



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Training Room at the Waterford Police Department

12/11/2023 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Thank you letter to Chief Balestracci and Officers from the Assistant Director of Senior Services
- b. Thank you letter to Detective Bonkowski from the Registrar of Voters

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's Report:

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

Old Business:

- a. Police Chief Selection Process
- b. Recording of Commission Meetings

New Business:

- a. Flock Cameras
- b. Review and possible action on FY24/25 Budget
- c. Retirement Commission Appointment



MINUTES (*Revised)
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
November 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

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

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, LT N. VanOverloop, LT D. Ferland,
LT P. Flanagan, Sgt. J. Nickerson, Traffic Officer Mark Devine

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Commissioner Gamble called the meeting to order at 5:00p.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 Gelinias to accept the minutes from the October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and Seconded by Commissioner Sheridan to move Police Chief Selection Process to the top of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Rick Wells, Chairperson of the Personnel Review Board and Kristi Kelly, Town Labor Attorney answered questions from Commission members regarding changes made to the Chief of Police

BOPC MINUTES 11/13/2023

*Revised to correct date from October 10, 2023 to November 13, 2023.

job description. Discussion regarding sections of the Town Charter and Town Ordinances related to supervision of the Police Chief ensued.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinias and Seconded by Commissioner Sheridan to approve the Chief of Police job description as presented. No vote was taken.

Commissioner Gelinias withdrew the motion pending additional information.
Topic was tabled till the next BOPC meeting.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Sgt Nickerson discussed details related to a stop sign request at Ridgewood Avenue/Birch Street from a resident of Ridgewood Avenue. He specifically presented details related to line of sight issues, the number of accidents at this intersection and the proximity of other stop signs in the area. Summer beach traffic traveling at speeds well above the speed limit was discussed. Commissioner Dimmock suggested a speed study be done in the summer during high traffic times. Traffic Officer Devine will follow up in the summer.

A resident of Ridgewood Avenue asked to speak on this topic. He complained about high speeds and out of town beach traffic in his residential neighborhood. He's concerned about safety and said it's bad and getting worse for residents in that area. Chief Balestracci said speed issues should be addressed now.

Sgt Nickerson presented the Niantic River Road sign and painting request submitted by Waterford Ambulance.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Sheridan and Seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to approve the Niantic River Road Sign/Painting Request as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- a. K9 Reports for October
October report was received.
- b. Youth Reports for October
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- i. Community Engagement Report for October
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OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Police Chief Selection Process – Moved to the top of the agenda.
- b. Recording Commission Meetings – Chief Balestracci updated the Commission on the progress of the project. No completion date has been set at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Balestracci updated the Commission on the status of the FY24/25 budget preparation and deadlines.

Chief discussed the pressure of police work on officers and shared an article on officer wellness. He presented Calmpaks to the commissioners and explained that he had presented one to each of the staff at the PD to help with stress, anxiety and sleep. He talked about the importance of reaching all officers to promote officer wellness.

Commissioner Dimmock mentioned that they will have to appoint a new member to the Retirement Commission at the December meeting.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and Seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary

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November 20, 2023

Chief Balestracci &
The Waterford Police
15 Rope Ferry Rd.
Waterford, CT 06385

Dear Chief and Friends,

On behalf of Waterford Senior Services I would like to thank you for participating in our Veterans Day Luncheon. This luncheon means so much to our Veterans and seniors who attend and they appreciate you attending and recognizing their service to our country. We hope that you will join us for events at Senior Services in the future.

We wish everyone at the Waterford Police Department has a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Terry Wheeler
Assistant Director Senior Services

*Always appreciative
of your help!*

Diane Driscoll

From: Marc Balestracci
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 12:23 PM
To: Diane Driscoll
Subject: FW: Poll Worker Training

Diane,

Could you please add this email to the BOPC meeting in December.

Thank you,

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



From: Bigi Ebbin <bebbin@waterfordct.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 12:09 PM
To: Leigh Bonkowski <lbonkowski@waterfordct.org>
Cc: Marc Balestracci <mbalestracci@waterfordct.org>; Patti Waters <PWaters@waterfordct.org>
Subject: Poll Worker Training

Dear Officer Bonkowski:

Thank you very much for speaking at our Poll Worker Training and giving a lesson on de-escalation techniques. We found it very helpful. It was also reassuring for our workers to hear how the Waterford P.D. oversees safety at the polls on that day. It would be a good addition to our trainings in 2024 if you have the time to return.

