great strides in restoring the parade's glory and set into motion an infectious exuberance that permeated throughout the Greater New Haven community. This energy that residents, organizers and supporters, alike, have brought to this campaign has been contagious and has resulted in an amazing amount of good will. The committee was not only successful in meeting all financial obligations associated with the 2016-2018 parades, but also attracted 64 diverse marching units or approximately 650 participants. Similarly, spectators along the parade route were estimated to number some 7,000 individuals.

Accordingly, it is incumbent upon us to keep up this momentum of rejuvenated pride in our cultural heritage; and to never, again, neglect to pay homage to our predecessors' vision of collective solidarity toward the common goal of neighborhood beautification that culminates into a yearly celebration through the Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade. Securing our own legacy through this consistent, constructive and harmonious display of our cultural norms, values and ethics will be the impetus that conveys the story of our history we want told for many generations to come.



# Upcoming Events

**Thursday, May 17, 2018—6:00 p.m.**

*1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fashion Show featuring  
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LT's Corner, 501 Boston Post Rd., Orange, CT

**Saturday, May 19, 2018—3:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

*A Day Party with a Purpose!*  
Vanity Bar, 144 Temple St., New Haven, CT

**Sunday, May 20, 2018—1:30 p.m.**

*Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade*

Grand Marshal: Chief John Alston, Jr., NHFD  
Special Guest: The Fly Jock, Tom Joyner



Chief Alston

**Sunday, May 20, 2018—4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

*Freddy Fixer Neighborhood Festival &  
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# Program



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Prayer

Dinner

Opening Remarks—Dexter A. Jones, Sr.

ECFFPC Public Relations Officer

Petisia M. Adger, ECFFPC President

Awards Presentations

- Robyn Porter
- Juan Castillo
- Sarah Sherban
- The Firebird Society of New Haven
- Howard K. Hill
- Jacqueline Hoyte
- Flaming Knights Motorcycle Club
- NHFPL—Stetson Branch Library
- Donald Morris
- Kim C. Harris
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**Robyn Porter**  
**Connecticut State Representative**

**Edna Baker Carnegie Award**

Since winning the 94<sup>th</sup> Assembly District seat, State Rep. Robyn Porter has championed efforts to reform Connecticut's criminal justice system, strengthen equal rights and increase protections for domestic violence victims.

Porter was first elected to the Connecticut House of Representatives in April 2014 after a special election.

As chairwoman of the Labor & Public Employees Committee, Porter has advocated for legislation that would increase the state's minimum wage and establish a paid family medical leave system. In 2017, at the state level, Porter continued her efforts to support working families by leading House passage of a bill that would have strengthened gender pay equity legislation on the books since 1963.

During the 2017 regular legislative session, Porter led passage of House Bill 6668 which amends Connecticut statute to strengthen current protections for pregnant women.

In addition to serving as chairwoman of the labor committee, Porter also serves as a member of the Judiciary and Appropriations committees. As a member of the Judiciary Committee, Porter supported legislation that prohibits a judge from setting bail for those charged with misdemeanors and outlaws the solitary confinement of minors.

Porter, who graduated with an A.S. from Gateway Community College, later went on to obtain her B.A. in Criminal Justice from Charter Oak State College. Both degrees were completed with high honors. She also was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa International and the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor societies.

Porter, who was employed by the Communication Workers of America from 2001 to 2017, is a longtime community activist who served as co-chairwoman of the Steering Committee for the Newhallville Community Resilience Team (NCRT). During her tenure at NCRT, the committee focused on increasing public safety by building social cohesion.

Porter is the proud parent of two adult children and grandparent to three grandchildren – Amir, Alana and Zavion. She has been a New Haven, Connecticut resident since 2000.

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## **Juan Castillo** **Chasing a Dream at WYBC**

### **Edward Grant Award**

Juan Castillo's journey began in Brooklyn, N.Y. He was a starting point guard basketball player at the famous Boys High School in Brooklyn from 1966 to 1969. Juan participated in two New York City championships and one national championship with only one loss in three years. He subsequently began a career in public service as a drug counselor with Narco, Inc., after serving five years in jail on drug related charges. He eventually became Executive Director of the Liberation Halfway House for ex-offenders.

