



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Town Hall Auditorium

4/13/2026 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting

Acceptance of minutes: April 8, 2026 Special Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Thank You letter from a resident
- b. Letter of Appreciation from a school bus driver
- c. Letter of Gratitude from a resident
- d. Commendation letter from the State's Attorney's Office
- e. Thank You letter from the Neil Hoelck Tournament Coordinator
- f. Thank You letter from the Groton Town Police Department
- g. Thank You note from the Friendship School

Traffic Commission Review:

- a. Discussion of the Traffic Impact & Safety Assessment Report for the intersection of Daniels Avenue & Spithead Road

Chief's Report:

- a. K9 Reports for March
- b. Youth Report for March
- c. Investigative Services Report for March

- d. Training Report for March
- e. Support Services Report for March
- f. Patrol Report for March
- g. Animal Control Report for March
- h. Community Engagement Report for March

Old Business:

- a. Police Commissioner Association information discussion

New Business:



MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
March 9, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner M. Gelinas, Commissioner C. Gamble, Commissioner J. Dimmock

ABSENT: Commissioner R. Brule, Commissioner T. Sheridan

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, LT D. Ferland, LT N. VanOverloop,
LT P. Flanagan, Admin. Sgt. M. Fedor, Traffic Officer M. Devine,
Training Officer M. Bellos

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Commissioner Gelinas called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium. A Quorum was established.

PUBLIC INPUT: Helen Kwasniewski requested additional patrols in Quaker Hill due to increased ATV, E-Bike and motorcycle activity in the area due to the recent improvement in the weather. She also requested action be taken on late-night loud music expected in the upcoming months from a local college.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to accept the February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to accept the March 4, 2026 Special Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic Report was received.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- a. K9 Reports for February
February report was received.
- b. Youth Reports for February
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- c. Investigative Services for February
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OLD BUSINESS:

Police Commissioner Association - LT Ferland provided information on the Police Commissioners Association meeting schedule and locations for the Commissioners' consideration regarding potential membership. After discussion, Commissioner Gelinas agreed to inquire about attending a Zoom meeting before making a decision on membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Flock Discussion –LT Ferland shared information regarding how the WPD handles information received from Flock cameras. He outlined the internal measures the department has implemented to ensure compliance with existing policies and to prevent potential misuse of information. LT Ferland also discussed language that will need to be incorporated into future contracts with Flock.
- b. Executive Session

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to enter into Executive Session including LT Ferland at 5:23 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. No votes or actions were taken while in Executive Session.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and Seconded by Commissioner Gamble to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

April 8, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner M. Gelinas, Commissioner R. Brule, Commissioner J. Dimmock, Commissioner T. Sheridan, Commissioner C. Gamble

DEPARTMENT: Chief D. Ferland, LT N. VanOverloop, LT. P. Flanagan, Sgt. Mike Fedor, Sgt A. Farrior, Sgt. R. Avdevich, Sgt. P. Epps, Off. Z. Bushwack, Off. P. Barrows, Off. M. Devine

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Chairman Gelinas called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the BOE Conference Room. A Quorum was established.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Sheridan to enter into Executive Session for Lieutenant and Sergeant interviews at 5:01 p.m. Chief Ferland was included in the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:59 p.m.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Sheridan and Seconded by Commissioner Gamble to promote Sergeant Farrior to the rank of Lieutenant effective April 12, 2026 and to continue the remaining officers on an active promotion list for one year from today's date. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Dimmock and Seconded by Commissioner Gamble to promote Officer Bushwack to the rank of Sergeant effective April 12, 2026 and to continue the remaining officers on an active promotion list for one year from today's date. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Sheridan and Seconded by Commissioner Gamble to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane E Driscoll". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' at the beginning.

Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary

3-3-2026

Dear Sgt Zito + officers Taylor + Brandon,

My family + I would like to express our deepest thanks for your kindness and compassion during the January blizzard.

I was desperate to be with my husband Robert B. Stanton who was in the ICU at I & M. I had no one to take me to him because of the storm.

When I called the department Sgt. Zito went above + beyond to help me. The officers Brandon and Taylor got me to I & M and even brought me home.

My husband passed away on Jan 28th.

May God always bless you and your loved ones and keep you safe from all harm.

Sincerely,

Christine M. Stanton
& family

Thank you for reaching out and letting me know about your experience. I'm glad that our members were there to take the appropriate action with drivers making such dangerous decisions.

I will be sure to pass this along.

Thanks again,

Marc Balestracci
Chief of Police
Waterford Police Department

OFFICER REED

+

OFFICER GENUNG

On Mar 3, 2026, at 11:31 AM, Liz Jones <JonesL_85@outlook.com> wrote:

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Dear Chief Balestracci,

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding work of your officers in our community.

I am a bus driver with First Student, currently driving Van 5 here in the Town of Waterford. Recently, while I was stopped at 908 Hartford Turnpike to pick up students, I experienced a very serious safety concern. Two vehicles proceeded to run my red SOS lights while my stop sign arm was fully deployed.

Fortunately, an officer positioned directly behind me (license plate 7 WTF) witnessed the violation. The officer immediately activated emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop on one of the vehicles, a white SUV. Moments later, a black unmarked Chevy Tahoe also activated its lights and stopped the second vehicle, a small black SUV/hatchback that had likewise run my red lights.

As someone responsible for transporting children each day, I cannot overstate how grateful I am for the swift response and visible presence of your officers. Their immediate action sent a strong message about the seriousness of school bus safety and, most importantly, helped protect the students in my care.

Please extend my heartfelt thanks to the officers involved. Knowing they are present and attentive in moments like these brings tremendous peace of mind to those of us entrusted with the safety of Waterford's children.

With appreciation and respect,

Liz Glidden Jones

THE JACQUES

March 2026

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all officers, EMT personnel, and others who responded to the needs of our cousin, JoAnn Schweid, for many years.

We are particularly grateful to Sgt Firman and Officers Chapman and Rogers for the care and concern they demonstrated to us on February 28 during a time of stress and sorrow.

