



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Training Room at the Waterford Police Department

6/10/2024 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: May 13, 2024 Regular Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Email from Nadine Lipman

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's Report:

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

Old Business:

- a. Recording of Commission Meetings

New Business:

- a. SRO Assignment
- b. Armed Security Officer position (BOE)
- c. FEMA Hostile Action Based Drill
- d. End of fiscal year budget update



**MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

May 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner J. Dimmock

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, LT N. VanOverloop, LT D. Ferland, LT P. Flanagan, Officer M. Devine, Officer M. Sylvestre, Sgt. Matthew Fedor, Sgt. Z. Caler

CANDIDATES: Connor Abram, Julia DeLoreto, Julie Jordan, Nicolette Maselli

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC INPUT:

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Sheridan and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to accept the minutes from the April 8, 2024 Regular Meeting. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

Presentation of the *Waterford Police Department Life Saving Award* to Sgt. Matthew Fedor and Sgt. Zachary Caler.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic report was received. Discussion ensued regarding two requests:

- Request for a concave mirror at the intersection of Point Comfort and Oswegatchie Road
- Request for a “Children at Play” sign on Locust Court.

Traffic Officer Devine explained that concave mirrors are no longer recommended at intersections and suggested placing a sign at the intersection to make drivers on Oswegatchie Road aware of traffic exiting Point Comfort.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinas and seconded by Commissioner Sheridan to approve signage at the intersection of Point Comfort and Oswegatchie Road. Motion passed unanimously.

A request for a speed sign or “Children at Play” sign was requested due to an increase in the number of children in the Locust Court neighborhood. It was noted that there are no speed limit signs posted and vehicles are traveling too fast for the roadway.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Sheridan and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to approve “Children at Play” signage on Locust Court. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brule asked about adjusting the timing of the traffic light at the corner of Cross Road and Boston Post Road to decrease traffic backup on Cross Road at busy travel times. Officer Devine is in communication with DOT.

CHIEF’S REPORT:

- a. K9 Reports for April
April report was received.
- b. Youth Reports for April
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OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Recording Commission Meetings – No new information at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. SRO/ARO agreement was reviewed. Commissioner Gelinas noted a correction on page 1. Wording in the third bullet point, second sentence, should be changed from “Section VII” to “Section VI”. Commissioner Sheridan was concerned about having an armed officer in schools. Chief explained that responses to a questionnaire sent out by the BOE were overwhelming in favor of having armed retired police officers in the schools. The AROs will be BOE employees but will be trained by the PD. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinas and seconded by Commissioner Brule to approve agreement with the above correction. Motion passed. Commissioner Sheridan opposed.

- b. Police Commission Nominations for term starting June 1, 2024 as follows:
J. Dimmock, Chairperson; M. Gelinas Vice-Chairperson; T. Sheridan, Secretary;
Commissioner. C. Gamble

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinas and seconded by Commissioner Brule to accept nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Brule to enter into Executive Session for candidate interviews at 5:29 p.m. Chief Balestracci was included in the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. No votes or actions were taken while in Executive Session.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Gelinas and Seconded by Commissioner Sheridan to extend offers to the top two candidates on the list for the current vacancies, contingent on the candidates successfully completing the hiring process and background investigations. Passed unanimously.

The order of the list shall be in effect for one year of this meeting. The list is as follows:

1. Julie Jordan
2. Julia DeLoreto
3. Connor Abram
4. Nicolette Maselli

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Brule and Seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to adjourn the meeting at 6:37p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary

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



From: Nadine <[redacted]@waterfordct.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 7:59 PM
To: Marc Balestracci <mbalestracci@waterfordct.org>
Subject: Car seats

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe.

Dear Chief Balestracci,

I am writing to let you know how pleased we were this weekend, working with Officer Rogers, to ensure a car seat was properly installed in our car.

We also were in touch with Officer Colkos, who was also very professional.

Regards,
Nadine Lipman
PS I enjoy your Facebook postings!

Diane Driscoll

From: Marc Balestracci
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 8:15 AM
To: Diane Driscoll
Subject: FW: Car seats

For BOPC packet. Please redact her email address.

Thank you,

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



From: Marc Balestracci
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 8:14 AM
To:
Subject: RE: Car seats

Good morning,

Thank you for reaching out, we appreciate it. I will be sure to pass along your kind words to the officers and their supervisor. Car seat installations are often done incorrectly, so these two officers were sent to specialized training to be able to offer that assistance to parents/guardians for free. We believe it is that important. We are happy you were able to take advantage of the program.

