



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

**Waterford Town Hall Auditorium**

**7/13/26 5:00 pm**

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: June 8, 2026 Regular Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Thank You note from Niantic River Road resident
- b. Letter from Oswegatchie Road resident, Bob Lane

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's Report:

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

Old Business:

New Business:

- a. Letter from BOPC to RTM Moderator regarding any ICE access to individuals in police custody during the prior six month period pursuant to CGS 54-192h.
- b. Executive Session for police officer candidate interviews.



**MINUTES  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

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

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

**DEPARTMENT:** Chief D. Ferland, LT N. VanOverloop, LT P. Flanagan, LT Farrior, Traffic Officer M. Devine, Training Officer M. Bellos, Officer S. Colkos

**CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Helen Kwasniewski requested increased law enforcement presence to address speeding, safety concerns, and noise associated with motorcycle and e-bike users on Bloomingdale Road.

Brian Schuch submitted a letter requesting the removal of the "No Parking" sign located adjacent to his uncle's driveway at 12 Cedar Street. This matter is discussed further under the Traffic Commission Review section of these meeting minutes.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to accept the May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes. Commissioner Dimmock abstained. Motion passed.

The Life Saving Award was presented to Officer Stephen Colkos.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence was reviewed.

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:**

Traffic Report was received.

The Traffic Officer provided background information regarding the "No Parking" sign on Cedar Street. The sign was installed in June 2020 to ensure that school buses, garbage trucks, and fire apparatus could safely access the street. There were several incidents involving parking violations in the area, including an occasion when an illegally parked vehicle prevented a fire truck from proceeding down the street. The Traffic Officer advised that he is following up with Fire Services and Public Works to determine whether the sign remains necessary.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

- a. K9 Reports for May  
May report was received.
- b. Youth Reports for May  
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- c. Investigative Services for May  
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- h. Community Engagement Report for May  
May report was received.

Commissioner Brule requested increased speed enforcement, particularly in the beach areas and the Ridgewood Park neighborhood during the busy summer season. He indicated that he would revisit this issue at future meetings.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Gelinas and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane E Driscoll". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diane E. Driscoll  
Recording Secretary

8 June 2026

To: Waterford Police Commissioners  
Attn: Rob Brule

Right now, at #12 Cedar St.  
my uncle Bobby Christina a Navy  
veteran is dying of cancer.

He looks out at a "No Parking"  
sign that the Town installed  
right next to his driveway.

Cedar and Sari never had  
parking sign since my family  
built these houses seventy years  
ago.

Off Devine has already made  
a field visit and evaluation.

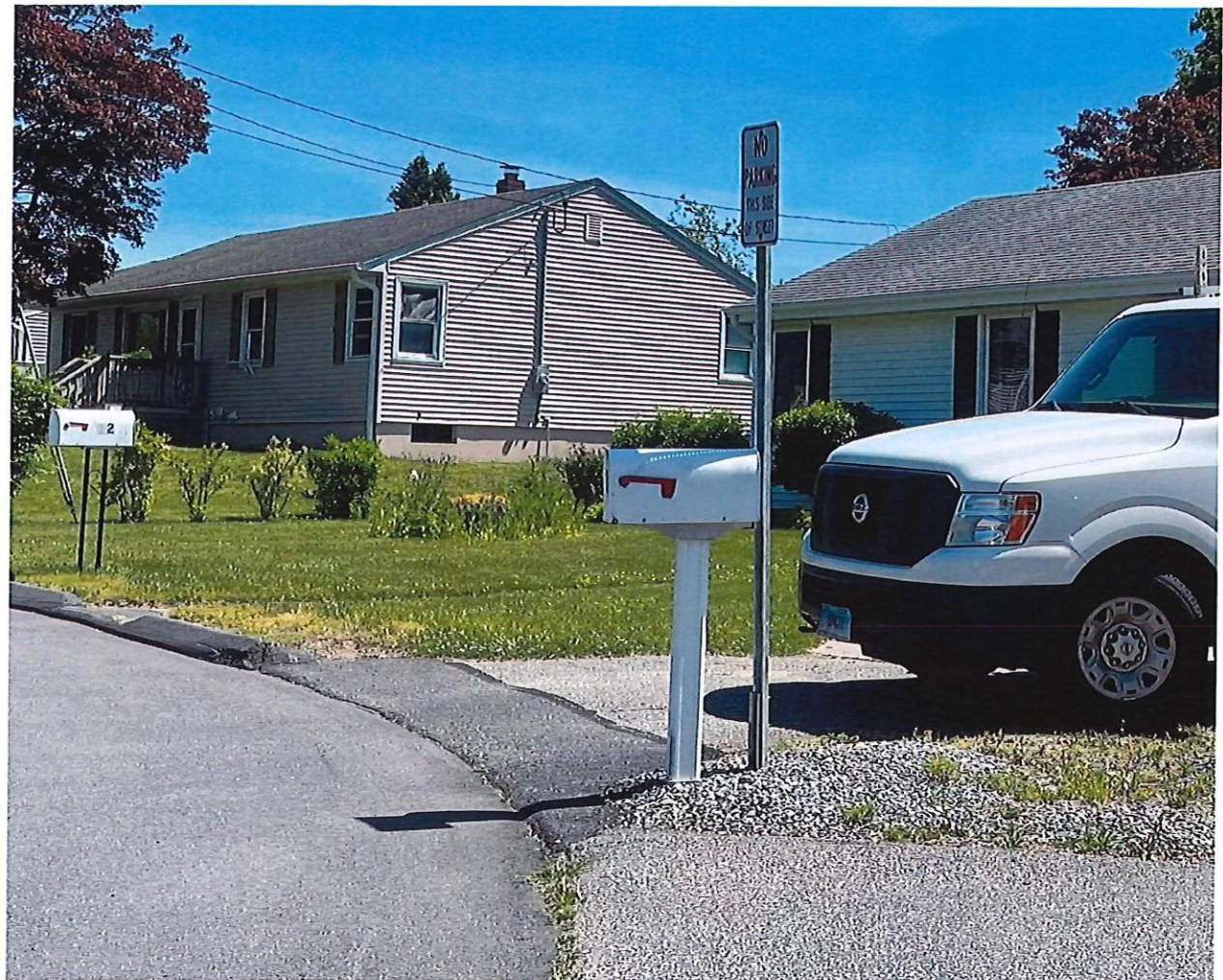
I am Connecticut architect #12475  
and former Chair of East Lyme  
Planning. The sign is not needed.