Sincerely,

Bigi Ebbin & Patti Waters
Registrar of Voters
Town of Waterford
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385
860-444-5836

Waterford Police Department Traffic Officer's Report

November 2023

Officer Devine took over the Traffic Officer position on November 13, 2023.

Traffic Complaints:

- **11/7/2023** Complaint about new signs added on Hempstead Dr. at Route 32. Caller had issues with the new larger signs and warning signs. The caller was advised that State DOT put the signs there, based on safety regulations. The complainant was given contact info for DOT District 2 if he had further concerns.
- **11/16/2023** Complaint about "no parking" signs being on the front of the complainant's property on Summer St. Complainant inquired if the sign could be moved. Spoke with caller on phone will be meeting in person to discuss further, as well as a reported speeding issue she states is occurring on the road.
- **11/16/2023** Caller wished to speak about adding a crosswalk on Niantic River Rd. at Daniels Ave. Left message for caller, will be following up to meet with her.
- **11/17/2023** Road closure in Montville on Fire St. Montville Public Works requested to put a road closure sign at Huntsbrook Rd and Unger Rd, for their road closure of Fire St. All Waterford residents were able to access their properties on Huntsbrook with the closure. Information was added to Facebook to let community members know. No issues were reported.
- **11/21/2023** Stopped School bus complaint on Route 32. Operator was identified and issued an infraction. Case # 2023-01976
- **11/27/2023** Complaint of cars driving through the stop sign at Vauxhall St. Ext and Douglas Lane. Caller reported that he has observed northbound traffic not stopping at the stop sign and has concerns the signs are not visible enough. Follow up continues on this issue
- Various other complaints were taken over individual cars for an individual incident, without formal complaints.

Upcoming Events:

- Pearl Harbor road race 12/03/2023 (1 officer assigned with fire police)
- Montville Holiday Parade 12/03/2023 - Will include a closure of Route 32 in Montville causing traffic to be diverted at Route 32 and Red Cedar Rd in Waterford. Closure could start as early as 1600 hours and last until the parade route is cleared. The parade is scheduled to begin at 1700 hours.
- Jordan Green Tree Lighting 12/08/2023 (1 officer assigned)
- Quaker Hill Tree Lighting 12/09/2023 (1 officer assigned)

Message Board Deployment:

Message board location	Message delivered
Route 85 at Cross Road	1) Not a bee? 2) Don't Drive Buzzed
Vauxhall St. Ext at FW Webb entrance	1) Not a bee? 2) Don't Drive Buzzed

Waterford Police Department Traffic Officer's Report

November 2023

Speed Traffic Sign Deployments:

I am working with DPW to have poles installed for the solar traffic signs on (1) Vauxhall St. Extension near Twin Lakes Road and (2) Willets Ave. at the old Bank of America Building

No battery powered signs were utilized during this month.

Traffic Enforcement:

During this time frame I worked eight (8) shifts. Traffic enforcement was concentrated on Route 32 from November 13, 2023 to November 22, 2023. On November 24, 2023 (Black Friday) enforcement was directed on Route 85.

Infractions:	16
Warnings:	5
Total Stops:	21

*One additional infraction was issued for the stopped school bus violation, which does not appear in stats. Case #2023-01976



