



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Training Room at the Waterford Police Department

8/08/2022 5:00 pm

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Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: July 11, 2022 Regular Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Thank you email from Chief Rich thanking Officer Fredricks and Hodges for visiting their summer camp program
- b. Thank you letter from the Homeless Hospitality Center
- c. Email from Attorney Valliere regarding golf cart ordinance review
- d. Email from Groton Chief of Police Louis Fusaro regarding "Blue Envelope Program"

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's report:

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

Old Business:

- a. Letter to Planning & Zoning about Airbnb
- b. Police Chief Selection Process

New Business:



**MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

July 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting ID: 863 5430 3251

PRESENT: Secretary C. Gamble, Commissioner M. Gelinas, Commissioner R. Brule,
Commissioner J. Dimmock via Zoom

ABSENT: Commissioner Sheridan

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, LT N. VanOverloop, LT T. Silva, LT D. Ferland,
Sgt T. Gelinas, CSO A. Reed

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input.

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Commissioner Gamble called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. in the General Meeting Room of the Waterford Police Department. A Quorum was established.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinas and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to accept the minutes from the June meeting. Commissioner Brule abstained. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic report received.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

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

Commissioner Brule reported that residents have contacted his office to express concern regarding the fireworks debris found at Bates Woods near the kennels. He requested to be updated with any findings of the investigation into the incident.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Chief spoke regarding Airbnb letter to Planning & Zoning. He is waiting for the revised version from the Attorney.
- b. Chief of Police Selection Process - Commissioner Dimmock had no updates at this time. He expects to have more information at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Ledyard will be presenting the Special Response Team Agreement to their Town Council. If approved, the agreement can be signed by Waterford First Selectman Rob Brule and the Ledyard Mayor. Chief Balestracci announced that the PD acquired a retired senior citizen van this week that will be retrofitted to suit the needs of the SRT.
- b. The Rotary Club has extended a membership offer to Officer Fredricks as the WPD representative. Discussion ensued about the Club's contributions to the community including the contributions to Citizens Academy.
- c. Chief Balestracci announced LT David Ferland's acceptance into the FBI National Academy. LT Ferland will attend the ten-week course starting in April 2023.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Brule and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to allow resident attending the meeting to briefly discuss golf cart use. Passed unanimously.

Resident John Valliere requested approval of golf cart use in areas of Waterford. Discussion ensued regarding rules and requirements. It was requested that this topic be added to next month's BOPC Agenda.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Brule and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Diane Driscoll
Recording Secretary

Marc Balestracci

From: John Rich <chief.rich@ledyardct.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 12:39 PM
To: Marc Balestracci
Subject: Officer Fredricks and Hodges

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Chief Balestracci,

Officer Eric Fredricks and K9 Hodges accompanied Ledyard PD today on a visit to Ledyard Parks and Rec Summer Camp for 10-13 year-olds at Colonel Ledyard Park.

He and Officer McClelland from GTPD conducted a demonstration with their partners which had all the kids and staff completely captivated. Officer Fredricks answered several questions from the campers and made a great impression.

Please express my appreciation to Officer Fredricks for a great job today.

Sincerely,

Chief John Rich

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July 26, 2022

Town of Waterford
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Executive Director Cathy Zall, our guests, and staff, I want to thank you for your donation of **\$50 on 6/28/2022** to New London Homeless Hospitality Center. During this unprecedented time, our organization has expanded to better serve the homeless, and your gift will go far.

Caring neighbors like you make it possible for us not only to have warm beds available every night, but also offer the programs and resources that help our guests transition to permanent housing. We envision a community where all its members achieve the basic need of shelter. Until that vision is realized, the New London Homeless Hospitality Center will continue to count on and be grateful for the support of friends like you who play a special role in the success of our program and of our guests.

We are thankful that you are part of our community. If there is ever anything I can do for you, as my way of saying thank you, please don't hesitate to let me know. In the meantime, thank you again.

