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## HALEDON

# Gottheiner promoted to sergeant's rank

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The police department recently promoted one of its own.

"In a small town like Haledon, you have to be a jack-of-all-trades-officer," said Kevin Gottheiner of the Haledon Police Department. "The Haledon Police Department is not like the Passaic County Sheriff's Department or the New Jersey State Police where you can be an expert in one area over another. We have to know everything about narcotics, gangs, weapons and domestic violence."

On Nov. 8, Gottheiner was promoted to sergeant.

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**Kevin Gottheiner  
Haledon Police Department**

Gottheiner grew up in Ringwood and started with the Haledon Police Department in September 1994 as a dispatcher before becoming an police officer.

"After 13 years, it is a great feeling to be promoted to sergeant," he said. "It really is a feeling of accomplishment."

In his time on the force, Gottheiner has attended classes on narcotics training, has been a firearms instructor and has worked with children as a D.A.R.E. officer.

"I have to tried to learn everything I can about the job because I enjoy every aspect of this job," said Gottheiner.

He said it is important for officers to constantly stay up to date.

"The law changes, not just every year, but every month," he said.

Gottheiner said the rewards of his job are amazing.

"Whenever you can help someone and give them the help they

need, you can walk away and feel good," he said.

He remembered six years ago when he helped to revive a man whose heart had stopped beating.

"It was a good feeling," Gottheiner said.

Helping people has been his driving force as an officer.

"I try to be as fair with everyone as I can," he said. "I have had people that I have given tickets to or arrested walk away shaking my hand because I treated them fairly. That attitude I wish to bring to the job."

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