Juan established the first amateur Jai-Alai facility in Milford, CT and is credited with training American players in the sport of Jai Alai and establishing the first amateur American Jai-Alai team to represent the United States in international competition. Through his efforts, American Jai-Alai players have been elevated to the status of professional athletes throughout the world.

In 1980, Juan returned to public service and worked for the Board of Parole for 20 years as a parole officer and Regional Director of the Bridgeport and New London field offices. He became the 1<sup>st</sup> ex-offender to be hired as a parole officer. During his tenure, Juan established the Parole Works Program that provided employment and training opportunities to parolees. As a result, unemployment rates among parolees were reduced from 73% to 10% and parolees were mandated to perform volunteer services while seeking employment. Juan is credited with helping hundreds of parolees regain their place in society.

Juan has spent the last 25 years at WYBC Radio as a radio announcer and is currently the station's Director of Operations' PM Drive on air personality and host of Electric Drum, a public affairs program. His perspective on the role of radio is rooted in his belief that if you provide listeners with good music and great personalities that connect with the community, listeners will remain loyal. Juan also credits the station's commitment to public service and community involvement for its success.

Juan is remarkably a colon cancer survivor. He has used the airwaves to promote early cancer testing and detection through such promotions as, *Take a Love one to the Doctor Day*. Juan continues to support organizations that are committed to cancer research and patient support. He is a Hamden resident who continues to work with local youth and returning citizens who require assistance with the re-entry process. Juan Castillo has truly carved out a legacy in New Haven and throughout the State of Connecticut.

Congrats to all recipients awarded at the  
Elm City Freddy Fixer Gala!

**From Dixwell Management Team**

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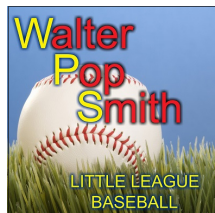
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**Sarah Sherban**

**Maria Ponteau Award**

**Musician ♦ Educator ♦ Arts Administrator**

Sarah Sherban is a musician, educator, and arts administrator based in New Haven, Connecticut. Currently, she is the Louise Endel Community Engagement Manager

for the International Festival of Arts & Ideas as well as a member of the New York-based Sparkitivity team, nurturing children's innate creativity through classes and program design. Sarah is also involved in a variety of creative arts projects, both as a flutist and as a facilitator. As a performer, she is well versed in Western flutes, as well as, the North Indian bansuri, the Japanese shakuhachi and the Ghanaian atenteben.

Sarah moved with her husband, Tyler, to New Haven in the fall of 2014. Prior to relocating from California, she was the Director of Education and Community Engagement for the New West Symphony. Since moving to New Haven and through her work with the International Festival of Arts & Ideas, Sarah has become fully immersed in the local community, managing the Festival's High School Fellowship Program, Neighborhood Pop-Up Festivals, Volunteer Program, Ambassador Program, and various other youth and community programs. She is grateful for the opportunity to work closely with and learn from many long-time community leaders such as Diane Brown of Stetson Library, an example of someone who truly brings together the community on a daily basis.

Sarah is humbled and honored to be given an award from the Elm City Freddy Fixer Committee. Specifically, through her work with the Dixwell Pop-Up Festival steering committee, she has had the opportunity to work with many Dixwell artists, activists and community leaders. Sarah has approached her work here with a strong commitment to undoing racism, building community connections, and highlighting the incredible work of our local talent. When she is not at a community event, Sarah enjoys hiking, cooking, traveling and playing with her two beloved rescue dogs, Lilu and Charlie. Sarah and her husband, Tyler, also welcomed their baby, Hazen, in October 2017.

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The Firebird Society of New Haven is closely involved in recruitment and upward mobility within the Department amongst the minority firefighters, but we also commit ourselves to helping the community. The Society annually holds the SUCCESS (Students Uniting Cultures for College Educational Success and Self) scholarship fund and dinner for a deserving student from the greater New Haven area who plans to attend college. Furthermore the members participate in other community activities and philanthropy opportunities presented such as the public safety academy to help young students to prepare for the workforce. The Firebirds also assist in the recruitment of new firefighter cadets, and assist in their training for exams, along with affiliated programs.