Sincerely,

Annah Perch
Development Manager
860-439-1573 x321

*Your gift is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.
Our tax ID number is 20-5606908.*

Marc Balestracci

From: attorneyvalliere@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 11:06 PM
To: Marc Balestracci
Subject: Golf cart ordinance review

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Good Day Chief Balestracci:

After some consideration, I am requesting to withdraw my request for the Traffic Authority to review the golf cart ordinance in town.

I do think the idea has merit, but at this point I do not wish to pursue it.

Thank you for allowing me to speak at the last Commission meeting after the public comment and thank you for your time and conversation previous to that meeting.

You may strike the request from the next meeting agenda. If the Commission wants to still pursue such ordinance, I am happy to assist in research. Just let me know.

Thank you.

John

Marc Balestracci

From: Fusaro, Louis <LFusaro@groton-ct.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 11:47 AM
To: chief.rich@ledyardct.org; Wright, Brian; jdelgrosso@stonington-ct.gov; Jenkins, Eric; dradford@montvillepolice.org; mfinkelstein@eastlymepolice.org; Pat Daley
Cc: Marc Balestracci; McClelland, Heather; Dooley, Joseph M.
Subject: "Blue Envelope Program" - October 1st.

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Gentlemen:

For your consideration – SAVE THE DATE:

What: Chief Marc Balestracci and I have been working with Ret. Chief Joe Dooley and SCSU about a program to help autistic members of our community understand police interactions – particularly traffic stops.

When: October 1st, 2022, 0800-1200

Where: Fitch High School, 101 Groton Long Point Road, Groton, CT

Who: YOU! If your department is interested in participating and inviting members of your community who may benefit from this program, we want you involved. We will require support from your department (ie. Police officers)

Why: Help members of this target audience understand how they may be approached by officers and how to interact at a traffic stop.

We hope you can participate and please don't hesitate to connect with any of us if you are interested or have any questions. Point of contact at GTPD is Officer Heather McClelland at HMcclelland@groton-ct.gov.

Respectfully,

L. J. Fusaro

Louis J. Fusaro, Jr.
CHIEF OF POLICE

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WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC REPORT

•July 2022•

Traffic Complaints:

The Traffic Officer (TO) received numerous complaints for speeding, parking and other traffic violations. These complaints are directly related to the uptick in summer traffic and are consistently being attended to.

Construction Projects:

Plans for potential road improvements and residential projects were received and reviewed.

Road Permits

Road Use permits for several events including A Breast Cancer Walk, Police Foot Pursuit 5K and a Turkey Trot 5k were issued for local roads and State permits were applied for.

Operation plans were created for the upcoming Waterford Day Parade.

Display Trailers

The trailers were used to promote road safety in smaller neighborhoods. Newly created mounts were put into action for the smaller speed display sign.

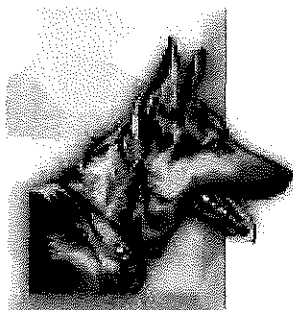
Our Annual Lidar/Radar calibration was completed.

