



**Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda**

**Training Room at the Waterford Police Department**

**4/11/2022 5:00 pm**

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Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes:

Correspondence:

- a. Thank you card received from Diane Amburn of Waterford
- b. Message from Capt. Todd Bergeson of the New London Police Department
- c. Email from Sgt. Patrick Flanagan in reference to dayshift call on March 16, 2022
- d. Letter from Back the Blue Southeastern CT
- e. Email from Detective Curcuro of the New London Police Department
- f. Letter from Town of Hebron for ACO

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's report:

- a. K9 Reports for March
- b. Investigative Services and Youth Reports for March
- c. Training Report for March
- d. Records Report for March
- e. Community Service Officer Report for March
- f. Patrol Report for March
- g. Animal Control Report for March
- h. Community Engagement Report for March

Old Business:

- a. Airbnb letter

New Business:

- a. Chief of Police selection process
- b. Special meeting for promotions
- c. 10-year Capital Improvement Plan



**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
March 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting ID: 839 3995 1316

**PRESENT:** Chairman M. Gelinas, Commissioner J. Dimmock, T. Sheridan  
Vice Chairman, C. Gamble, Secretary, Commissioner R. Brule

**ABSENT:**

**DEPARTMENT:** Chief M. Balestracci, LT T. Silva, Sgt. T. Gelinas, Training Officer  
N. Surdo, Traffic Officer J. Nickerson, CSO A. Reed, Secretary  
Jennifer Anderson

**LEGAL COUNCIL:** Attorney R. Aveena

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

It was decided that public input would be discussed during the correspondence portion of the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:**

Chairman Gelinas called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the General Meeting Room of the Waterford Police Department. A Quorum was established.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to accept the minutes from the February meeting, the motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Officer Fredricks was at a traffic accident and could not attend the meeting to receive the note of thanks from Chief Rich of Ledyard Police Department.

b. Mr. Ted Olynciw and members of the public discussed the property at 9 Waterview Drive running an Airbnb. He and members of the public requested no parking signs be posted on the street and a letter from the police department should be sent to Planning and Zoning stating that issues have arisen including parking issues, noise issues and trespassing issues and what regulations can be made for the property. Discussion was made that parking signs cannot be posted since the road is wide and flat and there are no sight line issues. It was determined that a letter could be sent. Attorney Aveena will work on the language of the letter to be approved at next month's meeting. It should be noted that no calls to the police department have ever been made regarding these issues since they started in August of 2021. It was made clear to all present that any further issues should precipitate a call to the police department at the time of the incident utilizing the non-emergency number.

c. Email from Mary Childs will be added to correspondence.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

- a. K-9 Reports  
February Reports were received.
- b. Investigative Services & Youth Report  
February Reports were received.
- c. Training Report  
February Report was received
- d. Records Report  
February Report was received
- e. CSO Report  
February Report was received
- f. Patrol Report  
February Report was received
- g. Animal Control Report February  
Report was received
- h. Community Engagement Officer  
February Report received

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Jake Nickerson stated that a traffic sign is requested at Race Rock Road and Windward Way for a blind resident. The sign would be the same type used in other areas of town. Discussion was made regarding protocol in place for checking if disabled residents move away and the sign is no longer needed. Commissioner Brule will check with the Emergency Management Director and Senior Services.

MOTION: made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to approve the traffic sign. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Chief Balestracci discussed the development of officers regarding training for critical functions within the police department. Having more than one person trained in an area would alleviate issues such as absences and coverage. Discussion was made of the many areas where more officers would be trained (at no cost) to include marine patrol, radios/communication and the police department fleet (vehicles).

c. Three letters of recognition were awarded at the meeting from the Waterford Police Department Awards Committee. Sgt. Troy Gelinas, Officer Nicholas Genung and Officer Zachary Bushwack were recognized. The rest of the letters will be awarded at next month's meeting.

d. Commissioner Dimmock would like the process of the Chief of Police selection (going forward) put on the agenda and brought up at next month's meeting as new business. Chief Balestracci stated that his promotion ceremony is on March 30, 2022 at the Town Hall at 3:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** made by Commissioner Sheridan and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Jennifer Anderson

To the 3-19-22  
WTFd Police.  
all of you.



Thank you so much  
For always being Friendly  
and courteous!

And MOST IMPORTANTLY  
For making us feel  
Your kindness is greatly appreciated Sincerely

Love, Wet Noses  
Diane, Betty  
Boop & Nona  
Amburn



**From:** Marc Balestracci  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2022 3:40 PM  
**To:** Marc Balestracci  
**Subject:** Of

Chief

First off congrats on getting the nod for the top spot. Well deserved. Second I had the opportunity to sit with officer Fredrick's and Hodges today at the special Olympics meeting today. Those two together were amazing and Hodges was so impressive with his demeanor. It is such an awesome asset that we are looking into. They represented your department well today and were very impressive. Just thought you would want to know. Take care.