Thanks again,

Marc Balestracci



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Traffic Officer Report

May 2024



LINE OF SIGHT ISSUES:

- No new line of sight issues to report

DOT RELATED ISSUES.

- On May 14, 2024 I was advised that DOT found no malfunctions with the Cross Rd and Route 1 traffic lights. I was further informed the traffic engineers had previously adjusted the timing to optimize the flow of traffic. I was informed that additional lanes would be necessary to alleviate traffic.

PARKING COMPLAINTS:

- Several complaints of cars parking on Third Ave, near Niantic River Road. The road is not posted as no parking in the area that is being complained about. The vehicles have not been observed in an area less than 25' from the intersection. I did make contact with the owners of the vehicle and they agreed to move their vehicles further from the intersection.
- I was advised that a parking sign has been missing on Woodlawn Ave for approximately 2 years. I was able to identify the location where the sign was missing from and contacted DPW to confirm the sign was missing. DPW has since replaced the sign. Officers continue to deal with complaints of persons violating the parking signs.

ENFORCEMENT RELATED COMPLAINTS:

- Recent complaint of vehicles speeding on Fog Plain and on side roads off Fog Plain.
- Complaint of speeding cars on Upper Bartlett in the evening. (Black box being utilized for speeds)
- Complaint of speeding in the later afternoon and evening on Dimmock Rd. Reporting party claims later afternoon and around the time of the parks closing vehicles speed down the road. Called after seeing three cars traveling together at a high rate of speed.

REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

A "Slow Think Child Safety" sign was placed at the top of Locust Ct., after being approved at the May Board of Police Commission meeting.

SPEED TRAFFIC SIGN DEPLOYMENT:

The two solar powered speed signs have remained in place at the below listed locations.

1. Vauxhall St Ext in the area of Twin Lakes Road, facing southbound traffic. The data shows that vehicle traffic during the month of May 2024 was at or below the speed limit approximately 34% of the time. An additional approximate 60% were traveling between 36 and 45 mph during that time. Leaving the remaining roughly 6% traveling at 46 mph or higher.
2. Willets Ave at the old Bank of America building, facing westbound traffic. I have spoken with UCONN T2 personnel and they are working to address the issue.



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Traffic Officer Report

May 2024



3. The black box radar recorder was placed on Clark Lane in the area of Clark Lane Middle School from May 9 to May 12, 2024. The speed limit in this area is 30 mph. The recorder indicated that 14.8% of vehicles during this time frame were traveling at 40 mph or higher.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Obtained State Highway Use Permit for Waterford Day Parade (August 10, 2024)
- Obtained State Highway Use Permit for Kelly's Half Marathon (August 3, 2024)

MESSAGE BOARD DEPLOYMENTS:

Location	Message
Old Norwich south of Totoket	It's not a race; Leave some space
Cross Rd north of Foster Rd	We'll Be Blunt; Don't Drive High

TRAINING ATTENDED:

During the month of April I attended the following trainings:

1. Mini traffic summit (1 day)
2. Laser/Radar instructor course (online)
3. Intox Instructor recertification (1/2 day)
4. Local Traffic Authority (LTA) Training (1 day)
5. Nexgen training (1 day)

Additional Activities:

1. Recertifying Officers on the Intox
2. Presented at the Citizens Police Academy
3. Assisted with Senior Services Luncheon which honored Chaplain Joe Parise
4. Assisted LEC Police Academy with traffic stop practicals
5. Waterford Day Parade planning meeting
6. Willets Ave apartments next phase construction meeting

UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH CLOSURE:

No anticipated events that will require complete road closures.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:

I had 21 traffic stops for the month of May



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K-9 Activity Report

May 2024

K-9 Ozzy

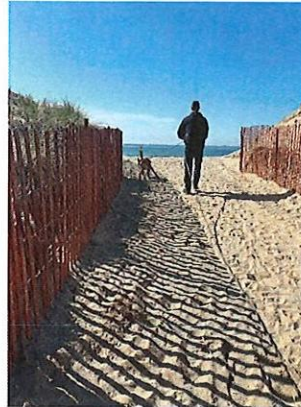
Monthly Uses: 7

2024 Uses: 18

K-9 Tico

Monthly Uses: 5

2024 Uses: 18



K-9 Usage

Ozzy

- ♦ K9 Ozzy and Off. Genung participated in two K9 demos for the Criminal Justice class at Waterford High School and for the 5th graders of Great Neck Elementary School.
- ♦ K9 Ozzy and Officer Genung assisted NLPD with a shooting investigation. Ozzy was deployed to a perimeter at the rear of an address on Blackhall ST. Contact was safely made with a party involved in the shooting and Ozzy was placed back in the vehicle.

