



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Auditorium at Waterford Town Hall

5/11/2026 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: April 13, 2026 Regular Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Thank You letter from Groton Town and Stonington Police Departments
- b. Letter from LT Farrior recognizing several officers for a job well done

Traffic Commission Review:

- a. Discussion of Cross Road Presbyterian Church Traffic Sign Request

Chief's Report:

- a. K9 Reports for April
- b. Youth Report for April
- c. Investigative Services Report for April
- d. Training Report for April
- e. Support Services Report for April
- f. Patrol Report for April
- g. Animal Control Report for April
- h. Community Engagement Report for April

Old Business:

- a. Police Commissioner Association information discussion

New Business:

- a. Police Commission nominations for the term starting June 1, 2026



MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
April 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner R. Gamble

DEPARTMENT: Chief D. Ferland, LT N. VanOverloop, 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:

None.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

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

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Brule to accept the April 8, 2026 Special Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic Report was received.

- a. Traffic Officer Devine presented the Traffic Impact & Safety Assessment Report for the intersection of Daniels Avenue and Spithead Road. Discussion followed regarding limited sight distance at the intersection, which restricts the ability to safely enter Spithead Road from Daniels Avenue, as well as anticipated increases in traffic with the opening of the Friendship School in Fall 2027.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Sheridan and Seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to place stop signs on Spithead Road in both directions at the intersection of Daniels to create a three-way stop, along with appropriate warning signage for the new stop signs. Motion passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

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

Police Commissioner Association – Commissioner Gelinas requested this item to stay on the agenda for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

RTM Moderator Sue Driscoll explained that, pursuant to a state mandate under the Trust Act, legislative bodies are required to report data regarding ICE access to individuals in police custody. She requested that the Board of Police Commissioners provide a formal letter twice per year to ensure compliance with this requirement. The Board agreed to include this item on the agenda during the appropriate months and to provide the requested information to the RTM.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Sheridan and Seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary



March 31, 2026

Chief David Burton
Groton City Police Department
295 Meridian Street
Groton, CT 06340

Chief David Ferland
Waterford Police Department
41 Avery Lane
Waterford, CT 06385

Chief Kevin Glenn
East Lyme Police Department
277 West Main Street
Niantic, Connecticut 06357

Chief Chris Ferace
Putnam Police Department
189 Church Street
Putnam, CT 06260

Dear Chiefs Burton, Glenn, Ferland, and Ferace:

On behalf of the Town of Stonington Police Department and the Town of Groton Police Department, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your agency's mutual aid support during the Mystic Irish Day Parade.

We would like to specifically recognize the contributions of:

- Groton City Police Department – Officer Synquan Cooper
- East Lyme Police Department – Officer Losty
- Waterford Police Department – Officer Brandon Winakor
- Putnam Police Department – Officer Kyle Mahue

Your officers' professionalism, cooperation, and commitment to public safety were instrumental in the successful execution of this event. The willingness of your agency to assist reflects the strength of our regional partnerships and shared mission.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Respectfully,

Chief L. J. Fusaro
Town of Groton Police Department

Chief Jay DelGrosso
Town of Stonington Police Department

From: Andrew Farrior <AFarrior@waterfordct.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2026 1:31 PM
To: David Ferland <dferland@waterfordct.org>
Cc: Ian Donovan <idonovan@waterfordct.org>; Stephen Rogers <srogers@waterfordct.org>; Michael Morgan <mmorgan@waterfordct.org>; Zachary Bushwack <zbushwack@waterfordct.org>; Matthew Fedor <mafedor@waterfordct.org>
Subject: CFS 26 15273- Recognition

Chief,

On 04/15/26 Officers Rogers, Morgan, and Donovan responded to Wal-Mart for a larceny that was reported by Loss Prevention. Officer Morgan had just started his second phase of training and his FTO on that day was Officer Rogers. A female, who was accompanied by a male, was reported to have concealed merchandise which she didn't pay for. It was the usual scenario where the suspect legitimately purchased a few items, but failed to pay for the items which were concealed. It was determined that she had concealed approximately \$205 worth of merchandise and that her male companion wasn't involved. She was escorted to the Loss Prevention Office without incident and the officers began to conduct their investigation. The suspect didn't have an ID on her, however the officers were able to positively identify her with a license photo in COLLECT and eventually obtained approval from the sergeant to release her on a summons. It should be noted that the female was often difficult to deal with as she was experiencing a lot of anxiety and at times seemed to be close to having a panic attack. The officers didn't let the suspect's behavior influence their actions and they continued with a detailed investigation.