Please remove the sign at 12 Cedar.  
as soon as possible.

860-961-7224

H Willow

Thank you,  
Brian Schuch



June 5, 2026

Chief Ferland & all Officers,

Thank you so much for your help slowing the traffic on Niantic River Road. It is wonderful to see your vehicles parked along our road. Hopefully people will get used to driving 30 miles per hour and realize this is a neighborhood and not a highway. (Am I overly optimistic?) We appreciate all that you do.

God Bless you and Be Safe,  
Carol and Richard Duden  
134 Niantic River Road

## Speed Study: Upper Oswegatchie Road

Good evening Commissioners:

My name is Bob Lane and my wife and I live at 23 Oswegatchie Road in Waterford. At last month's meeting before you, my wife made a statement for the record regarding the excessive speeding on our section of upper Oswegatchie Road, near Josan Drive.

The reason for my being here today is to contest the conclusion that the Waterford Police Traffic Department arrived at after analyzing the speed study they conducted in response to our complaint from last month. I will be providing my statement for the record along with the Waterford PD's Speed Study data which supports our argument that further action is required to address this potentially life threatening situation.

As we stated during your meeting in May, our section of upper Oswegatchie Road has no sidewalks so pedestrians and dogwalkers are forced to walk in narrow 24 inch wide "lanes" on either side of the road. The posted speed limit along this stretch of road is either 30mph or 25mph. But, it has been, and still is, our contention that these speed limits are being routinely ignored.

In response to our May complaint, Officer Devine with the Waterford Police Traffic Department conducted a Speed Study of the North bound and South bound traffic on our portion of upper Oswegatchie Road using speed feedback RADAR signs to collect data. In his study, 30mph speed limit signs were posted on both the northbound and the southbound sides of Oswegatchie. And, signs which recorded the actual speed of the vehicles going in both directions were also installed next to these speed limit signs.

When in an INACTIVE mode, the feedback RADAR signs recorded actual vehicle speeds but the actual readings were NOT displayed so drivers could see them. However, when in an ACTIVE mode, these feedback RADAR signs displayed the actual speeds for the drivers to see. These

feedback signs were then run in both ACTIVE and INACTIVE modes for the same period of time.

After running the speed study, the Waterford Police Department reported that *"The data indicate that without speed feedback, average vehicle speeds were 28.8 mph northbound and 26.2 mph southbound. And, that "When speed feedback signs were deployed, average speeds decreased to 27.2 mph northbound and 25.5 mph southbound"*.

Based on these average speed numbers, the Waterford Police Department then concluded that *"The data indicate that average traffic speeds are generally at or below the posted 30 mph speed limit and that speed feedback signs further reduce operating speeds"*.

The report goes on to say that *"Based on speed data alone, there is limited engineering justification for reducing the speed limit to 25 mph"*.

With all due respect, the table used by the Waterford PD to reach its conclusions was incorrectly interpreted. Average speed simply is NOT an indicator if speeding actually occurred. You have to look at the percentage of vehicles that actually do exceed the speed limit to determine if speeding is a serious problem.

Using the Waterford PD data table and a posted speed limit of 30 mph for upper Oswegatchie, the data shows that 43% of the vehicles travelling Northbound (or approximately 4 in every 10 vehicles) are travelling above the speed limit, and 26% of the vehicles travelling Southbound (or approximately 3 in every 10 vehicles) are travelling above the speed limit. We have trust that these speeding percentages would be unacceptable to the Waterford PD.

With speed feedback RADAR signs, speeding is reduced to 11% for vehicles travelling Northbound (or approximately 1 in every 10 vehicles) and for vehicles travelling Southbound speeding is reduced to 5% (or less than 1 in every 10 vehicles).

So clearly, the data shows that speed feedback RADAR signs go a long way toward solving the speeding problems on upper Oswegatchie Road. And, at a minimum, these speed feedback signs should be seriously considered as a permanent solution, along with other methods, to reduce the speeding issues we are experiencing.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you and thank you for your service to our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

23 OSWEGATCHIE ROAD, WATERFORD CT  
Linda Lane  
Robert P. Zeman 26 Oswegatchie Rd Waterford CT  
Diana Oument  
Charles Rethrick 4 JOSHUA DRIVE WTRD, CT  
Angela Paulekas 22 Oswegatchie Rd, Waterford, CT  
Mark A. Sperry 21 Oswegatchie Rd. WATERFORD, CT  
Anabel Frish 21 Oswegatchie Rd. Waterford, CT  
Donna Pepin 19 Oswegatchie Rd Waterford  
Wm Bernd 119 Oswegatchie Rd. Waterford  
JAN SULLIVAN 14 Point Comfort WTRD, CT  
Rozie Kengon 12 Ro 107 Court WATERFORD CT  
Kelley Concascia 17 Oswegatchie Road Waterford, CT  
DAVE CONCASCA 17 OSWEGATCHIE RD WTRD CT  
cc: Robert J. Brule, First Selectman  
W.A. Kohl 16 Oswegatchie Rd. WTRD CT  
Curtis Kohl 16 Oswegatchie Rd, Waterford CT  
4 Dabney Drive Waterford CT  
7 Oswegatchie Rd, Waterford CT

Colleen Sullivan 7 Oswegatchie Rd, Waterford CT 06385  
 William Neff 7 JOSAN DR. WATERFORD, CT. 06385  
 Jill Neri 11 Josan Dr Waterford CT 06385  
 Sandra Silva-Enos 12 Josan Dr. Waterford CT 06385  
 Timothy End 12 Josan Drive Waterford CT 06385  
 Barbara Baker 8 Josan Drive Waterford CT 06385  
 E & Baker 8 Josan Dr. Waterford CT. 06385  
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 Mel R. 28 OSWEGATCHIE RD WTRFD CT 06385  
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 Karen 20 Oswegatchie Rd Waterford  
 Rob 25 Oswegatchie Rd Waterford  
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 Todd Pizzolisi 8 POINT COMFORT WATERFORD

To: Waterford Police Department

Subject: Request for Targeted Traffic Enforcement on Oswegatchie Road

Dear Chief and Members of the Waterford Police Department,

I am writing as a resident concerned about excessive speeding on Oswegatchie Road. Many drivers appear to be traveling well above the posted speed limit, creating safety concerns for residents, pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists using the roadway.

The speeding is particularly noticeable during [morning commute hours / afternoon school hours / evening commute hours / weekends], although it occurs at other times as well. Residents have observed vehicles traveling at speeds that make it difficult and potentially dangerous for pedestrians to cross the road, access driveways, or safely use the area.