Your patience, sincerity, and professional support will always be remembered.

With gratitude,

**Allan and Kathleen Jacques
Waterford**



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March 18, 2026

Chief Marc Ballestracci
Waterford Police Department
41 Avery Lane
Waterford, CT 06385

RE: **State of Connecticut v. Victor Hall**

Dear Chief Ballestracci:

On behalf of the Office of the State's Attorney for the New London Judicial District, I would like to formally acknowledge and commend Sergeant Patrick Epps's exemplary service and professionalism in connection with your testimony and actions during the recent prosecution of an armed carjacking case.

Sergeant Epps's vigilance and swift response spotting the stolen vehicle were instrumental in the successful apprehension of the defendant. The decision to engage in a high-speed pursuit, followed by a determined foot chase, alongside K-9 partner, Neo, demonstrated exceptional courage, discipline, and commitment to public safety. His testimony in court was clear, credible, and impactful, significantly contributing to the strength of the State's case. The dedication Sergeant Epps displayed throughout this incident reflects the highest standards of law enforcement and is deeply appreciated by this office and the community we serve.

Please extend our gratitude to K-9 Neo as well, whose role in the apprehension was equally commendable.

Thank you again for your outstanding service.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen M. Carney", is written over a blue circular stamp.

Stephen M. Carney
Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney

SMC/m

Waterford Welcomes

You to the

Neil Hoelck

Basketball Tournament

Since 1978



March 26, 2026

Dear Waterford Police Department,

Thank you so much for your support of the 46th Annual Neil Hoelck Basketball Tournament. The longevity of this tournament is an amazing feat in itself. We were able to accommodate 48 different teams this year from multiple towns across the region. This success comes from a lot of volunteers and we wanted to thank you personally for your part of it. Your presence and availability gave us reassurance that our event could proceed and be successful. Proceeds from the tournament are given out as scholarships for Waterford High School seniors.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Anna Bakken

Neil Hoelck Tournament Coordinator

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From: DeAngelo, Tyler TDeAngelo@groton-ct.gov
Subject: 2025 Fall Basic K9 Course Assistance
Date: Jan 2, 2026 at 17:20:00
To: pepps@waterfordct.org

Sergeant Epps,

Thank you for allowing Officer Genung to assist Groton Town Police Officer Shawn Lisee with the recent basic K9 handler course that graduated on December 26, 2025.

Officer Genung assisted with instruction of five K9 teams who successfully completed an intensive 10+ week Dual Purpose Patrol and Narcotics Detection Course. The course provided comprehensive training in patrol functions, including obedience, agility, tracking, building / area searches, suspect apprehension, and handler protection, along with advanced narcotics detection techniques. Instruction emphasized scent theory, odor imprinting, odor recognition, problem-solving, and real-world operational deployment.

Throughout the course, I observed Officer Genung demonstrate a high level of proficiency, leadership, and instructional effectiveness. All five K9 teams successfully completed the course and met established performance standards.

As a result of this training, the newly certified K9 teams will provide significant operational benefits to their respective agencies. Their enhanced patrol capabilities will improve officer safety and operational effectiveness, while their advanced narcotics detection skills strengthen drug interdiction efforts and support proactive crime reduction initiatives.

Officer Genung should be commended for his dedication to training and for his effective instructional methodologies, which ensured each K9 team was properly prepared and fit for operational duty.

Respectfully,

Tyler DeAngelo #141
Patrol Sergeant / K-9 Handler
Groton Town Police Department
(860) 441-6712

Waterford Police Dept,

Thank you for hosting the TFS
Kindergarten students this week!
It was amazing to sit in a
police car and tour the station.
We were thrilled to meet our
real-life heroes! Thank you for
everything you do to make our
community safe!

♡- Sunny + TFS Kindergarten

P.S. - We LOVE Hodges!



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Traffic Officer Report

March 2026



LINE OF SIGHT ISSUES:

- No new line of sight issues have been reported

DOT RELATED ISSUES.

- DOT was responsive to issues with downed signs in the area, fixing stop signs along Great Neck Road at Braman Road, The Strand, West Neck Road and Lloyd Road, which had been knocked over due to snow plowing. All were repaired/replaced.

ENFORCEMENT RELATED COMPLAINTS:

- Traffic unit spent time at Waterford High School monitoring afternoon traffic, which was reported to be moving fast through the parking lot. No issues were observed.
- Officer Genung and Officer Reed conducted self initiated enforcement for Unlawful Passing of a Stopped School Bus violations on Route 85 in the beginning of March. One bus driver contacted the police department to express her appreciation.

REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

- No new requests

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- No upcoming events

UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH CLOSURE:

- No large new projects taking place in the near future have been brought to my attention.

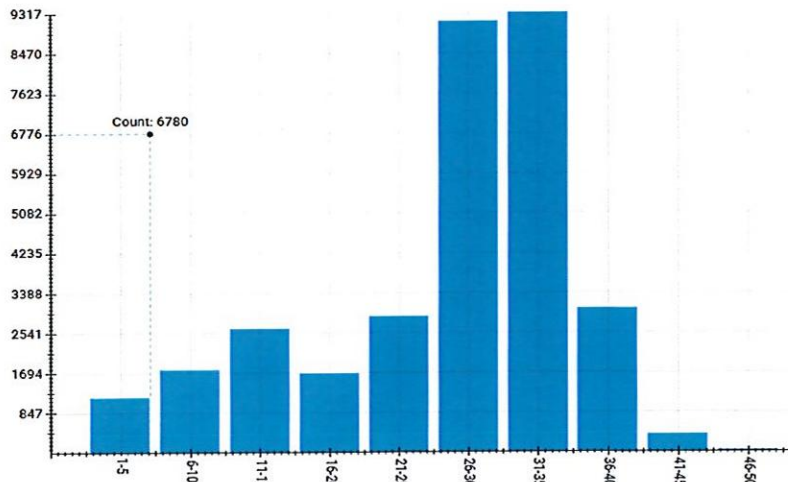
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: 279 Total Traffic Stops