Through further conversation with the suspect it was determined that she arrived to the store with a third subject whose whereabouts were unknown. Loss Prevention personnel were able to determine that the male had also stolen merchandise through reviewing surveillance footage. She identified the type of vehicle that he drove, and Officer Donovan was able to locate the male suspect in the parking lot and detain him in handcuffs. The male was brought back to the office where they continued their investigation. The male had a back pack, which was taken from his possession as they spoke with Loss Prevention. It was determined that the male had stolen a few watches, which he admitted to, and he was wearing on his arm. The watches were subsequently recovered. Despite recovering the merchandise the officers continued with their investigation and with proper cause searched the contents of the males back pack. Upon conducting the search, Officer Rogers located a .22 caliber revolver, ammunition, heroin, cocaine, and Xanax. The male was unlawfully in possession of the firearm as he didn't possess a pistol permit.

I believed this case is worthy of recognition for numerous reasons. The officers conducted a thorough investigation and at no time did they cut any corners or skip any steps to expedite the call for service or limit the amount of work they had to do. They could have simply issued the female suspect a summons and went on their way. Instead they decided to advise her of her

rights and conduct a proper investigation, which led to the identification and arrest of the male suspect. When dealing with the male suspect they could have simply ceased their efforts once the stolen merchandise was recovered, but once again they continued with their investigation and that ultimately resulted in getting drugs and a gun off the road. Lastly, this was all done in the presence of an officer in training, and as we know the importance of our new officers learning how to conduct a proper investigation can't be overstated.

Respectfully,

Lieutenant Andrew Farrior #L1
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Traffic Officer Report

April 2026



LINE OF SIGHT ISSUES:

- No line of sight issues at intersecting roadways.

DOT RELATED ISSUES.

- DOT corrected a speed limit on Rope Ferry Rd, which had been incorrectly updated by a subcontractor.
- DOT replaced a long missing speed sign after some research, a 40 mph speed limit sign is now on Route 85 in front of Petco

ENFORCEMENT RELATED COMPLAINTS:

- The Traffic Unit received a complaint about a vehicle that had reportedly passed a stopped school bus on Vauxhall St. Ext on four separate occasions. The bus driver was able to give a description and video of one of the violations. Officer Reed located the vehicle and the operator was identified and received one written warning and three infractions for passing a stopped school bus.

REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

- Complainant requested "Blind Drive" sign for a line of sight issue for a residential driveway on Niles Hill Road, between Lloyd Rd and Pepperbox Road. The complainant stated that vehicles coming from Lloyd intersection are coming at a speed too fast to safely pull out of the driveway. I conducted a check of the area and had a clear line of sight, to one side of the intersection, when looking to the left. A speed sign was utilized to obtain speed data and speeds were not of grave concern. Based on this information a sign would not have any likely effect, based on roadway features
- Cross Road Presbyterian Church requested a "Blind Drive" or similar sign for southbound traffic on Cross Rd. Due to line of sight, which is further restricted in the spring and summer when vegetation becomes fuller. (More details under new business.)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- No upcoming events

UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH CLOSURE:

- The town is conducting a paving project on Roseleah Dr and Soljer Dr.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: 301 Total Traffic Stops

Officer	Devine #88	Reed #93	Genung #74	McComic #92	Total
Infractions	7	75	18	0	100
warnings	39	83	57	18	197
misdemeanor	1	2	1	0	4



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April 2026



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	772
6-10	1607
11-15	2393
16-20	1681
21-25	3107
26-30	10025
31-35	10396
36-40	3286
41-45	407
46-50	41
51-55	6
56-60	1
61-65	0
66-70	1

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

Speed (mph)	Count
1-5	75
6-10	128
11-15	159
16-20	292
21-25	903
26-30	9036
31-35	22927
36-40	14419
41-45	3208
46-50	360
51-55	49
56-60	5

3. Vauxhall St. southbound south of Hickory Lane.
(35 mph zone)

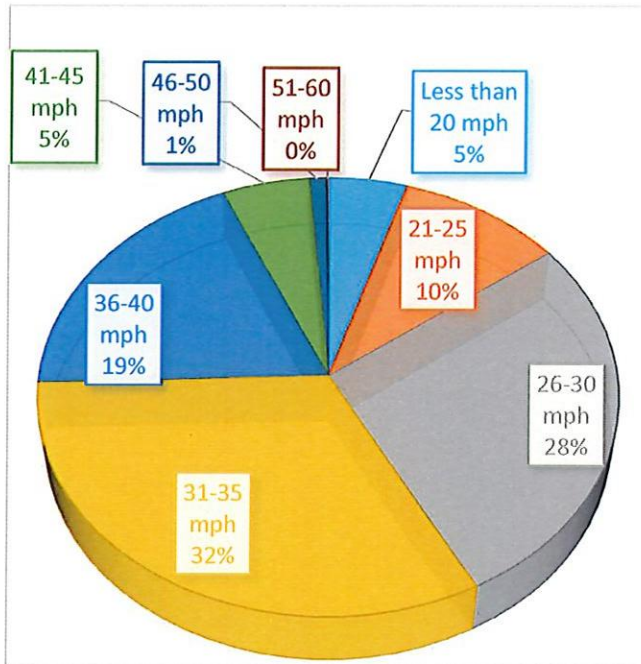
Speed (mph)	Count
1-5	187
6-10	320
11-15	396
16-20	429
21-25	1022
26-30	3062
31-35	6979
36-40	12387
41-45	8563
46-50	2216
51-55	362
56-60	50
61-65	10
66-70	3

