



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda
Training Room at the Waterford Police Department

1/8/2024 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Thank you letter to Chief Balestracci from Patti L. Burmahl on behalf of the Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation
- b. Thank you letter to Sgt. Nickerson from Lori Robinson
- c. Thank you letter from Terry Wheeler, Assistant Director of Senior Services
- d. Email from Lisa Coe, Bayview Director of Nursing Services

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's Report:

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

Executive Session for police officer candidate interviews and possible action.

Old Business:

- a. Recording of Commission Meetings

New Business:



MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
December 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner C. Gamble, Commissioner M. Gelinas, Commissioner Dimmock

ABSENT: Commissioner R. Brule, Commissioner T. Sheridan

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, LT N. VanOverloop, LT D. Ferland,
LT P. Flanagan, 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 Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to accept the minutes from the November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic report was received.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- a. K9 Reports for November
November report was received.
- b. Youth Reports for November
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- c. Investigative Services for November
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- i. Community Engagement Report for November
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OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Police Chief Selection Process – There was a brief discussion.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and Seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to approve the Chief of Police job description as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Recording Commission Meetings – Chief Balestracci reported that two bids have been accepted and the project is moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Flock Cameras – Chief Balestracci discussed the purchase of two stationary cameras to assist with identifying the license plates of stolen cars and vehicles used for retail theft. He said many area towns have them and the use of the cameras will connect us to those agencies.

- b. Budget – There was a brief discussion. The Commission had no changes or corrections that needed to be made to the budget.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and Seconded by Commissioner Gelinis to approve the FY24-25 budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Retirement Commission appointment

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and Seconded by Commissioner Gamble to appoint Commissioner Gelinis to the Retirement Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a brief award presentation discussion.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and Seconded by Commissioner Gelinis to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary



**TERRI
BRODEUR**
BREAST
CANCER
FOUNDATION

Celebrating our 17th Anniversary as a Foundation

"Funding saves lives. Discoveries in the lab save lives. Funding from the Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation jumpstarted my career." ~ Dr. Priscilla Brastianos, Director of the Central Nervous System Metastasis Program at Massachusetts General Hospital-Harvard Medical School, an American Association for Cancer Research "NextGen Star," and a TBBCF research grant recipient.

December 11, 2023

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Waterford Police Department
Chief Marc Balestracci
41 Avery Lane
Waterford, CT 06385

Dear Chief Balestracci,

On behalf of the Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation, I wanted to send a belated letter of thanks to you and Sergeant Patrick Epps for his assistance and support at our 18th Annual Walk for a Cure held on Saturday, October 7th.

It was great having Sergeant Epps at the intersection of Rope Ferry Road and Gardiners Wood Road as our walkers crossed. He was very helpful, personable and kept all of our walkers safe crossing at that busy intersection.

Please extend our thanks and appreciation to Sergeant Epps for his work that day and for his help in our mission to find a cure for breast cancer by supporting our big fundraising event!

With sincere thanks,

Patti L. Burmahl
Board of Directors, President

Officer Nickerson,

I am thanking you & Watertown
Police Department for the assistance
you provided with Spencer
Lancaster's funeral procession on
November 3, 2023.

I greatly appreciate your kind
gestures during our time of grief.

God Bless,

LORI Robinson (NLPD)
Niece of Spencer
Lancaster

FIFTEEN ROPE FERRY ROAD
WATERFORD, CT 06385-2886



PHONE: 860-442-0553
www.waterfordct.org

December 21, 2023

Chief Balestracci & Waterford Police

15 Rope Ferry Rd.

Waterford, CT 06385

Dear friends,

I would like to thank you for taking your time to help serve at our annual Holiday Luncheon. The seniors always enjoy having members of the police department attend events at the center. The seniors shared the luncheon felt more like a family meal than just a lunch and we could not have accomplished that without your help.

Once again, thank you for volunteering. We hope that everyone at the Waterford Police Department has a happy and safe holiday and a happy new year.