Officer	Devine #88	Reed #93	Genung #74	TOTAL
Infractions	8	63	21	92
warnings	33	75	79	187
misdemeanor	0	3	3	6

SPEED TRAFFIC SIGN DEPLOYMENT:

Three solar powered speed signs are currently deployed around town at the below listed locations:

1. Great Neck Road (Route 213) southbound at Great Neck School. (25 mph zone)



Speed (mph)	Count
1-5	1169
6-10	1753
11-15	2627
16-20	1673
21-25	2874
26-30	9141
31-35	9317
36-40	3040
41-45	373
46-50	29
51-55	3



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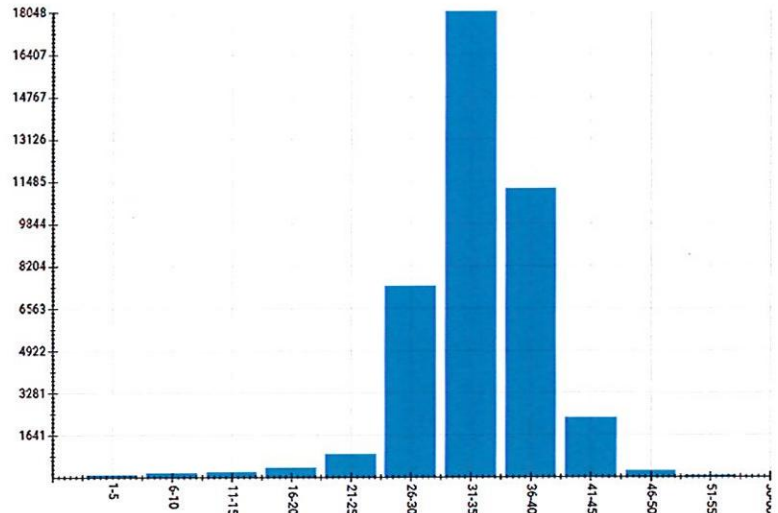
Traffic Officer Report

March 2026

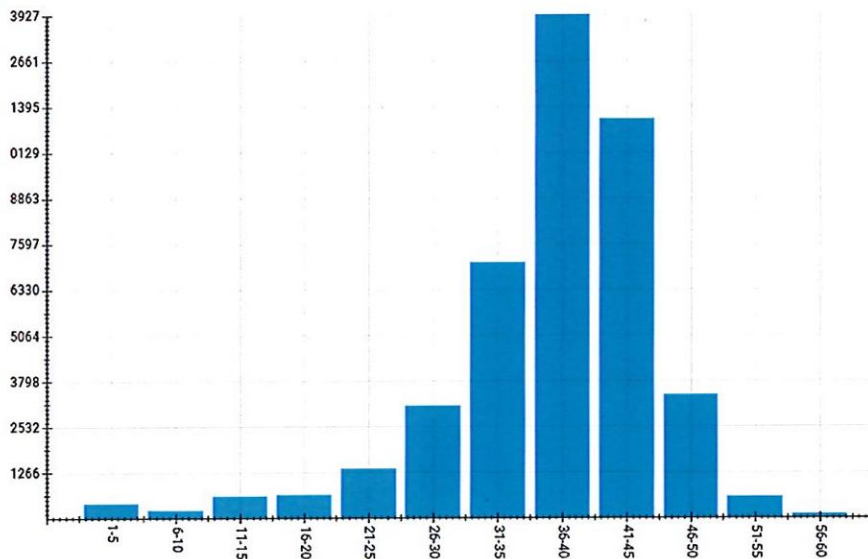


2. Clark Lane southbound near Clark Lane Middle School (30 mph zone)

Speed (mph)	Count
1-5	87
6-10	170
11-15	216
16-20	358
21-25	881
26-30	7416
31-35	18048
36-40	11203
41-45	2294
46-50	220
51-55	27
56-60	7



3. Vauxhall St. southbound south of Hickory



Lane.
(35
mph
zone)

Speed (mph)	Count
1-5	404
6-10	201
11-15	592
16-20	619
21-25	1371
26-30	3092
31-35	7072
36-40	13927
41-45	11034
46-50	3402
51-55	575
56-60	103
61-65	6
66-70	1
71-75	1



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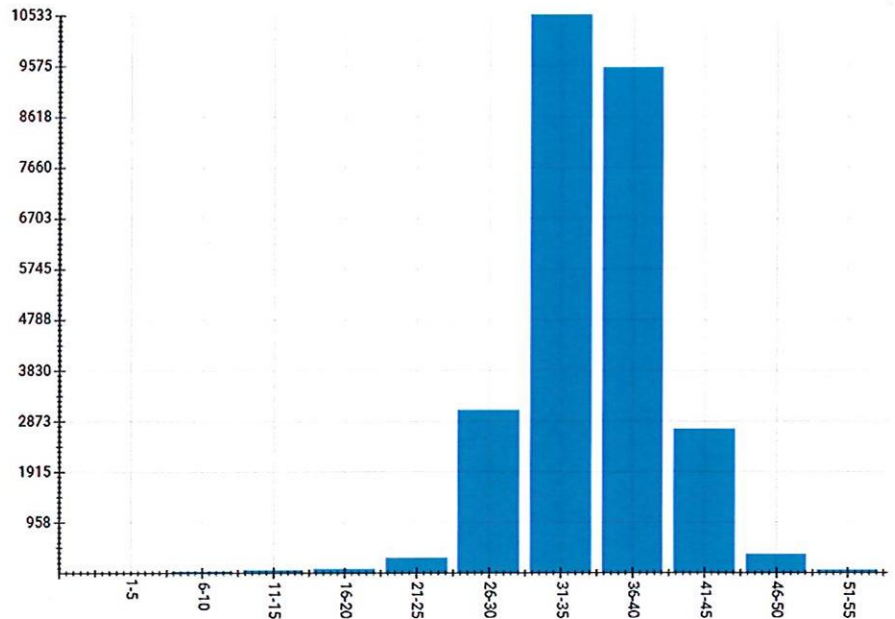
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4. Old Norwich Road, southbound prior to Totoket Rd.