4. Old Norwich Road, southbound prior to Totoket
Rd. (30 mph Zone)

Speed (mph)	Count
1-5	14
6-10	34
11-15	56
16-20	81
21-25	265
26-30	2985
31-35	9985
36-40	9437
41-45	2648
46-50	383
51-55	35
56-60	6

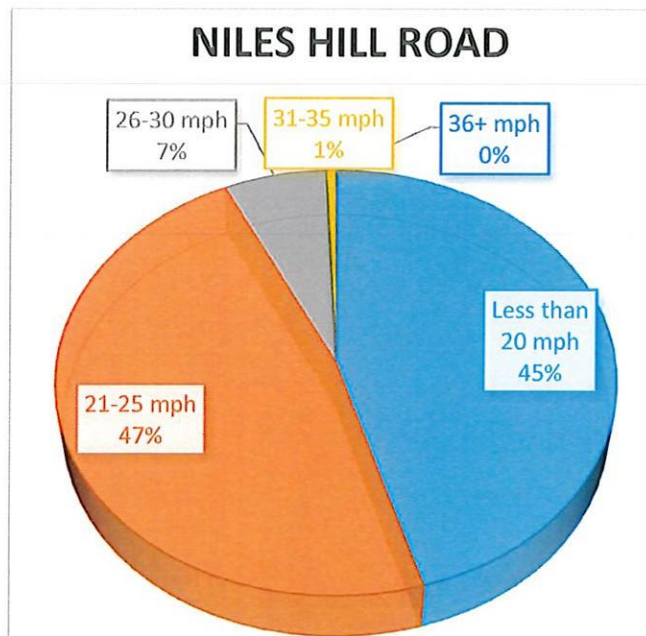


The Waterford Police Department Traffic Officer Report April 2026



Speed study conducted on Cross Road utilizing speed feedback RADAR, in the area of Cross Road Presbyterian Church. The area is a 30 mph zone. Approximately 6% more than 10 mph over the speed limit.

Speed Range	Northbound	Southbound
Less than 20 mph	112	518
21-25 mph	233	1097
26-30 mph	1948	3005
31-35 mph	4114	3537
36-40 mph	2754	2066
41-45 mph	739	586
46-50 mph	92	114
51-55 mph	8	21
56-60 mph	0	3



A speed study conducted on Niles Hill Road between the Lloyd Rd intersection and Pepperbox Rd intersection, measuring northbound traffic. The area is a 25 mph zone. Less than 1% of vehicle s are traveling more than 10 mph over the speed limit. In this area multiple stop sign violations were observed and enforcement was taken. Additional enforcement will be conducted in this area to deal with stop sign violations, which may further reduce speeds.

Speed Range	Northbound
Less than 20 mph	3021
21-25 mph	3162
26-30 mph	433
31-35 mph	38
36+ mph	8



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Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to evaluate sight distance conditions at the driveway serving Cross Road Presbyterian Church and to assess the need for installation of a warning sign (e.g., *Blind Drive*) for approaching motorists.

Existing Conditions

Cross Road in the vicinity of the church is posted at 30 mph, with a transition from 35 mph just north of the site.

The church driveway is located on the inside of a curve, which restricts visibility for vehicles exiting the site. When exiting, southbound traffic approaches from the left and northbound traffic approaches from the right.

Sight lines are further constrained by roadway curvature and roadside vegetation, particularly during the spring and summer months when foliage is fully developed. This results in seasonally reduced visibility for drivers attempting to enter or cross the roadway.

Speed Study Summary

A traffic speed study was conducted at the location. Results are summarized below:

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Key observations:

- The majority of vehicles travel between 31–40 mph, exceeding the posted 30 mph speed limit.
- A meaningful portion of traffic travels above 40 mph, indicating elevated approach speeds.
- The 85th percentile speed is approximately 40 mph, which is commonly used for safety evaluations per AASHTO guidance.