Sincerely,

Terry Wheeler

Assistant Director Waterford Senior Services

Diane Driscoll

From: David Ferland
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 4:04 PM
To: Marc Balestracci
Cc: Diane Driscoll
Subject: FW: Waterford Police Department

For the Board of Police Commission packet.

Lieutenant David P. Ferland #L1
Waterford Police Department
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Waterford, CT 06385
860-442-9451 x2328
FAX-860-443-3953
dferland@waterfordct.org



From: Valerie Clark <vclark@waterfordct.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 3:54 PM
To: David Ferland <dferland@waterfordct.org>
Cc: Marc Balestracci <mbalestracci@waterfordct.org>
Subject: FW: Waterford Police Department

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From: dns@bayviewhcc.com <dns@bayviewhcc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 3:32 PM
To: Valerie Clark <vclark@waterfordct.org>
Subject: RE: Waterford Police Department

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

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Valerie,

Thank you so much for getting this to me so promptly. You always get the documentation we need so quickly, and that is so appreciated. I also want to say, as the Director of Nursing here at Bayview, I am always so impressed with the officers that come here to the facility. Waterford PD is such an asset to the community, and I do hope you will share this feedback with the wonderful officers.

Have a safe, healthy, and happy new year!

Lisa Coe BSN RN
Director of Nursing Services
Bayview Health Care
(860)444-1175

From: Valerie Clark <vclark@waterfordct.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 3:08 PM
To: dns@bayviewhcc.com
Subject: Waterford Police Department

As requested, please see attached.

Best,
Valerie Clark
Records Division
Waterford Police Department
41 Avery Lane, Waterford CT. 06385
P: (860)447-2212 F: (860)443-3953

Traffic Office Monthly Report for December 2023

LINE OF SIGHT ISSUES:

- Complaint about the hedges on Avery Lane at the exit to the post office. On going issue when the hedges get long and have been trimmed back in the past.
- Reports the flags that sleepys has along the road make it difficult to see when trying to exit the Waterford Hotel Group parking lot. Spoke with her on 12/8/23, she reported that it is difficult to see when the wind is blowing and it creates a wall that can't be seen through.
- Reports cars not stopping at stop sign when traveling north on Vauxhall St. at Greentree Rd. Message board placed at Leary park advising of stop sign ahead. I spent time monitoring the stop sign with no significant violations.

DOT SIGN RELATED ISSUES.

- Stop Sign was put at Woodland Grove and Route 1
- DOT placed a new 45 MPH sign Rt. 85 north of the commons

PARKING COMPLAINTS:

- Parking Complaint regarding unauthorized vehicles parked in Mago Point's lots. DOT advised that Camper and Boat were in parking lot against the terms of the lease, which allows the town to use the lots for public parking. Camper Removed on 12/16/2023. Boat was gone on 12/15/2023. An additional boat was removed on 12/19/2023.
- 12-18-23 Parking complaint on Rogers Hill Rd. I was advised that an unregistered vehicle was parked on the road for an extended period. I confirmed it was unregistered and spoke with the last registered owner. The vehicle has since been sold and removed.
- Parking Complaint on Summer St. Vehicle parked in front of 17 Summer St was issued a town parking ticket for parking in no parking zone. Attempts were made to make contact with the resident first. This area is also in the intersection with Avenue A #2. Parking issues have been reported at this address on multiple occasions per CAD records.

Enforcement related complaints

- Monday December 4, 2023 – complaint of speeding on Fog Plain Rd. No phone number left to obtain more information. A portable speed sign on fog Plain Road in the area of Robin St. facing traffic traveling in a southwesterly direction.
- Complaint about speeding on Spithead Rd., reportedly to be worse in the morning around and afternoon when kids are at school bus stops. Spent some time monitoring traffic and conducted some traffic enforcement.