(30 mph Zone)

Speed (mph)	Count
1-5	11
6-10	31
11-15	37
16-20	68
21-25	280
26-30	3067
31-35	10533
36-40	9530
41-45	2717
46-50	354
51-55	40
56-60	4
61-65	0
66-70	0
71-75	1



Traffic Impact & Safety Assessment Report

Intersection of Daniels Avenue & Spithead Road

Purpose

This report evaluates existing and anticipated traffic conditions at the intersection of Daniels Avenue and Spithead Road, with a focus on:

- Sight distance limitations
- Operational safety concerns
- Projected impacts from the opening of Friendship School (Fall 2027)
- Recommended mitigation measures

Existing Conditions Traffic Volumes (Observed: April 2–6)

Roadway Configuration

- Daniels Ave: Stop-controlled approach
- Spithead Road: Free-flow (no stop control)
- Intersection type: Three-way (T-intersection)

Daniels Ave (Exiting Traffic, five day high)

- 9:00 AM Peak: 66 vehicles/hour
- 4:00 PM Peak: 82 vehicles/hour

Spithead Road (five day high)

Northbound:

- 9:00 AM: 83 vehicles/hour
- 4:00 PM: 245 vehicles/hour

Southbound:

- 9:00 AM: 141 vehicles/hour
- 4:00 PM: 171 vehicles/hour

Speed Data

Southbound (downhill 30mph zone)

- Avg (9 AM): 33 mph
- Max: 58 mph
- Avg (4 PM): 33 mph
- Max: 55 mph

Northbound: (25 mph zone)

- Avg (9 AM): 31 mph
- Max: 44 mph
- Avg (4 PM): 30 mph
- Max: 45 mph

Key Observation: Actual operating speeds exceed posted limits, especially southbound.

Sight Distance Evaluation

Observed Sight Distance

- From stop bar on Daniels Ave: Below acceptable standards
- Pulling forward onto crosswalk: ~300 feet visibility

Required Sight Distance

Based on American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials:

- Stopping Sight Distance (SSD) for 30 mph:
 - ~200–250 ft (level)
 - ~250–300+ ft (downgrade)