Sight Distance Evaluation

Stopping Sight Distance (SSD)

- Required SSD for 30 mph: ~200 feet
- Available sight distance is estimated to meet or exceed SSD requirements under most conditions



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Intersection Sight Distance (ISD)

- Required ISD for 30 mph: ~335 feet
- Required ISD for 40 mph (observed conditions): ~445 feet

The available intersection sight distance approaches the minimum required values, and may fall below desirable levels during peak vegetation periods.

Safety Considerations

This location presents several compounding risk factors:

- Driveway on inside of curve limiting advance visibility
- Higher-than-posted operating speeds
- Seasonal vegetation impacts reducing sight distance
- Peak, intermittent traffic generation associated with church services

Drivers exiting the site may experience reduced ability to accurately judge gaps in traffic, particularly when approaching vehicles are traveling faster than expected.

Recommendation

Based on the observed conditions and analysis, installation of an advance warning sign is warranted.

It is recommended that:

- A "Blind Drive" (or similar warning sign such as "Hidden Drive") be installed on the southbound shoulder in advance of the church driveway. Placement distance be consistent with MUTCD guidance for a 30 mph roadway



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K-9 Activity Report

April 2026

K-9 Ozzy

Monthly Uses: 1

2026 Uses: 4

K-9 Tico

Monthly Uses: 5

2026 Uses: 12



K-9 Usage

Ozzy

- ♦ On April 22, 2026, Officer Genung and K9 Ozzy conducted a K9 demonstration for the Waterford Police Department Citizen's Academy.
- ♦ Officer Genung continues to achieve hours towards becoming a North American Police Work Dog Association Trainer and will be testing for this certification in June.

Tico

- ♦ On April 22, 2026, Officer Surdo and K9 Tico assisted in an article search for evidence discarded by a suspect who had just committed a larceny of Pokemon cards at Wal-Mart. K9 Tico was able to locate an unopened packaged of Pokemon cards that were discarded by the suspect along the side of Interstate 95. The item was seized as evidence.
- ♦ On April 22, 2026, Officer Surdo and K9 Tico conducted a K9 demonstration for the Waterford Police Department Citizen's Academy.
- ♦ On April 2 and April 5, 2026, Officer Surdo deployed K9 Tico for an exterior open air sniff of a motor vehicle.
- ♦ On April 2, 2026, Officer Surdo and K9 Tico responded to Norwich to assist the Norwich Police Department in the apprehension of a barricaded subject. The subject had broken into a residence and was actively violating a protective order. Officer Surdo and K9 Tico maintained the perimeter and the subjected later exited and surrendered without incident.



Monthly Training

- ♦ Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 4/7/26 and 4/21/26 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work.



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Youth Office Activity Report



April 2026

- ◆ SRO Malbaurn met with the Athletic Director and Traffic Officer Devine regarding parking issues for after school sports events.
- ◆ SRO Malbaurn was the first presenter for Mr Gamble's spring semester Criminal Justice Class
- ◆ SRO Malbaurn addressed an issue of a student creating inappropriate social media posts about another student, and another issue involving a student making an inappropriate cartoon involving other students
- ◆ SRO Malbaurn conducted surveillance reviews for a motor vehicle complaint in the parking lot, and assisted the Nurse with finding footage of a student who passed out
- ◆ SRO Lane taught a class on SRO's for the Citizens Academy. He also taught three classes to the 7th graders regarding the dangers of driving under the influence
- ◆ SRO Lane attended the CLMS Spring Dance and the CLMS Track Meet. He also threw out the first pitch during the Waterford Little League Opening Day Ceremony
- ◆ SRO Winters attended concerts and taught Youth Promise at each elementary school
- ◆ SRO Winters gave a student a ride to school as a part of a school fundraiser
- ◆ SRO Winters assisted Patrol by conducting interviews related to two cases for events involving students that occurred outside of school



School wasn't in session 4/11- 4/19 due to Spring Break

Month at a Glance

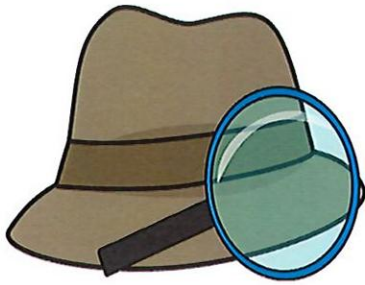
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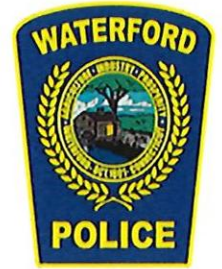
0– Arrests

SRO Lane & SRO Malbaurn 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 between the department and the youth in our community.



