

# The Connecticut Police Chiefs Law Enforcement Memorial



**John H. Kane**  
**Sergeant**  
**Norwich**  
**Died: 04/06/1923**

Sgt. John H. Kane was electrocuted on April 6th, 1923 in one of the strangest incidents to occur in the long history of the City of Norwich. He was electrocuted by a 4,000 volt short to a suspension (guide) cable on a Crescent Street electric light pole. Sgt. Kane had been dispatched to the area to investigate the death of Herbert T. Spears, a teenager who had also, unknown to the Sergeant, been electrocuted. The policeman, unfortunately, came in contact with the same charged wire cable that took the boy's life.