Waterford Police

K9 Usage

July 2022

Officer Epps



K9 Neo

Usage Date	Description	WPD Case #
7/2/2022	On the stated date at approximately 1505 hours, I was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident with injuries. While on scene, it was determined one operator had fled the scene on foot. K9 Neo was deployed for a track from the vehicle and he began tracking northbound up and embankment into the woods. Once in the woods, he began tracking westbound through the woods for approximately 150 yards. Eventually Neo exited the woods into the parking lot of Henny Penny, 978 Hartford Turnpike and he could not reacquire the track.	2022-00125
7/13/2022	On the stated date at approximately 0830 hours, I conducted a motor vehicle stop. During the traffic stop, drug paraphernalia was located on one of the occupants. K9 Neo was deployed for an exterior and interior search of the vehicle. Inside the vehicle, K9 Neo showed alert behavior, however further narcotic paraphernalia was not located.	CAD# 2022-16841
7/14/2022	On the stated date at approximately 1149 hours, I was dispatched to Oak Street in Norwich for a shooting that just occurred and the suspect fled on foot. As I arrived on scene, the suspect was taken into custody. Shortly after, K9 Neo was deployed for an article search to locate the firearm that was used in the shooting. K9 Neo checked 18, 20 and 22 Oak Street and he did not locate the firearm.	CAD# 2022-16937
7/15/2022	On the stated date at approximately 2037 hours, I was dispatched to a physical domestic. Through the investigation, probable cause was developed and it was learned the suspect had gone back to his residence. Officer responded to the suspects residence to take him into custody and K9 Neo was deployed for assistance. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.	2022-01215

7/24/2022	On the stated date at approximately 0746 hours, I was called out to assist in locating a suspect who violated a protective order and fled from 14 Terrace Drive. The suspect was last seen headed northbound on the west side of the residence. K9 Neo was deployed for a track and he continued tracking northbound along the grass. After approximately 300 feet, he made a right turn and continued tracking eastbound for approximately 100 feet onto the rear of Woodland Drive. K9 Neo lost the track and attempted to pick the scent up along the wood line, however was unsuccessful. K9 Neo was later deployed to check the rear of Dollar General, 75 Boston Post Road and the woods near Victoria Gardens, 105 Boston Post Road, however he was not able to locate the suspect.	
7/27/2022	On the stated date at approximately 1121 hours, Officer Charron conducted a motor vehicle stop. Through the investigation, probable cause was developed there was narcotics inside the vehicle. K9 Neo was deployed for an exterior and interior search of the vehicle and no further contraband was located.	2022-01277
7/28/2022	On the stated date during the morning hours, K9 Neo participated in two demonstrations at Great Neck Elementary School.	CAD# 2022-18175

Waterford Police

K9 Usage

July 2022

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K9 Ozzy

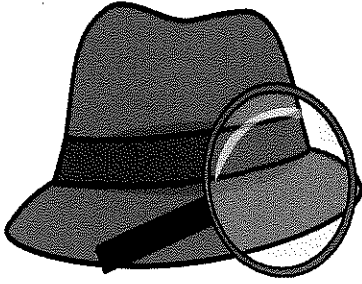
Usage Date	Description	WPD Case #
7/3/2022	K9 Ozzy was requested to the Branford Manor complex in Groton, CT to assist with a search for a suspect that fled the scene of a domestic violence incident. K9 Ozzy was deployed for a search of the area the suspect was last seen. K9 Ozzy did not show any committed tracking behavior as the scene was contaminated with onlookers approaching police and numerous residents at every building having cookouts for the holiday weekend. Groton City Police officers advised me that they would be writing a warrant for the individual due to the level of contamination of the scene.	CAD#: 2022-0015986
7/7/2022	K9 Ozzy was deployed to track a suspect who fled the scene of a larceny. A witness showed me where the suspect fled into the woods after stealing a gas can from their property. K9 Ozzy was deployed for the track and located a small trail opening in the woods where the witness stated the suspect entered. K9 Ozzy tracked into the wood line for approximately 60 feet and then turned right. He tracked approximately 40 more feet before jumping over a rock wall. On the other side of the wall was the stolen gas can. K9 Ozzy continued tracking through very tall grass in a field and eventually came out to Benham Road before showing a negative. I brought K9 Ozzy back into the field and he pulled to the Connecticut College trails where he again pulled out to Benham Road. The track	Case #: 2022-01156