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K-9 Activity Report

November 2023

K-9 Ozzy

Monthly Uses: 3

2023 Uses: 58

K-9 Tico

Monthly Uses: 0

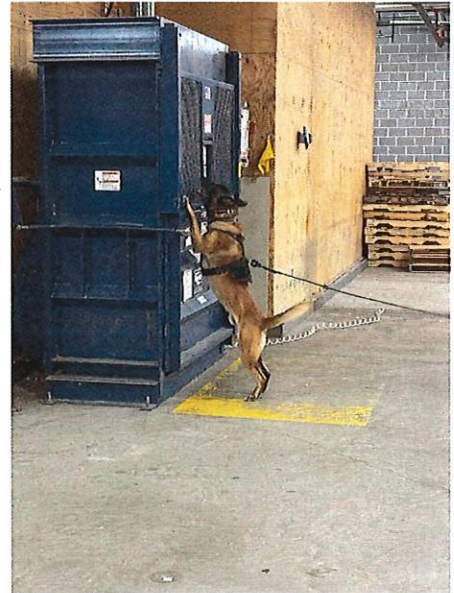
2023 Uses: 3



K-9 Usage

Ozzy

- ♦ On 11/13/23 Off. Genung and K-9 Ozzy assisted Off. Diogo on a motor vehicle stop on RTE 32. Ozzy was deployed for an open air exterior narcotics sniff and showed alert behavior on the front driver and passenger door seams. A probable cause search was conducted and several oxycodone pills were located in the driver's door. The operator was taken into custody for motor vehicle and narcotics related charges.
- ♦ On 11/19/23 Off. Genung and K-9 Ozzy responded to Montville on a Mutual Aid assist. They were advised that the operator of a motor vehicle had fled the scene of an accident on foot and was picked up by another vehicle. K-9 Ozzy was deployed to ensure there were no additional injured persons that had fled the scene. Ozzy conducted a search of the area and confirmed that no other occupants were in the area.



Monthly Training

- ♦ Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 11/7/23 and 11/21/23 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work.



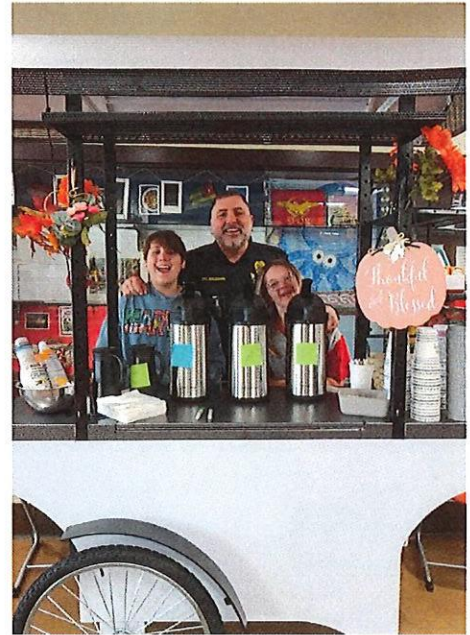
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Youth Office Activity Report



November 2023

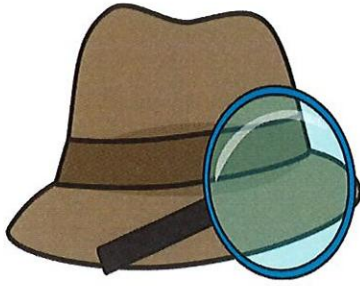
- ♦ Officer Lane teamed up with Joe Trelli from Waterford Youth Services to teach numerous Youth Promise classes at the three elementary schools in town.
- ♦ Officer Malbaurn attended a security meeting at Temple Emanu-El with their leadership team. The Temple's emergency action plan was reviewed and Off. Malbaurn provided them with feedback and suggestions on additional school security measures (Hebrew School).
- ♦ Officer Lane taught a sexting lesson as well as a DUI lesson in the middle school's health class.
- ♦ On November 13, 2023 Officer Malbaurn was instrumental in investigating a possible school shooting threat. The incident, which turned out to be unfounded/misunderstanding, was investigated after school hours and numerous students were contacted with Off. Malbaurn's assistance to the patrol division.
- ♦ Officer Lane, Officer Malbaurn, Lt. Flanagan, and Chief Balestracci attended the district wide School Safety Forum which was held at the WHS auditorium. The Police Department teamed up with the Superintendent's office to put on the presentation.
- ♦ Officer Malbaurn investigated runaway student (Silver Alert / FILE 06). The student was later located.



Month at a Glance

0 – Home Visits
5 – CAD Report
2– Case Reports
0 – Arrests

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



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



November 2023

In the month of November 2023 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 24 investigations.