Traffic Office Monthly Report for December 2023

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REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

Quaker Hill Fire Chief Todd Goodhind requested consideration of adding a guard rail system to the intersection of Old Norwich Rd and Burlake. Several months ago chevron signs were added to advise of the sharp turn at this intersection, to make it more visible to the eye. A check of traffic crashes over the last two years, showed three traffic crashes in this spot, with the most recent being on December 16, 2023. New signage was added this summer to warn of the upcoming turn, after two of these crashes took place. Two of the three were determined to have impaired drivers as a contributing factor, including the December 16, 2023 traffic crash.

I conducted a traffic crash study of traffic signal related traffic crashes in town. No areas of concern were identified from the history of traffic crashes based on the data from the UCONN database.

SPEED TRAFFIC SIGN DEPLOYMENT:

The two solar powered speed signs have been moved to new locations in town. As of December 15, 2023, the speed signs are at the below listed locations:

1. Vauxhall St Ext in the area of Twin Lakes Road, facing southbound traffic
2. Willets Ave at the old Bank of America building, facing westbound traffic

Portable speed signs were utilized to address complaints on Fog Plain Road and Summer St. The Summer St. data did not indicate a pattern of excess speeds. The Fog Plain Road data showed elevated speeds during morning commute, lunchtime and evening commute hours. Additional enforcement time has been and will be directed to Fog Plain Rd. in the coming month.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

The Pearl Harbor Road Race on December 3, 2023. One officer was assigned to assist with the race. The race did not require any shutdown of roadway and no problems were reported.

The Jordan Village Green Christmas tree lighting and the Quaker Hill Christmas tree lighting went on without any traffic issues.

Mago Point Holiday Event on December 17, 2023. A road use permit was issued so that this event could have a horse pulled carriage for hayrides. The roadways were contained in the Mago Point vicinity only and no closures or blockages were necessary.

No upcoming special events needing the traffic offices input.

Traffic Office Monthly Report for December 2023

MESSAGE BOARD DEPLOYMENTS:

Both message boards were removed from the road due to multiple high wind storms.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:

I had the following traffic enforcement statistics for the Month of December

Infractions:	14
Warnings:	7
Total Stops:	21

This does not include an attempted traffic stop which turned into a pursuit. The pursuit was terminate, but an arrest warrant for both motor vehicle charges and criminal charges has been obtained for the operator.

I was also assigned to assist patrol on multiple occasions during the month and assisted CSO Fredericks with multiple holiday events during December.

WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memo

To: Lt. Patrick Flanagan
From: Officer Devine
Date: December 21, 2023
Re: Old Norwich Road at Burlake Road Traffic Crash History

Lieutenant Flanagan,

I researched the accident data through the UCONN Connecticut Crash Data Repository. There have been a total of three (3) traffic crashes at the intersection of Old Norwich Rd and Burlake Rd this year. The first of the traffic crashes involved the vehicle striking a mailbox on Burlake, while negotiating a curve. The vehicle then backed up and stuck a utility pole. The remaining two traffic crashes are connected to DWI traffic crashes. One case ended in an arrest for DWI and the other case is an open investigation where a DWI arrest is anticipated. These three traffic crashes occurred over the last eight (8) months.

A deeper check into the traffic crash data shows eight (8) total traffic crashes at the intersection over the last seven (7) years. Four (4) of the traffic crashes were alcohol and/or drug related. Two additional traffic crashes, had the operators flee the scene, with one being a stolen car and the other crash had the operator located several hours later. The operator in this traffic crash was questioned about drinking alcohol, but no charges were brought.

Old Norwich Road has a "No Outlet" sign at the intersection of Old Norwich Road at Old Norwich Road (Connector to Route 32). In June 2023 black and yellow chevron style signs were added to the northern end point of Old Norwich Road, that indicate a sharp left turn. Prior to the intersection with Burlake Road, a left turn arrow sign is posted on the right shoulder, to advise motorists of the upcoming turn. There has only been one (1) traffic crash since the addition of the signs, and the operator of that vehicle is currently under investigation for DWI.

On 12/12/2023 I contacted Erik Kelly from the Waterford Department of Public Works to request he check the reflectivity of the "No Outlet" sign. Mr. Kelly indicated he checked the sign and it was within standards.

