



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Training Room at the Waterford Police Department

2/9/2026 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Presentation of the 2025 Police Officer of the Year Award to Officer Julie Jordan

Acceptance of minutes: January 8, 2026 Special Meeting

Acceptance of minutes: January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Information from the Police Commissioners Association of Connecticut
- b. Email expressing appreciation for Waterford Police Officers' handling of a situation
- c. Email from a grateful resident for an Officer's assistance

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's Report:

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

Old Business:

New Business:

- a. Introduction of student interns Mitchell College student Caleb Cobb and Waterford High School student Kian Gordy.
- b. Executive Session for Personnel Discussion.



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

January 8, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner R. Brule, Commissioner M. Gelinas, Commissioner J. Dimmock, Commissioner C. Gamble, Commissioner T. Sheridan, Human Resources Director Christine Walters

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Commissioner Gelinas called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium. A Quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to enter into Executive Session, including Chief Balestracci and HR Director Christine Walters at 5:02 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 5:33 p.m. No votes or actions were taken while in Executive Session.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Sheridan and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to begin the Chief of Police selection process in accordance with established policy to include Law Enforcement Council of Connecticut participation for external oral board interviews. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Sheridan to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Diane E Driscoll". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary



**MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

January 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner R. Brule, Commissioner M. Gelinas, Commissioner C. Gamble, Commissioner J. Dimmock, Bill Sheehan, Board of Finance Liaison

ABSENT: Commissioner T. Sheridan

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Commissioner Gelinas called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium. A Quorum was established.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Bill Sheehan introduced himself to the Commission and summarized his understanding of his duties as a Board of Finance Liaison.

Helen Kwasniewski presented several concerns. She requested an increased police presence in Quaker Hill to monitor speeding. She also expressed concern about college students running in the roadway, and noted that LED headlights and some residential lighting are blinding at night. Additionally, she raised concerns about limited sight lines at the intersection of Chapman and Vauxhall Street.

Chief Balestracci announced that LT. Dave Ferland would fill his role at the meeting as part of cross-training as the Chief prepares for his retirement.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to accept the December 8, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic Report was received.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- a. K9 Reports for December
December report was received.
- b. Youth Reports for December
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- c. Investigative Services for December
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OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of a standing order for BOPC approval of out-of-series-budget transfers.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to authorize a standing order approving out-of-series budget transfers moving forward, with the understanding that the Commission is advised of the transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brule welcomed Bill Sheehan. He stated that he will continue to support the Police Department's operating budget and capital improvement (CIP) requests, including the locker room project. He also expressed appreciation for the leadership of Chief Balestracci and the Lieutenants.

Chief Balestracci responded by expressing his appreciation for Commissioner Brule's support and emphasized the critical importance of the locker room project as the department continues to hire more female officers. He also noted the impact the lower fuel rate will have on the Police Department's FY27 budget request.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and Seconded by Commissioner Gamble to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary



POLICE COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT, INC

January 9, 2026

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Dear Friends of the PCAC:

As we enter 2026, we extend our sincere appreciation for your continued support of the PCAC. We are proud of the work we have done to strengthen relationships between our association and police departments across Connecticut.

Our Annual *Evening to Celebrate Law Enforcement* continues to grow, bringing together more than 200 attendees to honor Distinguished Chiefs and officers from across the state. At the core of our mission is recognizing chiefs and officers for exceptional dedication, exemplary police work, integrity, and acts of heroism that have benefited their departments and communities. We remain committed to this purpose through our Meritorious Service Awards. We are also fortunate to have the continued sponsorship of Porsche of Fairfield and Hancock Pharmacy, whose generosity helps make this event possible.

We look forward to our 2026 *Evening to Celebrate Law Enforcement* scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, 2026. We are seeking nominations for officers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty between February 1, 2025, and the present. Please submit nominations for March 1, 2026, via mail or email to admin@ctpcac.org.