## Marc Balestracci

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**From:** Marc Balestracci  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 8:11 AM  
**To:** Patrick Flanagan; Timothy Silva; Steven Sinagra  
**Cc:** Shawn Finnigan; Jodie Strohl  
**Subject:** RE: 2022-00448

Good morning,

Thank you for the email Sgt. Flanagan, I was working and listening to this call over the radio as it was developing. I too, thought that the work performed by all of those involved was incredible and may have prevented something tragic from happening. I have forwarded your email to the Awards Committee Chairperson and have printed it for attachment to the next Police Commission agenda as well.

Great work everyone, your hard work and dedication is appreciated more than you know.

Thank you,

Marc Balestracci  
Chief of Police  
Waterford Police Department  
41 Avery Lane, Waterford, Connecticut  
860-442-9451 Ext. 2282



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**From:** Patrick Flanagan <pflanagan@waterfordct.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 3:40 PM  
**To:** Timothy Silva <tsilva@waterfordct.org>; Marc Balestracci <mbalestracci@waterfordct.org>; Steven Sinagra <ssinagra@waterfordct.org>  
**Cc:** Shawn Finnigan <sfinnigan@waterfordct.org>; Jodie Strohl <jstrohl@waterfordct.org>  
**Subject:** 2022-00448

Good Afternoon,

On 3/16/22 at 1021 hours day shift was sent to 16 Doyle RD Waterford, CT for a missing 67 year old female. The female, with no known medical history, had seizure like symptoms the night prior and had refused medical treatment from EMS. At approximately 0600 hours she left the residence in her vehicle in a state of confusion. Officer Barrows, working with Dispatchers Finnigan and Strohl, worked tirelessly for approximately five hours attempting to locate the missing female. A missing person entry was entered into Collect, a Silver alert was completed, her phone was pinged, and information was shared for several hours in an attempt to locate this female who was confused, non-communicative,

and having a severe unknown medical issue. After sending various agencies to various possible locations throughout the I-95 corridor in both CT and NY the female was located in Queens, NY after the females location was identified by OFF Barrows and Dispatchers Finnigan and Strohl.

This situation could have had a different outcome if not for their tireless work in locating the missing female. Nice work!

Sgt. Patrick Flanagan  
Waterford Police Department  
41 Avery LN Waterford, CT  
(860) 442-0645 ext 2271  
[PFlanagan@WaterfordCT.org](mailto:PFlanagan@WaterfordCT.org)





March 8, 2022

**Waterford Police Department**

41 Avery Lane  
Waterford, CT 06385

**Dear Waterford Police Department,**

From all the Officers, members, and supporters of both the Back the Blue Southeastern CT, and the subsidiary riding club BTBSECT RC, we feel compelled to express our appreciation, support and admiration for your participation in the recent (Sunday March 6) "PENGUIN PLUNGE" charity event in honor of the "SPECIAL OLYMPICS" foundation. Many members attended (although did not participate) in a show of support. A few diehards even braved the elements to ride motorcycles, regardless of inclement weather.

We, as a group, are dedicated to growing awareness of the tireless and amazing sacrifices made by Law Enforcement. We are deeply indebted to what you do, both as protection and community support. We will continue to do everything in our power to continue to assure the appreciation of your efforts.

From the bottom of our hearts, the BTBSECT and riding club, thank you. We pray for your safety. We will continue to have your backs, because you always have ours.

Sincerely,

Maria Nott  
Founder  
Back the Blue Southeastern CT  
backthebluesect@gmail.com  
www.backthebluesect.org  
860-334-8495

Ed Peckham, President  
Charlie Carroll, V. President  
Michael Zito, Secretary  
Kym Mayo, Treasurer

## Marc Balestracci

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**From:** Timothy Silva  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2022 7:12 PM  
**To:** Curcuro, Richard  
**Cc:** Marc Balestracci  
**Subject:** Re: NLPD Incident 20-2023

Rick - thanks for passing this along. I'm glad he was able to help.

Lt. Timothy Silva

On Mar 11, 2022, at 3:02 PM, Curcuro, Richard <rcurcuro@newlondonct.org> wrote:

**CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.**  
**Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe.**

Lieutenant Silva,

Just wanted to inform you that the assistance Officer John Bunce provided in the New London investigation involving a Home Invasion was greatly appreciated. The analysis of the cell phone records and the finished reports were key in placing both suspects at the scene of the home invasion. This week I met with the State's Attorney's SA Office regarding this investigation and we reviewed all of the evidence in the investigation to include the cell phone analysis. The SA was impressed with the work and recognized the value of Ofc. Bunce's training. They were in agreement when I informed them that our agency would continue to utilize John for future investigations.