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## **Howard K. Hill Funeral Director**

### **Dr. Charles Twyman Award**

Howard K. Hill is a licensed funeral director and the founder of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services at 1287 Chapel St. in New Haven, CT, 319 Barbour St. in Hartford CT, formerly known as Clark Bell and Bell Funeral Home, and most recently Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Services of 94 Granby St. Bloomfield, CT.

Howard became a funeral director/embalmer in 1991 after receiving his Mortuary Science degree from the American Academy McAllister Institute of New York. He has several designations to his Funeral Directors License including a Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP) through the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice, a Certified Preplanning Consultant (CPC) and a Certified Crematory Operator (CCO), both through the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA). The overall well being of his community is front and center in his business most noticeable through the Zola Program offered to all clients of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services. Because the loss of a loved one can be a catastrophic experience, it is Howard's ambition to do as much as he can to ensure his community heals from this unavoidable life event.

Howard served as President of the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association from 2014-2016; the 1<sup>st</sup> African-American in the organization's 126-year history. He served four terms on the Executive Committee of the CFDA and as the association's Vice President. Howard currently serves on the NFDA's Member Resources Advisory Group and his funeral homes have been recognized with NFDA's "Pursuit of Excellence Awards" every year since 2011. The annual award program recognizes funeral homes that hold to consistent strict ethical and professional standards and provide outstanding service to families and communities.

Howard also serves on the boards of the Community Action Agency of New Haven, Hannah Gray Home in New Haven, and Hartford Communities That Care. As a former Board member of The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, a philanthropic institution that uses the power of endowment to transform communities, Howard developed a burning desire to help lift his community by establishing a community foundation that focuses on positively transforming Connecticut's African American community in the areas of education, economics and health. The Prosperity Foundation's (TPF) mission is to be the permanent institution that gathers communities' time, talent and treasure under one roof and strategically invest back into the community to yield better outcomes for future generations. He is a member of the Economic Committee of the Greater New Haven branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and The Beloved Community (TBC) in New Haven. Howard also is a member of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, the Greater New Haven Business & Professional Association, and Oriental Lodge No. 6, F&AM, PH in New Haven.

Howard is married to his wife Nancy and has three children, Matthew, Kendra and Deshaun.

**Best Wishes to Petisia  
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**Jacqueline Hoyte**  
**Sergeant, New Haven Police Dept.**

**Maria Ponteau Award**

Jacqueline Hoyte joined the New Haven Police Department in 2000 as a police officer. In 2014, she was promoted to Sergeant and was assigned to the Records Division. In May 2016, Jacqueline, affectionately known as Jackie, was appointed to the position of District Manager for the Dixwell Neighborhood Community until July 2017. Currently, she is the Assistant Deputy Patrol Commander for the New Haven Police Department. During her career, Jackie has held several positions within the police department ranging from Firearms Compliance Officer to Training Officer at the New Haven Police Academy. She is also one of the original founding members of the New Haven Guardians, a fraternity for Black Law Enforcement Officers and has previously served as Treasurer.

Jackie earned her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of New Haven and is a Police Officer Standards and Training Council (P.O.S.T.) certified Human Trafficking Instructor and teaches Human Trafficking courses throughout Connecticut. In 2015, she became a Level One Certified Kingian Non Violence Instructor and is currently the Housing Liaison for the City of New Haven Housing Authority's and New Haven Police Department's Officer in Residence Program.

An active member since 1994, Jackie serves as Senior Financial Officer at Christian Love Center Church. She has also been an energetic member and supporter of the Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade Committee since 2015.

In February 2016, Jackie had the unique opportunity to tour and visit The Holy Land of Israel.



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**Flaming  
Knights  
Motorcycle  
Club  
(FKMC)**

**Larry T. Young Award**

The Flaming Knights Motorcycle Club (FKMC) was founded on 110 Hurlburt Street in the City of New Haven on April 27, 1968 by a group of seven friends that enjoyed the comradery while riding together on their motorcycles. Hence, the founding members, Charles Bradley (a.k.a., Big Chaz), Jesse Agnew (a.k.a., Sir Sexx), Zack Franklin, Fletcher, Wine, Ringo and Leroy Bolden (a.k.a., King Dragon), started a club with the idea to ride their motorcycles wherever there was a road to be ridden.