	was terminated for his safety due to the heat and humidity.	
7/7/2022	K9 Ozzy was deployed for a second track of the larceny suspect in the Connecticut College trails off Benham Road. Approximately 30 seconds after starting the track, I heard Officer Lapkowski (who was waiting by the suspect vehicle on Benham Road) advise over the radio that a male was walking out to him. He then confirmed that it was our suspect and he was trying to prone him out. K9 Ozzy and I ran to assist Officer Lapkowski and I observed the suspect in a prone position on the ground when we arrived. I gave commands to the suspect who complied without incident. The suspect was taken into custody.	Case #: 2022-01156
7/7/2022	K9 Ozzy was deployed for an article search to locate the suspects clothes. On the original surveillance footage, he was fully clothed, and when he walked out to Officer Lapkowski, he only had boots and underwear on. Officers located the suspects pants in his backpack but not a shirt or the jacket he was wearing on video. K9 Ozzy was deployed and searched the adjacent areas to where the suspect walked out. The clothes were not located.	Case #: 2022-01156
7/11/2022	A caller requested a welfare check on a female that appeared to be falling asleep at the wheel of her vehicle in the Planet Fitness parking lot. Officers observed her car leaving the area upon arrival and later conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. After the officers conducted their interview it was determined the female was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol and not in need of medical attention. However, she did have an active arrest warrant and was taken into custody. The female requested her purse be brought to the police department with her and consented to a search of the purse prior to transport. During the search several broken pills were located at the bottom of the purse. K9 Ozzy was deployed for an exterior search of the vehicle while waiting for the tow truck. K9 Ozzy did not alert to the presence of narcotics and an interior search was not conducted.	Case #: 2022-01182

	After piecing some of the broken parts of the pills together, a pill identifier showed that they were various corticosteroids and anti-histamines, not illicit drugs.	
7/27/2022	A K9 demo was conducted for 4-8 th graders at Great Neck Elementary School	None
7/27/2022	A K9 demo was conducted for K-3 rd graders at Great Neck Elementary School.	None

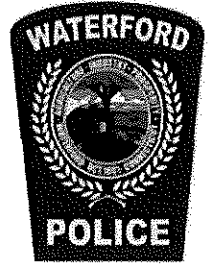
July 2022 Usages: 7

Total 2022 Usages: 32



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



July 2022

During the month of July 2022 Investigative Services Division was assigned or assisted with 20 new cases.

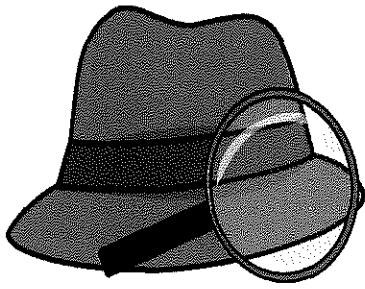
Current Active Investigations (44 Cases):

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

Homicide—1	Sex Assault—2	Sex Offender Registry Violation— 1
Burglary—6	Larceny—1	Untimely—6
Pistol Permits—16	Fraud—2	Overdose—1
Background Checks—1	I.B.C.—1	Robbery—1
Narcotics—2	Suicide—2	Catalytic Converter Theft—1

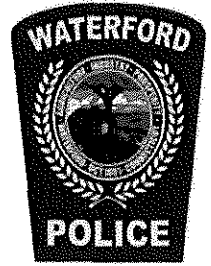
Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Amount Investigated	Recovered - Seized	Search Warrants	Sex Assaults	Arrests
115	\$82,694.00	\$24,185.00	22	11	10
Ex-Parte's	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery	Background Checks
7	1	7	10	1	11



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



July 2022

Neighborhood Watch:

The monthly Neighborhood Watch Meeting was held on June 29, 2022 in person in the Waterford Police Department Training Room. The following neighborhoods were present: North Road, Pleasure Beach, Roxwood Road, Myrock Avenue and Rope Ferry Condos.