Sincerely

Detective Richard Curcuro (Rick)

Detective Richard Curcuro  
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April 1, 2022

Robert J. Brule, First Selectman  
Town of Waterford  
15 Rope Ferry Road  
Waterford, CT 06385

Re: Animal Recovery Event

Dear First Selectman Brule:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your Animal Control Officer in assisting with the animal recovery incident on March 25, 2022 in Hebron, Connecticut. Your professionalism during this event was greatly appreciated and good deeds like this should never go unrecognized.

It's a comforting feeling when a neighboring Town is able to assist in a sensitive situation. Hebron would be happy to reciprocate if ever a need arises.

Again, as Town Manager and on behalf of the Hebron Board of Selectmen, thank you for your assistance during this incident.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Tierney  
Town Manager

AJT:dw

cc: Board of Selectmen

# ***WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC REPORT***

• March 2022 •

## **Traffic Complaints:**

The Traffic Officer (TO) received several parking complaints involving abandoned vehicles and commercial vehicles parked in residential areas. TO received 2 speeding complaints, both are habitual roadways that are in regular rotation of traffic enforcement activities. (North Road and Fog Plain Road).

## **Portable Speed Signs:**

The Solar powered speed display signs were moved to Willetts Ave and Goshen Road. They will be in place for approximately 6 weeks as per engineering guidance.

## **Construction Projects:**

Numerous plans for residential housing and commercial buildings were received and reviewed. Most plans were preliminary plans and will be modified if need be. (372 Boston Post Road, 295 Willetts Ave, 806 Hartford Road, 969 Hartford Road).

## **Display Trailers**

Trailers have been received and utilized almost immediately. The signs were used to aid drivers in the implementation of the new traffic pattern for the friendship school.

## **DUI Grant**

During the Saint Patrick's Day weekend, the DUI grant activity recorded 3 DUI arrests and several other arrests and citations for aggressive driving.

## **Training**

TO participated in teaching a handcuffing/legal update class for the entire police department.

# Waterford Police

## K9 Usage

### March 2022

Officer Epps



K9 Neo

| Usage Date | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | WPD Case #    |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 3/5/2022   | On the stated date at approximately 0929 hours, I was dispatched to the report of a man waving a knife around in Dollar Tree. Upon arrival, K9 Neo was deployed. Officer Avdevich ordered the male to exit the store and it was determined he no longer had the knives in his possession. K9 Neo remained outside the cruiser until the scene was safe.                                                                                         | 2022-00380    |
| 3/14/2022  | On the stated date at approximately 1419 hours, Officer Rogers located an individual who currently had a PRAWN warrant. Once on the scene, I observed a small plastic elastic on the passenger floorboard of the vehicle. Through my training and experience as a police officer, I know that these are frequently used in narcotic packaging. K9 Neo was deployed for an exterior search of the vehicle and no further contraband was located. | 2022-00432    |
| 3/16/2022  | On the stated date at approximately 0825 hours, I conducted a motor vehicle stop. Through the investigation, the operator was arrested for possession of narcotics. K9 Neo was deployed for an exterior and interior search of the vehicle and no further contraband was located.                                                                                                                                                               | 2022-00446    |
| 3/23/2022  | On the stated date at approximately 0939 hours, K9 Neo was requested to respond to track for a missing child. K9 Neo was eventually cancelled as the child was located.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | CAD#2022-6429 |
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# Waterford Police

## K9 Usage

### March 2022

Officer  
Genung

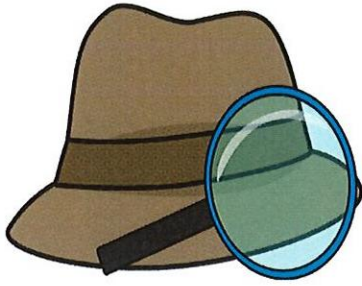


K9 Ozzy

| Usage Date | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | WPD Case # |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 3/11/22    | <p>K9 Ozzy was requested to an address in Waterford to assist in the search for a missing person who had made suicidal comments and left a suicide note prior to leaving the residence. Upon arrival investigating officers advised me that the male had left out the front door of the house with no known direction of travel after that. Family stated that he did not leave in a vehicle and should be on foot. Officers also advised me that they had walked through the front yard and door while conducting the investigation. K9 Ozzy was deployed for an area search around the house. K9 Ozzy did not show any interest around the house, where officers had not walked, or the out buildings. I casted K9 Ozzy out around the neighborhood and he did not show any interest. While I was casting K9 Ozzy on known walking trails behind the residence, investigating officers advised that the male had returned after being dropped off by a vehicle. It was later determined that the male was picked up and dropped back off via a ride sharing service. The male was later committed for a psychological evaluation.</p> | 2022-00417 |

March 2022 Usages: 1

Total 2022 Usages: 11



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Investigative Services Division



March 2022

During the month of March 2022 Investigative Services Division was assigned or assisted with 19 new cases.

