



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Waterford Police Department Training Room

8/10/26 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: July 13, 2026 Regular Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Letter from a resident expressing gratitude for Police Officers' support at a difficult time
- b. Email expressing appreciation for Police Officers' handling of a situation
- c. Email commending the work of a Community Service Officer (CSO)
- d. Letter from Best Friends Animal Society

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's Report:

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

Old Business:

New Business:

- a. Traffic impact of General Dynamics Electric Boat at the Crystal Mall location



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

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

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

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:

Bob Lane submitted a letter disputing the findings of the speed study conducted by the WPD Traffic Division on Oswegatchie Road near Josan Drive. The speed study was conducted as a result of a complaint made by Mr. Lane and his wife in May of this year.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to accept the June 8, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic Report was received.

Officer Devine presented two requests for the installation of traffic warning signs to the Commission. The first request was for the installation of "Blind Child" warning signs on Laurel Crest Drive. The second request was for the installation of "Blind Person" warning signs in the vicinity of 73 Spithead Road.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to approve the installation of "Blind Child" warning signs on Laurel Crest Drive. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to approve the installation of "Blind Person" warning signs in the vicinity of 73 Spithead Road. Motion passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Letter from BOPC to RTM Moderator regarding any ICE access to individuals in police custody during the prior six month period was discussed and signed.
- b. Executive Session for police officer candidate interviews.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to enter into Executive Session, including Chief Ferland at 5:26 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. No votes or actions were taken while in Executive Session.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to extend an offer for the current vacancy, contingent on the candidate successfully completing the hiring process and background investigation, to Alexander Wojcik. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary

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 May'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 data from the speed study they conducted in response to our complaint from last May. I will be providing my statement for the record. This statement has been signed by thirty-five of my neighbors and it includes a letter to you from another neighbor that describes the excessive vehicle speeds we are forced to live with on a daily basis. I have also included in my statement the Waterford PD's Speed Study data which clearly 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 assertion 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, electronic feedback 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 these 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 quote *"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 quote *"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 a true indicator if speeding actually occurred. A substantial number of vehicles on Oswegatchie Road travel at or below the posted speed limit. So, averaging these low speeds in with the speeds of vehicles exceeding the speed limits makes the average speed artificially low. 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 in their report 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 posted speed limit, and 26% of the vehicles travelling Southbound (or approximately 3 in every 10 vehicles) are travelling above the posted speed limit. We have trust that these speeding percentages would be unacceptable to the Waterford PD.

With speed feedback RADAR signs that display actual driver speeds, 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,

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Robert P. Zeman 26 Oswegatchie Rd Waterford CT
Digna Ojument
Charles Rutnick 4 JASON DRIVE WTRD, CT
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Mark A. Spang 21 Oswegatchie Rd. WATERFORD, CT
Anabel Frish 21 Oswegatchie Rd. Waterford, CT.
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Wm Burd 119 Oswegatchie Rd. Waterford
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cc: Robert J. Brule, First Selectman

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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 JASON DR. WATERFORD, CT. 06385
 Jill Neri 11 Jason Dr Waterford CT 06385
 Sandra Silva-Enos 12 Jason Dr. Waterford CT 06385
 Timothy Enos 12 Jason Dr. Waterford CT 06385
 Barbara Baker 8 Jason Drive Waterford CT 06385
 E. Baker 8 Jason Dr. Waterford Ct. 06385
 K. A. Baker 6 Jason Drive, Waterford, CT 06385
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 K. A. Baker 20 Oswegatchie Rd Waterford
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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 Jossan Dr
Waterford



The Waterford Police Department

Traffic Officer Report

May 2026

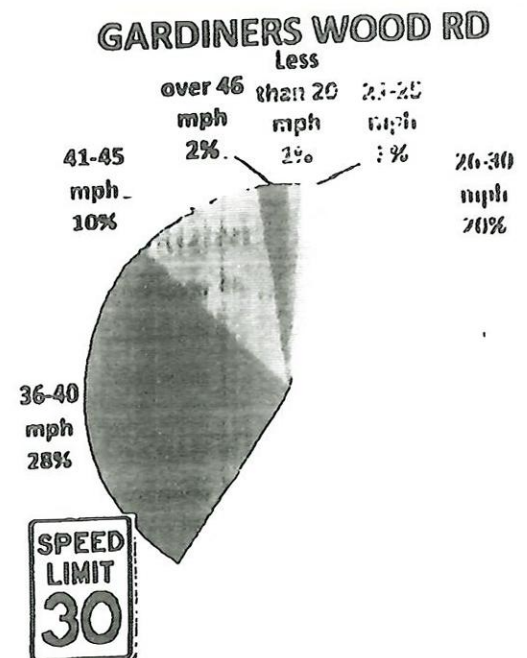
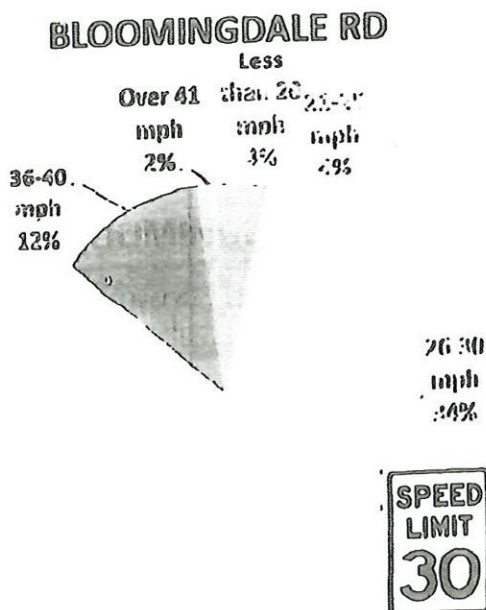