The following topics were discussed during the meeting:

- Working with the WPD Traffic Officer (Nickerson) a digital sign was placed near the Pleasure Beach public lot. The sign which will be in place for approximately 3 weeks total, cautions pedestrians and vehicles on that stretch of road.
- Myrock Ave stated the speeding early in the morning has subsided. There is still speeding on the weekends, unknown where they are coming from. After the May meeting I spoke with a supervisor at Eversource who spoke with employees coming into work about potential speeding.
- Myrock Ave advised since I reached out to the ACO regarding the barking dog complaint, the barking has stopped.
- "Nip it In the Bin" signs have been distributed to all package stores in town. Input from members and some residents indicated a noticeable decrease in nip bottle trash.
- Members reminded to lock up homes and vehicles when they are unattended.
- During the month of June (1st - 29th) WPD Patrol did 38 documented checks of Pleasure Beach at all hours of the day.
- Speeding Complaint on Old Norwich RD early in the morning. A description of the two vehicles was passed along to the midnight shift supervisors to address on their shift.

July 2022 Arrests:

- Active Arrest warrant for Suspect in the June People United Bank robbery. Suspect located at medical facility
- Active Arrest Warrant for suspect who sold narcotics related to a March 2022 fatal overdose.
- Awaiting extradition on an Identity Theft investigation suspect located in Virginia

July 2022 Investigations:

- Located a wanted person in VA that this agency held an active arrest warrant for. Worked with the local agency to conduct surveillance and arrest subject as a fugitive.

Task Force Officer Report:

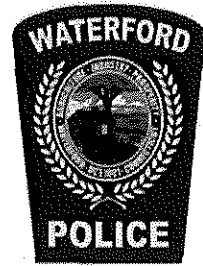
- Three arrest warrants were completed.
- Assisted New London Police Department with surveillance that resulted in a traffic stop and narcotic seizure.
- SNTF along with DEA executed a controlled delivery of narcotics that lead to a search warrant on a residence in eastern Connecticut.

THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



Training Report

July 2022



New Officer Updates

Hiring Process: The application process for both entry level and certified police officer is open and scheduled to remain open to August 1. A regional physical agility test was administered on July 17th at the Stonington High School and another physical agility will be held on August 6th at the Waterford high School.

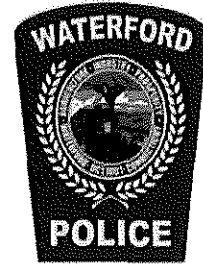
Recruit(s): Recruit Kyle McComic has completed all required training at POSTC and graduated July 28th. Recruit McComic is scheduled to begin phase 1 of the Field Training Evaluation Program on August 1. Recruit McComic's primary field training officer is Officer Megan Sylvestre.





Training Report

July 2022



Sergeant Patrick Flanagan attended a one-day Tactical Operations Liability seminar at POSTC. The seminar was presented by Attorney Eric Daigle, Daigle Law Group. The seminar focused on legal cases that impact tactical operations, policy issues, and practical implementation.

Officer Ryan DiFusco and Officer Zachary Caler attended a five-day Basic Interview and Interrogation course at POSTC. The class was presented by BowMac Educational Services and provides officers with proven techniques that can be applied in various interview situations.

Training Officer Nicolas Surdo attended a one-day StopStick Training in East Hartford. The class focused on the proper deployment of StopStick products. StopStick is utilized nationwide and is used to end high speed pursuits by tire deflation in accordance with state laws and policy.

Officer Norman Malbourn attended a six-day Basic School Resource Officer course at the Wethersfield Police Department and presented by The Spector Criminal Justice Training Network. The course focused on foundations of school based policing substance abuse, bullying, laws, de-escalation and adolescent behavior.

Officer Zachary Caler, Officer Bushwack and Officer Barrows attended a five-day Method of Instruction course held at the Waterford Police Department and instructed by Officer Gilbert Maffeo. Those who successfully completed the course can provide POSTC credits for courses they are certified by POSTC to instruct.