## Current Active Investigations (33 Cases):

(These numbers include assist's to the Patrol Division)

|                     |                             |               |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Homicide—1          | Check Fraud—1               | Sex Assault—3 |
| Burglary—3          | Larceny—1                   | Untimely—3    |
| Pistol Permits—14   | Catalytic Converter Theft—1 | Fraud—1       |
| Background Checks—3 | Child Pornography Case—1    | Overdose—1    |

## Year to Date Statistical Report

| Case Numbers | Amount Investigated | Recovered - Seized | Search Warrants   | Sex Assaults | Arrests           |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 28           | \$23,035.75         | 0                  | 2                 | 6            | 2                 |
| Ex-Parte's   | Auto Theft          | Burglary           | Unattended Deaths | Robbery      | Background Checks |
| 3            | 0                   | 1                  | 1                 | 0            | 4                 |
|              |                     |                    |                   |              |                   |



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Investigative Services Division



March 2022

## **March 2022 Investigations:**

Investigator Zaldivar was assigned as an Investigator and is now part of the Investigative Services Division. He has begun in-house training in crime scene processing, and other investigative techniques.

Detectives responded to two (2) fatal overdoses this month. These cases are being handled jointly with the Investigative Services and Narcotics Division. Det. O'Connell, Invest. Zaldivar, and TFO DiFusco are assigned these investigations. Both overdoses involved Fentanyl where the subject was transported to the hospital.

Detectives Bonkowski and Carroll conducted 4 background investigations for new employees—(A new Office Coordinator, 2 Officer backgrounds, and a new Department Chaplin.)

Det. Bonkowski was able to positively identify 2 suspects in a series of catalytic converter thefts. Arrest warrants have been obtained. She is working with Middletown Detectives to try and locate the suspects.

Social Media investigation involving a Board of Education employee.

## **March 2022 Arrests:**

Detective's Bonkowski and Carroll along with Invest. Zaldivar, assisted the Office of the Chief State's Attorney with the arrest and extradition of an individual from Colorado. Jordan Clark was extradited from Denver, CO for an active Failure to Appear warrant. He was presented to the New London Superior Court on March 30, 2022. This case had connections to an on-going Waterford investigation.

## **Task Force Officer Report:**

During the month of March 2022 SNTF East conducted two Search Warrants on residences leading to one arrest and another arrest warrant is pending.

Two arrest warrants are at their respective courts for review.

There is an ongoing investigation on a residence in Waterford where a male was selling narcotics from the house but not living there. Several sources of information were developed and by investigating they were able to get into the house with written consent. That residence was deemed uninhabitable and condemned by the Waterford Health Department and Ledge Light. The resident and male have not been to the house since. A Search Warrant was signed and executed on a safe that was seized from the property. This should be an end to an ongoing issue at this house and we have already received thanks from neighbors in the area.



## THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Youth Office Activity Report

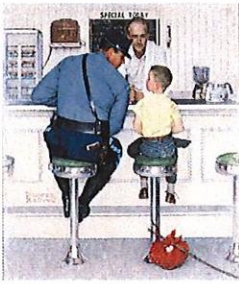


**March 2022**

During the month of March SRO Lane and interim SRO Sylvestre completed several community and school-related tasks:

**SRO Dan Lane (by date):**

- 3/1/22:** CLMS boys basketball championship game/Meeting at Youth and a Family Services
- 3/2/22:** Lockdown CLMS/Meeting with students WHS
- 3/3/22:** Meeting with students WHS/Juvenile court/Unified basketball game
- 3/7/22:** Mental Health team meeting/WHS intern/Unified basketball game Stonington/Mediation for WHS
- 3/8/22:** Youth Promise QH/WPD tour for Pomfret Academy /Meeting Youth Services
- 3/9/22:** Sexting class Ms. Shannon
- 3/10/22:** (2) classes Sexting lesson
- 3/15/22:** Youth Promise QH
- 3/17/22:** Student meeting WHS
- 3/18/22:** Home visit for WHS/School safety meeting/Student meeting CLMS/Fire drill CLMS/CLMS volleyball game at Fitch HS
- 3/21/22:** Mental health team meeting CLMS/Home visit/Jazz band concert
- 3/22/22:** Student issue CLMS
- 3/24/22:** Youth Promise graduation QH/CLMS safety team meeting /Handcuffing recertification
- 3/25/22:** Jazz Festival WHS/DCF meeting at QH school
- 3/28/22:** CLMS mental health team meeting
- 3/29/22:** SRO meeting Brooklyn CT. Presented our policies and procedures to other SROs from northern CT/CLMS volleyball game/Citizens Police Academy
- 3/31/22:** Meeting with student at Waterford high school/Meeting with student at Waterford high school



## THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Youth Office Activity Report



March 2022

### **SRO Megan Sylvestre (by date):**

**3/1/22:** Out of control student. Handled by talking with them/ A request came from a parent to touch base with a student.

**3/2/22:** Driving complaint of a student driving on campus/Staff member looking for advice on how to handle a family situation/Breach of Peace Arrest/Issue among 10<sup>th</sup> graders/Issue with a 10<sup>th</sup> grader, follow-up meeting with parent and Assistant Principal

**3/3/22:** Student wanting to report issue with another student/Follow up with student in regards to an issue at home/Review cameras for incident that occurred on 3/2/22

**3/7/22:** Follow up for case Breach of Peace arrest/Two students out of control, school discipline/Wellness check on student

**3/8/22:** Complaint from student about another student slapping him, school discipline/Social media complaint/Traffic complaint/Assist with escort to traffic light for unified sports

**3/9/22:** Home visit/Complaint from student about other students

**3/15/22:** Follow up to issue summons to parent/JV court paperwork/Issue among 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls/Reported rape, not as reported/Harassment complaint/Help student with a capstone project/Complaint at middle school with parent/Possible drug use in bathroom

**3/16/22:** MVACC @ CLMS/Issue among 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls/Issue among 9<sup>th</sup> grade graders/Follow up/Follow up for Officer Brown

**3/17/22:** Review cameras/Follow up with parent about complaint on snapchat/Uncooperative 11<sup>th</sup> grader/ Incident with 10<sup>th</sup> grade boys/Follow up

**3/22/22:** Damage to car, didn't happen on school grounds/Determined by reviewing cameras/Follow up

**3/24/22:** Review cameras for vaping incident/Concerned parent about why child is tardy every day when they take the bus, reviewed cameras and updated parent.

**3/25/22:** Cooper Test Training at POSTC in Meriden

**3/28/22:** Review cameras for missing student/Out of control student, school discipline

**3/29/22:** Review cameras for multiple thefts from school store

**3/30/22:** Student came to school intoxicated, threw up in bathroom, and had alcohol in his water bottle. School discipline/Verbal fight, school discipline/EDP, committal/Issue at lunch with throwing food, verbal fight, school discipline

**3/31/22:** Review cameras (twice on the same day) for graffiti to baseball dugout. Cameras of the ball field were not working and unable to determine who did it.



# Training Report

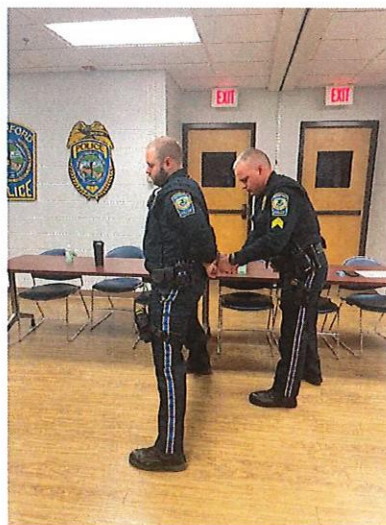
## March 2022

### New Officer Updates

**Hiring Process:** Police Candidate Julio Sierra has successfully completed a psychological evaluation and polygraph and will soon be scheduled for a physical examination. An ongoing background investigation is still being conducted.

**Recruit(s):** Recruit Kyle McComic started his practical skills training starting with search and seizure. Recruits have already received classroom lecture regarding search and seizure as it applies to law enforcement. Recruits are placed in real-life scenarios where they work with their partner and determine the best course of action or if enforcement action is needed during a staged interaction with Field Training Officers from across the state.

**In-House Training(s):** Detective Leigh Bonkowki and Traffic Officer Jake Nickerson conducted a one-hour handcuffing class where they incorporated search and seizure updates into their training. All officers attended the one-hour training. The training office selects a topic every month that can be conducted within an hour and puts it together to keep the officers current.





# Training Report

## March 2022



Officer Ryan Scarpa attended a one-day Street Cop Training in Uncasville, CT. The class focused on identity deception, body language and nervous behavior, distinguishing illegal police conduct from legal police conduct, current crime trends, motor vehicle law, among many more topics every patrol officer should know.

