

**TOWN OF WILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**BOARD AND COMMISSION
CANDIDATE SUBMISSION BY A POLITICAL PARTY (DEMOCRAT)**

Please fill out the following for each candidate being endorsed for a Board or Commission appointment. This application plus additional materials should be emailed to Jackie Rochester in the First Selectman's office. Please note each candidate must also complete a Candidate Application.

Board or Commission: Wilton Police Commission

Candidate: Terrie L. Schwartz, 63 Liberty Street, Wilton, CT 06897

Number of applicants interviewed for the position: 3 or 4

The Democratic Town Committee endorses Ms. Terrie Schwartz's candidacy for a position on the Wilton Police Commission. Terrie recently chaired the Wilton Security Task Force ("WSTF") and wishes to continue to serve her town.

Few, if any, applicants for volunteer positions in town government come with a more impressive resume totally aligned with the position sought than Terrie Schwartz. An attorney by training, she served as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for twenty-five years. She then moved to the New York State Office of Homeland Security where her many responsibilities included hiring and supervising a staff of intelligence analysts as well as serving as her department's interface with the New York Legislature. She was her office's liaison for information and intelligence sharing with the appropriate entities at the international, federal, state and local levels. To say that Terrie understands law enforcement is a gross understatement!

Terrie worked closely with the Wilton Police Department during her seven years on the WSTF and as a consequence is familiar with its procedures and its approach to its responsibilities. She professes no dissatisfactions therewith, only wishing to help the Department maintain its excellence.

Terrie would, as it happens, be the first woman to serve on the Police Commission. The DTC sees this as an additional positive attribute to her candidacy.

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
CANDIDATE APPLICATION

All candidates who wish to be considered for appointment to a non elected Board or Commission or appointed to a vacancy on an elected Board filled by the BOS must complete this application. Where appropriate, candidates may choose to reference an attached resume, containing the required information.

Board or Commission: Police Commission

Candidate: Terrie Schwartz

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terrie.schwartz@ymail.com

Political Affiliation: Democrat

Addresses for the last 10 years: 63 Liberty St. Wilton, CT 06897

Employment history for the last 10 or more years: Retired (See attached resume)

Post high school degrees and certifications: B.S. Southern Illinois Univ; J.D. Loyola Univ Chicago
Law School

Wilton town or community volunteer positions for the last 10 or more years: member/Chair,
Wilton Security Task Force

Please attach a statement including, at a minimum why you are seeking the appointment and your qualifications for the appointment.

***Please submit this application and, if applicable, your petition to the First Selectman's office.
Once all applications are received, interviews will be scheduled.***

I have lived in Wilton for the past 32 years, moving here initially while a Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent with my Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent husband, Chris Giovino. We both quickly became familiar with and supporter of the Wilton Police Department. Over the past 3 decades we have come to know the Chiefs, several patrol and detective members. Our system of town government within the "Commission" positions allows residents to truly participate; volunteer and not merely stand on the sidelines. I watched as my husband contributed 10 years as a member/Chair on the Parks and Recreation Commission. I was a member/Chair on the Wilton Security Task Force. My unique background in law enforcement, intelligence services and legal background allows me to offer perspective and experience including years in executive management.

Our intent is to continue living here in Wilton along with our son who just purchased his own home in town. It would be my privilege to again work within the framework of Wilton town government as a member of the Police Commission.

Terrie L. Schwartz
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Served as member and Chairperson on the Wilton Security Task Force (WSTF), February 2013 through the committee's dissolution January 2019. (see below re: WSTF).

In 2002, Terrie Schwartz was appointed the Assistant Director of the Intelligence Division at the New York State Office of Homeland Security. She served in that capacity until October 2009 and was responsible for the collection, analysis and dissemination of intelligence and information done in concert with the New York State Strategy for Homeland Security. In this position, Ms. Schwartz was directly responsible for establishment of multiple innovative and efficient mechanisms and practices utilized to research and disseminate critical information on a daily, weekly, monthly and annual basis. Ms. Schwartz regularly briefed members of New York State legislature, executive chamber and heads of state agencies in addition to myriad external agencies and the private sector. Ms. Schwartz hired, managed and supervised a staff of intelligence analysts. Ms Schwartz was the Office liaison for information and intelligence sharing with agencies and law enforcement personnel at the international, Federal, State and local levels. As Assistant Director she represented the Office of Homeland Security at the New York FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Prior to tenure with the Office of Homeland Security, Ms. Schwartz had twenty-five years law enforcement experience as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). During this period her responsibilities included:

- Seven years experience as a Supervisory Special Agent and member of the Management team in New York at the largest FBI field office;
- Extensive management and administrative experience directing programs and sophisticated investigations concerning matters of intelligence community support, terrorism, special operations, strategic intelligence collection and crisis management;

- Budget control and overall management experience of the largest FBI intelligence collection operation unit in the United States;
- Case agent experience concerning Middle Eastern and Western European Terrorism;
- Hostage Negotiator as a member of the National FBI Critical Incident Hostage Negotiating Team;

Held US TOP SECRET Security Clearance during tenure with both FBI and NY State government employment.