The Waterford Police Department Records Department Activity for JULY 2022

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

Ticket/Written Warning Entries	Freedom of Information Requests	Motor Vehicle Accident Entries	Warrants (Entering or clearing)	Phone calls	Walk in Lobby Window	Background Check Requests
144	178	59	69	202	176	14

Protective Order Entries	Officer Tasking Requests	Case Erasures	State/Federal Report Entries	Supervisor Tasking Requests	DCF Requests
54	76	331		25	13

Court Request	Case Copies	Abstracts
28		411



CSO Monthly Statistical Report July 2022



Waterford Arrests

#

Adult	24
Juvenile	0
Total Processed	24

Fingerprints

#

Pistol Permits	7
Employment	19
Miscellaneous	1
Peddler / Precious Permits	0
Total Fingerprints	27

Firearms

#

Firearms Transfer	57
Pistol Permits Issued	6

Initial Complaints (3A's)

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Total	30
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- Community Service Officer Omar Santini has resigned and will be joining the military
- Community Service Officer Liam Flanagan has completed his training and is taking shifts.
- The hiring process was opened by Town Hall for the vacant CSO positions.



Patrol Report / CARes

Commissioners Activity Report:
July 2022

Town of Waterford

"In the Community Interest"

Highlights:

Cooking Oil Theft Prevented

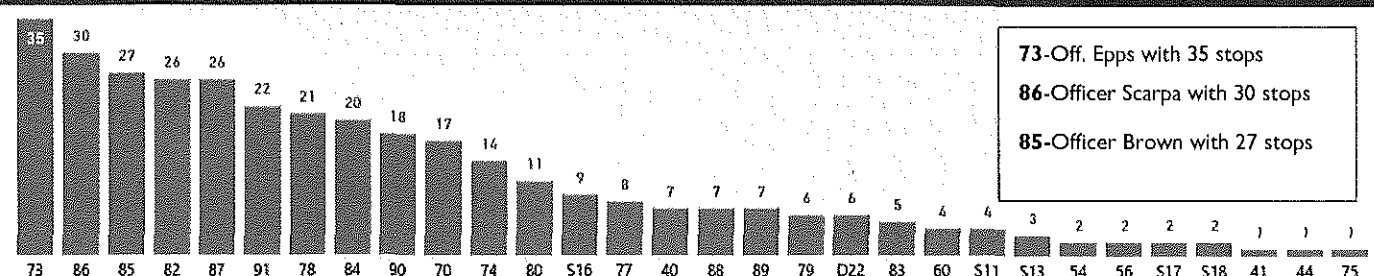
On July 12, 2022, at approximately 0249 hours Sergeant Farrior was on patrol when he observed a suspicious box truck pull out of the parking lot of a local restaurant. Sergeant Farrior observed multiple motor vehicle violations and conducted a motor vehicle stop. Through Sergeant Farrior's efforts, the operator admitted that he was looking for restaurants to steal cooking oil from, but had not been successful on this occasion. The operator was arrested for motor vehicle violations and the truck was towed from the scene.



Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2485
Case Numbers	184
Arrests	75
Juvenile Arrests	4
Larcenies	20
Arrest Warrants	10
Domestic Violence Investigations	15
Traffic Crash	38
DUI Investigations	10
Emotionally Disturbed Persons	56
School Checks	72
Motor Vehicle Stops	344
Written Warnings	46
Infractions	29
Verbal Warnings	245
Misdemeanor	24

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER





Car vs. Pole Evading

On July 8th, 2022 at approximately 2045 hours Officers responded to Cross Rd for report of a motor vehicle accident involving 1 car into a utility pole. While responding, officers were notified that the male operator took off running on foot. A description was provided by the caller and officers began to search the area. Officer Rogers was able to locate the operator inside Henny Penny on Hartford Rd and determined that the male was intoxicated. Officer Rogers conducted Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and the operator was subsequently arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

Repeat EDP Calls

Over the course of July, 2022 officers have responded to a particular address Eight (8) times regarding welfare checks for an emotionally disturbed male. Six (6) of the incidents involved the male hallucinating and cutting or stabbing himself, thinking there were objects inside his body. It is believed that the male is using illicit drugs such as PCP. Many of these interactions have resulted in some level of force being used, causing officer to go hands on with the subject who is often unclothed and bleeding.