Lieutenant Nicole VanOverloop attended a one-week New England Regional Command College in Chatham, MA. This class focused on media relations, leadership and officer wellness. Progress through leadership and the promotion of exchanging information as it applies to law enforcement management practices.

Officers Norman Malbourn and Nicholas Swarr attended a three-day Field Training Officer (FTO) school at POSTC. This class is designed for experienced, uniformed officers and instructs FTO's on how to properly evaluate probationary officers throughout their field training. The class focuses on liability, operational authority key elements, phase training, standard evaluation guidelines, among many other pertinent topics in order for the FTO program to be successful.

Chief Marc Balestracci, Sergeant Patrick Flanagan and Officer Mark Devine attended a one-day Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement sponsored by the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association and The Connecticut Police Foundation. The class deals with the dynamics that can create angry, cynical employees and the difficulties in both their personal and professional lives and intervention. It reviewed psychological factors that could lead to health related issues and poor job performance.

School Resource Officer Megan Sylvestre and K9 Officer Patrick Epps attended a one-day POSTC Physical Fitness Assessment Battery Examiner class. The class trained law enforcement personnel how to properly administer the POSTC fitness test or Cooper test. Officers who complete this training are eligible to administer, oversee and sign/endorse the fitness test qualification paperwork. The physical fitness test is part of the hiring process for entry level police candidates and needs to be successfully passed to advance to the next phase of the hiring process. A pre-certification is conducted 30 days prior to attending the police academy.

## **The Waterford Police Department Records Department Activity for March 2022**

This activity reflects daily activity for the reporting month inclusive of; administrative and court paperwork or processing, contact with members of the public, and state or federal mandated reporting requirements.

| <b>Ticket/Written<br/>Warning<br/>Entries</b> | <b>Freedom of<br/>Information<br/>Requests</b> | <b>Motor<br/>Vehicle<br/>Accident<br/>Entries</b> | <b>Warrants<br/>(Entering<br/>or<br/>clearing)</b> | <b>Phone<br/>calls</b> | <b>Walk in<br/>Lobby<br/>Window</b> | <b>Background<br/>Check<br/>Requests</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 198                                           | 290                                            | 55                                                | 42                                                 | 329                    | 287                                 | 16                                       |

| <b>Protective<br/>Order<br/>Entries</b> | <b>Officer<br/>Tasking<br/>Requests</b> | <b>Case<br/>Erasures</b> | <b>State/Federal<br/>Report<br/>Entries</b> | <b>Supervisor<br/>Tasking<br/>Requests</b> | <b>DCF<br/>Requests</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 72                                      | 67                                      | 224                      | 0                                           | 19                                         | 15                      |

| <b>Court Request</b> | <b>Case Copies</b> | <b>Abstracts</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 61                   | 6                  | 368              |



## CSO Monthly Statistical Report March 2022



### Waterford Arrests

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|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Adult                  | 29        |
| Juvenile               | 0         |
| <b>Total Processed</b> | <b>29</b> |

### East Lyme Arrests

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|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Adult                  | 0        |
| Juvenile               | 0        |
| <b>Total Processed</b> | <b>0</b> |

### East Lyme Prisoner Meals

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| <b>Total</b> | <b>0</b> |
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### Fingerprints

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| Pistol Permits             | 13        |
| Employment                 | 17        |
| Miscellaneous              | 2         |
| Peddler / Precious Permits | 0         |
| <b>Total Fingerprints</b>  | <b>32</b> |

### Firearms

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|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Firearms Transfer</b>     | <b>31</b> |
| <b>Pistol Permits Issued</b> | <b>3</b>  |

### Initial Complaints (3A's)

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| <b>Total</b> | <b>28</b> |
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# Patrol Report / CARes

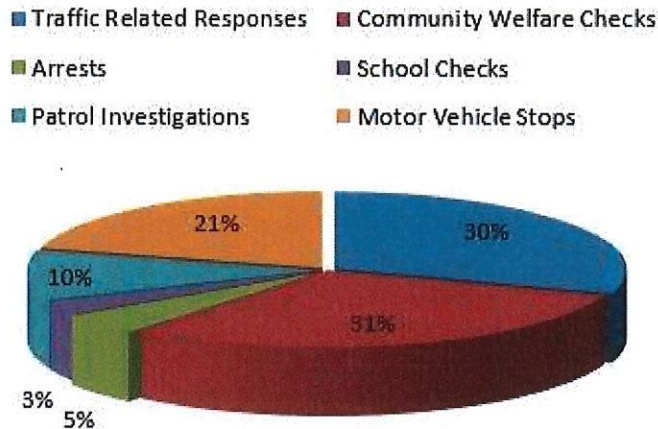
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## Highlights