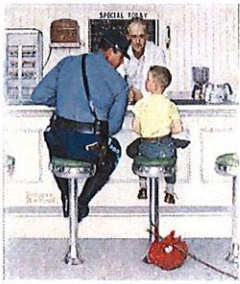
Tico

- ♦ K9 Tico and Off. Surdo responded to Seaside for numerous individuals in a building possibly with firearms. Tico was deployed on an exterior perimeter and the subjects were safely removed from the building and detained. A facsimile firearm was located on one of the trespassers.
- ♦ K9 Tico and Off. Surdo were at a motor vehicle stop with a vehicle involved in a larceny from a few days prior. During the traffic stop, two of the occupants were arrested. K9 Tico was deployed for an open air sniff of the vehicle and he showed alert behavior at the driver's door. K9 Tico was deployed for an interior search of the vehicle and he again showed alert behavior. Narcotic paraphernalia was located in the area K9 Tico displayed alert behavior.



Monthly Training

- ♦ Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 5/7/24 and 5/21/24 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work.



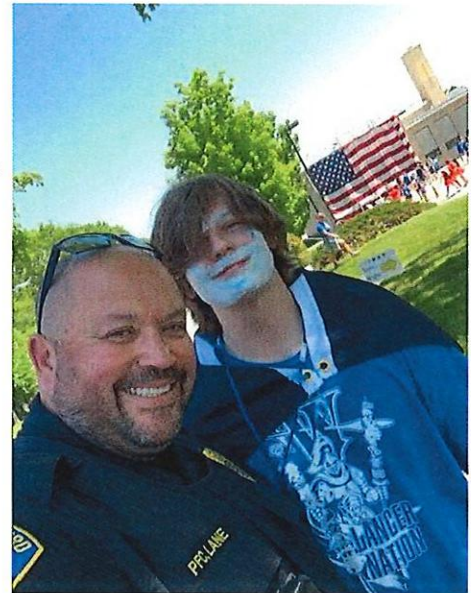
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Youth Office Activity Report



May 2024

- ♦ Officer Lane taught numerous Youth Promise courses at both Great Neck and Oswegatchie Elementary Schools.
- ♦ Officer Malbaurn attended the Junior Prom at the Eugene O'Neil Theatre in Waterford, CT.
- ♦ Officer Lane fielded a report from a concerned parent at school drop off. The complaint was regarding comments made by a male in Groton about harming a Preston School. A coordinated effort between WPD, CSP, and Groton Town Police Department brought the situation to a safe and positive outcome.
- ♦ Officer Malbaurn organized pre-prom MADD presentations for seniors during their advisory blocks
- ♦ Officer Lane co-taught a class at the LEC police academy in Norwich, CT.
- ♦ Both Off. Lane and Off. Malbaurn participated in marine science day at Waterford Beach.
- ♦ Officer Malbaurn attended the "Safer Schools Together" online training for digital threat assessments.



Month at a Glance

- 1 – Home Visits
- 1 – CAD Report
- 3 – Case Reports
- 1— Arrests

SRO Lane & SRO Malbaurn continue to meet and talk with students on a daily basis for school, personal, and social related topics in an effort to develop lasting relationships between the department and the youth in our community.



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



May 2024

In the month of May 2024 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 23 investigations.

Current Active Investigations (36 Cases):

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

Homicide—1	Pistol Permits—18
Burglary—2	JV Sex Assault—3
Larceny—1	J/V Complaint—1
ID Theft—1	Untimely - 2
Risk of Injury—1	Sex Assault—1
Child Pornography—1	School Threat—1
Background Checks—3	

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Search Warrants	Background Checks	Arrests	Sex Assaults	
45	5	8	9	12	
Ex-Parte's	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery	
0	0	0	7	0	



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Investigative Services Division



May 2024

May 2024 Updates:

The month of May saw many trainings for Investigative Services. All members of Investigative Services attended the new NextGen reporting system training as well as our yearly firearms training.

Detectives O'Connell, Bonkowski and Investigator Zaldivar attended a three-day conference titled "Spot Light on Fraud" hosted at Mohegan Sun.

Detective Bonkowski completed an online crisis negotiation training.