Speed Study: Upper Oswegatchie Road

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%

Yellow = % OF SPEEDING VEHICLES
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



David Ferland
Police Chief

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July 13, 2026

Susan Driscoll
RTM Moderator

In accordance with C.G.S. 54-192h(e)(3); the legislative body of any municipality with a law enforcement agency that has provided ICE access to an individual during the prior six months shall provide to the Office of Policy and Management, on an ongoing basis every six months, data regarding the number and demographic data of individuals to whom the law enforcement agency has provided ICE access.

As approved by the Representative Town Meeting during your April 6, 2026 meeting, it was requested that the Board of Police Commissioners provide you any biennial data related to ICE access granted by the Waterford Police Department each July and January to facilitate the submission of pertinent information to the OPM as mandated.

In accordance with this request the Waterford Police Department has provided ICE access to ZERO (0) individuals during the relevant reporting period of January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Chief David Ferland.

Thomas Sheridan
Chairman
Board of Police Commissioners

David P. Ferland
Chief of Police

David Ferland

From: David Ferland
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 10:04 AM
To: David Ferland
Subject: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2026 5:52 PM
To: David Ferland <dferland@waterfordct.org>
Cc: Robert Brule <rbrule@waterfordct.org>
Subject: [REDACTED]

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Dear Chief Ferland,

I am cc'ing you on a letter I am writing to the Dept. of Health regarding the behavior of the state crisis team but wanted to reach out seperately. My brother, [REDACTED] (deceased), of [REDACTED], Quaker Hill suffered from [REDACTED] had been employed for 16 years by the town of Waterford [REDACTED]. He had to leave his position because of his mental decline.

His family continued to assist him over these many years. Due to [REDACTED] physical health declined. Unfortunately, so did his mental health. On June 28th I came to the station as [REDACTED] had no ability to communicate coherently, had significant [REDACTED] refusing medical attention, and was having an obvious mental break. I spoke with Officer John Gorman. He took all my information. He was respectful, kind and asked if I wanted to be present when they attempted to contact [REDACTED]. As I was the last person he trusted, I decided to see if they could be successful without me but if they needed me, they could call.

Officer Gorman contacted me a short time later. I drove over immediately. The crisis nurse stood at the door with me as I tried to coax [REDACTED] to open the door. He was yelling incoherently to the point where you could hear him on the sidewalk. I won't go into too great detail as you will see the letter, I will cc you on however the only stable influence I had as the Crisis Team refused to do anything stating, "entering the home would not build trust", was Officer Gorman. I can't fully explain but he was there with empathy, understanding and looks of support that kept me calm. I left that day telling the crisis team the next time we came here, we would be carrying [REDACTED] out in a bag.

The next day I received a message from Officer Gorman. He said he couldn't be certain, but he thought he had a resource that might be able to help. The first and only person in a very, very long time who didn't just walk away. He didn't have to follow-up. Again, I felt like someone cared enough to try and that was all I was asking. My brother earned the right to be treated with dignity. The Senior Services Director was a new point of contact, and she went with others to see [REDACTED]. They recommended we apply for involuntary conservatorship. I finally had hope that we could help him. We had planned on putting in the paperwork on Tuesday July 7th, before Judge Green. [REDACTED] did not make it to Tuesday.

On July 5th as detailed in my letter, [REDACTED] was carried out on a tarp. I found him. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. My brother [REDACTED], was left with no dignity. I was extremely distraught. One of your officers, Officer Suplita, approached me and took my hand. He said he was an officer that had been there the previous Sunday. He held my hand and kept saying he was so sorry for my loss, and I truly believe he was sorry. He contacted me each day after to be certain I was all right until I let him know that [REDACTED] was Comfort measures only. He told me if I needed anything, to please reach out. "

Both men made a difference those days. I will never forget what my brother looked like when they took him out of the home, but I will also never forget the efforts, the kindness and the empathy bestowed on me by these two officers. They made an impossible situation just a bit more stable and sometimes that is all we need. Please pass on my sincere gratitude for all they are and I hope they continue down the path of caring. It's a harder path but they truly exemplify small acts with great love.

Best,

[REDACTED]

Cc:
Selectman Rob Brule
Office of the First Selectman
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford Town Hall
Waterford, CT 06385

Diane Driscoll

From: David Ferland
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2026 8:54 AM
To: Nicholas Genung; Christian Charron
Cc: Michael Firmin; Andrew Farrior; Diane Driscoll
Subject: A Job Well Done

Nick and Christian,

I received a call from a resident in Quaker Hill in which he wished to "provide positive feedback" and thank both of you for your efforts recently in the way you handled an incident with his daughter who was emotionally disturbed. Not only did you immediately spring into action to locate her and prevent self-harm, but you were able to successfully get her to the hospital for an evaluation. What he was most pleased with was your "bedside manner" in which you showed true empathy and a willingness to listen, as well as explain "the process" and the options they have as a family. This is a fine example of doing the little things to make a meaningful impact to the people of our community. Thank you what you did to bring a little peace to this family in a difficult time.

