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Hamden cops to join in race to benefit Habitat for Humanity

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HAMDEN — Fifteen local police officers will be among those running in a benefit for the Sleeping Giant Build Sunday.

They will be part of the “cop challenge,” one of the categories in the West Rock Challenge, according to Sue D’Aniello, race director.

There will be three events: a nine-mile run that starts at 7:30 a.m., a 5K-run that starts at 7:45 a.m. and a two-mile walk that begins at 9:30 a.m. Registration for each event will be done until 15 minutes before each race, at the Main Street entrance of Lake Wintergreen. Parking is at the Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School, 670 Wintergreen Ave.

The Hamden Police Benevolent Association is sponsoring the officers in the race, according to Officer Tim McKeon, PBA president. “We’re doing this to give a little something back to the community. It’s a local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. It gives us a chance not only to do a little good for the community but to be involved with the people who are racing,” McKeon said.

The Sleeping Giant Build is the Hamden-North Haven arm of Habitat for Humanity. The chapter is building a house at 40 Edgecomb St. in Hamden. Proceeds from the race will benefit that project.

D’Aniello said that officers from Windsor and Woodbridge also will run. The winner of the cop challenge will win a plaque, as will the winners of other divisions, said D’Aniello, who is married to McKeon.

Those who participate in the nine-mile run will go up to the summit of West Rock, and those who participate in the 5K will go through parts of West Rock and toward the Mountain Road section of Lake Wintergreen. Walkers will walk around the lake.

For more information, call 248-9082, visit www.sleepinggiantbuild.org, or e-mail Mike Healy at Mike@SleepingGiantBuild.org.

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