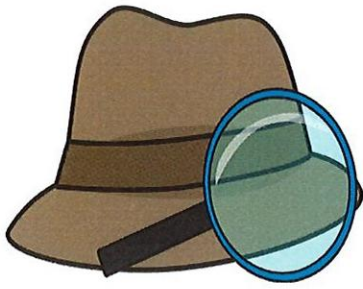
Current Active Investigations (31 Cases):

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

Homicide—1	Pistol Permits—8
Burglary—6	Background Investigation—1
JV Sex Assault—3	Monogram Scam—1
Untimely—2	Fraud-1
Juvenile Complaint—1	ID Theft—1
Facebook Threats—1	Narcotics-1

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Search Warrants	Background Checks	Arrests	Sex Assaults	
120	29	16	22	17	
Ex-Parte's	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery	
0	3	9	7	1	



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Investigative Services Division



November 2023

November 2023 Updates:

Detective Carroll attended the three day Use of Force Summit put on yearly by Daigle Law Group. This course has been of great value to numerous officers over the years in keeping them updated in the use of force and other changing trends.

As one of the Waterford Police Department negotiators Detective Bonkowski attended a negotiator conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. This was an opportunity for Detective Bonkowski to stay updated on skills learned in the previously completed negotiators courses.

November 2023 Investigations:

After a burglary at the Smoothie King in Waterford, CT. Detective Bonkowski identified a suspect who worked within the complex through surveillance footage. During an interview of the suspect Detective Bonkowski was able to get the suspect to confess to the burglary at Smoothie King resulting in an arrest warrant for burglary and larceny.

Detective Carroll assisted the Waterford Fire Department and State Fire Marshall with a fatal fire investigation on Perry Street in which an elderly female resident died. The incident was determined to not be criminal in nature.

After the overdose drug death of a female in Waterford in March 2022 a suspect was identified, arrested as the person who provided the drugs leading to the female's overdose. The case was completed this month with the male suspect being sentenced to serve twelve (12) years in state prison.

Investigative Services assisted patrol with the photographs of a fatal motor vehicle accident in the parking lot of the Crystal Mall.

Investigator Zaldivar assisted the Elkton Police Department located in Maryland with the interview of a juvenile victim of a sexual assault. Investigator Zaldivar was able to coordinate efforts with the New London County Multi Disciplinary Team in providing the police department with the necessary information.

Sergeant Avdevich has been coordinating efforts with agencies in New York in serving an arrest and search warrant on an individual responsible for numerous thefts in our and surrounding agencies that resides in town on a somewhat transient basis.

Deceive O'Connell was assigned the most recent background investigation of a potential Community Service Officer hire.



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Investigative Services Division



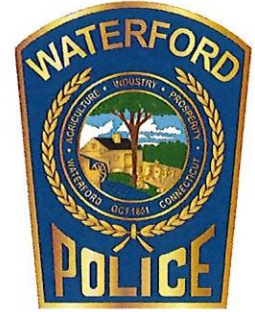
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Task Force Report:

In the month of November, the VCTF executed one (1) search warrant resulting in the recovery of narcotics in Groton Town. The task force also recovered one File 1 taken from New London. The task force has two ongoing cases where they have been monitoring surveillance cameras for two violent fugitives with outstanding warrants. Lastly, VCTF had approximately seven (7) other narcotics and warrant-related arrests resulting in the seizure of over 120 bags of fentanyl and two (2) ounces of crack cocaine.