I respectfully request that the Waterford Police Department consider targeted traffic enforcement on Oswegatchie Road. Increased patrol presence, periodic speed enforcement details, and/or the temporary placement of a radar speed display sign could help reduce speeding and improve safety for everyone who uses the roadway.

If available, I would also appreciate any traffic-speed data the department may have regarding this section of Oswegatchie Road and information about any process for requesting a formal traffic study or additional safety measures.

Thank you for your continued service to our community and for your consideration of this request. I would be grateful for any actions the department can take to address this concern.

Sincerely,

Charles Petchark  
4 Jason Dr  
Waterford



# The Waterford Police Department

## Traffic Officer Report

### May 2026



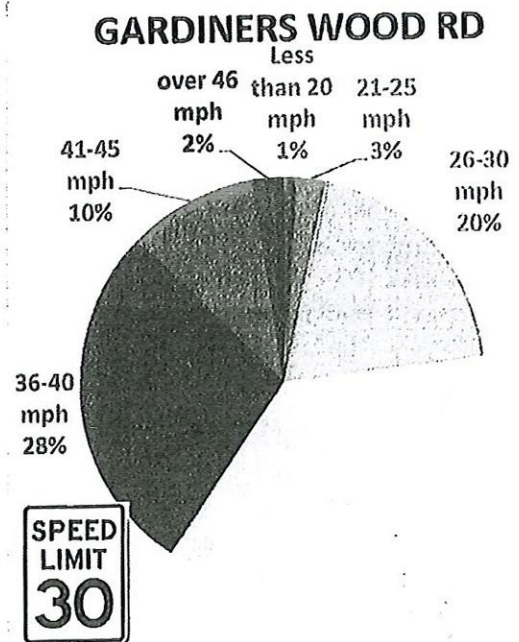
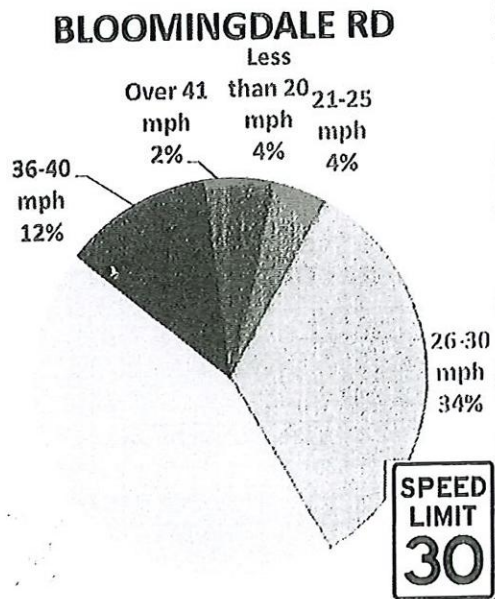
#### Speed Study: Upper Oswegatchie Road

A speed study was conducted on Oswegatchie Road utilizing speed feedback RADAR signs, in the area of Josan Drive, which is a 30 mph zone. Signs were initially set up both northbound and southbound to collect data, with no speed feedback. The signs were then used in the same locations giving speed feedback, and had 30 mph speed limit signs attached to them. Speed categories over 30 mph showed decrease with the speed feedback signs implemented. Northbound traffic went from 57.39% compliance to the 30 mph speed limit to 73.26%. Southbound traffic went from 73.52% to 83.89% compliance with the 30 mph speed limit.

|                  | Northbound no feedback | Northbound With Feedback | Southbound no feedback | Southbound With Feedback |
|------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Less than 20 mph | 10.85%                 | 10.25%                   | 16.62%                 | 16.14%                   |
| 21-25 mph        | 14.31%                 | 20.34%                   | 21.88%                 | 27.96%                   |
| 26-30 mph        | 32.22%                 | 42.67%                   | 35.03%                 | 39.79%                   |
| 31-35 mph        | 31.97%                 | 21.50%                   | 21.52%                 | 14.09%                   |
| 36-40 mph        | 9.27%                  | 4.80%                    | 4.36%                  | 1.88%                    |
| 41-45 mph        | 1.20%                  | 0.37%                    | 0.47%                  | 0.13%                    |
| 46-50 mph        | 0.15%                  | 0.02%                    | 0.10%                  | 0.01%                    |
| 51-55 mph        | 0.03%                  | 0.04%                    | 0.01%                  | 0.00%                    |
| 56-60 mph        | 0.00%                  | 0.02%                    | 0.01%                  | 0.00%                    |
|                  | 100.00%                | 100.00%                  | 100.00%                | 100.00%                  |

= SPEEDING ABOVE 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT

Other speed feedback sign placement:





# The Waterford Police Department

## Traffic Officer Report

### May 2026



#### LINE OF SIGHT ISSUES:

- DPW reports they have received the red flashing stop signs for Spithead Road at Daniels Ave. They will be working with contractors to coordinate where the stop signs will be placed.

#### DOT RELATED ISSUES.

- Letter sent to DOT as an addendum for a previous request to evaluate the intersection of Route 1 at Cross Road/Spithead Road. DOT responded indicating they are actively working on this request.
- DOT contractor has installed 70+ SEAT Bus stop signs throughout Waterford

#### ENFORCEMENT RELATED COMPLAINTS:

- Directed enforcement on Oswegatchie Rd. near Josan Dr. in morning and evening hours
- Enforcement on Braman Rd. near Susan Terrace, speeding near morning bus stop
- Speed sign and enforcement on Gardiners Wood, soccer field exit area
- Speed sign hung on Bloomingdale Road near Miller Pond Road, for vehicles traveling in a southwesterly direction

#### REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

- A complaint brought forward at the May commission meeting, reporting a speeding issue and requesting an evaluation for a stop sign or speed bumps on Oswegatchie Rd. near Josan Dr. A speed study was conducted on the 30 mph roadway in response to reported speeding concerns. Without speed feedback, average vehicle speeds were 28.8 mph northbound and 26.2 mph southbound, with 85th-percentile speeds of 35 mph and 33 mph, respectively. When speed feedback signs were deployed, average speeds decreased to 27.2 mph northbound and 25.5 mph southbound, while 85th-percentile speeds decreased to 33 mph northbound and 31 mph southbound. The data indicate that average traffic speeds are generally at or below the posted speed limit and that speed feedback signs provide a measurable reduction in both average and higher-end vehicle speeds. The speed study indicates that average vehicle speeds are at or below the posted 30 mph limit and that speed feedback signs further reduce operating speeds. Based on the observed speed data alone, there is limited engineering justification for reducing the posted speed limit to 25 mph. Additional data for the speed study is attached below.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- No upcoming events

#### UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH CLOSURE:

- Nothing to report

#### TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: 159 Total Traffic Stops

| Officer     | Devine #88 | Reed #93 | Total |
|-------------|------------|----------|-------|
| Infractions | 3          | 59       | 62    |
| warnings    | 24         | 69       | 93    |
| misdemeanor | 1          | 2        | 3     |



# The Waterford Police Department

## Traffic Officer Report

### June 2026



#### TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: 327 Total Traffic Stops

| Officer     | Devine #88 | Reed #93 | Rodriguez #79 | Total |
|-------------|------------|----------|---------------|-------|
| Infractions | 10         | 75       | 31            | 116   |
| warnings    | 61         | 87       | 55            | 203   |
| misdemeanor | 1          | 6        | 1             | 8     |

- Officer Rodriguez was assigned to Traffic June 21, 2026 and worked only 7 days with traffic in June.
- 19 additional enforcement patrols lead to an additional 117 traffic stops this month.

#### LINE OF SIGHT ISSUES:

- Complaint of overgrowth from behind wall at the eastern corner of Susan Terrace and Braman Road. DPW had previously attempted to make contact, with no luck. I spoke with homeowner and they were willing to cut some of the vegetation back. Some vegetation has been cut back, which has improved the line of sight.

#### DOT RELATED ISSUES.

- Milling and paving started on Route 1 from Route 156 to the New London Line, should be completed before the end of July.

#### ENFORCEMENT RELATED COMPLAINTS:

- Enforcement on Braman Rd. near Susan Terrace,
- Increased enforcement in beach areas due to increased traffic flow

#### REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

- I have reviewed the supporting medical documentation and met with the family of an elementary school-aged child who is legally blind. The family has requested the installation of blind child warning signs on Laurel Crest Drive to help alert motorists to the potential presence of the child near the roadway. A Children at Play sign is currently installed at the entrance to Laurel Crest Drive. One blind child warning sign could be installed at or near that location for inbound traffic. A second sign could be placed at an appropriate distance beyond the child's residence to provide advance warning for outbound traffic, consistent with accepted sign placement practices.
- I received a request for the installation of Blind Person warning signs on Spithead Road. The request was submitted by the guardian of an 18-year-old resident who lives at 73 Spithead Road. The guardian advised that the resident is legally blind and has intellectual disabilities. Supporting medical documentation verifying this information was provided and has been reviewed. If approved, one sign could be installed to provide advance warning for approaching traffic in one direction, with a second sign installed at an appropriate advance distance for traffic approaching from the opposite direction. The exact locations should be determined based on roadway conditions, available sight distance, and accepted traffic engineering practices.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fireworks in New London on July 11, 2026. Officers will be assigned to assist with anticipated high traffic volume after the fireworks.

#### UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH CLOSURE:

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## Traffic Officer Report

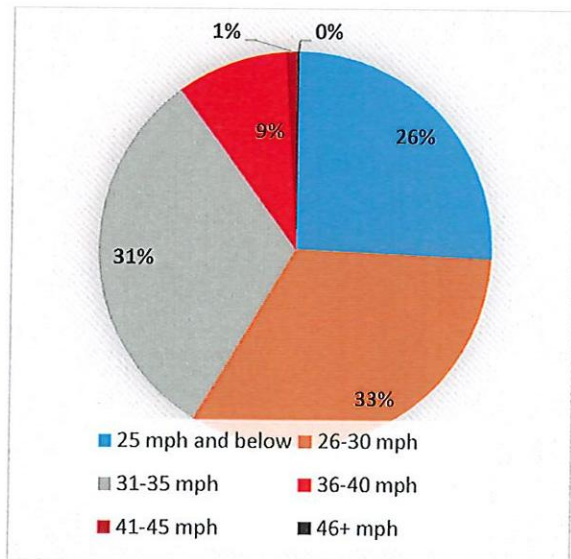
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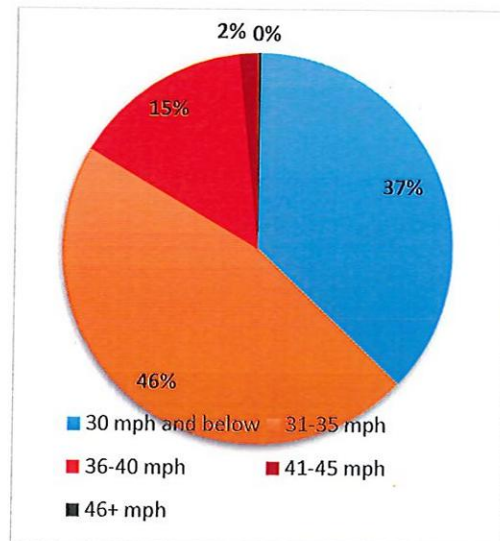
#### SPEED/TRAFFIC SIGN DEPLOYMENT:

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

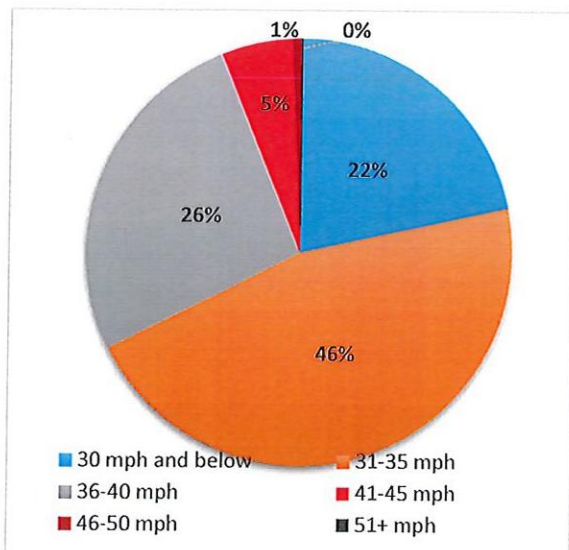
1. Great Neck Road (Route 213) southbound at Great Neck School. (25 mph zone)