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Diane Driscoll

From: Jen Anderson
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2026 10:06 AM
To: David Ferland
Cc: Michael Fedor; Raphael Bertrand; Diane Driscoll
Subject: Excellent Work!

Good Morning:

This year paperwork for a company called YES Acquisitions requiring vendor permits has been processed several times. Most if not all of the people applying are not from the United States. They are only in our town about 30 days and they have been getting permits from surrounding towns as well. The last group of applicants came in over the weekend and had not printed out their paperwork, had errors with their information and one person did not show for their fingerprinting appointment.

CSO Bertrand should be commended because he handled everything professionally, efficiently and accurately. He always goes above and beyond on every shift he works.

It may seem trivial but catching people's errors and fixing things during the fingerprint process is a tremendous help to me. This is especially true when the applicants are not from the United States. (I won't have to try to track people down and get the proper information from them). This also eliminates the company having to pay again to fingerprint someone who gave incorrect information.

FYI and thank you.

Jennifer M. Anderson, Secretary
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David Ferland
Police Chief
Waterford-East Lyme Animal Control
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Waterford, CT 6385

Dear David,

On behalf of Best Friends Animal Society, I am thrilled to congratulate you and your staff for achieving or maintaining a 90% save rate for the 2025 calendar year!

This is an incredible achievement that shows you are leading the way to the goal of a no-kill nation — a goal that is closer than ever.

The award represents so much more than a number. It represents a culture of caring and compassion. It represents dedicated staff, committed volunteers, and motivated supporters. It represents innovative, thoughtful programming. And it represents extraordinary leadership, both within your organization and within our broader animal welfare movement.

We are so proud to honor your lifesaving by sending you this special celebration plaque to display so your staff, volunteers, and community can share in this recognition of your hard work and success in saving dogs' and cats' lives.

Congratulations again on your no-kill award — and for the leadership, dedication, community engagement, and commitment it takes to reach this incredible milestone.

From all of us at Best Friends, thank you to you and your staff for all you do to save the pets in your care and your community.

Warmly,

Julie Castle
CEO, Best Friends Animal Society



The Waterford Police Department

Traffic Officer Report

July 2026



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: 295 Total Traffic Stops

Officer	Devine #88	Reed #93	Rodriguez #79	Total
Infractions	2	86	28	116
warnings	15	90	69	174
misdemeanor	1	3	1	5

LINE OF SIGHT ISSUES:

- The stop signs on Spithead Road at Daniels Ave have been put in place. Public works also trimmed some of the vegetation along the edge of the road to improve the line of sight. We also have a request in with Eversource to have them trim some vegetation on their property to assist with improving the line of sight.

DOT RELATED ISSUES.

- Milling and paving completed on Route 1 from Route 156 to the New London Line. Curbing and fog lines still pending.

ENFORCEMENT RELATED COMPLAINTS:

- Increased enforcement in beach areas due to increased traffic flow
- Complaint on Norman St. for vehicles traveling over the crest of the hill too fast
- Complaint on Clark Lane for vehicles speeding between Norman Street and Route 1
- Complaint on Ridgewood Ave for speed and stop sign violations

REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

- No new requests that are currently under review.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 1 - John Kelley Half Marathon
- August 8 - Waterford Day Parade

UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH CLOSURE:

- Public Works is milling and paving the side roads off of Old Norwich Road, which started at Ladley Road and then moving to the roadways north of Ladley.



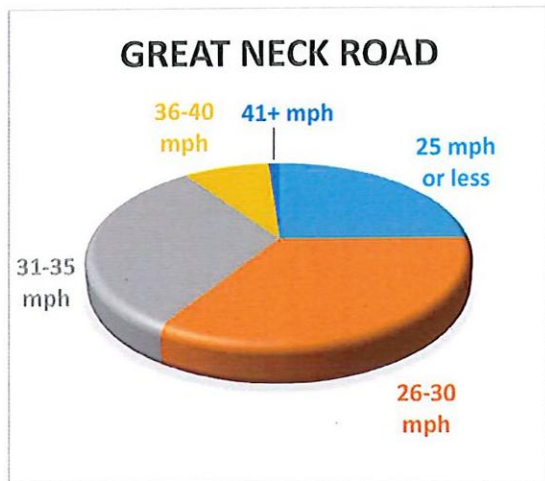
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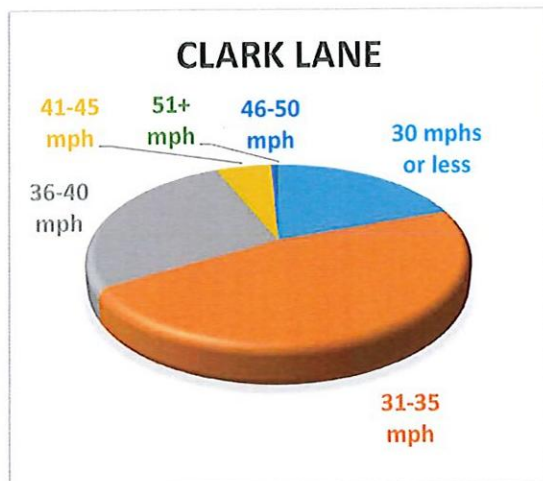
SPEED/TRAFFIC SIGN DEPLOYMENT:

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)

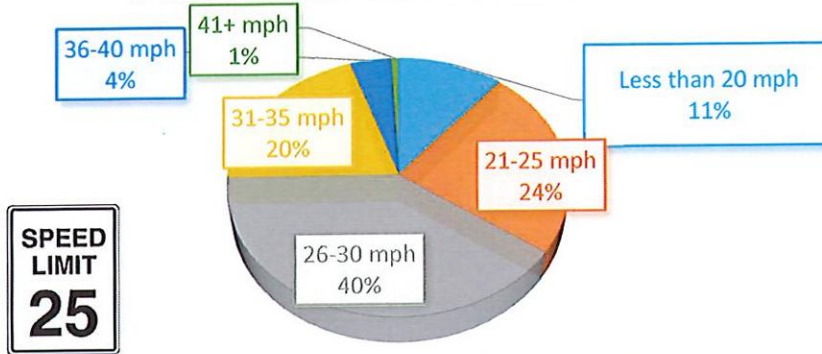




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GOSHEN RD WB NEAR PERRY



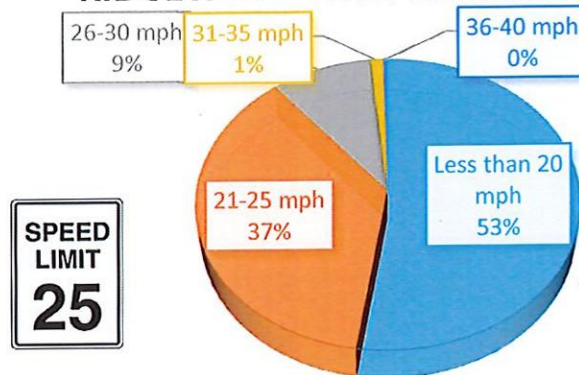
Goshen Road Southbound prior to Perry:

85th - 32 mph

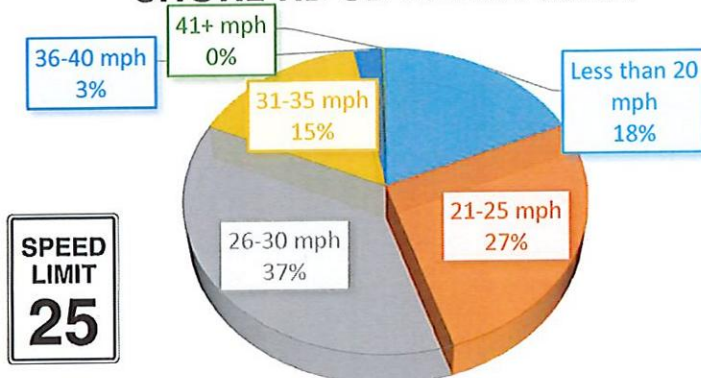
Ridgewood Ave Prior to Laurel St., vehicles over crest of hill after stop sign:

85th - 25 mph

RIDGEWOOD AVE PRIOR TO LAUREL ST



SHORE RD SB NEAR ANITA



Shore Road Southbound near Anita Ave., vehicles coming down hill:

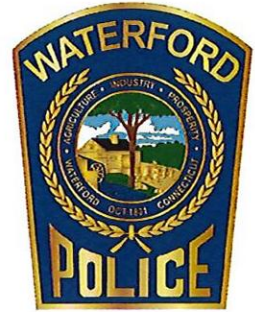
85th - 31 mph

THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



TRAINING REPORT

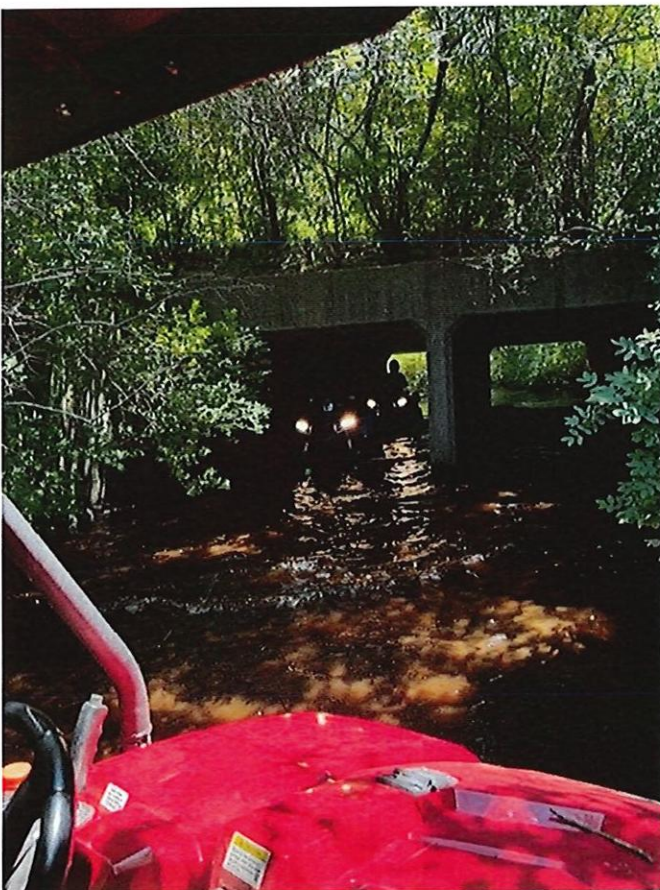
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New Officer Updates