Our Scholarship Assistance Program continues to expand. Through partnerships with Southern Connecticut State University and the University of New Haven, we have been able to provide financial support to students pursuing studies directly connected to law enforcement. Our goal is to continue assisting four to six students annually as this program grows.

We also look forward to expanding our support for local police departments. In 2025, the PCAC proudly announced a new partnership with Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. to finally support protective vests for K9 officers. This collaboration strengthens our commitment to officer safety and reinforces our dedication to supporting every level of law enforcement service.

The Bristol tragedy touched all of us deeply. It also provided an opportunity for the PCAC to demonstrate our support for the families of Lt. Dustin DeMonte and Sgt. Alex Hamzy through our Officers Assistance Fund. Over the years, this fund has helped countless officers and their families during times of hardship, and we remain committed to that mission. We will continue to support The One Hundred Club of Connecticut and the vital work they do for families of fallen first responders.

In a time when volunteerism and participation are declining nationwide, the PCAC has been able to sustain this well-attended and meaningful event. However, its future depends on active involvement from our membership. We intend to remain strong and viable, but we cannot do so without your engagement. We ask you to consider joining the PCAC or renewing your dues (if not already done so), and—most importantly—getting involved! Your participation is essential to our continued success. Our next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on January 15, 2026, at the Orange Police Department, with a Zoom option available for those who wish to attend remotely. If you would like to discuss the PCAC or explore ways to become more involved, please contact me directly at Chip.PCAC@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Chip Rubenstein, PCAC President



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PCAC DUES RENEWAL NOTICE July 2025- June 2026

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Diane Driscoll

From: Patrick Flanagan
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 10:52 AM
To: Nicholas Genung; Christopher Robinson
Cc: Marc Balestracci; Diane Driscoll
Subject: FW: Request for Body Camera Footage – 12 Douglas Self Storage Solutions

Off. Genung and Off. Robinson,

A nice "thank you" from Yamilla Mateo who you guys assisted yesterday at Self Storage Solutions. Great work!

Lt. Patrick Flanagan
Waterford Police Department
41 Avery Lane, Waterford, Connecticut
860-442-9451 Ext. 2271



From: Mateo, Yamilla <ymateo@newlondonct.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 10:29 AM
To: Police Records <police.records@waterfordct.org>
Cc: Mayor Passero <mpassero@newlondonct.gov>; Fields, Steven <sfields@newlondonct.gov>; Daugherty, Rain <RDaugherty@newlondonct.gov>; Wright, Brian <BWright@newlondonct.gov>
Subject: Request for Body Camera Footage – 12 Douglas Self Storage Solutions

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Good morning Valarie,

Thank you for your assistance yesterday. It is sincerely appreciated.

I am writing on behalf of the City of New London (Community Development Office) to formally request the body camera footage from the incident at 12 Douglas Self Storage Solutions (Waterford CT) involving Officer Chris Robinson (#84) and Officer Nicholas Genung (#74).

Both officers worked collaboratively to create a calm, safe, and de-escalated environment during a very sensitive situation. Officer Robinson engaged directly with the individual involved with professionalism, respect, and composure,

while Officer Genung provided strong presence, situational control, and technical expertise. Together, their coordination, professionalism, and integrity contributed to the effective management of the incident.

On behalf of the City of New London, please extend our appreciation to both officers for their exemplary conduct and dedication to public service.

Thank you again for your support.

Have a joyous day!

With Grace & Appreciation,

Yamilla Mateo, M.A.GL

Neighborhood Coordinator | Eviction, Fair Housing & Relocation Officer | Fair Rent Commission Administrator, City of New London, Office of Development and Planning, Community Development Branch
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Bridging the Gap for lasting positive change, empowering & educating New London residents, and fostering community collaborations.

Diane Driscoll

From: Marc Balestracci
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 10:13 AM
To: Tyrone Mack
Cc: Patrick Flanagan; David Ferland; Nicole VanOverloop; Diane Driscoll
Subject: FW: Officer Mack

Excellent work Tyrone! We love to get emails like this detailing all the quiet, extra things our officers do in the community every day. Thanks and keep up the great work!