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Investigative Services Division



April 2026

In the month of April 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-6
Burglary-6	Skimmer—1
Robbery-1	Fraud—4
Sex Assault—1	Larceny —2
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
19	14	0	8	7
Phone Extract	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery
11	0	2	2	1



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Investigative Services Division



April 2026

April 2026 Updates:

Detective Sergeant Avdevich, Detective Bonkowski and I completed interviews for the open position of Investigator in Investigative Services. This position was opened up with the promotion of Sergeant Bushwack. Sergeant Bushwack served in the roll for just under a year and contributed a lot to this role. A selection will be made soon to replace him.

College Intern Caleb Cobb and Waterford High School Intern Kian Gordy completed their internship time in Investigative Services. For the second time block with us in Investigative Services we focus primarily on giving the intern knowledge and experience on processing a scene for evidence.

Investigative Services hosted this month's intelligence meeting. The format has changed some where other neighboring agencies have also began taking on a larger role and presenting the intelligence meeting at times. This month's meeting consisted of approximately 35 members of different law enforcement agencies and their partners.

Detective Bonkowski and Detective Carroll traveled to a Correctional Facility in Newport, Vermont to retrieve a male subject on an extraditable arrest warrant that this agency had charges for. The charges primarily consisted of numerous FTA's. The extradition was completed without issue.

Investigative Services is in the process of coordinating our next warrant sweep in the area with a planned date of June 2026. We will once again be utilizing officers from Patrol and Investigative Services to collaborate together.

April 2026 Investigations:

Detective O'Connell was assigned a juvenile sexual assault in which a juvenile suspect who is currently in foster care reportedly inappropriately touched another female student in class at the Waterford Country School. The case is under further investigation.

Investigative Services arrested a father in connection to a months long child abuse case in which in the mother was previously arrested. His attorney was contacted and they had the subject turn himself in without issues.

Investigative Services is currently working a drug investigation case in collaboration with Parole, as well as the Montville Police Department in regards to an overdose death.

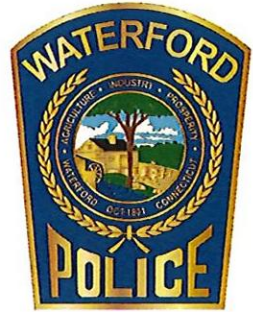
Detective Bonkowski in the month of April downloaded four phones for surrounding agencies as part of a regional initiative. The departments served were two phones for East Lyme, one for Norwich, and one for Mohegan Police Department.

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TRAINING REPORT

APRIL 2026

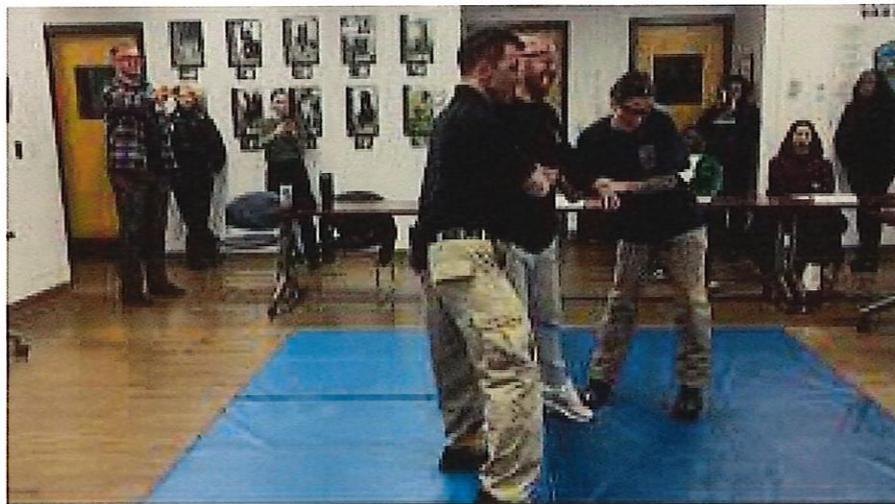


New Officer Updates

Hiring Process: The Waterford Police Department continues its efforts in recruiting and hiring. Training is holding an active hiring process to fill three current vacancies.

Recruit Status: Recruit Ramos is continuing her Field Training and is currently in Phase 3 doing 75% of the work.

Recruit Morgan is continuing his Field Training and is currently in Phase 2 doing 50% of the work.