Since 1987, Ms. Schwartz has lived in Wilton, Connecticut with her husband Chris Giovino, retired Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Executive Manager, currently Managing Director, AON Corp, Wilton, CT. Their son, Alec Giovino also lives in Wilton and is employed as Risk Manager, EMCOR, Norwalk, CT.

WILTON SECURITY TASK FORCE: FEBRUARY 2013-JANUARY 2019

Member/Chairperson

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY: SEPTEMBER 2002 – OCTOBER 2009

Assistant Director of Intelligence

- Responsible for the collection analysis and dissemination of intelligence information.
- Hired, managed and supervised a staff of intelligence analysts to assist in the timely flow of intelligence information providing a State framework for homeland security information sharing.
- Represented the State on the New York FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION: 1978 – 2002

- Supervisory Special Agent, National Security Division (1995 – 2002):
- Managed Special Project investigations in support of the U.S. Intelligence Community. Managed (clandestine) classified and sophisticated technical intercept investigations concerning hostile and terrorist criteria countries/officials. These investigations yielded valuable and unique intelligence product disseminated throughout the Intelligence Community.
- Established liaison and met regularly with the National Security Agency (NSA), Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and Department of State (DOS). Considerable liaison with International Intelligence Community members to include British and Canadian Security Services.
- Monitored and directed expenditures of a multi-million dollar annual budget.
- Held supervisory responsibility for a team of fifteen Senior Special Agents, support and contract employees, which included establishing work assignments and performance reviews.
- Selected for the FBI Inspection Staff (internal audit/quality control) as part of management career development program.
- Training received concerning policy mandated by Equal Employment Opportunity regulations.

Acting Supervisory Special Agent in Charge, Special Support Branch, Special Operations Division (1996 – 1997):

- Selected as an Acting Supervisory Special Agent in Charge of the Special Support Branch responsible for management of the Operational Intelligence Community Support program (OCIS).
- Managed the Intelligence Community Support Program comprised of three Supervisory Special Agents, 60 Special Agents and 50 support staff.
- Monitored budget and procedural protocol of all branch covert/special operations.
- Established strategic direction for all technical intelligence collection operations in New York City.
- Interacted with U.S. Intelligence Community Agency members at the highest levels of their Directorship.
- Fostered external relations with select foreign intelligence services.
- Oversight of Secured Compartment Information Facility (SCIF) to conform to government regulations.

Supervisory Special Agent, Special Operations/National Security Divisions (1995 – 1996):

- Managed Secured Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) facility and staff.
- Oversight of largest repository of classified documents in the FBI.
- Oversight of electronic security systems, sensors, and video recorders.
- General supervisory responsibility for twenty Senior Special Agents and ten support employees to include clerical, computer specialists and maintenance facility engineers.

Acting Supervisory Special Agent, Operations Center (1989 – 1991):

* As lead manager participated in the development of a strategic command and control information center supported by sophisticated technology, with Special Agent and Professional Support staffing.

- Coordinated security and management of high-profile arrests and execution of dynamic/passive (warrants) entries.
- Performed/developed command and control policy and analysis of classified sensitive, compartmentalized communications received at the FBI

New York Office to include telephonic, teletype and cryptographic messages.

- Supervised Crisis Management response facility during major cases and special events.
- Negotiated and obtained Government contracts with private sector vendors.
- Performed all management responsibilities for a staff of ten Special Agents and 20 Senior Professional Support employees.
- Special Agent, Foreign Counterintelligence Division (1980 – 1987):
- Assigned investigations concerning matters of state sponsored Middle Eastern and Western European Terrorism. Coordinated complex classified investigations of hostile criteria countries and individuals involved in terrorist activities.
- Prepared and submitted for approval Foreign Surveillance Intelligence Act court order applications.
- Developed, established and controlled Cooperating Sources (informants/assets).
- Performed numerous undercover assignments directed at terrorist targets and organized crime.
- Monitored and prepared for Intelligence community dissemination topical reports concerning matters relevant to the Middle East terrorism program.
- Investigated and interviewed victims of “hijacked TWA Flight 847” at Frankfurt, Germany, and passengers of “hijacked Achille Lauro” cruise ship.
- Participated as FBI Legal Instructor.