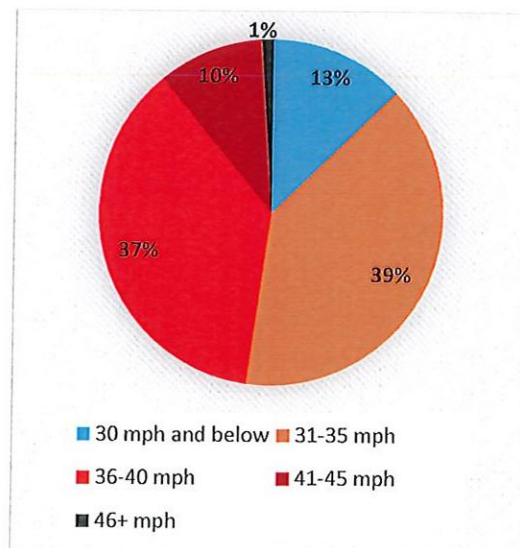
3. Spithead Road southbound prior to Daniels Ave. (30 mph zone)



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



4. Niantic River Road southbound near Old Niantic River Road. (30 mph Zone)

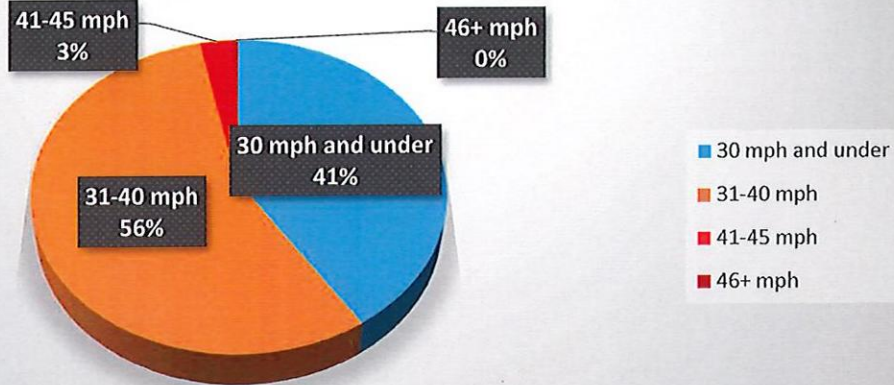




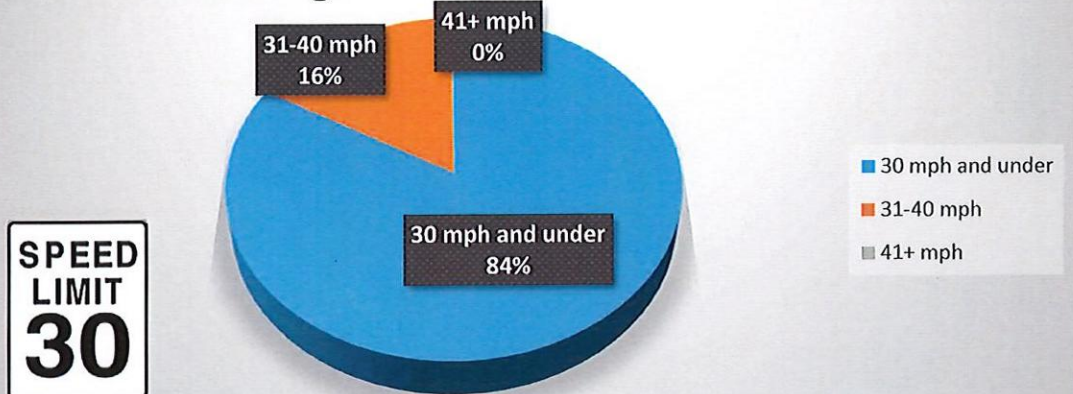
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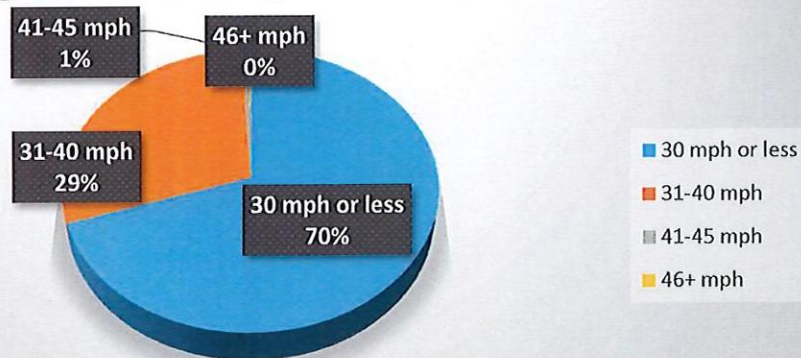
## Braman Rd WB at Mary Butler



## Oswegatchie Rd NB near Josan Dr.



## Oswegatchie Rd SB @ Josan Dr.





## THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



# K-9 Activity Report

June 2026

### K-9 Ozzy

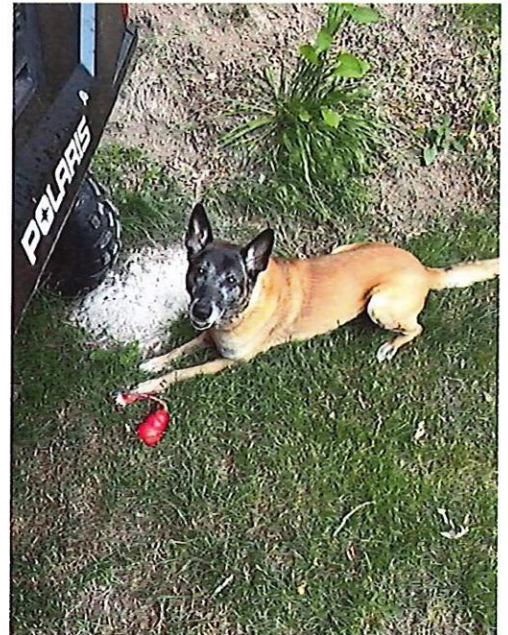
Monthly Uses: 0

2026 Uses: 9

### K-9 Tico

Monthly Uses: 6

2026 Uses: 20



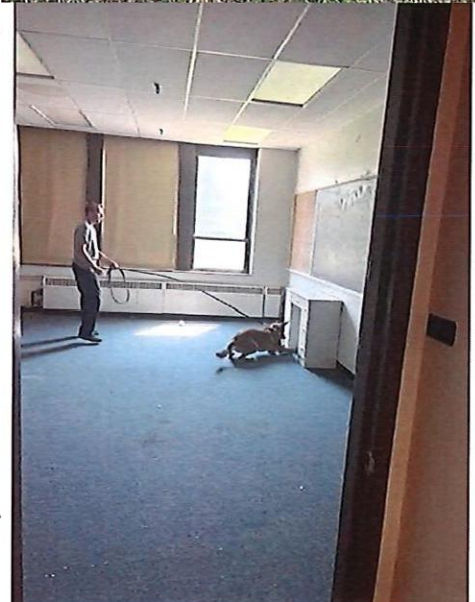
### K-9 Usage

#### Ozzy

- ♦ On June 10-18, 2026, Officer Genung traveled to Ohio for the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) national workshop. While at the workshop obtained his "trainer" status.