Below I have listed the traffic crashes that have occurred in this location over the last seven (7) years.

Case #	Date	Notes
2016-02464	11/22/2016	Evading accident, Operator located later and was defensive when asked about drinking, signs of alcohol consumption after the fact
2017-02266	10/23/2017	DWI
2020-00182	1/26/2020	Lane Violation
2020-00721	5/16/2020	DWI

2020-01310	8/18/2020	Stolen Car/Evading
2023-00682	4/21/2023	car struck mail box, then backed into a utility pole
2023-00771	5/6/2023	DWI
2023-02129	12/16/2023	Open DWI investigation

Photographs of the intersection and warning signs leading up to the intersection are attached below:



Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Devine

Officer Mark Devine #88



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



K-9 Activity Report

December 2023

K-9 Ozzy

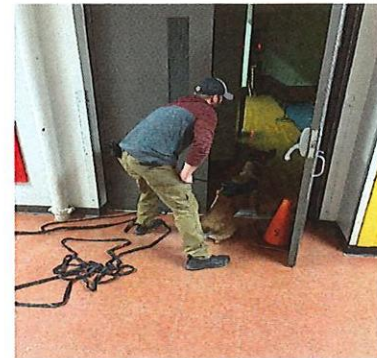
Monthly Uses: 3

2023 Uses: 61

K-9 Tico

Monthly Uses: 5

2023 Uses: 8



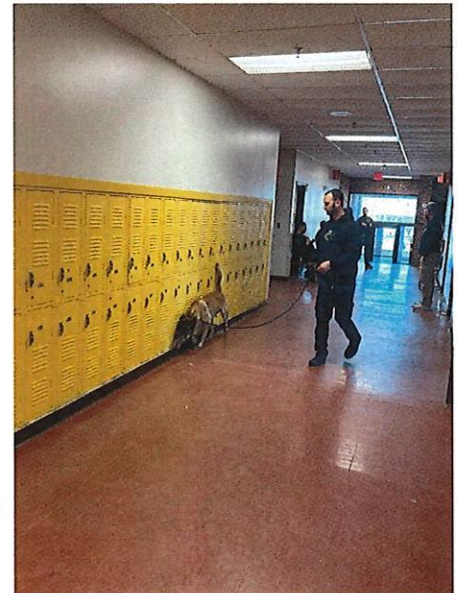
K-9 Usage

Ozzy

- ♦ K9 Ozzy assisted members of the Waterford Police Department's SRT team on a search and seizure warrant which was conducted at 7 Sunnycrest DR. Ozzy maintained an important rear perimeter position for over an hour. Ultimately the suspect was taken into custody without incident.
- ♦ On 12/16/23 Ozzy and Off. Genung assisted the Old Saybrook PD with a stolen MV investigation in which it was reported two occupants had fled on foot. The subjects were located in the area and K9 Ozzy performed a confirmatory track.

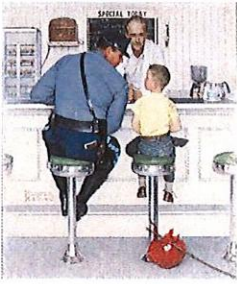
Tico

- ♦ Off. Surdo and K9 Tico assisted at a burglary which had occurred at 95 Longview ST. The team conducted an article search in an attempt to locate any evidence related to the crime. K9 Tico located a dollar bill in the front yard of an adjacent residence which likely was related to the crime.
- ♦ K9 Tico assisted with a narcotics sniff on a welfare check at the BestWay gas station. He alerted to the presence of narcotic odor and a quantity of drug paraphernalia was located inside of the vehicle.



Monthly Training

- ♦ Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 12/5/23 and 12/19/23 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work.