Locally, the FKMC organization was all about the communities in which each resided. The club traditionally presented holiday parties geared toward the youth; creating safe havens in each neighborhood. Additionally, FKMC donates to many food banks, coat drives and is popularly linked to the Freddy Fixer Parade with an impressive display of riders in each parade and in parades for years to come.

Today, FKMC is still very much a part of the community, active in food & coat drives, and mentorship of young men that need guidance in life, school, and with issues presented at home. We still ride our motorcycles all over the country, especially since recognition as a national organization; with chapters out west as far as California, up and down the east coast, and as far south as Miami, Florida.

FKMC continues to participate in the annual Freddy Fixer Parade. FKMC's mission has always been community based, brotherhood and exposing the passion for riding our motorcycles near and far. FKMC is a big part of New Haven, particularly in the Hill neighborhood, because that's where it all began on Hulburt Street. However, FKMC claims all of New Haven.

On April 27, 2018, the FKMC will have been in existence for 50 years, and we are going to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 1-2, 2018. "FKMC is New Haven and New Haven is the FKMC." Be on the lookout for venue information in the near future.

On behalf of the FKMC, I would like to thank the Freddy Fixer Committee for this prestigious award and opportunity to reintroduce the Flaming Knights Motorcycle Club 50 years later.

*Anthony Bolden (a.k.a., Blaze), President FKMC*

# Congratulations to Kim Harris!



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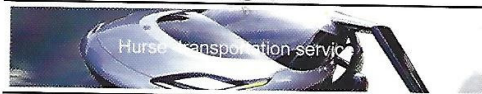
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**Stetson Branch Library  
New Haven Free Public Library**



*Photo Stetson Branch Library Staff: Left to right—Crystal Lynn McPhail, Rhonda Taylor, Diane Brown, Phillip Modeen, Markice Waters and Rory Martarona.*

In 2017, the Stetson Branch of the New Haven Free Public Library celebrated 100 years of providing library services and programming to the Newhallville and Dixwell neighborhoods. In 2003, Stetson became the hub of the Dixwell neighborhood upon the closing of the Dixwell Community House. In 2006, Diane Brown was assigned the position of Branch Manager.

As a team, Diane and her staff have catapulted the branch to local and national recognition for developing programming, services and an extensive African American collection to serve the African American community at large. The branch's success is due in part to the staff who have created and maintain a "work family" environment that extends to the community. The staff and community are looking forward to the "New Stetson" to be constructed as an anchor to the new Dixwell Community House slated to open in early 2020.

Congratulations to Our Pastor  
Pastor Donald Morris  
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*Donald T. Morris*  
**Pastor**

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**Donald Morris**  
Pastor

**Larry T. Young Award**

Donald Morris is a native of the New Haven community. He attended New Haven Public Schools as a youth. He later completed high school in Litchfield, CT, while holding residency at the CT Junior Republic. In 1972 and 1980, respectively, Pastor Morris received an Associate Degree in Sociology from Middlesex Community College and a Bachelor Degree in Human Services & Community Organizing from New Hampshire College.

Through the 1970's – 1980's, Donald founded *Unity in the Community*, *Brothers Getting Busy*, and *Christian Community Commission, Inc.* (nonprofit created as an educational link between local churches and the New Haven urban community). Under his leadership, the Christian Community Commission was responsible for the renovation of Goffe Street Park. Additionally, Pastor Morris has led Prayer Walks, Community Forums, various boycotts, and anti-violence marches across the State.

In 1993, Donald became a member of Wayfaring Ministries, Hamden, CT. Under Apostle Eugene Brunson's ministry, Donald became a licensed minister (1999) and was later ordained Pastor of his own church, Life Kingdom Outreach Ministries (2010).

