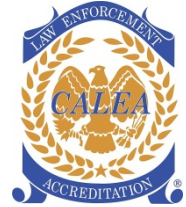# Simsbury Police Department

"In Partnership With Our Community"

Colonel Joseph P. Bellino Award

Colonel Joseph Paul Bellino was born on March 19, 1944 in Boston, Massachusetts. After he graduated Boston University and Worcester Polytech Institute with a mechanical engineering degree, he served his country as a captain in the United States Air Force in the Vietnam War and retired decades later as a Colonel in the Air Force Reserves. He dedicated 20 years of volunteer service to the Simsbury community as an emergency medical technician through the Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association. He led the Simsbury Flying Club and Simsbury Airport to one of the most successful community entertainment events enjoyed by thousands each year, the Simsbury Fly-In. A father of two and grandfather of four, Colonel Bellino was a man who valued family, community, education and hard work. He dedicated his life to enhancing the quality of life of those around him through his tireless efforts to serve his country and make his community a better place.

Each year the Simsbury Police Department recognizes a Simsbury High School junior who has demonstrated exemplary attributes throughout the school year in areas of respect, honor and responsibility, in remembrance of Colonel Bellino. The recipient has worked toward enhancing the quality of life within the classroom, the school and the community through consistent, positive interactions with peers and adults, humanitarian or problem-solving efforts, or by simply representing the mission of the Simsbury Police Department and the Simsbury High School.

The award is presented to the recipient(s) at the annual Simsbury High School student awards ceremony.