DUI Arrests Increase

The Patrol Division had an increase in DUI cases, rising from 3 in June to 10 DUI arrests in July, 2022. While some of the arrests stemmed from motor vehicle accidents, many were the result of proactive enforcement efforts by officers. In addition to the 10 arrests, there are additional ongoing DUI investigations that will likely result in arrest warrants for the operators.

Regional Marine Patrol Boat Back in Service

The regional marine patrol boat was outfitted with new motors and the break-in period completed. The boat returned to full service on July 14, 2022 and the Captains report increased operational efficiency and handling. Additional improvements to the ignition and throttles were also completed as part of the project. Sgt. Firmin and Detective Bonkowski have worked with additional Captains and Crew to provide an overview of the updates as well as providing updated training.



In the Community Interest





Monthly Report July 2022

	WATERFORD	EAST LYME
CALLS FOR SERVICE	94	29
AFTER HOURS CALL OUTS	3	3
DOG BITES	3	3
INFRACTIONS	0	0
WRITTEN WARNINGS	1	0
ANIMALS REDEEMED	11	3
ANIMALS ADOPTED	4	0
ANIMALS DOA	1	0
EUTHANIZED	1	0
ANIMALS PROCESSED TOTAL	17	3
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	\$ 340.00	\$ 145.00
DONATIONS TAKEN IN	\$ 210.00	\$ 130.00

- 1) On 07/04/2022 sometime in the evening hours, someone launched dozens of illegal fireworks in bates woods park near the animal control facility. Much of the debris was located inside the shelter facility, including some located inside the kennels where the dogs are housed. This indicates that the explosions of the fireworks happened directly adjacent to the kennel fencing. This incident garnered much outrage and support on social media. This incident is currently under investigation by the New London Police Department.



- 2) On 07/06/2022, Animal Control officers participated in an informational presentation on coyotes at the East Lyme town hall, to help alleviate concerns of citizens.



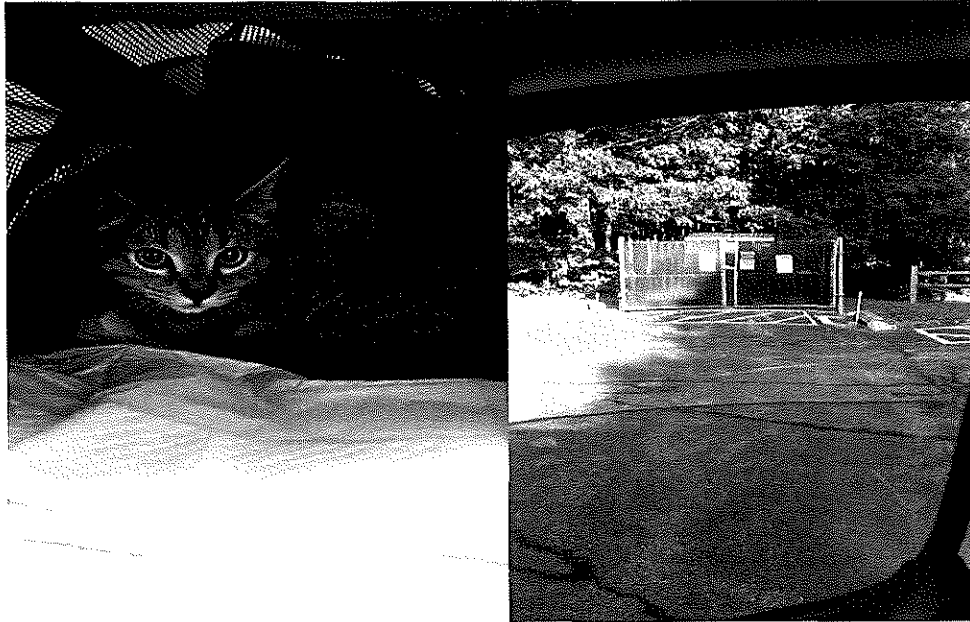
- 3) On 07/08/2022, Dog #w-22-84, (Marge) a 4-year-old female pit bull, was taken to the vet and humanely euthanized due to her skin conditions becoming increasingly worse, despite numerous trips to the vet and several courses of medications, she developed tumors which became infected and burst. Cancer is suspected. Additionally, her two months at the animal shelter ended with her becoming increasingly more aggressive toward other dogs. She bit another dog on the throat unprovoked, drawing blood. Sadly, this was the final straw, with growing aggression and the increasing medical issues, the decision was made to euthanize the dog.