In 2005, Pastor Morris organized the *Brotherhood Leadership Summit* to address gun violence in the City of New Haven. The Summit brought together men of all professions to address Black male leadership and community outreach, as well as, created a monthly Leadership Breakfast and summer long community, *We Care Tour* (Men delivered messages of self-pride, principles of fatherhood, and nonviolence on the street corners in the City of New Haven). Because of this joint effort, gun violence was significantly reduced for two consecutive years.

Inspired by God in 2010, Pastor Morris developed the *Promise Land Project*. A five-year prototype that addresses issues affecting the Newhallville community. *Project Lighten Up* is one of the initiatives born out of this project (4,000 LED lights were installed in the area).

Currently, Pastor Morris is a full-time senior Pastor of Life Kingdom Outreach Ministries and is dedicated to teaching the Word of God, and in serving those who are less fortunate within the Newhallville neighborhood.

Pastor Morris is the proud husband and father of five children and 14 grandchildren. His favorite biblical quote is from John 9:4: "As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work." Over the years, he has received many awards recognizing his community commitment and statewide leadership.

## **You Go Ms. Kim!**

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**Kim C. Harris**  
**Harris & Tucker School**

**Maria Ponteau Award**

Kim C. Harris, a product of Newhallville, is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Director/Co-Owner of *The Harris and Tucker School* (est. 1970). She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) and a Television Production Certificate from Los Angeles City College. Most of Greater New Haven would recognize Kim as an outstanding athlete who is an All-State Basketball Player from Hamden High School and an All New England/Final Four Point Guard for SCSU.

Upon graduating from SCSU, Kim moved to Hollywood, CA after teaching in the Bridgeport school system for two years. While in Hollywood, Kim created, SOAM (Students on a Mission); an entertainment production company for aspiring college students. After the events of 9/11, Kim dissolved her production company and headed back home to work on her passion, Kids TV. When Kim's mom (Pat Harris) passed away in 2005, she became co-owner of the Harris and Tucker School and put her passion on hold to help run the family business. On 9/6/16, the Harris and Tucker School became the only Nationally Accredited family owned and operated Preschool in Newhallville.

While taking classes at Gateway Community College, Kim helped to co-create *Preschool College Day*, a program that excites young minds towards learning and going to college. She also helped to build national support for youth serving agencies nationwide with *The Prevention of Underage Drinking* initiative.

In 2014, Mayor Toni Harp appointed Kim to sit on the New Haven Early Childhood Council where she continues to work towards making sure that all children have success.

Kim is an active member in her church, Mount Zion SDA Church, and believes that God does not give you dreams and passions to tease you. He has a plan but we must have faith and walk into the path that He is showing us.

In 2017, Kim became the Chair of the Newhallville Management Team and loves that she gets to work alongside community leaders in her neighborhood that have helped to mentor and inspire her. In 2018, Kim and her Management Team will be leading the charge to bring all of New Haven's Management Teams and the City of New Haven together to launch a summer initiative called, *65 Days of Affordable Summer Adventures*, which is slated for July 1-Labor Day 2018.

Kim is humbled by and considers it a blessed honor to be able to give the gift of serving her community; a place that has nurtured, cared and supported her all of her life.

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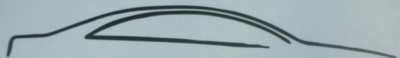
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## **Gramen Wilson**

### **Dr. Charles Twyman Award**

Gramen Wilson, born and raised in New Haven, CT, attended Hillhouse High School from 1978-1982. He later obtained a diploma from Hamden High School Adult Education in 1993 and received a Bachelor's in Business from Trinity College.

Gramen started his career at McDonald's in October of 1981 at the Kimberly Avenue location. He went from Customer Service Coordinator to Crew Chief in 16 weeks and was promoted to the Swing Manager Position within the same year. In 1983, Gramen was promoted to Assistant Manager at the Church Street McDonald's. He finished top rank in his McDonald's corporate classes; receiving several outstanding performance awards. In 1985, Gramen was promoted to General Manager of the Church Street location and soared as a leader in his field.