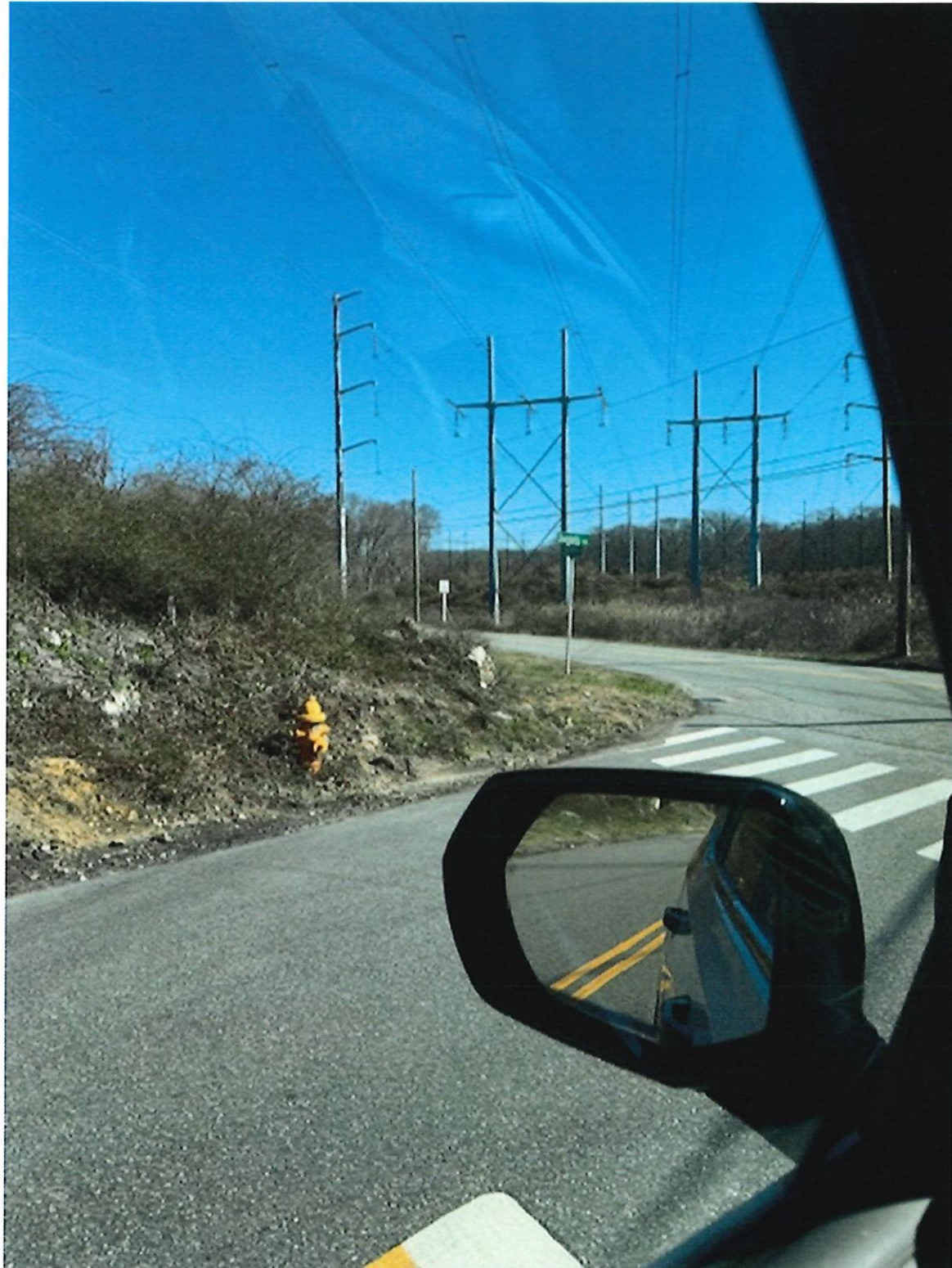


Photo taken from stop line



Photo taken from center of crosswalk



Photo taken from stop line



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K-9 Activity Report

March 2026

K-9 Ozzy

Monthly Uses: 2

2026 Uses: 3

K-9 Tico

Monthly Uses: 3

2026 Uses: 7



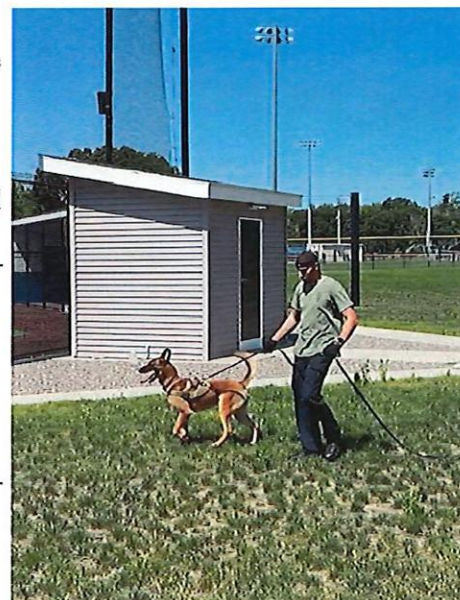
K-9 Usage

Ozzy

- ♦ On March 20, 2026, Officer Genung conducted a motor vehicle stop and the operator admitted to being a narcotics user. During the motor vehicle stop, K9 Ozzy was deployed for an exterior open air sniff of the vehicle and did not show any alert behavior.
- ♦ On March 31, 2026, Officer Genung conducted a motor vehicle stop and the operator had multiple active arrest warrants and the operator admitted he was a narcotics user. K9 Ozzy was deployed for an exterior open air sniff of the vehicle and K9 Ozzy showed clear alert behavior for the presence of narcotics. A hand search of the vehicle was conducted and "crack" cocaine and narcotic paraphernalia was located. Operator was arrested on the narcotics charges as well.

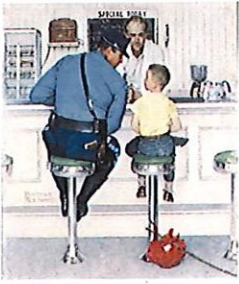
Tico

- ♦ On March 8, 2026, Officer Surdo responded to assist on a motor vehicle stop. The occupants continued to move around and reach inside the vehicle. The occupants were removed from the vehicle and K9 Tico was deployed for an open air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle where he showed alert behavior. Narcotic paraphernalia was located inside the vehicle.
- ♦ On March 25, 2026, Officer Surdo responded to the report of a person slumped over the wheel. Through investigation the operator was taken into custody for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. K9 Tico was deployed for an open air sniff of the vehicle and showed alert behavior. Open Suboxone packages were located inside the vehicle.



Monthly Training

- ♦ Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 3/10/26 and 3/24/25 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work.



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Youth Office Activity Report



March 2026

- ♦ On March 5, 2026 SRO Malbaurn presented the "Safety and Security Presentation" to WHS faculty during their professional development block.
- ♦ On March 5, 2026 SRO Winters and SRO Lane presented the "Safety and Security Presentation" to Quaker Hill staff during their professional development block.
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn participated in a career question and answer presentation at WHS with Off. Fredericks and K9 Hodges.
- ♦ SRO Lane and SRO Malbaurn attended a SRO / Youth Officer refresher training at Groton City PD hosted by the Juvenile Matters State's Attorney's office. The training focused on juvenile arrests processes, warnings/waivers, juvenile orders to detain, juvenile infractions, and firearms related juvenile cases.
- ♦ SRO Winters and SRO Lane hosted a "Go Bag" training at Oswegatchie school for all district paraprofessionals which focused on proper use of a tourniquet.
- ♦ SRO Lane attended a CLMS administrative team meeting after a student was arrested for a domestic incident in town.
- ♦ SRO Lane investigated a reported bullying incident which occurred at the Waterford Country School.
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn co-taught several health classes w/ Mrs. Baumgartner.



Month at a Glance

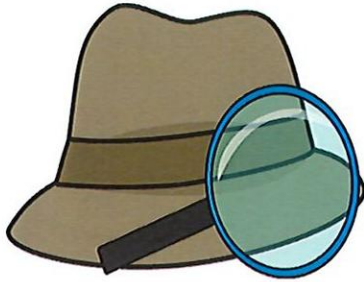
Home Visits: 1

CAD Report: 2

Case Reports:

Arrests: 0 / JRB Referrals: 4 (from Patrol)

SROs Lane, Malbaurn and Winters continue to meet and talk with students on a daily basis for school, personal, and social related topics in an effort to develop lasting relationships b/w the department and the youth in our community.



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Investigative Services Division



March 2026

In the month of March 2026 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 24 investigations.

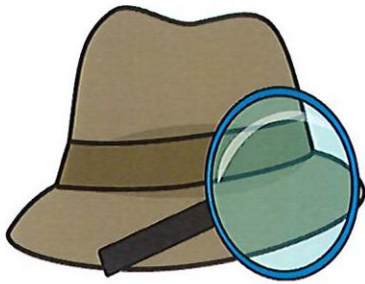
Current Active Investigations (29 Cases):

(These numbers do not include assist's to the Patrol Division)

Homicide-1	Pistol Permits-8
Burglary-5	Skimmer—1
Robbery-1	Fraud—3
Sex Assault—1	Larceny —3
Untimely—2	Narcotics—1
Child Abuse/Neglect —1	Juvenile Sex Assault—2

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Search Warrants	Background Checks	Arrests	Sex Assaults
14	13	0	6	6
Phone Extract	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery
7	0	2	2	1



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Investigative Services Division



March 2026

March 2026 Updates:

Investigative Services along with the Patrol Division participated in a spring warrant sweep. This was the first of four planned warrant sweeps in 2026. The goal is to limit the amount of active unserved arrest warrants currently held by the Waterford Police Department as well as to have Investigative Services along with Patrol work in conjunction with one another. The first warrant sweep resulted in three (3) arrests.