Members of Investigative Services also completed a "Report Writing for Detectives" online training.

Investigator Zaldivar taught Criminal Law class at Waterford High School on the topic of Crime Scene Investigation.

Lieutenant VanOverloop attended an Executive MDT Meeting via Zoom on the topic of the upcoming accreditation process.

Investigative Services hosted a regional Intelligence Meeting in which surrounding towns share information in the hopes of working together to solve cases that cross jurisdictions.

May 2024 Investigations:

Members of Investigative Services were assigned four (4) background investigations for the upcoming new Police Officer candidate hires.

Investigator Zaldivar and Sergeant Avdevich followed up on a firearms investigation case stemming from an arrest in February 2024. The suspect provided a DNA swab at the Middletown Court. This case is ongoing.

Detective O'Connell completed a Risk Protection Order investigation on a subject who was previously arrested for a domestic violence incident in New London, CT but currently resides in Waterford.

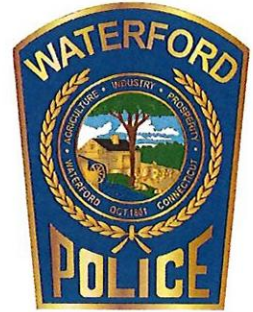
Detective Bonkowski followed up on a previous sexual assault arrest in which other possible victims were identified.

Detective Carroll conducted a post interview on a subject who had a previous Risk Protection Order. This is a new process required by the court when a subject wishes to have a RPO terminated.

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TRAINING REPORT MAY 2024

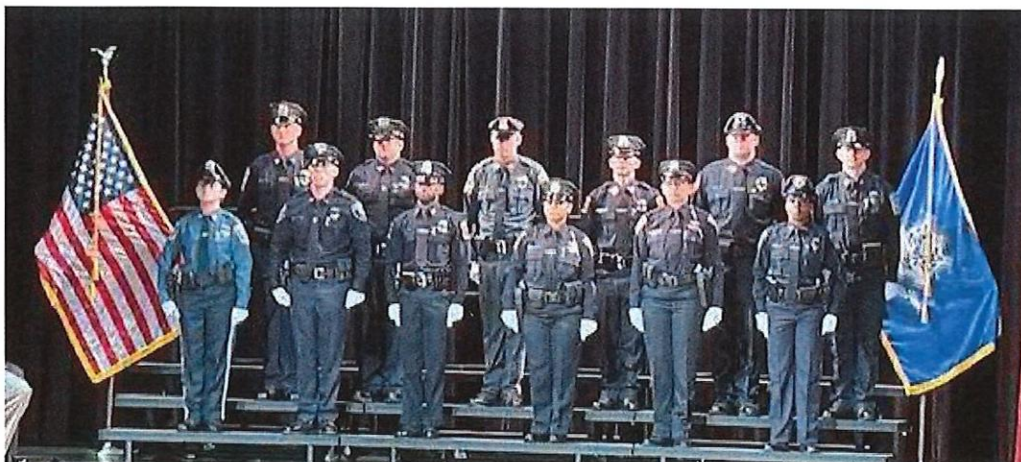


New Officer Updates

Hiring Process: The Waterford Police Department continues its efforts in recruiting and hiring. Training is continuing with the new hiring process to fill two current vacancies, and one more vacancy in the near future.

Recruit Status: Recruit Dylan Luce and Recruit Tanner Suplita graduated from the Eastern Regional Police Academy hosted by Law Enforcement Council of Connecticut on May 31, 2024. They prepare to begin their twelve to sixteen week Field Training Program on patrol.

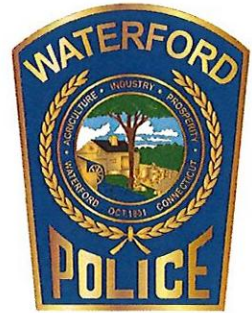
Recruit Boxley completed her fifth week at the City of New Britain Police Department Satellite Basic Recruit Academy.





TRAINING REPORT

MAY 2024



The entire department was trained on how to use Nexgen, which is our new reporting system that replaced Central Square. This training was given by a few of our own officers.

The entire department completed our annual pistol qualifications at our outdoor range. This is an annual requirement from POST in order for officers to get re-certified.

Officer Rogers attended a four-day International Police Mountain Bike Association Police Cyclist Course. This is a required course in order to be certified on the police mountain bikes. This class teaches officers bike patrol procedures, tactics, night operations, mock scenes, and basic bike maintenance.