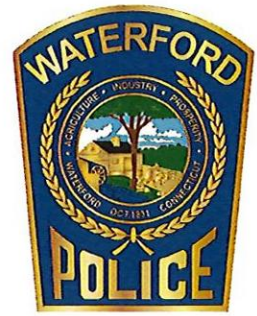


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TRAINING REPORT

APRIL 2026



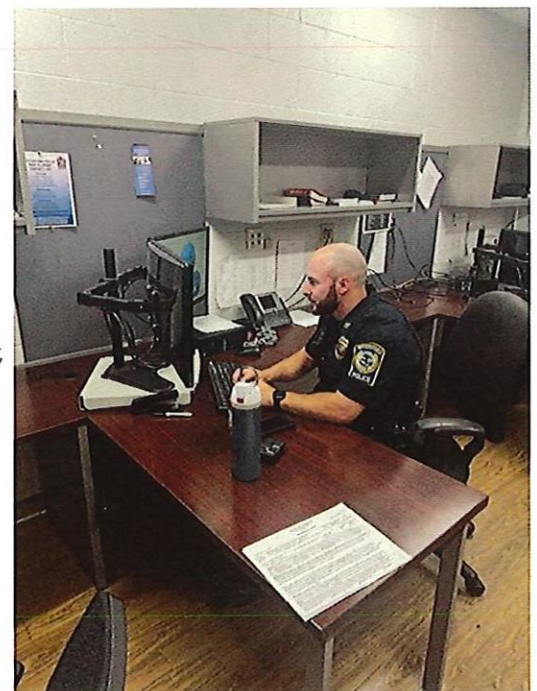
Officer Sabilia attended a two-day Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training that was hosted at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden, CT. This is a mandatory training for all officers to receive prior to obtaining their recertification. ARIDE training goes in depth about drugged and impaired driving, as well as conducting various Standardized Field Sobriety Tests.

Officer Suplita attended a five-day Basic SWAT Operator I course at the Sig Sauer Academy in Epping, NH. The course focused on basic fundamentals of room clearing, breaching, planning, scouting and warrant service.

Officer McComic 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 Genung, Officer Ewing, and Officer Rogers attended a one day Connecticut Police Work Dog Association Medical Care Training hosted at the Waterford Police Department. This class was taught by Officer Lane and another K9 Instructor. This one day class reviewed trauma logistics, examination parameters, a variety of medical and surgical conditions, as well as basic first aid techniques to name a few.

Chief Ferland, Lieutenant VanOverloop, Sergeant Mike Fedor, Sergeant Matt Fedor, Sergeant Bushwack, Sergeant Caler, and Sergeant Firmin attended a Connecticut Police Chief's Associate quarterly training. This training covered scenario-based training. The topic was bridging the gap between police accountability and the real-world safety of your officers.





Support Services Report

April 2026



Records Activity

FOI Requests	117	33%
Warrants	30	50%
Phone Calls	116	-9%
Walk in Assists	103	-5%
Background Checks	5	0%
Protective Orders	51	42%
Officer Tasking Requests	68	-11%
Case Erasures	407	-8%
DCF Requests	8	14%
Court Requests	4	0%
Abstracts	387	7%
Video Requests	27	4%
Reports Accepted	199	0%
CISS Arrest Packets	43	-27%

- * In April of 2026 the records department completed the destruction of all 2015 cases that were not identified as permanent records in accordance with CT State library retention schedules.
- * In April of 2026 Lt. Flanagan made the transition from Patrol Lieutenant to Administrative Lieutenant.
- * On April 28th and 29th ten qualified candidates were interviewed for the vacant Data Technician II position. Lt. Flanagan, Officer Coordinator Diane Driscoll, and Human Resources Assistant Katie Freeman were on the oral board panel.
- * CSOs covered 67 shifts which equates to 533 hours of shift coverage.

CSO Activity

Adult Arrests	23
Juvenile Arrests	0
Firearms Transfers	40
Pistol Permits Issued	22
Walk In Complaints	45

Fingerprints

Pistol Permits	16
Employment	19
Miscellaneous	2
Peddler/Precious Permits	0
Warrant Follow Ups	241



Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report

April 2026



Larceny/Interfering Arrest/Multiple Warrants

On April 6th, at 11:46 am officers were dispatched to Wal-Mart for a larceny called in by Loss Prevention. Officer Robinson made contact with the suspect near the exit, and he refused to identify himself and tried to run away. Officer Robinson struggled with the suspect as he attempted to exit the store. Sgt Epps arrived and was able to tackle the suspect. After being detained the male provided a false name. He was later identified through fingerprints and was found to have two active warrants out of Middletown and Newington. The suspect was charged with Interfering with Police (2 counts) and Larceny 6th Degree. He was released to the custody of Newington PD.