Detective Carroll was assigned to a three (3) day training with the FARO system. This is a 360 scanning machine. The FARO machine will assist both the Accident Investigation Team as well as Investigative Services with getting accurate 3D imaging of both serious motor vehicle accident and crime scenes.

Detective O'Connell, Detective Bonkowski and Investigator Bushwack attended a one (1) day training hosted by the State's Attorney's Office on the topic of cellular telephones and the laws of search and seizure surrounding them.

March 2026 Investigations:

A months long investigation lead by Detective Bonkowski into a child abuse investigation involving the foster parents of a young child has lead to the arrest of a female guardian. The female was charged with numerous counts of Risk of Injury to a Minor, Assault in the 2nd, Degree and Reckless Endangerment. The case continues to remain open as more adults responsible for the child's care are investigated.

Detective O'Connell's investigation into a robbery at the Price Cutter on RTE 32 in which a firearm was displayed has resulted in the arrest of one male suspect. The suspect was involved in numerous robberies in the surrounding area.

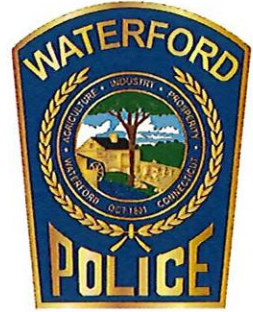
A male suspect was arrested on a 2023 arrest warrant held by this agency. The male was involved with a South American Translantic National group that steals credit cards from employees. In our investigation the victims were employees of Kays Jewelers. The arrest was part of Detective O'Connell's investigation.

Investigator Bushwack was assigned a juvenile sexual assault investigation involving two juveniles. This case is ongoing.

Investigative Services assisted the Patrol Division with numerous cases in march. These cases consisted of a fraud investigation from Charter Oak Bank, a cellular telephone extraction, and a search warrant for the social media platform TikTok.

Detective Carroll testified in a Risk Protection Order hearing. The individual attempting to get his pistol permit reissued to him was eventually denied by the court after Detective Carroll's testimony regarding suitability.

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TRAINING REPORT

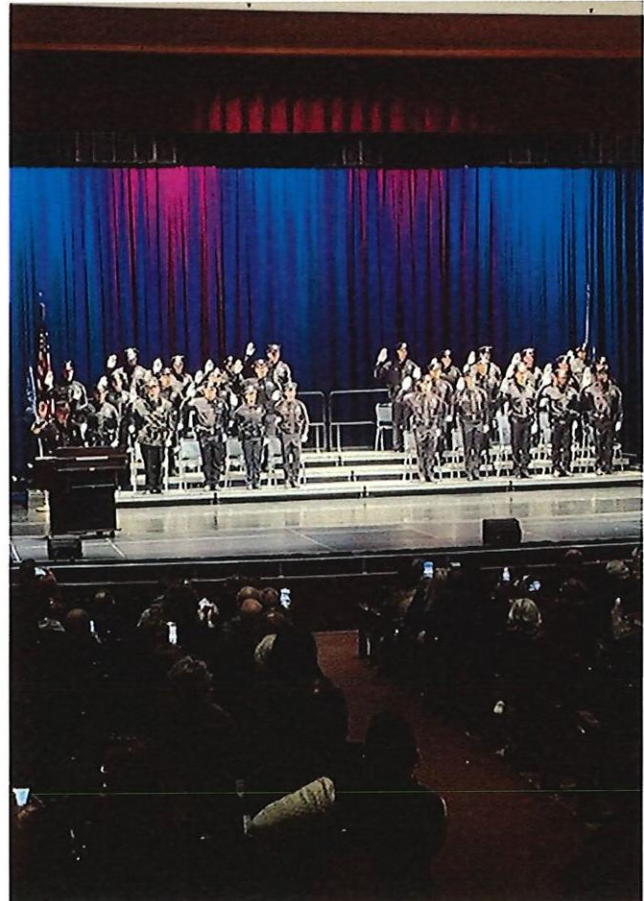
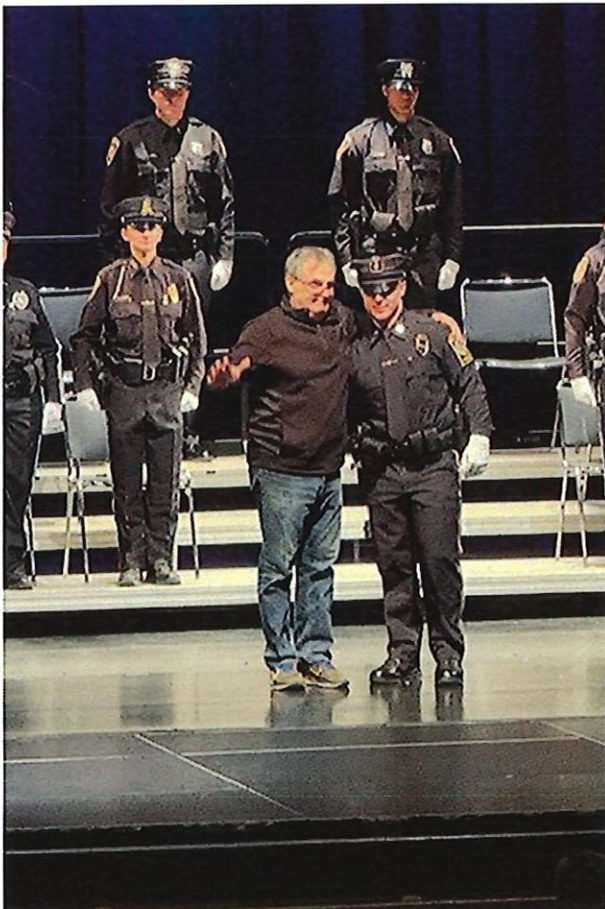
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New Officer Updates

Hiring Process: The Waterford Police Department continues it's efforts in recruiting and hiring. Training is holding an active hiring process to fill one current vacancy and an additional vacancy in the near future.