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

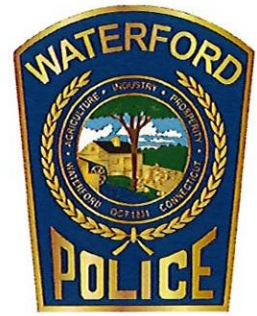
Recruit Status: Recruit Morgan has completed his Field Training and is now a solo officer on patrol.



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



TRAINING REPORT JULY 2026



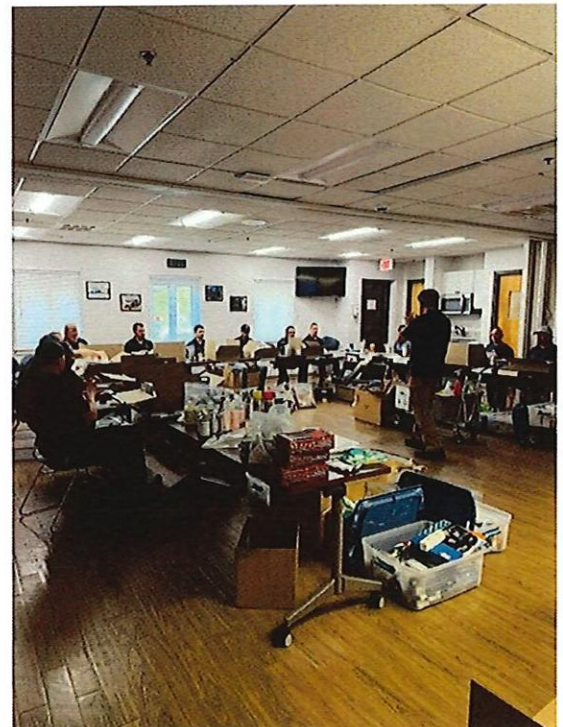
Investigator McComic attended a three-day SIRCHIE Crime Scene Investigation and Photography training, which was hosted here at the Waterford Police Department. This class was a hands on class that covered topics like lifting fingerprints, chemical processing techniques, casting, blood testing, firearms and ballistic testing, serial number restoration, as well as all the different functions of a camera and how to properly take photographs of crime scenes just to name a few.

Officer Genung and Officer Colkos attended a two week At Scene Traffic Crash and Homicide Investigation training in Meriden, CT. This training went over proper procedures for measure, scale diagramming, and photographing in order to record physical evidence and important facts from a crash scene. This is a very in depth class that involves a lot of math and physics equations in order to determine what happened before, during, and after a crash.

Officer Barrows attended a two-day Evidence Management Training in West Hartford, CT. This training covered topics related to evidence processing and management like operations and risk, standards and technology, audits and inventories, purging and disposal, packaging best practices, as well as specialized handling to name a few.

Detective Carroll attended a one-day vehicle fire investigations training. The training was presented by someone with over 40 years of experience and over 20 years of fire and explosion investigation expertise.

Officer Zaldivar attended an online training about Open-Source Intelligence Tools and Techniques hosted by the National Cyber-Forensics and Training Alliance. This training touched upon topics like general search tools, domain research, as well as inspecting webpages utilizing developer tools.