By 1997, Gramen outgrew the franchise community and accepted a position as a corporate training consultant for the Hartford region, training over 1500 managers throughout New England. In 2002, he was promoted to the position of business consultant where he oversaw 15 Owner Operators and 65 locations. By June 2003, Gramen had reconnected with his franchise roots through Roger Facey and, today, Gramen and Roger operate 18 locations in Unionville, Colchester, Hartford, Windsor, Milford, Bridgeport, Fairfield, Orange and New Haven.

Gramen continues to support and encourage excellence within our urban community by developing ideas to enhance inner city professionalism. He has trained thousands of employees and provides them with developmental opportunity for upward mobility. To his mentees, Gramen shares life lessons learned regarding management, missed opportunities to soar and his belief in the law of reciprocity: "Whatever you give will be given back a million-fold." He maintains that within the inner city, often fraught with obstacles, residents with "tons of endurance" continue to routinely succeed. Hence, Gramen concedes that "the race is not given to the swift or the strong, but to those that endure to the end."

In addition to his business, Gramen is a husband, father and grandfather. He has been in love for 35 years and married 31 years to Teresa. He is the father of three boys and one girl, Gramen, Geneva, Justen and Branden, and has seven grandchildren, Jaylin, Jayda, Queiara, Riley, Lyric, Calee and Lessyn.

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**Howard Boyd**  
**Sergeant-at-Arms, ECFFPC**

**Larry T. Young Award**

New Haven resident, Howard Boyd, is an active member of the Hill and Greater New Haven communities. In 2016, his years of dedication and involvement were noted and rewarded by Mayor Toni Harp when she appointed him to the Mayor's Community Police and Task Force Committee. In 2018, he was appointed again to the Board of the Fair Rent Commission. Howard has worked for decades to keep the legacy and tradition of the Freddy Fixer Parade alive and diligently served on the Executive Board as Vice President of the Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade Committee (ECFFPC) from 2015-2017, and currently serves as ECFFPC Sergeant-at-Arms. In addition, he is a Board member of the Hill North Management Team, is Ward Co-Chair for the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward and is a member of the Democratic Town Committee. Howard is a member of the Greater New Haven NAACP and a member of the Connecticut Black Caucus Platform Committee. He continues to provide countless services and programs to New Haven youth and their families.

Howard is a well-loved fixture with the illustrious Pop Warner New Haven Steelers organization as coach of the Tiny Mites football team (3-5 year olds). The New Haven Steelers Tiny Mites are the 2016 Tiny Mites Super Bowl champs. He provides guidance and support as a role model to their fathers and families. In 2007- 2008, while serving as assistant coach, the Hillhouse High School boys' basketball team won two state championship victories, a proud achievement for the City of New Haven and the State of Connecticut. He is the former basketball, football and baseball coach of Roberto Clemente Junior High School for grades 6-8. To date, Howard divides his time among his numerous endeavors including the Committee for the International Festival of Arts and Ideas as a long-time member and as their Ambassador for the Annual Community Arts Festival (formerly the "Hill Pop Up Festival").

Howard enjoys working in the City of New Haven and considers it his pleasure and duty to help families, guide and mentor young people, job seekers or anyone who needs assistance. He is the eyes and ears of the Hill and his watchful efforts help to equip others to have the vision to move forward and excel. Howard is always seeking information and resources to bring back to his fellow neighbors to help steer them in the right direction. Howard says, "I believe in lifting families up, no matter what their station is in life, whatever culture."

Howard is the son of Ann Boyd, member of the original New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party. His is the proud father of two daughters, Aleyah, 19 and Ashley, 15.

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## **Dexter A. Jones, Sr.** **Public Relations, ECFPC**

### **Dr. Fred Smith Award**

Dexter A. Jones, Sr. was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Son of Ella Deloise Jones and the late Allen A. Jones, Sr., they moved to Connecticut when Dexter was 8 years old where he attended New Haven and Hamden public schools. Entering the United States Marine Corps in 1992, Dexter served this country for 4 years. Later, he worked at Metro North Railroad as a conductor for 8 years, followed by Willie C's Unisex Barbershop for 13 years. During such time, Dexter opened "Dexter's After Dark Barbershop" in Meriden, CT (one of only two Black owned barbershops in the Meriden area at that time). In June of 2014, Dexter and a partner opened and operated another barbershop in Meriden, "First Impressions." The establishment, although lucrative, has since been sold to prospective buyers.