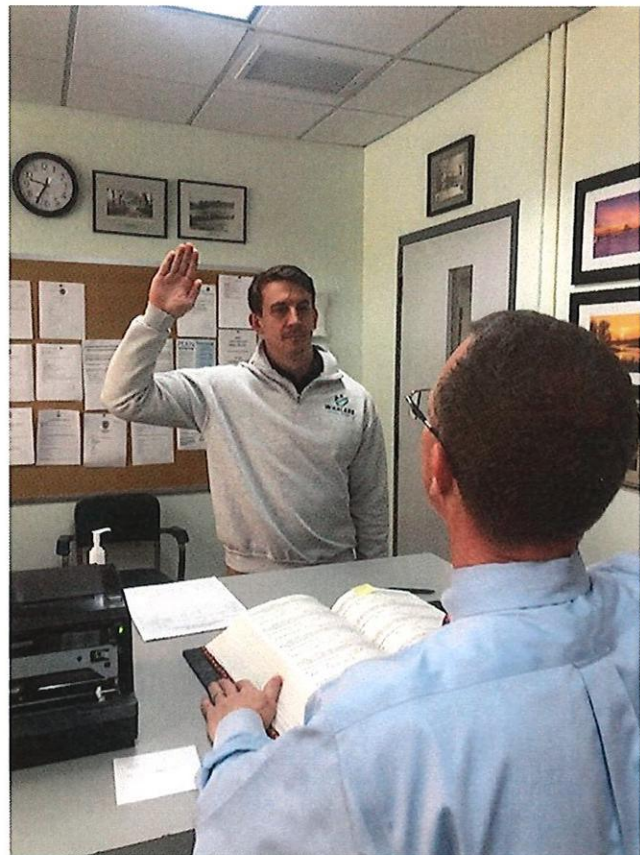
TRAINING REPORT NOVEMBER 2023



New Officer Updates

Hiring Process: The Waterford Police Department continues its efforts in recruiting and hiring. Training has begun a new hiring process to fill one current vacancy and prepare for any future vacancies.

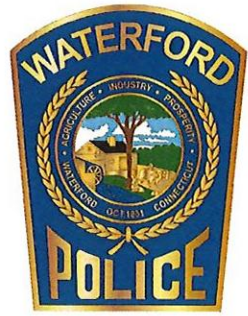
Recruit Status: Recruit Dylan Luce and Recruit Tanner Suplita started with the department on November 13th to conduct orientation and training prior to the academy. They began the Eastern Regional Police Academy hosted by Law Enforcement Council of Connecticut on November 27th. Officer Brandon Winakor, a lateral transfer from another Connecticut police department started with the department on November 27th. Officer Winakor began Field Training with Officer Genung later that week.



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TRAINING REPORT NOVEMBER 2023



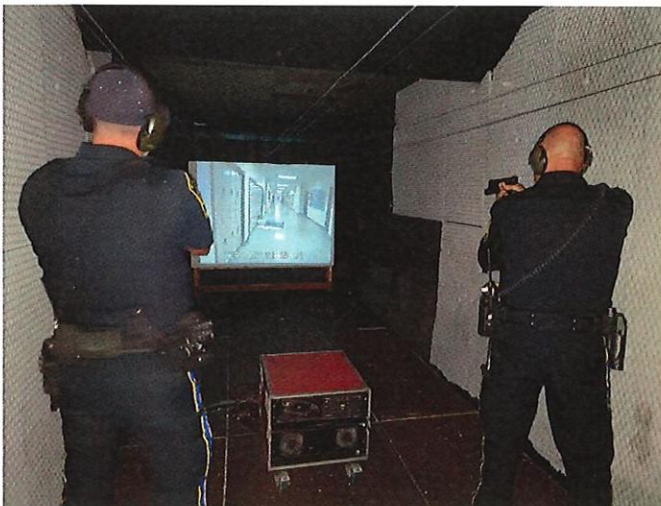
Officer Barrows and Officer Devine attended the C.O.P.S National Conference on Law Enforcement Wellness & Trauma.

Officer Bonkowski attended the NTOA Crisis Negotiation Conference, which had been attended by Officer Fredricks and Sergeant Farrior last year.

Members of the Waterford Police Department completed low-light shooting and shooting decisions training. The Blue Line Trailer has been used for several years by our department, and puts officers into scenarios that require officers to work together, communicate, and make a decision based on what scenario is presented to them on a screen.

Officer Diogo and Officer Ewing conducted training and qualified on the patrol rifle. Both officers were certified with their previous departments before transferring to Waterford, which allowed modified training by department firearms instructors

Sergeant Epps and Detective Carroll attended a three-day Use of Force Summit at Mohegan Sun casino put on by the Daigle Law Group. The Use of Force Summit provided attendees with presentations from top industry expert instructors, live keynote presentations and panels from experts across the country regarding the hottest use of force topics in our country.





CSO Monthly Statistical Report November 2023



Waterford Arrests

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Adult	10
Juvenile	0
Total Processed	10

Fingerprints

#

Pistol Permits	3
Employment	22
Miscellaneous	3
Peddler / Precious Permits	1
Total Fingerprints	29

Firearms

#

Firearms Transfer	27
Pistol Permits Issued	3

Initial Complaints (3A's)

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Total	34
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- CSO's covered 64 shifts during the month equaling 510.5 hrs of shift coverage
- 2 New CSO's have begun their training. A 3rd CSO is finishing up his training. Lastly, a new CSO has a physical scheduled for December before they start training.