Driving Under the Influence Arrest

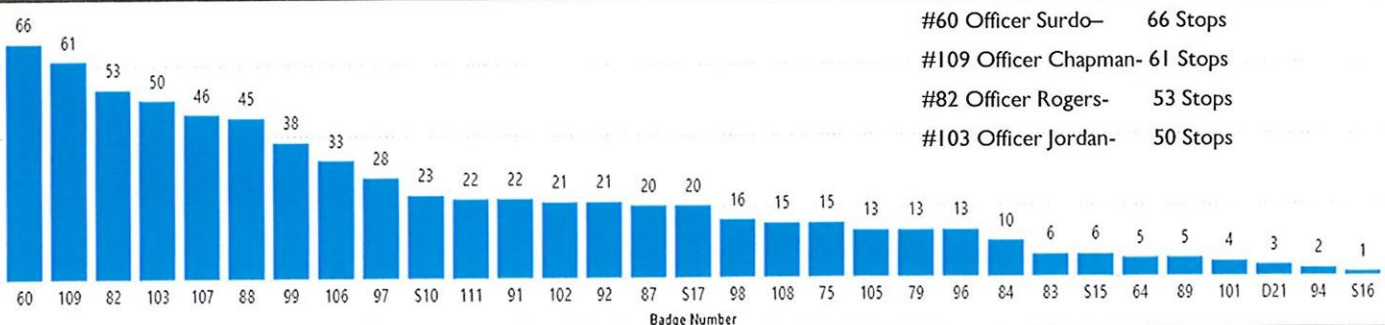
On April 11th, at 2:56 am Officer Sabilia was patrolling Route 85 near the intersection of Cross Rd. Just after traveling south through the intersection of Cross Rd in the left lane, he observed a vehicle traveling north in his lane directly toward him. He swerved to avoid the collision, turned around, and stopped the vehicle in the parking lot of Henny Penny. The front driver's side tire was flat and the male operator was intoxicated. He stated he had been at a bar in Old Saybrook until midnight, and had spent the previous three hours trying to get home to Niantic. He was arrested and charged with DUI and Failure to Maintain Lane

Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2,636
Case Numbers	143
Arrests	67
Juvenile Arrests	1
Larcenies	27
Arrest Warrants	14
Domestic Violence Investigations	12
Traffic Crash	49
DUI Investigations	4
EDPI/Welfare Check	10
School Checks	36
Motor Vehicle Stops	643
Written Warnings	373
Infractions	131
Verbal Warnings	111
MV Summons	23



SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER





Domestic Disturbance/Assault on Police Arrest

On April 14th at 5:04 pm officers were sent to the report of a disturbance on Second Ave. It was reported that a family member of the resident had kicked in the door and then fled the area on foot. Officers Arpin and Winakor located the suspect walking on an adjacent street. The suspect refused to stop for them and upon being detained became very hostile, threatening the officers and shouting racial slurs at them. Upon speaking with the caller it was learned that after becoming very intoxicated he punched a family member, struck a juvenile with a water bottle, stole prescription medication, and caused extensive damage to the home. The suspect was ultimately arrested and he remained uncooperative. While attempting to get him into the police car he head-butted Sgt. Bushwack. He remained uncooperative at the police department and while attempting to put him in the restraint chair he kneed Sgt Bushwack in the head. The suspect was charged with Risk of Injury to a minor (2 counts), Interfering with Police, Assault on Police, Criminal Mischief 2nd, Larceny 6th, and Disorderly Conduct. The suspect also had an active arrest warrant from Norwich PD.

Larceny/Gun Arrest

On April 15th at 4:38 pm officers were sent to Wal-Mart for a shoplifting complaint. Officers Donovan, Rogers, and Morgan responded. Loss Prevention had a female suspect detained but through their investigative efforts determined a male was also involved. The male was located in the parking lot and detained. The male was arrested and searched, and found to be in possession of Heroin, Cocaine, Xanax, a .22 caliber revolver, and ammunition. He also had two active Failure to Appear arrest warrants. The male was charged with Carrying a Pistol without a Permit, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Larceny Sixth Degree.



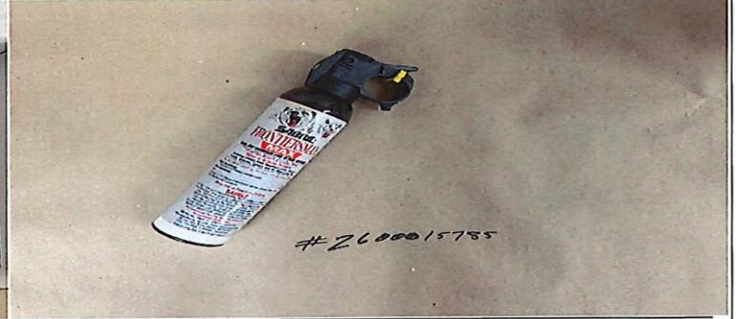
In the Community Interest





Domestic Disturbance/Firearm Arrest

On April 19th at 6:38 am officers were sent to a residence on Millstone Rd West for the report of a domestic disturbance. As they were enroute, the caller advised Dispatch that the male suspect fled the area and he was armed with a knife, pepper spray, and a pistol. Officers Gorman, Maselli, Jordan, and Sgt Caler located the suspect vehicle a short distance away and performed a felony stop. The male was found to be in possession of a .22 cal pistol and a canister of "bear and mountain lion defense" pepper spray. The male was arrested and charged with Possession of a Pistol without a Permit, Weapon in a Motor Vehicle, and Disorderly Conduct.