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K-9 Activity Report

July 2026

K-9 Ozzy

Monthly Uses: 4

2026 Uses: 13

K-9 Tico

Monthly Uses: 0

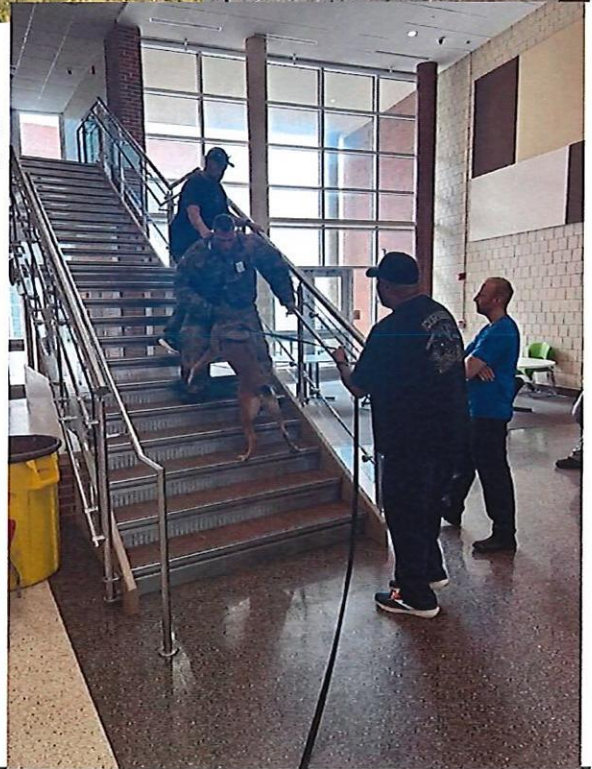
2026 Uses: 20



K-9 Usage

Ozzy

- ♦ On July 10, 2026, Officer Genung and K9 Ozzy assisted the Montville Police Department in tracking for a suspect wanted for a domestic violence incident. K9 Ozzy assisted in two separate tracks for the suspect who was later located by Montville's K9 Unit.
- ♦ On July 10, 2026, Officer Genung responded to the Waterford Country School for the possibility of forced entry into a locked building by students. The students were located inside the building and it was believed students may have hidden narcotics inside the building. K9 Ozzy was deployed for a narcotics search and no contraband was located.
- ♦ On July 11, 2026, a Waterford Police Department Officer had a piece of equipment fall off their uniform while at a call. K9 Ozzy was deployed for an article search and located the item in tall grass.



Monthly Training

- ♦ Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 7/28/2026 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work.



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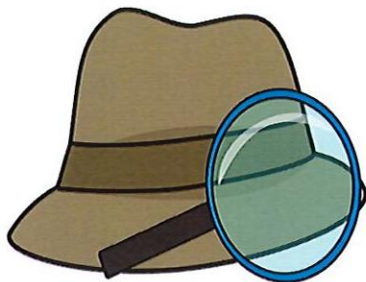
Youth Office Activity Report



July 2026

- ♦ SRO Lane assisted the Patrol Division with an investigation into a fight involving three juveniles. SRO Lane contacted all of the involved juveniles, conferred with the Juvenile Court, and assisted Patrol with completing two referrals to the Juvenile Review Board
- ♦ SRO Winters, SRO Malbourn, and SRO Lane assisted Waterford Youth and Family Services with a special delivery of McDonald's Happy Meals to the Camp Dash campers at Oswegatchie School and Quaker Hill School.
- ♦ All of the SRO's have been utilizing their well deserved vacation time for the majority of the month as they use it very sparingly during the school year





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Investigative Services Division



July 2026

In the month of July 2026 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 11 investigations.

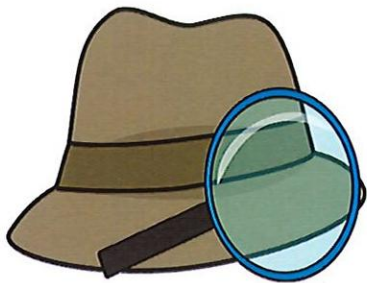
Current Active Investigations (24 Cases):

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

Homicide-1	Pistol/Vendor Permits-5
Burglary-3	Skimmer—1
Robbery-1	Fraud—4
Larceny —2	Assist FBI—1
Stolen Vehicle—1	Suicide—1
Juvenile Sex Assault—2	Untimely—1
Ghost Gun—1	
Waterford Country School Abuse Neglect—1	

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Search Warrants	Background Checks	Arrests	Sex Assaults
35	20	5	12	11
Phone Extract	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery
16	1	2	5	1



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Investigative Services Division



July 2026

July 2026 Updates:

Detective Sergeant Avdevich and his wife welcomed a baby boy on July 28, 2026. Detective Sergeant Avdevich will be taking three (3) weeks off during the month of August to be with his family.

Detective O'Connell and Investigator McComic traveled to a Correctional Facility Schenectady, New York to retrieve a male subject on an extraditable arrest warrant that this agency had charges for. The charges stemmed from a burglary at the Piercing Pagoda in 2023.

A member of the New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN) came to the Waterford Police Department to conduct a one (1) day training for Investigator McComic on how to efficiently use the program.

Detective Carroll attended a two (2) day training on Vehicle Fire Investigations put on by the New London County Fire Marshalls Association in Norwich, CT. This two (2) day training keeps Detective Carroll efficient in his certification as a Fire Investigator.

Investigator McComic attended a two (2) day training in Wethersfield, Connecticut at the Wethersfield Police Department on the topic of sexual assault investigations. This training was put on by Law Enforcement Seminars Company.

July 2026 Investigations:

Detective Bonkowski was assigned a Community Service Officer background which has since been completed. Detective Carroll completed a background investigation for a Dispatcher who was recently hired. Investigator McComic completed a background investigation for a recently hired Police Officer candidate.

When a maintenance person became concerned after entering a condominium discovering what they thought was a resident making firearms using a 3D printer Detective Carroll conducted an investigation. After speaking to the resident and being shown the items it was determined that the resident makes fake non functioning weapons using the 3D printer for elaborate costumes.

Detective Bonkowski was assigned to investigate a report of a possible juvenile sexual assault stemming from the Waterford Country school with the assistance of the Department of Children and Families. This case is still under investigation.