Officer Ewing attended a five-day Narcotics Investigation Techniques training. In this training, officers learned fundamental duties and responsibilities of a narcotics investigator and how to start a effective program from day one. It gave officers the tools they needed in order to conduct a successful narcotics investigation.

Officer Genung and Officer Rogers attended a two day Leadership in Policing training. This class is meant to develop officers into leaders. The training helped officers define good leadership and explore the seven areas that help them maximize their capabilities as leaders.

Officer Bushwack and Officer Robinson attended a two-day Basic Interview & Interrogation course. This training gives officers various methods for interview and interrogation techniques to conduct non-verbal and behavioral analysis as well as verbal indicators that denote truth or deception.

Officer Donovan attended a three-day Basic Crime Scene Procedure course. This is an in-depth course that gives officers the proper crime scene procedures from the initial arrival on scene, to determining which evidence to process on scene and which evidence to collect for processing at headquarters.



The Waterford Police Department Records Department

Activity for May 2024

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
303	130	27	21	136	114	7
-42%	-3%	-18%	-50%	7%	-3%	0%

Protective Order Entries	Officer Tasking Requests	Case Erasures	State/Federal Report Entries	Supervisor Tasking Requests	DCF Requests
38	28	279	0	20	18
-3%	27%	-17%	0%	18%	-5%

Court Request	Case Copies	Abstracts
27	2	303
29%	100%	-20%

- Records personnel have worked with the court on the process of vacating old warrants. The court has established new requirements for a department to request a warrant be vacated, adding additional workload to our department



CSO Monthly Statistical Report

MAY

2024



Waterford Arrests

#

Adult	24
Juvenile	0
Total Processed	24

Fingerprints

#

Pistol Permits	21
Employment	21
Miscellaneous	2
Peddler / Precious Permits	0
Total Fingerprints	43

Firearms

#

Firearms Transfer	27
Pistol Permits Issued	6

Initial Complaints (3A's)

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Total	37
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- CSO's covered 79 shifts during the month. CSO's were also trained on the NEXGEN software. CSO's worked a total of 688hrs.
- Beginning June 1st, the department will look to hire 3 more CSO's to fill vacancies.



Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report

May 2024



Subject stopped for stealing tools at Home Depot

On May 11, 2024 Off. Barrows observed a subject whom he was familiar with from previous police contact walking northbound on RTE 85. The subject appeared to have numerous tools concealed on his person and Off. Barrows had received a tip from a concerned citizen about this person stealing. The subject was taken into custody for C.G.S. 53a-125 (Larceny in the Fifth Degree).



Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2021
Case Numbers	143
Arrests	61
Juvenile Arrests	3
Larcenies	38
Arrest Warrants	9
Domestic Violence Investigations	7
Traffic Crash	45
DUI Investigations	4
EDP / Welfare Checks	36
School Checks	104
Motor Vehicle Stops	423
Written Warnings	180
Infractions	95
Verbal Warnings	139
Misdemeanor	9

Good Samaritan Reports Rolling Domestic Violence Incident

On May 3, 2024 Off. Colkos and Sgt. Avdevich responded to the Cross RD / Melanie DR area for a report of two subjects fighting in a Volvo SUV. Upon arrival Sgt. Avdevich located a vehicle parked in the middle of the roadway. The male subject was in the backseat actively assaulting the female domestic violence victim. He was taken into custody for Breach of Peace and Unlawful Restraint 1st Degree. The victim was connected with Domestic Violence services to include Safe Futures and the CT Coalition against Domestic Violence (Lethality Assessment for DV Victims).

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER





DV Call Leads to Suicidal Male Barricading Himself in Garage

On May 22, 2024 evening shift was dispatched to an address on Locust CT for a physical domestic dispute. Upon arrival the victim reported her husband had choked and shoved her then barricaded himself in the garage with a rope while threatening suicide. Det. Bonkowski, Off. Gorman, Off. Bushwack, Sgt. Avdevich, and Sgt. Epps were able to de-escalate the male and eventually convinced him to surrender without using force. The suspect was arrested and then transported to the hospital for a Police Emergency Examination request.

911 Call: Leads to Arrest for Carrying a Firearm Under the Influence

On May 13, 2024 evening shift received a call from an off duty police officer about a man intimidating him over a parking complaint. Contact was made with the suspect and based on the officers training and experience they believed he was under the influence of alcohol and impaired. A written statement was obtained by Off. Bushwack and the suspect was taken into custody for Carrying a Firearm Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs and for Breach of Peace.