Special Agent, San Francisco Division, Defense Language Institute (Presidio), Monterey, California (1979 – 1980):

- Concentrated Arabic language/culture training, at the U.S. Army Defense Language Institute.

Special Agent, Cleveland Division (1978 – 1979):

- Investigated Thefts from Interstate Shipment, Organized Crime, Bank Robberies, and Special Surveillance Matters.

Specialized FBI Training:

- Graduate of FBI Academy, Quantico, VA Special Agent training (1978).

- Undercover In-Service training at Quantico, VA (1979).
- Basic Counter-Intelligence School (1980).
- FBI Legal Instructor Training (1981).
- Crisis Hostage Negotiating training (1983).
- Money Laundering In-service training (1984).
- Nuclear Crisis Response training/practical exercise, Lawrence Livermore Labs (1984).
- Advanced Hostage Negotiating Seminars (1983-1996).
- Hostage Negotiator Training, Scotland Yard, London, England (1987).

Specialized Incident Assignments:

- Hostage Negotiator Assignments Los Angeles Olympics, World Cup Games (Indianapolis, Indiana), Atlanta Olympics, and Waco Hostage Incident.
- Participant in International Intelligence Conference, London, England (1997).
- Participant in International Intelligence Conference, Ottawa, Canada (1998).
- Lectured at Canadian Intelligence Service, Ottawa, Canada (1999, 2000).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Member Illinois Bar, May 1977.
- Attorney, Editor, Commerce Clearing House, Law Reports, Chicago, Illinois (1977-1978).

EDUCATION:

- Loyola University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois, Juris Doctor (February 1977).
- Exeter University, Exeter, United Kingdom, International School of Law, in conjunction with William and Mary Law School (1976).
- Southern Illinois University, Bachelor of Science Criminal Justice (1974).

WILTON SECURITY TASK FORCE (WSTF)

Shortly after the tragedy at Sandy Hook, the Wilton Board of Selectmen (BOS) established the Wilton Security Task Force (WSTF) and set forth its charter mission.

The Board of Selectmen gave the Task Force the mission of “recommending measures to keep school children, staff and Town employees safe.” During the ensuing years a cadre of dedicated and skilled professionals, each with a particular acumen, comprised the task force. They donated numerous volunteer hours assessing and making recommendations, all within the context and fabric of the community resulting in a safer and more secure Wilton.

The Board of Selectmen gave the Task Force six specific objectives:

- “Assess the current status of safety and security in Wilton’s schools and public facilities.
- Analyze identified areas in which security gaps and shortfalls exist and recommend remediation.
- Recommend balanced security practices and solutions to further enhance safety and security.
- Assess new technology, systems and products, makes cost/benefit assessments and provide recommendations that support Wilton security enhancement objectives.
- Promote security educational programs and strengthen relationships between school administrators and emergency response personnel to create a safe school and community environment.
- Educate Wilton organizations and the community of best practices.”

For almost six years, the Task Force routinely met to achieve these objectives; in addition, the Town provided the Task Force authority to spend \$500,000 to implement recommendations. Some of the accomplishments of the Task Force included:

- Identified the need for and successfully lobbied for the creation of a second School Resource Officer position.
- Identified the need for and successfully lobbied for the creation of a Safe School Climate Coordinator position, further assisting in the identification and interviews of candidates.
- A member of the Task Force participated in the first meeting of the District Emergency Operations Planning group bringing together the School District, First Responders and the Task Force.
- As Chairperson, Ms. Schwartz served as a non-voting member to the Miller Driscoll building committee, consulting on security measures to be included in the renovation project.
- Identified the need for and funding of projects across the district resulting in greater controlled access to facilities.
- Identified the need for, and funding various physical security hardware and technology upgrades throughout the District.
- As appropriate the Task Force communicated with the Wilton YMCA, Library and non-public schools in the community sharing task force findings and recommendations.

In concert with the Wilton Police Department funded acquisition of UASI radios to further enhance overall communications across the community and the region.

The WSTF meetings were open to the public for comment and input; several articles published in local newspapers informing the community at large of its progress.

January 2019, the Task Force having fulfilled the charge levied was dissolved by Wilton Board of Selectmen.