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Youth Office Activity Report



December 2023

- ◆ Officer Malbourn was tasked with investigating a bullying incident at Waterford High School. Due to the ongoing issue and persistent offender, a Juvenile arrest was made after the subject physically fought the victim.
- ◆ Officer Robinson, filling in for Officer Malbourn, investigated a minor fight at Waterford High School. The incident was handled by school administrators and there was no arrest made.
- ◆ Officer Malbourn conducted a lockdown drill at Waterford High School on December 8, 2023.
- ◆ Officer Lane hosted a Christmas / Holiday "High Five Friday: Christmas Edition" in which he collaborated with the school to hand out candy canes on the last day of school before the holiday break.
- ◆ Officer Lane assisted Officer Devine and numerous other members of the WPD at the annual tree decorating hosted at the WPD. This year Oswegatchie School came and sung Christmas carols and received candy canes after they decorated the tree.
- ◆ Officer Lane attended the December 15, 2023 Student Safety Meeting at Clark Lane Middle School.
- ◆ Off. Lane and Off. Malbourn attended numerous sporting events throughout the month of December .



Month at a Glance

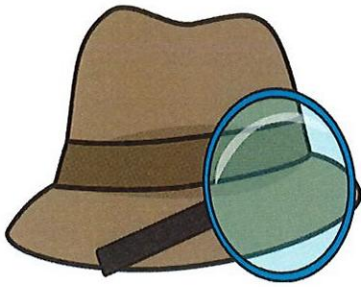
5– Home Visits

1 – CAD Report

3– Case Reports

1 – Arrests

SRO Lane & SRO Malbourn 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



December 2023

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

Current Active Investigations (23 Cases):

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

Homicide—1	Pistol Permits—6
Burglary—5	JV Sex Assault—4
Monogram Scam—1	Untimely—2
Fraud-2	ID Theft—1
Robbery—1	Narcotics-1

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Search Warrants	Background Checks	Arrests	Sex Assaults	
129	31	16	24	20	
Ex-Parte's	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery	
0	3	11	8	2	



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



December 2023

December 2023 Updates:

The Waterford Police Department Investigative Services Division executed a search warrant on Sunnecrest Drive, Waterford. A Waterford Police Department months long investigation into reports of suspicious activity led authorities to apply for the search warrant at the above mentioned address. As a result of the search warrant, ammunition as well as a large capacity magazine and drug paraphernalia were seized. Also located inside the resident was an adult male with warrants for his arrest. That male interfered with officers attempt to execute the search warrant by refusing requests to exit the dwelling for an extended length of time. The investigation was a collaborative effort with the Regional Violent Crimes Task Force and supported by the Regional Special Response Team which consists of members of the Waterford and Ledyard Police Departments.

Investigative Services met with Supervisory Inspector Sheldon in regards to the Seidel homicide. New ideas were obtained and assistance was given in updating search warrants, training for new technology not available in 2012 and possibilities of gathering new information through witnesses. The family of Kyle Seidel was contacted and updated on the status of the investigation.

Sergeant Avdevich and Lieutenant Ferland attended a one day training on touch DNA set up by the State's Attorneys Office.

Detective Carroll and Detective Bonkowski attended a seminar on Geo-Mapping in Rocky Hill, CT at the Chief's States Attorneys Office.

December 2023 Investigations:

While on call Detective Bonkowski was called out to a burglary at Hannoush Jewelers. High quality video surveillance was obtained and the case is still under investigation..

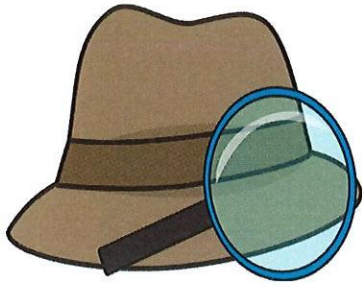
Investigative Services assisted patrol with numerous larceny arrests and investigations from the retail sector during the holiday shopping season.

Detective O'Connell responded to the untimely death of a twenty five year old male at his residence. Though the death is not suspicious the cause is unknown. The results of toxicology are pending.

Investigator Zaldivar continues to assist the patrol Division in a Crypto/Pay Pal Scam resulting in a theft of \$12,000.