Traffic Assignments/In-service Training on Midnight Shift

In an effort to ensure that the newer officers assigned to the midnight shift are staying engaged and continuing to learn the job, Sgt Caler and Sgt Nickerson have instituted traffic assignments and in-service training. For everyone on the shift, when it is their "Wednesday" they get to chose their zone assignment and a location to conduct traffic enforcement. For the month of April, there were 12 traffic assignments which resulted in 40 traffic stops. This is in addition to the other proactive stops which occur on the shift.

In addition to the traffic assignments, the Sergeants ask the officers about areas which they feel they need additional training. The Sergeants then conduct training in the areas identified by the officers. The training occurs while the officers are on-shift. So far they have trained on the topics of handcuffing, vehicle extractions, and building searches.



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THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Animal Control Report



April 2026

- Percy attended community events at Connecticut College and the Groton Library reading books to children with other comfort dogs.
- One aggressive dog was euthanized this month as it came to animal control with a history of two documented bites on children. The dog was too great of a risk to re-home back into society.
- The dog that was reported missing on 3/27/26 in the area of Wal-Mart was located unharmed nearly two weeks later. The dog belonged to a family of transient people that were staying in the area. Ultimately, the owners surrendered the dog to a local rescue group and they are in the process of finding it a new loving home.



CTDGRV.org - CT Dog Gone Recovery Volunteers

LOST DOG

Missing Since: 3/27/26

Parkway N/Walmart/Lowes Area

Waterford, CT

Female Bully Mix

70 lbs Tan/Brown

Pink Camo Collar

SKITTISH

REUNITED!

Leaving a Leash !!

Call Out or Chase

	Waterford	East Lyme
Calls for Service	59	32
After Hour Call Outs	2	2
Tickets Issued	0	0
Warnings Issued	2	1
Dog Bites	7	2
Animals Redeemed	10	8
Animals Adopted	2	0
Animals DOA	0	1
Euthanized	1	0
Total Processed	13	9
Money Taken In	\$145	\$60
Donations	\$10	\$15

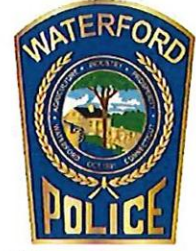
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Community Engagement Report

March 2026



Internship: Intern Caleb Cobb shadowed Traffic Officer Reed, Dispatch, Traffic Officer Devine, Midnight Shift Patrol, Day Shift Patrol, Evening Shift Patrol, Evidence Officer Barrows, Investigative Services, School Resource Officer Lane, and Traffic Officer McComic. Intern Kian Gordy shadowed Evening Shift Patrol and Investigative Services. Intern Gordy received a tour of the POST Academy and the Montville Police Department.

Citizen's Academy: 19 participants attended classes about Criminal Investigations, School Resource Officers, Defensive Tactics, Use of Force, Marine Patrol, Dispatch, Digital Forensics, and the Patrol K9 Unit. They witnessed a Phazzer demo and K9 demo.

K9 Quilts of Honor: Attended a ceremony where Hodges and three other K9 Teams received K9 Quilts of Honor. Went to WFSB Channel 3 News to speak about the event.



Interaction with Youth Services: Held Youth Promise Jeopardy at all elementary schools.

Special Olympics Efforts: Attended the monthly Torch Run Council Meeting.

Recruiting: Held recruitment sessions at Connecticut Central State University and Mitchell College. Attended job fairs and Middlesex College and Three Rivers College.

K-9 Officer Hodges: Attended Waterford Parks & Rec's Egg Hunt, a UCONN Avery Point Reading Event, Connecticut College Wellness Fair, and a Groton Library Event. Visited Salem Stone Design. Performed a K9 demo for a Three Rivers Community College Class.

Puppies Behind Bars Training/Symposium: Attended Yearly Training for Hodges to receive his Public Access Recertification. Presented on how to connect with your community with social media and a Facility K9.

Officer Wellness: Organized Wellness Days for Dispatch and Animal Control Officers to recognize their national appreciation weeks. Hodges visited Montville Police.

Domestic Violence Follow-ups: Conducted 5 follow-ups with a DV victim.

Hodges T-Shirt Contest: Organized a Hodges T-Shirt Design contest at CLMS. Went on the morning announcements to name the winners and they received shirts.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Gave a student a ride-along to Great Neck School with SRO Winters for a school fundraiser.

Rotary Club: Attended a Student Award Ceremony.