

The Connecticut Police Chiefs Law Enforcement Memorial



H. Kenneth Couch
Officer
New Milford
Died: 06/3/1964

On June 3, 1964, at approximately 1300 hours, the New Milford Police Department received a call reporting an overturned boat with a 13-year-old involved, in the swollen waters of the Housatonic River. Officer's Theodore Adams and Kenneth Couch responded to the area in the Housatonic River known as the Bleachery Dam, a section that had whirlpools, currents and dangerous undertows. Upon reaching this area of the river the boat officers Adams and Couch were operating was sucked into the dam area where it was overturned by the dangerous rapids. Officer Adams made it to shore after a struggle. Officer Couch was swept under the water and his body was later recovered, a victim of drowning. The original reported incident of the overturned boat was later proven to be false.

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