#### Tico

- ♦ On June 10, 2026, Officer Surdo and K9 Tico participated in a demonstration for the Great Neck School 5th grade students.
- ♦ On June 16, 2026, Officer Surdo and K9 Tico assisted the Groton Town Police Department in a track to locate a male that absconded from custody for a parole violation from a halfway house.
- ♦ On June 18, 2026, Officer Surdo and K9 Tico was deployed for a bag search for Waterford High School's Senior Night Out.
- ♦ On June 21 and 30, 2026, Officer Surdo and K9 Tico assisted surrounding agencies in open air sniff of motor vehicles suspect of possibly possession narcotics.



### Monthly Training

- ♦ Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 6/2/2026, 6/16/2026 and 6/30/2026 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work.



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# Youth Office Activity Report

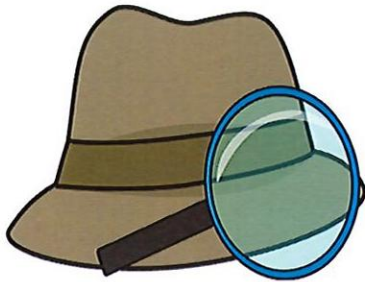


June 2026

- ♦ SRO Malbaurn investigated a threatening complaint between two students, it was determined to be unfounded
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn participated in the Torch Run by giving a ride to special education students so they could watch the runners
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn attended the Senior Picnic at the town beach, along with several other senior events
- ♦ SRO Lane taught a class on the dangers of sexting for the 8th grade students
- ♦ SRO Lane assisted with three Q & A sessions, one for each of the incoming fifth grade classes
- ♦ SRO Lane attended the 8th grade dance, picnic at the town beach, and the Field Day
- ♦ SRO Lane and SRO Malbaurn attended the WHS graduation
- ♦ SRO Lane and SRO Malbaurn attended the National Association of School Resource Officer's Conference in Reno, NV
- ♦ SRO Winters assisted with lockdown drills at Oswegatchie and Great Neck
- ♦ SRO Winters handled a complaint of a vehicle passing a stopped school bus on Fog Plain Rd
- ♦ SRO Winters attended Field Days at each of the elementary schools
- ♦ SRO Winters attended the graduation ceremonies at each of the elementary schools



The SRO's continue to tirelessly assist school staff and the students on a daily basis with an limitless range of issues which occur both inside and outside of school



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# Investigative Services Division



June 2026

In the month of June 2026 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 20 investigations.

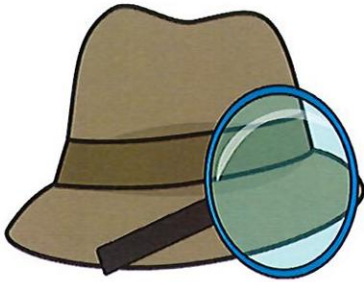
## Current Active Investigations (28 Cases):

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

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Homicide-1             | Pistol Permits-10     |
| Burglary-3             | Skimmer—1             |
| Robbery-1              | Fraud—3               |
| Larceny -2             | Employee Background—1 |
| Narcotics—1            | Stolen Vehicle—1      |
| Juvenile Sex Assault—2 | Untimely—2            |

## Year to Date Statistical Report

| Case Numbers  | Search Warrants | Background Checks | Arrests           | Sex Assaults |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 25            | 19              | 2                 | 11                | 8            |
| Phone Extract | Auto Theft      | Burglary          | Unattended Deaths | Robbery      |
| 16            | 1               | 2                 | 5                 | 1            |



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Investigative Services Division



June 2026

## June 2026 Updates:

Investigative Services assisted Community Engagement Officer Fredricks with the 2026 Special Olympics Torch Run by providing transportation for participating officers.

Detective O'Connell was assigned a Community Service Officer Background Investigation for a potential CSO candidate.

Lieutenant VanOverloop has begun participation in the pilot protocol for Response to Strangulation Incidents lead by Safe Futures. The first meeting was held at the Waterford Police Department and the group will meet again at the end of the summer.

Investigator McComie attended a three day training entitled Crime Scene Investigations. This training was put on by the Sirchie Training Institute and hosted by the Waterford Police Department.

Detective Sergeant Avdevich and Lieutenant VanOverloop attended to one day seminar hosted by the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association in Farmington, Connecticut.

## June 2026 Investigations:

Detective Carroll submitted an arrest warrant for a subject that was in violation of the Sex Offender Registry address notification requirements. This case is pending.

After a months long investigation lead by Detective Bonkowski, Investigative Services along with Patrol, the Adult Probation and the Regional State of Connecticut Drug Task Force executed a search and seizure warrant in regards to drug activity at a residence in Waterford. The search warrant resulted in locating a large quantity of differing illegal drugs as well as the arrest of two male subjects.

Investigator McComie responded to a residence in Waterford for the report of an attempted suicide where the male subject, who later succumbed to his injuries, used a legally registered firearm. Subsequently the court system granted a Risk Protection Order and Risk Protection Warrant in regards to the subject's legally registered firearms and pistol permit. These items were legally seized from the residence for safe keeping.

Detective Bonkowski responded to a residence in Waterford for a report of an untimely passing of a thirty-eight year old male. It was reported that the male suffered from numerous medical issues. The case is pending though non suspicious at this time.

Investigative Services responded to a report of an untimely death of an elderly male from a residence in Waterford. The case appears to be non suspicious in nature, but is awaiting a report from the Medical Examiners Office after it was determined that the male had recently fallen previously within the last week.

Investigative Services assisted Patrol with two elderly scams; one in which a male victim was convinced to cash in his life insurance checks and then deposit them into another account. The second was a male scammed into taking the proceeds from selling his residence and depositing them into an account he believed belonged to a person that was interested in him.

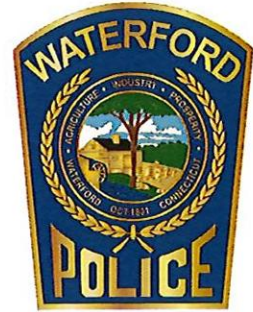
An update to a case involving the burglaries of homes of residents of Asian decent. This agency was notified by the Connecticut State Lab of a DNA hit providing a potential suspect. This case is continuing to be investigated by Detective O'Connell.

THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



# TRAINING REPORT

## JUNE 2026



### 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 three current vacancies.

**Recruit Status:** Recruit Morgan is continuing his Field Training and is currently in Phase 4 doing 100% of the work.



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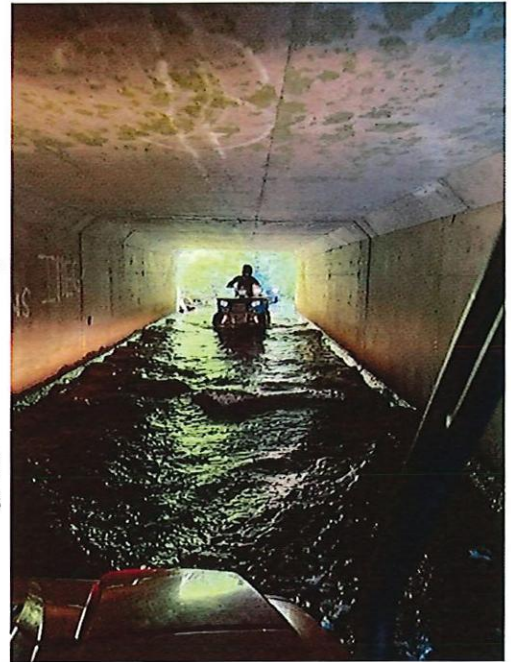


# TRAINING REPORT JUNE 2026



Officer Luce, Sergeant Firmin, and Officer Winakor attended a four-day police mountain bike training hosted here at the police department that was taught by Officer Bellos and Detective Carroll. This training is designed to give officers all the training they need to become bike certified. This involves bike maintenance, many hours riding the bicycle, as well as obstacle courses and various drills just to name a few.

Lieutenant Farrior and Officer Surdo conducted an in-house ATV training for six of our officers. This training was designed to be a familiarization training for officers to learn how to operate and utilize the ATV's safely. They also learned the common trails and paths in town that we get frequent ATV complaints on.



Sergeant Firmin conducted an in-house marine patrol mate training with Officer Ewing, Officer Suplita, and Officer Colkos. This training is meant to get officers qualified and trained on how to be a mate on the police department's boat. Officers were trained on how to help a captain, the basic functions of the boat, the area that the boat patrols in the water, as well as how to save boaters who have gone overboard just to name a few.

Officer Mack 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.





# Support Services Report

June 2026



## Records Activity

|                          |     |      |
|--------------------------|-----|------|
| FOI Requests             | 27  | -52% |
| Warrants                 | 23  | +53% |
| Phone Calls              | 47  | -24% |
| Walk in Assists          | 54  | -10% |
| Background Checks        | 2   | -50% |
| Protective Orders        | 40  | -22% |
| Officer Tasking Requests | 4   | -84% |
| Case Erasures            | 586 | +34% |
| DCF Requests             | 5   | +67% |
| Court Requests           | 1   | -83% |
| Abstracts                | 301 | -17% |
| Video Requests           | 25  | +19% |
| Reports Accepted         | 188 | +10% |
| CISS Arrest Packets      | 50  | +47% |

- \* The records department was pleased to welcome new Data Technician II Gina McKittrick to the team. She has begun training and learning the various systems (RMS, department procedures, and daily responsibilities). This collective hands on training (with assistance from Valerie Clark and Ashley Kuvent) will help her building the knowledge and experience needed to provide proficient service to the community.
- \* In June the records department was served with a subpoena for a dual arrest domestic violence case. This involved the review of over 9 hours of BWC footage from the five responding officers and the follow-up investigation. The review of all BWC footage, reports, documents, and photographs took several days to complete and was a collaboration between records and the states attorneys office.

## CSO Activity

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Adult Arrests         | 29 |
| Juvenile Arrests      | 0  |
| Firearms Transfers    | 15 |
| Pistol Permits Issued | 8  |
| Walk In Complaints    | 35 |

## Fingerprints

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Pistol Permits           | 6   |
| Employment               | 17  |
| Miscellaneous            | 2   |
| Peddler/Precious Permits | 0   |
| Warrant Follow Ups       | 212 |



# Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report

June 2026



## Increased Speed Enforcement

During the month of June, the Patrol Division, along with the Traffic Unit, were tasked with increased speed enforcement throughout town. Despite being down one officer in the Traffic Unit for three weeks in June, the entire agency had a total of 864 traffic stops. The stops resulted in an agency total of 162 infractions, 527 written warnings, 138 verbal warnings, and 24 Summonses. This was the second greatest amount of stops in a month over the last twelve months, with the greatest amount being in April.

## Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

|                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Total Service Calls              | 1684 |
| Case Numbers                     | 136  |
| Arrests                          | 67   |
| Juvenile Arrests                 | 1    |
| Larcenies                        | 21   |
| Bus. Walkthroughs                | 351  |
| Domestic Violence Investigations | 11   |
| Traffic Crash                    | 52   |
| DUI Investigations               | 5    |
| EDP/Welfare Check                | 9    |
| School Checks                    | 47   |
| Motor Vehicle Stops              | 864  |
| Written Warnings                 | 527  |
| Infractions                      | 162  |
| Verbal Warnings                  | 138  |
| MV Summons                       | 24   |

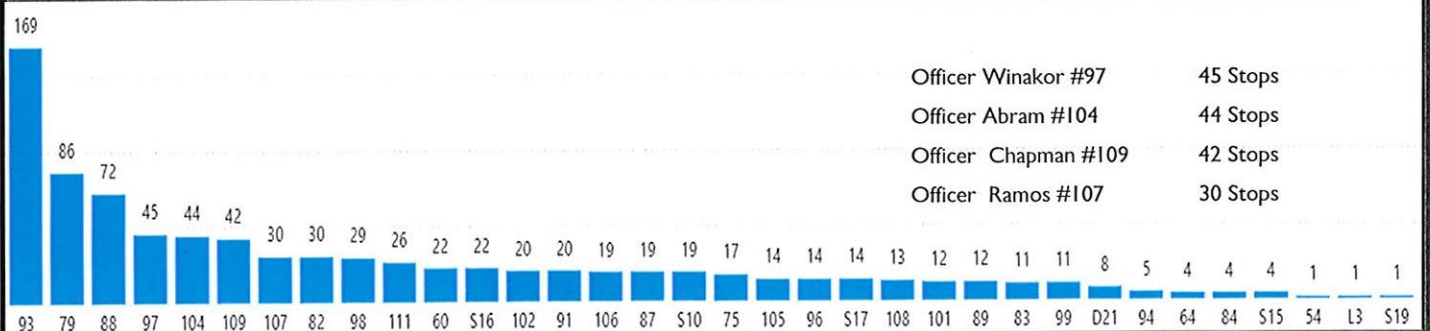
## Social Media Post Leads to Identification of Suspect

On 06/03/26 Officer Gorman took a larceny complaint at Ace Hardware which involved the theft of \$1,127 worth of tools. The theft occurred two days prior and they were able to provide CCTV footage of the theft. Officer Gorman was able to capture a still photo of the suspect from the footage and it was posted to the WPD Facebook page. Officer Gorman quickly received numerous responses regarding her identity and was subsequently able to obtain a warrant for her arrest.