Warrant Sweep: Leads to Arrest of 2 Suspects from September 2023 Larceny

On 9/23/23 Off. Reed responded to a larceny of a Dewalt trimmer valued at \$349.00. After conducting a lengthy investigation two warrants were submitted for review to the New London Superior Court. The court signed both warrants and numerous unsuccessful attempts were made to located the suspects. On May 13, 2024 Sgt. Epps, Det. Bonkowski, and Off. Barrows conducted a "warrant sweep". Through their investigative efforts both suspects were taken into custody in Baltic, CT and in Waterford, CT respectively.



In the Community Interest





THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Animal Control Report



May 2024

- ♦ During the month of May the ACOs participated in several community event such as a Touch-a-Truck and "Pup Rally". These events are aimed at community outreach to meet with citizens and their pets, as well as to educate and provide answers to the community's questions regarding animals.
- ♦ On May 5, 2024 a chicken was found abandoned in a box in the Home Depot parking lot. The owner of the chicken was not identified, but the chicken was successfully adopted into a new home.
- ♦ On May 7, 2024 a dog was struck and killed by a vehicle in Waterford. The dog was let out of his house early in the morning by his owner and ran into the roadway in front of the vehicle. The dog was well known to the ACO and a frequent visitor to their shelter.
- ♦ The ACOs have been busy planning and collecting donations for a large fundraiser to be held June 29th at Bates Woods Park in New London. The event includes a Pasta and Potato Salad Contest and will raise money for the Animal Control Vet Fund, which provides additional resources for vet care.

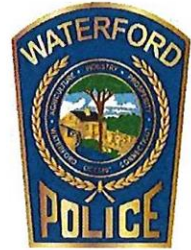


	Waterford	East Lyme
Calls for Service	105	40
After Hour Call Outs	2	1
Tickets Issued	0	0
Warnings Issued	1	0
Dog Bites	1	4
Animals Redeemed	5	5
Animals Adopted	5	5
Animals DOA	1	0
Euthanized	0	0
Total Processed	11	10
Money Taken In	\$200	\$300
Donations	\$70	\$50

"Speaking for those who have no voice"



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Community Engagement Report May 2024

Internships: Intern Rodriguez shadowed Dispatch, Evening Shift Patrol, and Day Shift Patrol. Intern Rodriguez had exit interviews with Chief Balestracci and Officer Fredricks. Intern Robinson shadowed SRO Malbourn, Evening Shift Patrol, Traffic Officer Devine, and Day Shift Patrol. Intern Robinson assisted at the LEC Academy OC Exposure Training and the Older American Luncheon. Both interns attended the Citizen's Academy. Two Three Rivers College Students completed their internships by attending the Citizen's Academy.

Citizen's Academy: 23 participants attended classes about the Traffic Office and Drone Unit. They went to the WPD Firearm Range to learn about our firearms. They acted in mock scenarios on Skills Day. They had their graduation and a comfort dog demo.

Rotary Club: Attended three Rotary Student Award Ceremonies.



Domestic Violence Follow-ups: Conducted 9 follow-ups with DV victims. Hosted the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence's Quarterly Meeting.

Interaction with Youth Services: Spoke at two Youth Promise Classes.

Officer Wellness: Hodges visited the New London Superior Court. Organized an Officer Appreciation Day with a donation from Walmart. Taught Gracie Survival Tactics at LEC Academy OC Exposure Training. Organized Quaker Hill First Grade Students to visit the police department and bring officers thank you letters during Police Week.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Met with Quaker Hill School mentee twice. Gave local Girl Scouts a police department tour. Attended Great Neck School's Food Pantry Fundraiser, Quaker Hill School's Raptor Run, the Friendship School's Spring Fling, and Waterford High School's Senior Picnic. Spoke about traffic stop safety at Rae's Driving School. Gave students a ride-along to Oswegatchie School with SRO Lane for a fundraiser.

K-9 Officer Hodges: Attended New London Police's Bicycle Rodeo. Interacted with juveniles during a DCF Interview. Held a Read to Hodges at the Waterford Library.

Interaction with Senior Services: Organized officers to serve meals at the Older American Luncheon. Held a crime prevention class at AHEPA Apartments.

Advance Services Programs: 2 new registrants added to the program.

Torch Run: Officers participated in event to raise awareness for the CT Special Olympics and \$1,625 was raised for the Adopt-A-Mile Program. Participated as support vehicle on a leg of the run in Central CT.