Detective Carroll was assigned a juvenile sexual assault investigation with the assistance of DCF and the local Multi Disciplinary Team after a report of an ongoing sexual abuse situation involving family members.

After a drug related death in October 2023 that lead to scarce leads, a person came forward in December with pertinent information as to where the drugs that lead to the overdose were obtained. This case will be under further investigation with the potential for a future arrest.



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Investigative Services Division



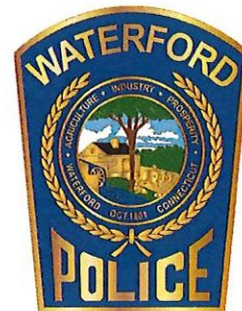
December 2023

Task Force Report:

In the month of December, the VCTF led the investigation for the incident on Mechanic Street in Stonington. VCTF executed one search warrant resulting in the recovery of narcotics in Norwich. The task force has three ongoing narcotic related search warrants with the court waiting to be signed for surrounding areas. The task force also assisted in a search warrant for drugs in Waterford. Lastly, VCTF had five other narcotics and warrant related arrests.



TRAINING REPORT DECEMBER 2023



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 prepare for a third vacancy and any other future vacancies.

Recruit Status: Recruit Dylan Luce and Recruit Tanner Suplita have completed their eighth week at the Eastern Regional Police Academy hosted by Law Enforcement Council of Connecticut. They continue to excel and the instructors have given positive feedback on their time at the academy thus far.

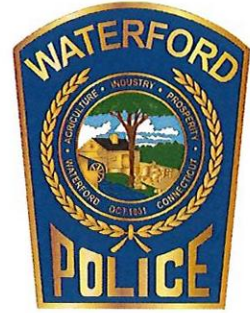
Officer Brandon Winakor successfully completed all field training requirements and was certified by the Police Officers Standards Training Council.



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



TRAINING REPORT DECEMBER 2023



Officer Caler attended Drug Recognition Expert Field Certification Evaluation Training that was held in North Carolina. Officer Caler successfully completed this training, which is the last step in becoming a Drug Recognition Expert. Officer Caler is now able to complete evaluations in the field when needed.

Sergeant Nickerson attended a week long First Line Supervision training. This training provides new sergeants with the skills needed to lead and supervise efficiently. The course touches on internal affair investigations, leadership, and supervisor liability.

Chief Balestracci, Lieutenant Ferland, Lieutenant VanOverloop, and Lieutenant Flanagan attended the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association Winter Expo which focused on leadership training in a changing law enforcement environment.

Officer Fredricks attended a one day Use of Force Train the Trainer course. This course was an overview for the required paperwork and reporting that is necessary when an officer uses force in any situation. This course is required for Officer Fredricks to be a use of force instructor so that he can teach use of force to officers.



The Waterford Police Department Records Department Activity for DECEMBER 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
249	132	41	37	128	108	6

Protective Order Entries	Officer Tasking Requests	Case Erasures	State/Federal Report Entries	Supervisor Tasking Requests	DCF Requests
31	18	243	0	20	14

Court Request	Case Copies	Abstracts
20	2	286

- Ashley Kuvent was trained in video redaction for body worn and cruiser camera videos to assist in redaction of both audio and video to ensure compliance with FOI laws.
- 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 completed training and began receiving erasures at the end of December.



CSO Monthly Statistical Report December 2023



Waterford Arrests

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Adult	24
Juvenile	0
Total Processed	24

Fingerprints

#

Pistol Permits	14
Employment	13
Miscellaneous	5
Peddler / Precious Permits	0
Total Fingerprints	32

Firearms

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Firearms Transfer	53
Pistol Permits Issued	8

Initial Complaints (3A's)

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Total	34
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- CSO's covered 87 shifts during the month equaling 674 hrs of shift coverage (approximately 30% increase in shift coverage since November)
- 3 New CSO's have completed their training and have started working shifts. 1 new CSO just started training.



Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report
December 2023



Patrol Division Partakes in Numerous Holiday Events

Members of the Waterford Police Department's patrol division took part in numerous community holiday events in December. Some of these events included the annual Toy Drive at Wal-Mart in which donated toys are disseminated by the Youth Service Bureau. Other events patrol assisted with were "shop with at cop", the annual tree decorating event at the WPD, the Christmas Tree giveaway, and the "High Five Friday: Christmas edition".



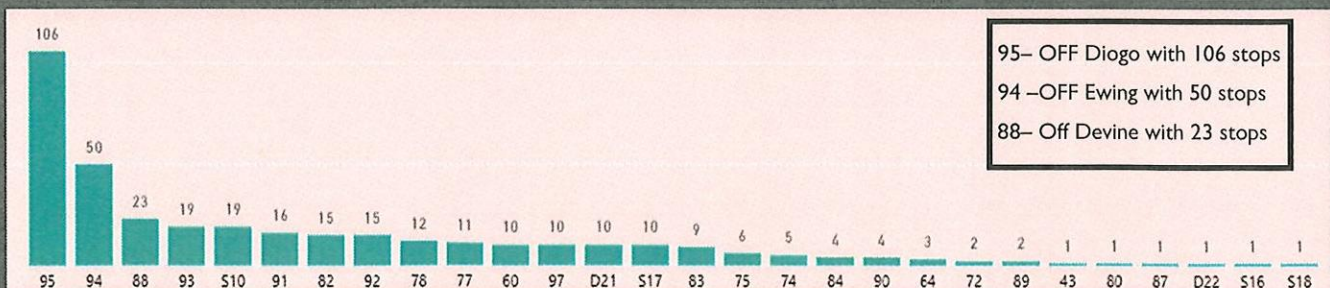
Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2451
Case Numbers	169
Arrests	71
Juvenile Arrests	1
Larcenies	35
Arrest Warrants	4
Domestic Violence Investigations	13
Traffic Crash	80
DUI Investigations	6
EDP/Welfare Check	49
School Checks	94
Motor Vehicle Stops	367
Written Warnings	75
Infractions	110
Verbal Warnings	157
Misdemeanor	25

Welfare Check Leads to DUI

On December 2, 2023 Off. DiFusco and Off. Surdo were dispatched to the Bestway Gas Station for a welfare check on a female acting suspiciously. Upon arrival officers located an unconscious female in a vehicle. K9 Tico assisted with a drug sniff and alerted to the presence of narcotic odor. Drug paraphernalia was located in the vehicle and the subject was taken into custody for Driving Under the Influence of Drugs.

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER





DV Arrest / Gun Seizure

On 12/10/23 the Patrol Division responded to an address in Waterford for a DV dispute. It was determined that the male resident had engaged in a fight with both his wife and son. The suspect was taken into custody for Disorderly Conduct and Assault in the 3rd Degree. Domestic violence protocols were followed and a lethality assessment was completed. The investigation revealed that the male was in possession of numerous firearms. The following items were seized from the residence: ten firearms, one crossbow, and thirty one boxes of ammunition. The aforementioned items were brought to the WPD and held until a determination is made by court. A Risk Warrant was completed and submitted to the New London Superior court.

911 Call Leads To DV Arrest

On December 11, 2023 Off. Caler, Off. Colkos, Off. Charron, and Det. Carroll were dispatched to a report of a physical domestic violence incident in which it was reported one of the participants had a knife. Upon arrival an investigation was conducted and it was determined that a male had assaulted and strangled his girlfriend. The female had red marks on her neck and obvious signs that a strangulation had occurred. The male suspect was taken into custody and charged with Disorderly Conduct and Strangulation in the Second Degree.

Waterford PD works with Senior Services

On December 5, 2023 WECC took a 911 call from a suicidal male that stated he was going to jump off city pier in New London. The call was transferred to that agency and they responded to the location. The male was retrieved from the water and life saving measures were performed by NLPD. Members of the WPD patrol division then went to the subjects residence which is in Waterford in an effort to conduct an welfare check there. An elderly female with dementia was located in the residence. The patrol division worked with Waterford Senior Services and came up with a plan to get the female the services she needed. Animal Control also responded at the request of patrol to assist with animals on site.