On 06/03/26 12 members of WPD ran in the annual Special Olympics Torch Run



## SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER





## Assist to NLPD– Shooting Suspect Captured

On 06/13/26 during the midnight shift our officers learned that the New London Police Department was searching for a vehicle and suspect that was previously involved in a shooting in their city. Over a period of a few days, NLPD had made several attempts to stop the vehicle, however it engaged them in a pursuit each time. On that night, they briefly chased it, however it traveled the wrong way over the Gold Star Bridge and they broke off the chase. Flock license plate reader cameras revealed that the vehicle traveled from New London, to Groton, to Stonington, and then to Norwich. Officer Sabilia took a post on Route 32 because he suspected the vehicle might return to New London. He subsequently located the vehicle and followed it from a distance. Knowing that the vehicle would likely flee if he attempted to stop it, he opted to follow it at a distance. He observed it turn down a side street by the Coast Guard Academy. He knew there was no other outlet, so he took a post and requested backup. After the arrival of backup he located the vehicle and suspect in a gated lot on the Coast Guard Academy property. The suspect was detained and later taken into custody by New London Police without incident.

## Collaboration and Flock Cameras Lead to Multiple Arrests

On 06/22/26 Officer Ramos took a larceny complaint from Ollie's which involved the theft of \$229 worth of merchandise. The suspect fled the scene prior to her arrival. Officer Ramos obtained surveillance footage of the suspect and his vehicle. During dayshift on 06/24/26 Officer Winakor took a larceny complaint at Lowes which involved the theft of \$133.77 worth of merchandise and the suspect fled the scene prior to his arrival. Through information sharing within the department, the officers learned that it was the same suspect and vehicle in both larcenies. The vehicle was subsequently entered into the Flock system. During evening shift on 06/24/26 a Flock license plate reader camera alerted officers that the vehicle was on Route 85. Sgt Epps subsequently located the vehicle and stopped it. Officers Ramos and Winakor were subsequently able to positively identify the suspect and will be preparing warrants for his arrest for the Ollie's and Lowes thefts. During the course of the stop, it was learned the suspect and another passenger were in possession of Crack Cocaine and drug paraphernalia. Both subjects were subsequently taken into custody and charged accordingly.

On 06/17/26 six members of WPD played in the annual end of school year basketball game with students and staff at the Waterford Country School.



*In the Community Interest*





THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Animal Control Report



June 2026

- ACO Ryan and Percy attended several community events including the grand opening of the Montville Animal Control Facility.
- This month the ACOs responded to multiple calls for help with both baby ducks in distress as well as baby raccoons in distress. In all of these calls the babies were reunited with their mother and released back into the wild.
- An older cat was rescued with a serious injury to his mouth. He was seen by a veterinarian but due to the severity of the injuries he was euthanized.



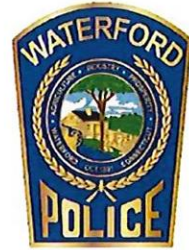
|                      | Waterford | East<br>Lyme |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Calls for Service    | 81        | 46           |
| After Hour Call Outs | 3         | 4            |
| Tickets Issued       | 0         | 0            |
| Warnings Issued      | 0         | 0            |
| Dog Bites            | 2         | 3            |
| Animals Redeemed     | 13        | 4            |
| Animals Adopted      | 8         | 2            |
| Animals DOA          | 2         | 0            |
| Euthanized           | 0         | 1            |
| Total Processed      | 28        | 7            |
| Money Taken In       | \$45      | \$170        |
| Donations            | \$10      | \$40         |

*"Speaking for those who have no voice"*



## THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Community Engagement Report June 2026



**Internship:** Intern Gordy shadowed SRO Officer Winters and Day Shift Patrol. He had exit interviews with Chief Ferland and Ofc. Fredricks. Attended his intern class presentation.

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

**K-9 Officer Hodges:** Visited New London Superior Court and Stop & Shop. Assisted Delaware State Police in starting their facility dog program. Went to Camp Harkness Community Day. Hodges interacted with a Quaker Hill Student during a medical emergency. Helped advertise Waterford Town Clerk's Office Dog License Month.

**Recruiting:** Organized a professional photographer to take pictures of police vehicles and K-9s for recruitment advertisement.



**Advance Services Programs:** One new registrant added to the program.

**Interaction with Youth Services:** Spoke to the WHS Criminal Justice Class about police profiling and community policing. Attended Middle School Q&As at Quaker Hill School and Oswegatchie School, field days at all 3 Waterford elementary schools and The Friendship School, Waterford High School's Wellness Fair, Youth Promise Pizza Party at Oswegatchie School, graduation ceremonies at all 5 Waterford schools, Clark Lane Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic, Waterford High School Senior Beach Day, and Oswegatchie School's Pep Rally. Provided Oswegatchie Second Graders a tour of the police department. Created a school bus safety advertisement for to be in Waterford Parks & Rec's Fall Booklet. Attended Waterford Country School Farm Fundraiser Event.

**Torch Run:** Organized Officers and WHS Unified Students to participate in event to raise awareness for the CT Special Olympics. Raised over \$1,500 for the Adopt-A-Mile Program. Participated in the Final Leg of the Torch Run.

**Officer Wellness:** Organized a basketball game between Waterford Police Officers and Waterford Country School staff/students. Hodges visited Waterford Dispatch. Hodges interacted with attendees at a Waterford PD Pinning Ceremony.

**Coffee with a Cop:** Organized an event where first responders and citizens have causal conversations at the Library. Free coffee and donuts were provided.

**Interaction with Senior Services:** Visited Greentree Manor.

**Interaction with Youth Services:** Visited Camp Dash multiple times during the first week of camp.