In April of 1997, Dexter opened "Dexter's Unisex Barbershop," 716 Dixwell Ave., New Haven, CT and is embarking on his 21<sup>st</sup> year in business. He gives of his time and services by holding Power - Venting Sessions in this barbershop for the neighborhood youth, giving them a neutral ground to come together and sit to discuss their problems, beefs and issues before they turn to a violent solution to problems; and by providing free haircuts for the homeless men and woman in the Elm City. Dexter also does a food and toy drive for families in need during the holidays.

Dexter is the CEO of Dominique Vasquez Entertainment, the founder of the Hamden High African American Alumni Association, and is very active in giving back to his community. For the past 5 years, he has been the driving force behind "Unity in the Community," which promotes friendship, brotherhood, networking and fellowship between the different neighborhoods, and most significantly, between the youth of New Haven. Dexter has also served as 1<sup>st</sup> President of the Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade Committee for parade seasons 2015-2017. Under his leadership, the parade has been revitalized and the formation of the Elm City Freddy Fixer Gala, honoring outstanding community service, was created. Dexter currently serves on the Executive Board as the Public Relations Officer.

Dexter is very proud to be one of only three- 4x Past Masters in the State of Connecticut. A member of Widows Son Lodge in March of 1995, he rose through the ranks from a Great Orator, a Strong Leader of Men, to 4x Master.

Dexter motto is, "It costs nothing to treat another person the way you want to be treated."

Dexter is the devoted father of Pierre Thomas, Aaron Telesco, Dexter A. Jones, Jr., Diondre Jones, Emanuel Devon Jones, and Bryce Jones.

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Since the age of 4, John has wanted to be a Firefighter. Chief John Alston is a 33-year veteran of Fire and Emergency Services. He holds the title of Fire Chief where he commands the over 350 proud professional women and men of the New Haven Fire Department. He is a published author, blogger and trainer, [#fireofficertrust](#). He is the Executive Director of the Fire Officer Trust – a not for profit company dealing with Emergency Management Training and Consulting.



Chief Alston came to New Haven after spending 31 years in the Jersey City Fire Department. There he worked his way up through the ranks to the number two position. His past assignments were Chief of Staff, Chief of Training, the Chief of Special Operations which gave him command over the HazMat, the C.B.R.N.E. Fire Boats, the Heavy Rescue Company and Squad 4. Just prior to joining New Haven, he visited Durban, South Africa, as part of a training delegation for the 9/11 Fund. He is a welcomed keynote speaker on the lecture circuit and always seeks opportunities to train.

In the Jersey City Fire Department, John commanded the First Battalion which covers the middle third of the City. He was a ten-year veteran of Jersey City's Heavy Rescue Company which responded to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Chief Alston teaches at F.D.I.C., the largest conference for firefighter training in the world, and has taught in Canada, Kenya, South Africa and Mexico. He is the Director of Curriculum & Senior Instructor for the Carl Holmes Executive Development Institute for Executive Fire Officers. He is the technical consultant for the High-Rise Fire Safety Manager Program, taught at New Jersey City University, currently in use by the City of Jersey City.

Chief Alston is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He is a Regional Area Coordinator for the Department of Homeland Security. Chief Alston is a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Past Master in the Prince Hall Masons.

John, however, is most proud to be known as Cheryl's husband of 31 years and the father of 2 fine sons; John, III of Morehouse College and Malcolm Kendall of Liberty University.

John has a very fundamental belief in the true mission of emergency services, "Prepare yourself to meet the needs of people for any emergency; use the best practices and share them. Someone's life depends on it...Maybe even your own."

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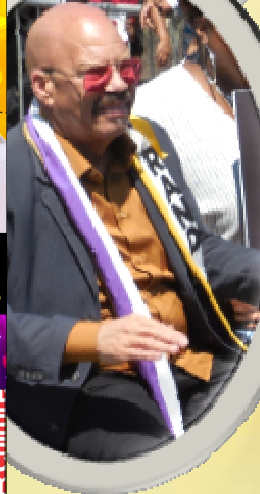

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