### Resource Allocation



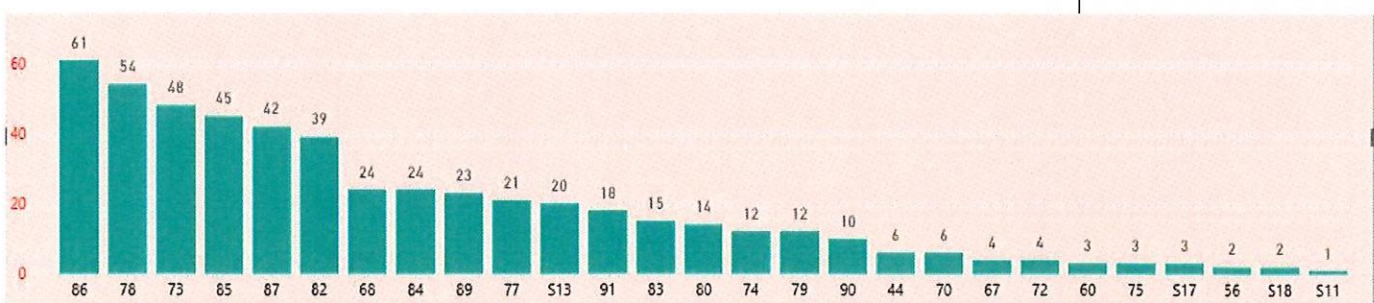
The incidents with the highest use of patrol time this month are related to Community Welfare responses with these calls representing 39% of the call volume (9 % decrease from last month). Traffic Related Responses, at 30% of the call volume, were the second biggest use of patrol officers time.

- **Community Welfare Checks**— These calls range from observed behavioral issues in public or private setting, inability to contact a resident, mental health emergencies, or requests for assistance from Community Mental Health Services. These types of calls can originate through a concerned third party, such as mobile outreach, a family member, or co-worker, or the postal carrier who notices mail backing up.
- **Traffic Related Responses**—These calls for service fall under traffic stops, targeted traffic enforcement, road hazards, reckless driving complaints, parking issues, and motor vehicle accident investigations.

The Below graph shows the number of traffic stops for each officer

## Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

|                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Total Service Calls              | 2315 |
| Case Numbers                     | 204  |
| Arrests                          | 111  |
| Juvenile Arrests                 | 3    |
| Larcenies                        | 19   |
| Arrest Warrants                  | 14   |
| Domestic Violence Investigations | 14   |
| Traffic Crash                    | 42   |
| DUI Investigations               | 3    |
| Emotionally Disturbed Persons    | 28   |
| School Checks                    | 76   |
| Motor Vehicle Stops              | 511  |
| Written Warnings                 | 86   |
| Infractions                      | 52   |
| Verbal Warnings                  | 331  |
| Court Summons                    | 42   |
| Narcan Uses                      | 0    |





## Harassment Complaint - leads to Recovered Firearm

On 3/1/2022 the Norwich Police Department forwarded a harassment complaint where the suspect was a juvenile in Waterford, Connecticut. Officer's Firmin and Brown with Sergeant Matt Fedor responded to a residence in Waterford and made contact with the juvenile and a parent. The officers were able to gain compliance from the parent, which led to the recovery of stolen rifle and other items related to identity theft and car breaks. Information obtained assisted the Connecticut State Police—Troop E in the recovery of additional stolen items.

## Larceny at Liquor Store turns violent

On 3/16/2022 A local liquor store called 911 to report that larceny suspects were fighting with a store employee. Sgt. Flanagan was in the immediate area and responded along with Officer's Epps, Rogers, and Scarpa. Sgt. Flanagan was able to detain the male suspect immediately while a female suspect fled the area in a Toyota Camry. During the arrest process the male was found to be in possession of "Crack" cocaine and the powder form of Fentanyl. The arrested male was identified as Travis Edo, who was charged with Larceny, Assault, and drug possession. While clearing the scene, Sgt. Flanagan noticed the suspect vehicle sitting in a remote location within the same parking lot. Officers were able to locate the driver, identified as Melanie Tirrell, who was subsequently charged with Breach of Peace. The clerk received minor injury.

## Traffic Stop leads to Narcotics arrest /Gun Seizure

On 3/18/2022 Officer Caler conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle where he suspected the operator of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The operator and sole occupant of the vehicle was identified as Scott J. Gomes. Upon speaking with Gomes, officers believed he may have been intoxicated and additional sobriety testing was conducted. Subsequent to the testing, Gomes was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs. Montville Police responded to the scene with a K9 team certified in narcotics detection. As a result of the arrest, officers located cocaine, over 8 ounces of Marijuana, a stiletto style knife, more than 60 THC cartridges for vapes or e-cigarettes.