Recruit Status: Recruit Ramos is continuing her Field Training and is currently in Phase 2 doing 50% of the work.

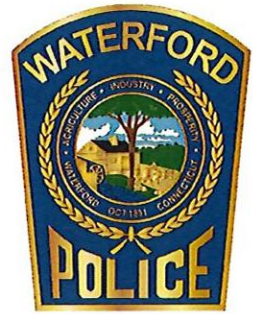
Recruit Morgan graduated from the Connecticut Police Academy located in Meriden, CT. Recruit Morgan has started his Field Training and is currently in Phase 1 doing 25% of the work.





TRAINING REPORT

MARCH 2026



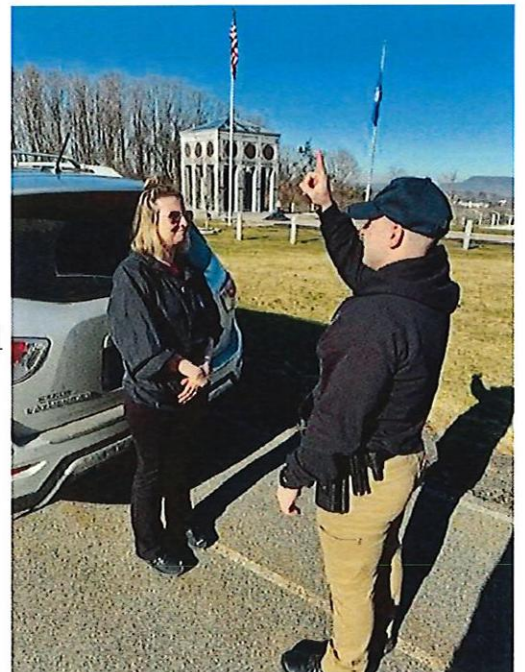
Officer Sabilia attended a two-day Social Media + Open Source Investigations training. This course covered various topics like legal issues and case law related to these kinds of investigations, open source databases and searches, navigating and using social media, writing and the execution of legal processes to social media companies, as well as digital evidence collection to name a few.

Officer Donovan, Officer Colkos, and officer McComic attended a two-day Basic Interview + Interrogation training. This training focused on various interview and interrogation techniques. Some of these techniques included non verbal and behavioral analysis, verbal indicators that denote truth or deception, and how to establish rapport to name a few.

Sergeant Epps and Sergeant Nickerson attended the FBI Regional Command College that was held at Foxwoods Resort & Casino. This training has various breakout sessions and trainings tailored to supervisors. Some of the trainings are related to leadership, officer involved critical incidents, crisis communication and decision making, and resiliency to overcome adversity.

Investigator Bushwack and Officer Chapman attended a week long recertification training. This training is hosted by the Law Enforcement Council. It covers all the mandatory topics that officers need in order to maintain their certification as well as other elective courses.

Officer Surdo, Officer Barrows, and Sergeant Epps attended various practical skills days at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden to assist in finishing up Officer Morgan's academy training.





Support Services Report

March 2026



Records Activity

FOI Requests	88	-23%
Warrants	20	-41%
Phone Calls	127	-10%
Walk in Assists	108	-4%
Background Checks	5	-50%
Protective Orders	36	-33%
Officer Tasking Requests	76	-8%
Case Erasures	443	-11%
DCF Requests	7	-13%
Court Requests	4	0%
Abstracts	362	30%
Video Requests	26	73%
Reports Accepted	199	13%
CISS Arrest Packets	59	59%

- * CSO's worked 66 shifts covering 528hrs of shifts.
- * Valerie Clark instructed staff at Willimantic PD how to do case erasures

CSO Activity

Adult Arrests	26
Juvenile Arrests	0
Firearms Transfers	37
Pistol Permits Issued	18
Walk In Complaints	42

Fingerprints

Pistol Permits	18
Employment	13
Miscellaneous	1
Peddler/Precious Permits	5
Warrant Follow Ups	233



Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report

March 2026



Counterfeit Money, Cash Seized from Suspect

On March 6, 2026 at approximately 1130 hours a tip was received from a local business that a female had attempted to pass a counterfeit bill but was denied service. Sgt. Epps later located the suspect and her vehicle at the All-Town Fresh gas station. A subsequent investigation led to a search of the vehicle. Located was \$3,582 in cash, \$3,100 in counterfeit currency, and numerous items that were fraudulently purchased.

Seen at right are numerous seized items, cash, and counterfeit currency. The suspect faced numerous larceny and forgery charges.



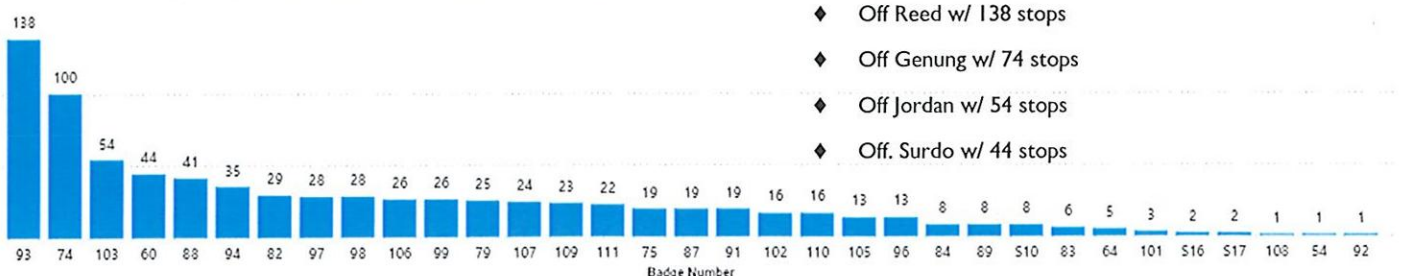
Suspicious Vehicle: Leads to Extraditable Warrant

On March 23, 2026 Off. Krajewski, Off. Surdo, and Sgt. Firmin responded to a business in town for a woman sleeping at the wheel with two young children in the back seat. Upon arrival it was discovered that the vehicle operator had an extraditable warrant held by the Virginia Beach Police Department. After coordinating with the State's Attorneys office the female was charged with G.G.S. 54-170 (Fugitive from Justice) and extradited to Virginia.

Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	3435
Case Numbers	145
Arrests	76
Juvenile Arrests	5
Larcenies	29
Arrest Warrants	6
Domestic Violence Investigations	12
Traffic Crash	37
DUI Investigations	12
EDPI/Welfare Check	48
School Checks	43
Motor Vehicle	804
Written Warnings	458
Infractions	172
Verbal Warnings	151
Misdemeanor	19
Other	4

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER



**Walmart Larceny: Leads to Large Seizure**

March 12, 2026 evening shift responded to the area of Wal-Mart for a vehicle which had fled after three occupants committed a larceny. Through investigative efforts over 175 stolen items were seized (a small portion of these items are seen at right) from the vehicle and logged as evidence at the Waterford PD. Three of the vehicles occupants were arrested and charged with Larceny Fourth Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny Fourth Degree.

**DV DUI: Leads to Additional Larceny Charge**

On March 7, 2026 at 0047 hours Off. Sabilia was conducting traffic enforcement on RTE 32 and initiated a traffic stop for a vehicle failing to maintain lane. After Off. Sabilia noted signs of impairment the operator was subjected to a series of standardized field sobriety tests. The operator, who failed to perform the tests to standard, was taken into custody for DUI, Operating with a Suspended Drivers License, and Failure to Drive in the Proper Lane. The vehicle was towed by a local tow company to their lot. The arrested party, upon his release from police custody, then responded to the tow lot and took his vehicle without paying his tow bill. He was subsequently arrested for Larceny in the Sixth Degree.

Text Messages: Lead to Threatening First Degree Charge

On March 7, 2026 Off. Mack responded to a business in town for a report from an employee that her ex-boyfriend had threatened to kill her. Screenshots of the threatening text messages were obtained. The suspect was then located in New London with the assistance of the New London Police Department. He was charged with Threatening in the First Degree. A lethality assessment was performed and the victim was provided with Domestic Violence services.



In the Community Interest





Monthly Report March 2026

	WATERFORD	EAST LYME
CALLS FOR SERVICE	61	19
AFTER HOURS CALL OUTS	2	0
TICKETS ISSUED	0	1
WARNINGS ISSUED	0	0
DOG BITES	1	3
ANIMALS REDEEMED	7	1
ANIMALS ADOPTED	3	0
ANIMALS DOA	0	0
EUTHANIZED	0	0
ANIMALS PROCESSED TOTAL	10	1
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	\$ 610.00	\$ 675.00
DONATIONS TAKEN IN	\$ 505.00	\$ 660.00

- 1) Springtime, all the wildlife is waking up and looking for girlfriends and something to eat, sadly we had an outbreak of distemper in the area. We handled 10 sick raccoons in March. Sadly there is not treatment, the only option is euthanasia to remove them from the ecosystem to prevent further spread.



- 2) A newfoundland went missing from an out of state visitor, after 4 days of searching, the dog was located on Rte. 85, it appears that he had gotten tangled up in a briar bush and it took him several days to decide to pull himself away from the briars that were tangled in his long fur, he was certainly relieved to finally be located, she jumped up in my truck and laid her head down in my lap.



- 3) Another busy month for Percy and AACO Ryan. They participated in the East Lyme Police Cadet Comedy fundraiser, the Waterford High School health fair and Hodges birthday celebration.



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Engagement Report March 2026



Internship: Intern Caleb Cobb shadowed Day Shift Patrol, Investigative Services, Traffic Officer Genung, Training Officer Bellos, and Evening Shift Patrol. Cobb received tour of the POST Academy and the New London Police Department. Intern Kian Gordy shadowed Traffic Officer Reed, Day Shift Patrol, Evening Shift Patrol, Training Officer Bellos, and Traffic Officer Devine. Both interns attend the Citizen's Academy.

Citizen's Academy: 20 participants attended classes about the WPD's History, a WPD Tour, Motor Vehicle Enforcement, Patrol, Recruiting, Training, Search & Seizure, Accident Investigation, DUI, and DRE.

Special Olympics Efforts: Attended the monthly Torch Run Council Meeting and the SOCT Award Dinner. Greeted customers at Jersey Mikes' Day of Giving.



Interaction with Senior Services: Attended the St. Patrick's Day Senior Luncheon.

Officer Wellness: Presented an Officer Wellness/Peer Support Introduction to new officers. Organized a Wellness Day for Evening Shift Patrol. Attended a funeral for a family member of a Waterford Police Officer and Hodges interacted with the family.

Domestic Violence Follow-ups: Conducted 11 follow-ups with a DV victim.

Shoreline Penguin Plunge: Raised \$1,445 for SOCT with other police facility K-9 handlers.

Recruiting: Held a recruitment sessions at Quinnipiac University, Eastern CT University, and Mitchell College. Participated in the Chamber of Commerce Job Fair, WHS Career Talk, and CLMS Career Day.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Went to the Waterford Country School for Read Across America. Attended the Waterford Schools Health Fair and QH School Sensory Night. Provided Friendship School and Lakes Pond Baptist School Students tours of the police department. Spoke to the Avery PT Transition Program about Internet Safety. Participated in QH School's Humane Society Fundraiser.

K-9 Officer Hodges: Helped organize Hodges' birthday celebration at the Waterford Library. Hodges interacted with witnesses of an accident at a local business and a juvenile who was with DCF. And Spoke to Groton Rotary about the Police Facility K9 Program.

Mock Traffic Stop Event for Newly Licensed Drivers: Assisting the Guilford Police and Stonington Police in the organization of their own events.