The Waterford Police Department Records Department

Activity for NOVEMBER 2023

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
380	129	28	63	153	125	8

Protective Order Entries	Officer Tasking Requests	Case Erasures	State/Federal Report Entries	Supervisor Tasking Requests	DCF Requests
0	20	257	0	26	14

Court Request	Case Copies	Abstracts
26	3	253

- Records staff received a significant request from a defense attorney for records regarding a serious motor vehicle collision, which had already been provided to the court. Due to their internal tracking, they were able to confirm what had already been provided and eliminate the need for duplicate work.
- In accordance with a new “Clean Slate” law (Public Act 21-32), which automatically erases certain criminal conviction records, a new automated notification process for erasures was created by the state. Records personnel have been registered to log in and obtain these messages and are reviewing the requirements and implementing a process to ensure compliance.



Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report

November 2023



WPD Participates in Tip-a-Cop Event

On November 12, 2023 members of the Patrol Division participated in a Tip-a-Cop event at Crown Pizza. The event raised over one thousand dollars and the proceeds were donated to the Special Olympics foundation. K-9 Hodges, Off. Fredericks, Off. McComic, Off. Ewing, Off. Reed, and Lt. Flanagan all took part in the event serving tables, washing dishes, folding pizza boxes and enjoying the comradery of the event.



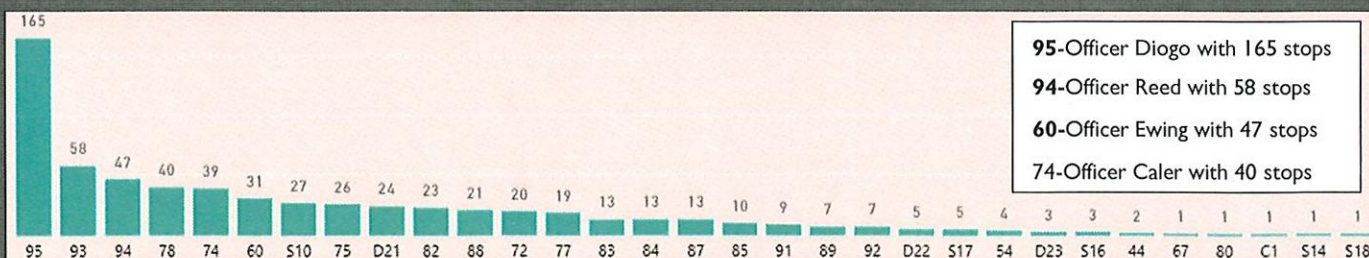
Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2591
Case Numbers	146
Arrests	75
Juvenile Arrests	1
Larcenies	39
Arrest Warrants	11
Domestic Violence Investigations	6
Traffic Crash	52
DUI Investigations	6
EDPI/Welfare Check	36
School Checks	125
Motor Vehicle Stops	637
Written Warnings	137
Infractions	173
Verbal Warnings	301
Misdemeanor	26

DUI: Truck Hits Pole in Quaker Hill

On 11/1/23 Off. Colkos, while on routine patrol, observed a pickup truck dragging its bumper and emitting sparks on Norwich RD. Off. Colkos attempted a traffic stop and the vehicle pulled into Price Chopper. While doing so the vehicle went over the curbed grass embankment and struck a light pole causing damage to the vehicle and light pole. After further investigation the operator of the vehicle was taken into custody for DUI and additional Motor Vehicle related charges.

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER



**Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Arrest**

On November 13, 2023 Off. McComic was conducting routine traffic enforcement on RTE 32 north-bound. Upon conducting a traffic stop for a speeding violation, Off. McComic determined the vehicle had a suspended registration. The operator initially gave a fake name and probable cause was developed to search the vehicle. Located in the vehicle was a quantity of "crack" cocaine and various drug paraphernalia. One of the occupants of the vehicle was also found to have several active PRAWN warrants. Both the operator and passenger were taken into custody for narcotics charges.

**Facebook Post leads to Larceny Arrest**

On November 15, 2023 Off. DiFusco responded to Best Buy for a larceny of a car speaker. The operator fled the scene in a Red Scion vehicle. Pictures of both the suspect and his vehicle were posted to the Waterford Police Department's Facebook page. A tip from the general public was received shortly thereafter and the suspect was identified. He quickly turned himself into the Waterford Police Department and was issued a Misdemeanor Summons for Larceny in the Sixth Degree.

