

New Bedford Fire Department's Anthony Poente recognized for service to community

"Congratulations to New Bedford Way Award Winner Anthony Poente, Fire Department!

It's hard to find someone who hasn't seen Poente around New Bedford the past couple of years. He's heavily involved in neighborhood and civic groups and is always conducting fire safety trainings, senior cooking safety programs, car seat installation events, and first aid classes. He leads the FD's SAFE (Student Awareness Fire Education) program at City schools along with his regular duties as a firefighter and life safety educator. Outside of the job, he's spent countless hours over the years coaching youth sports, including baseball and high school football. His supervisors praise his "high level of enthusiasm and pride in his work." Congrats Anthony!

The New Bedford Way Awards shine a spotlight on City workers who go above and beyond for their City and its residents. They're the smiling face you see at City Hall; the person behind the scenes who makes everything run smoothly, the person out in the heat fixing the road or landscaping one of our many parks; or the police officer, firefighter or other emergency worker who is dedicated to keeping New Bedford an amazing place to live, work, and raise a family. The 2024 New Bedford Way Award winners, nominated by their supervisors, were recognized at a recent ceremony at Buttonwood Park and shared on social media over the last week. Our last recipient will be highlighted tomorrow."-City of New Bedford.