Detective O'Connell worked with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on a case in which adults are taking photographs of juveniles on the internet and then using Artificial Intelligence to modify the photos to make them sexual in nature creating child pornography. Detective O'Connell worked with the FBI agent after it was discovered that there was a victim residing in Waterford.

Detective O'Connell submitted an arrest warrant to the New London Superior Court in regards to a residential burglary that occurred in Waterford. This warrant is still currently under review.

A male subject had his Temporary Town of Waterford Pistol Permit revoked after applying for and successfully being issued the pistol permit but failing to pick it up before being arrested on a domestic disturbance incident with a family member. This arrest made him disqualified to obtain his permit at this time.

Detective Carroll was assigned a juvenile sexual assault case involving a female who resides out of town having sexual contact with an adult male in Waterford in March 2025.



Support Services Report

July 2026



Records Activity

FOI Requests	127	+270%
Warrants	26	+13%
Phone Calls	95	+102%
Walk in Assists	93	+72%
Background Checks	12	+500%
Protective Orders	24	-40%
Officer Tasking Requests	60	+1400%
Case Erasures	406	-31%
DCF Requests	5	0%
Court Requests	3	+200%
Abstracts	387	+387%
Video Requests	2524	-4%
Reports Accepted	178	-5%
CISS Arrest Packets	35	-30%

- Support Services continues to fulfill FOI requests pertaining to FLOCK cameras in town. Due to the volume of materials requested and the collaborated research needed, these requisitions can take months to fulfill. After finishing a request from May last week, we received positive feedback from their experience: "I appreciate your patience, and how responsive and thorough your office has been from the start. It is genuinely appreciated."
- A new CSO was hired and has begun his training, Ayden Bousquet. Ayden will work various shifts to complete his training before going on his own in late August.

CSO Activity

Adult Arrests	15
Juvenile Arrests	0
Firearms Transfers	32
Pistol Permits Issued	4
Walk In Complaints	43

Fingerprints

Pistol Permits	8
Employment	20
Miscellaneous	1
Peddler/Precious Permits	03
Warrant Follow Ups	310



Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report

July 2026



Impactful Storm on July 4th Holiday

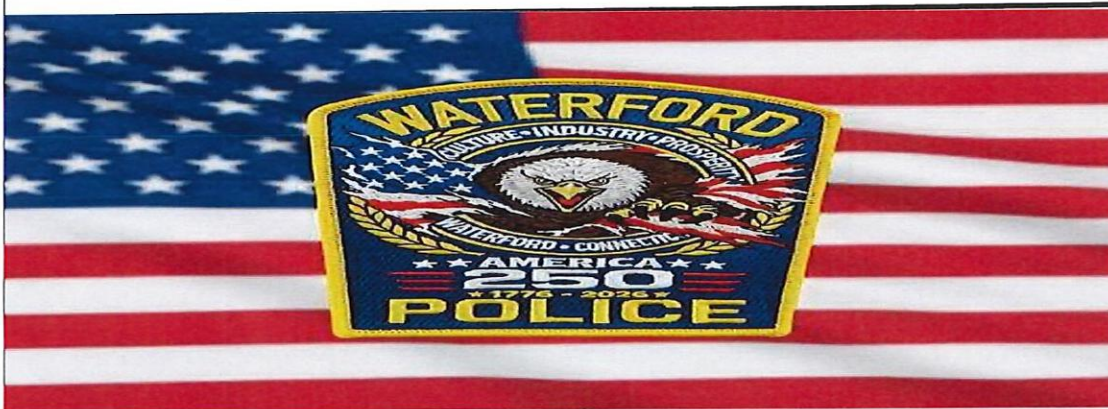
Late in the evening on July 4th the northern section of town was heavily impacted by severe weather. While managing increased calls for service related to the holiday, patrol responded to 36 calls for power lines/wires down in the roadway and 25 calls for trees in the roadway/road hazards. After the storm the following roads were closed for a period of time: Old Norwich Rd, Bloomingdale Rd, Old Colchester Rd, Route 32, and Douglas Ln.

Two DUI Arrests During Fireworks Traffic

On July 11th as officers were managing the traffic after the annual Groton/New London Fireworks, they responded to a car vs. pole crash on Route 85 by Lakes Pond Rd. The operator was found to be intoxicated and was arrested. This resulted in the road being closed which caused extensive traffic backups. Immediately after the road was reopened and traffic began to flow, Sgt Bushwack began heading south on Route 85 when he discovered a vehicle with it's hazard lights on that was parked in the middle of the northbound lane by the Speedbowl. Sgt Bushwack observed that traffic was traveling around the car and the operator was asleep at the wheel. Upon attempting to make contact with the operator he woke up and drove away from Sgt Bushwack. The operator was ultimately stopped near the original crash scene and was found to be intoxicated, and subsequently arrested.

Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	1902
Case Numbers	150
Arrests	47
Juvenile Arrests	2
Larcenies	18
Bus. Walkthroughs	332
Domestic Violence Investigations	8
Traffic Crash	53
DUI Investigations	7
EDPI/Welfare Check	56
School Checks	43
Motor Vehicle Stops	640
Written Warnings	348
Infractions	134
Verbal Warnings	138
MV Summons	14



SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER





Officers Respond to Nonfatal Drowning at Pleasure Beach

On July 22nd Officer Winakor, Officer Morgan, Officer Rogers, and Sgt Caler responded to the private portion of Pleasure Beach for a reported drowning. Officer Winakor was the first to arrive on scene and discovered that bystanders had brought the victim shore where she was experiencing significant respiratory distress. Ofc Winakor fully removed the victim to dry land and rendered aid until members of Waterford Fire Department and Waterford Ambulance arrived on scene.

Officers Assist ELPD with Capture of Felony Domestic Violence Suspect

On July 25th at 4:30 pm Sgt Caler, Inv McComic, Ofc Donovan, and Ofc Morgan responded to an address in Quaker Hill to assist ELPD with serving a felony domestic violence arrest warrant. Prior to responding to the residence, Sgt Caler held a briefing and developed a plan with the officers. The wanted subject was out on almost \$1,000,000 in bonds and the new warrant had a \$600,000 bond for strangulation charges. They developed a plan to surround the residence and call the subject out. Sgt Caler deployed his less-lethal shotgun to ensure that a less-lethal option was immediately available if it was needed. Upon responding to the residence they determined that the wanted subject had been dropped off from a boat on the shore of Jordan Cove. They found him on a dock and he was initially not responsive to their call outs. When he did eventually respond he was very agitated and confrontational. He went into the water and tried to get the officers to follow him. Through excellent de-escalation from the ELPD officer and Sgt Caler they were able to coax him out of the water and get him into custody without incident. This incident was a great example of how proper planning, coordination, and communication can result in a successful outcome.

On July 2nd Ofc Ewing, Ofc Morgan, Ofc Fredricks, Sgt Firmin, and members of Waterford Fire Dept and the Waterford Ambulance Service participated in a Coffee with a Cop event at the Waterford Public Library.



In the Community Interest





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Animal Control Report



July 2026

- On July 6 Percy had the pleasure of meeting alongside the East Lyme Police Department for coffee with a cop at the new Mystic Market.
- Percy and his Hodges attended Harkness State Park Kids Day where they were able to watch their first bike parade!
- Took in a senior guinea pig that had lost some of the mobility, with a healthy diet, he was able to move again and sent to Country School to live out his days!
- ACO conducted a wellness check of a Waterford resident with animals in the home. Resident signed over 27 year old African gray parrot. The bird was given to a parrot sanctuary in Rhode Island
- A two week old kitten that had been abandoned in Waterford, attended K9 Chases' birthday party along with Percy and Hodges at the Groton Library



	Waterford	East Lyme
Calls for Service	74	30
After Hour Call Outs	6	1
Tickets Issued	0	0
Warnings Issued	1	0
Dog Bites	3	5
Animals Redeemed	6	1
Animals Adopted	5	0
Animals DOA	2	1
Euthanized	0	0
Total Processed	14	2
Money Taken In	190	20
Donations	10	5

"Speaking for those who have no voice"



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Community Engagement Report July 2026



K-9 Officer Hodges: Visited Waterford Town Hall, the Waterford Community Center, the Waterford Library, Ollie's Bargain Outlet, Tractor Supply, and the Waterford IT Department. Held Read to Hodges at the Waterford Library. Attended K-9 Chase's Birthday Party at the Groton Library. Visited June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation to interact with scouts from Waterford and all across New England.

Domestic Violence Follow-ups: Conducted 10 follow-ups with DV victims. Visited Safe Futures Camp Hope to interact with juvenile that are part of their program. Reviewed DV reports to make sure they were completed properly.

Interaction with Youth Services: Visited Camp Dash for Touch A Truck, Firetruck Spray Day, and multiple other times.



Officer Wellness: Hodges visited Waterford Dispatch and the Groton Town Police Department. Interacted with guests at a New London Police Promotion Pinning Ceremony. Attended a Veterans Rally Point Meeting and obtained resources for officers with military backgrounds. Visited New London Probation for National Probation Officer Wellness Week. Visited Mystic Aquarium for Law Enforcement Family Day to interact with police survivor families.

Interaction with Youth Officers: Visited Waterford Country School Camp Cuheca and Waterford Schools Summer Academy multiple times. Visited Waterford Parks & Rec Summer Playground for Touch A Truck, Firetruck Spray Day, and multiple other times. Visited Waterford High School for Hodges to interact with employees and athletes.

Interaction with Senior Services: Revamped the Senior Living Facility Incident Report Form. Visited Civita Care Bayview, Greentree Manor, Atria Crossroads Place, and New London Rehab to provide them with the new form and to have Hodges interact with residents. Attended Senior Coffee Talk and Coffee with a Vet.

Harkness Park Bike Rodeo: Attended the July 4th themed bicycle parade and handed out free bike helmets to attendees.

Community Clean-up: Organized kids from Camp Dash to volunteer to pickup trash in the Mago Point Boat Launch area. Waterford Youth Services, Waterford Ambulance, Waterford Police, Waterford Public Works assisted with the pickup. Organized a pizza party and a visit from Hodges and Chase to reward the kids. The pizza was donated by Crown Pizza.

Internship: Accepting and reviewing resumes for the Fall College Internship.