MV Stop leads to Drug Arrest and Warrant Locate

On November 17, 2023 Off. Ewing conducted a routine MV Stop on RTE 32. The operator was found to have an active warrant (FILE 05) held by New London Police Department for Larceny in the Fifth Degree. A K-9 was requested and Groton Town PD responded. The K-9 alerted to the presence of narcotic odor on the exterior of the vehicle. Upon conducting a narcotics search of the vehicle a rolled dollar bill was located containing a white powdery substance which tested positive for cocaine. The operator was taken into custody for a series of motor vehicle and drug charges and later released to the custody of the New London PD.



In the Community Interest





THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Animal Control Report



November 2023

- ♦ The updated Waterford duck pond has been completed enough to return the turtles, just in time for them to bury themselves in the mud and hibernate.
- ♦ New London Animal Control lost a kitten to feline distemper and the cat room was immediately put into quarantine. Due to our previously instituted cleaning and litterbox protocols, the disease did not spread to any other animal. After vaccinations and the quarantine period the three cats we have at the shelter were once again put up for adoption.
- ♦ AACO Ryan attended a training class on handling livestock; including goats, cows, pigs. Additionally, updated statutes added livestock animals to the roaming dog statute so that may be used to enforce violations when these animals get loose and roam the streets.
- ♦ ACO Ryan, with the assistance of a wildlife rehabilitator managed to detain and help a fully grown swan that had been wrapped up in kite string, they did this by cornering the bird against a fence and utilizing blankets to capture him, all without injuring the bird or getting injured themselves. The bird was freed from the string and checked for injuries before being released.



	Waterford	East Lyme
Calls for Service	69	33
After Hour Call Outs	1	3
Tickets issued	0	0
Warnings issued	0	1
Dog Bites	2	1
Animals Redeemed	5	5
Animals Adopted	2	2
Animals DOA	1	0
Euthanized	0	0
Total Processed	8	7
Money Taken In	\$160	\$100
Donations	\$15	\$35



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



Community Engagement Report November 2023

Internship: Intern Mackenzie Andrews shadowed Evidence/Court Officer Maffeo, School Resource Officer Lane, Dispatch, School Resource Officer Malbourn and all three patrol shifts. She assisted at Oswegatchie School's Laps with Lancers Event. She was given tours of the East Lyme Police Department and the Town of Groton Police Department.

K-9 Officer Hodges: Visited Palmer Academy and WTFD Public Works. Performed a K-9 Demo at Ledyard High School. Visited Groton Middle School after a lockdown incident. WFSB CT aired an Amazing K-9 Duos Segment featuring Hodges. Held Read to Hodges Events at the Waterford Library and Great Neck School. Attended the SOCT Super Plunge.

Interaction with Senior Services: Attended five Waterford Senior Services Events. Visited the New London Rehab Center and Bayview Health Care.



Autism Awareness Program: 2 participants added to the program.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Spoke at all three Waterford Elementary Schools for Youth Promise. Attended Veterans Day Ceremonies at Great Neck School and Quaker Hill School. Hodges visited Waterford High School after a reported threatening incident. Attended Oswegatchie School's Laps with Lancers and the School Safety Forum at Waterford High School. Visited the Clark Lane Middle School Explorers' Cafe and the Waterford High School's spirit week events. Spoke about traffic stop safety at Rae's Driving School.

Interaction with Youth Services: Participated in Stuff the Bus and food donation pickups.

Officer Wellness: Hodges visited the nephews of the fallen Hartford Police Officer with other comfort dogs. Hodges visited the Mohegan Tribal Police Department. Taught Gracie Survival Tactics at LEC Recertification Class.

Crime Prevention: Provided educational pamphlets and counterfeit money sleeve detractors to Walmart employees after recent incidents at their store. Held a crime prevention class at the AHEPA Apartments.

Rotary Rose Sale: Participated in the Waterford Rotary Club Fundraiser. During the deliveries, Hodges interacted with Waterford High School students, Mitchel College students, and York Correctional Institution Staff.

Tip-A-Cop: Organized event where officers volunteered as wait staff at Crown Pizza to raise \$1,005 for the Connecticut Special Olympics.

Domestic Violence Follow-ups: Conducted 3 follow-ups with DV victims.