Gomes was transported to the Waterford Police Department for processing and the Mercedes as impounded at the police departments secured impound area. During the course of conducting a vehicle inventory Officers and Detectives located additional illegal substances, including PCP, cocaine, ecstasy/MDMA, high-capacity magazines, 9mm ammunition, U.S currency, a firearm, and what appeared to be human teeth.

The investigation is on-going.



# Monthly Report March 2022

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|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| CALLS FOR SERVICE       | 63        | 30        |
| AFTER HOURS CALL OUTS   | 5         | 3         |
| DOG BITES               | 1         | 4         |
| ANIMALS REDEEMED        | 7         | 3         |
| ANIMALS ADOPTED         | 0         | 0         |
| ANIMALS DOA             | 1         | 0         |
| EUTHANIZED              | 0         | 0         |
| ANIMALS PROCESSED TOTAL | 8         | 3         |
| TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN    | \$ 309.19 | \$ 0.00   |
| DONATIONS TAKEN IN      | \$ 274.19 | \$ 0.00   |

- 1) 03/08/22                      The warrant came back signed for Angelina Frascarelli of 22 Lee Ave New London, charging her with one count of Animal Cruelty CGS 53-247(a). The warrant was served her court date is in April.



- 2) 03/24/22                      A skunk tested positive for rabies after acting aggressively on Shore Road in Waterford. 3 citizens and 2 dogs received treatment for possible rabies exposure.



- 3) 03/25/22                      AACO Allison Ryan assisted State Animal Control with conducting a search warrant in a hoarding/cruelty case in Hebron. In this case they seized and removed 33 dogs, 27 cats, 5 geese, 3 goats, 1 horse and 1 parakeet. The subject of the warrant was charged with multiple counts of animal cruelty. Cases this involved are impossible to handle without assistance of other animal control agencies. Our facility is housing 5 cats and 2 dogs for the state authorities pending the disposition of the case.

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*"Very well, Mr. Andrews. I shall return with a warrant."*



## THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



# Community Engagement Report March 2022

**Citizen's Academy:** 25 participants attended classes about the WPD's History, WPD Tour, Motor Vehicle Enforcement, Patrol, Recruiting, Training, Life at the Police Academy, Accident Investigation, Police Profiling, DUI, DRE, Youth Office and Investigative Services.

**Recruiting/Internships:** Intern Glenn shadowed Training Officer Surdo, Traffic Officer Nickerson, day shift patrol, the records department and Investigative Services. Intern Phillips shadowed day shift patrol, YO Lane, dispatch and LT Vanoverloop. Phillips attended a WPD Commission Meeting. Both interns attended the Citizen's Academy. Spoke about how to be a police officer at New London Adult Education and Eastern CT University. Spoke to Mitchell College students about community policing.

**K-9 Officer Hodges:** Introductions to L&M Hospital, Neighborhood Watch, SafeFutures and all Waterford public/private schools. Visited WFSB Channel 3 News for Hodges's birthday and was on Great Day Connecticut. Received birthday cards from all Waterford Elementary Schools. Community policing presentation and Hodges demo to two boy scout troops. Interacted with spectators at WHS baseball, softball and lacrosse games.

**Autism/Cognitive Issues Programs:** 1 participant added to cognitive issues program.



**Special Olympics Efforts:** Raised \$2,277.00 with police service dog handlers for Shoreline Penguin Plunge. Attended the Torch Run Kickoff for WPD to receive a Level of Excellence Award. Participated in Day of Giving Fundraiser at Jersey Mike's in Waterford and Groton.

**Officer Wellness:** WPD officers played basketball against Waterford Country School staff. Served breakfast to midnight shift officers for an Officer Wellness Day with food donated by Walmart. Coordinated a donation of gym equipment from Dick's Sporting Goods for gyms at the police department, fire departments and community center.

**Assistance to Youth Officers:** GNS students read to Hodges for Read Across America Week. Hodges visited a CLMS student that has been dealing with anxiety issues. Multiple visits to CLMS mentee. Assisted with a police station tour for Pomfret Academy. K-9 demonstrations at Oswegatchie and Quaker Hill schools. Spoke about traffic stop safety to teen students at Rae's Driving School.

**Domestic Violence Follow-ups:** Conducted 6 follow-ups with domestic violence victims.

**Interaction with Senior Services:** Attended Victoria Gardens Coffee with a Vet.