In the Community Interest





THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Animal Control Report



December 2023

- ♦ On 12/7/2023 Animal Control Officers assist the Waterford PD with the execution of a search warrant in town. The Police often include ACO's in their plans when there are believed to be dogs on site that may cause a problem for the officers. Thankfully, the event went off without incident.
- ♦ On 12/9/2023 ACO Ryan participated in the Waterford Shop with a First Responder event, in which children are paired with first responders to purchase gifts for their family for the holidays.
- ♦ On 12/9/2023 ACO's participated in the Niantic holiday light parade with a whole pack of volunteer dog walkers.
- ♦ On 12/18/2023 , sadly we had to euthanize a dog due to aggression issues. The dog had been previously abandoned in a dog crate that had been zip tied closed and was wearing a muzzle. We try to give every animal a chance to relax and be evaluated, however this dog, being a 50 pound pit bull mix having dog aggression, cat aggression and territorial aggression was deemed to be too much of a liability to adopt out to the public. The dog was humanely euthanized at the vet, as always the animal was accompanied in the procedure by an ACO who tries to provide some comfort to the animal as it passes from this world.



	Waterford	East Lyme
Calls for Service	83	20
After Hour Call Outs	2	0
Tickets Issued	0	0
Warnings Issued	0	0
Dog Bites	3	1
Animals Redeemed	7	2
Animals Adopted	4	1
Animals DOA	0	0
Euthanized	1	0
Total Processed	12	3
Money Taken In	\$240	\$378
Donations	\$10	\$363



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Community Engagement Report December 2023

Internship: Intern Mackenzie Andrews shadowed Evening Shift Patrol, Dispatch, CSO Silva, Admin Sgt. Fedor, and Day Shift Patrol. Intern Andrews assisted at Shop with a First Responder. Intern Andrews had exit interviews with Chief Balestracci and Officer Fredricks. Interviews began for the Spring Semester Intern.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Spoke at all three Waterford Elementary Schools for Youth Promise. Shopped with a student at Great Neck School's Holiday Shopping Event. Visited the Friendship School. Spoke to Waterford High School Criminal Justice Class.

Officer Wellness: Hodges visited the Groton Town Police Department and POST Police Academy. Taught Gracie Survival Tactics at LEC Recertification Class and LEC Police Academy. Organized lunch with WPD officers and sons of fallen WPD officer.



Interaction with Senior Services: Attended three Senior Services Events. Visited Bayview Health Care. Organized officers to serve meals at the Senior Holiday Luncheon.

Stuff-a-Crusier: Organized event where Waterford Police and Waterford Fire held a toy drive at Walmart. 11 large boxes of donations and \$1,108 for gift cards was collected.

Autism Awareness Program: 1 participant was added to the program. Held meeting with LINKED Autism Safety Project to work together on future endeavors.

K-9 Officer Hodges: Hodges visited Lawrence & Memorial Hospital and M&T Bank. Spoke to officers about the Facility K-9 Program at CIT Training. Attended student and facility wellness events at UCONN. Visited Putnam Elementary School after the death of a teacher. Conducted a K-9 Demo for Cub Scouts. Interacted with a sexual assault victim at New London Court. Held Read to Hodges Event at the Waterford Library.

Seasonal Events: Attended the Waterford and Quaker Hill Tree Lightings and holiday celebrations at WTFD Town Hall and the WTFD Library. Organized event where Oswegatchie First Graders decorated the Waterford Police Department holiday tree and visited with Santa. Hodges made a special holiday visit to the same students.

Shop with a First Responder: Organized event where 15 children from families in need were matched up with a First Responder (WTFD Police/Dispatch and 8 other first responder agencies) to buy presents for their families at Target.

Domestic Violence Follow-ups: Conducted 5 follow-ups with DV victims.

Rotary Club: Attended monthly meeting.