- 4) On 07/18/2022 the Waterford Lions Club spearheaded an effort to raise money for the purpose of installing a camera system at the New London Animal Shelter. They started a GoFundMe account and in only ONE WEEKS TIME, they raised \$11,600.00. this should be more than enough to complete this project. We are currently in communication with the city to get the ball rolling on this project.

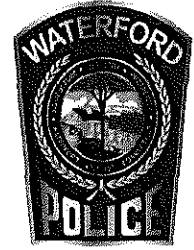


- 5) On 07/26/22 someone dumped a live cat inside a carrier by the dumpsters at the Jordan Commons Condominium complex. Thankfully the cat was rescued before it died of heat stroke, thirst or was eaten by a coyote. The investigation continues.





THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



Community Engagement Report July 2022

Recruiting/Internships: Intern Rich shadowed Traffic Officer Nickerson, midnight shift patrol and the records department. Jenna Bennett, a Mitchell College student, was selected to be the upcoming Fall intern. Created new recruitment brochures, which will now have QR codes that provide easier access to our agency's websites.

Citizen's Academy: Assisting Groton Town PD to plan their upcoming academy. They are mirroring their academy after the success of our agency's program. In the process of applying to the Waterford Rotary Club that sponsors of the Waterford Citizen's Academy.

Domestic Violence Follow-ups: Conducted 4 follow-ups with DV victims. Reviewed DV reports with LT Silva to make sure they were completed properly.

Interaction with Youth Services: Visited multiple local camps including Camp Dash. Interacted with campers during their water safety and dog safety days. Coordinated a donation of toys from Habitat for Humanity ReStore to Youth Services.

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



K-9 Officer Hodges: Hodges returned to Bedford Hills Correctional Facility in NY for two weeks while Officer Fredricks was on vacation. Hodges got to interact with the inmates that raised him. They also confirmed that his training is up to standard with Officer Fredricks. Hodges interacted with a Waterford resident during a walk-complaint. Hodges interacted with kids at two Waterford Library Events, Sundaes on Monday and Read to Hodges. Hodges interacted with players of the Tour de Force Fundraiser at Langley's. Hodges and Groton Town PD K-9 Chase did a meet & greet event at the Black Dog General to fundraiser for Police K-9 Relief. The store has agreed to have an upcoming fundraiser for Hodges & Chase's maintenance.

Officer Wellness: Assisted with a debrief for New London Police for officers to speak about a recent untimely death incident. Coordinated with Waterford Dick's Sporting Goods on having First Responder Appreciation Week that provided a discount to Waterford employees. Visited local stores to obtain sponsors for the upcoming Waterford Police Union 5K Foot Pursuit. Informed officers of the opportunity to attend a free Hartford Yard Goats game for First Responder Night. Attended the game for Hodges to interact with the attendees.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Spoke about traffic stop safety to teen drivers at Rae's Driving School.