Thank you,

Marc Balestracci
Chief of Police
Waterford Police Department
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860-442-9451 Ext. 2282

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ray Pollick
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 9:38 AM
To: Marc Balestracci <mbalestracci@waterfordct.org>
Subject: Officer Mack

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Many kudos to Officer Mack. He helped dig me out of a snowbank on corner of Old Norwich Road and Old Mill this morning (I am so embarrassed 🙈). Well done by this young man. Very courteous and helpful. Again my thanks to you both. Ray P 144BDR Sent from my iPhone



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LINE OF SIGHT ISSUES:

- None to report.

DOT RELATED ISSUES.

- Connecticut DOT (CTDOT) responded to a request for an engineer's review of adding Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) on Route 1 in the area between Avery Lane and Route 156. CTDOT has declined to install RRFBs along Route 1 because the identified crosswalks do not meet the state's traffic volume and speed criteria for state-initiated installations. However, CTDOT has left open the option for the Town to pursue RRFBs independently, provided the Town funds the design and installation, upgrades certain roadway features (such as sidewalk ramps, signage, and pavement markings) to current standards, and assumes ownership and maintenance of the systems.

PARKING COMPLAINTS:

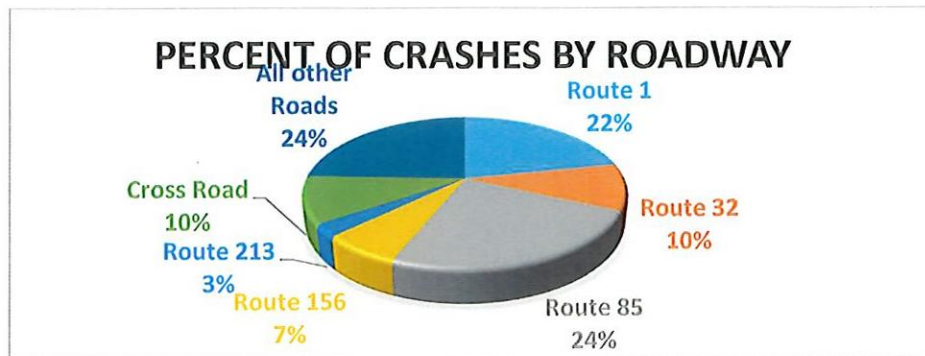


- On going parking issues during snow storms were brought to the attention of the Traffic Unit by the Department of Public Works (DPW). Prior to a large snow storm a parking ban was put in place. In anticipation of vehicles being parked in the roadway, a parking ban notice was created and placed on vehicle that parked in the roadways overnight on the morning before the snow storm. Approximately 200 notices were placed on vehicles. Officers also made contact with residents prior to and during the storm to have them move their vehicles from the roadway for the duration of the storm. DPW reported that the difficulties plowing during this storm were eased greatly by not having vehicles in the road impeding their plowing efforts.



ENFORCEMENT RELATED COMPLAINTS:

- A review of 2025 traffic crash data for the Town of Waterford shows that the highest number of crashes occurred on Route 85 (125), Route 1 (112), and Route 32 (51), identifying these corridors as primary problem areas. In response, traffic enforcement efforts during the month of January were concentrated on Route 85 and Route 1, particularly in locations with the highest accident rates. Other notable crash locations include Cross Road (51 crashes), while the remaining routes experienced comparatively lower incident totals.



REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

- Request to move a "Side Street" warning sign on Vauxhall St., due to multiple people pulling into the residences driveway, believing it to be Old Barry Road. We are currently working with





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DPW to determine a location that gives proper distance from Old Barry Road and that is not causing motorists' confusion and causing them to pull into the residential driveway by accident. This will be addressed in the early spring to determine if we have an alternate location where the sign can be placed.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- No upcoming events

UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH CLOSURE:

- No large new projects taking place in the near future have been brought to my attention.

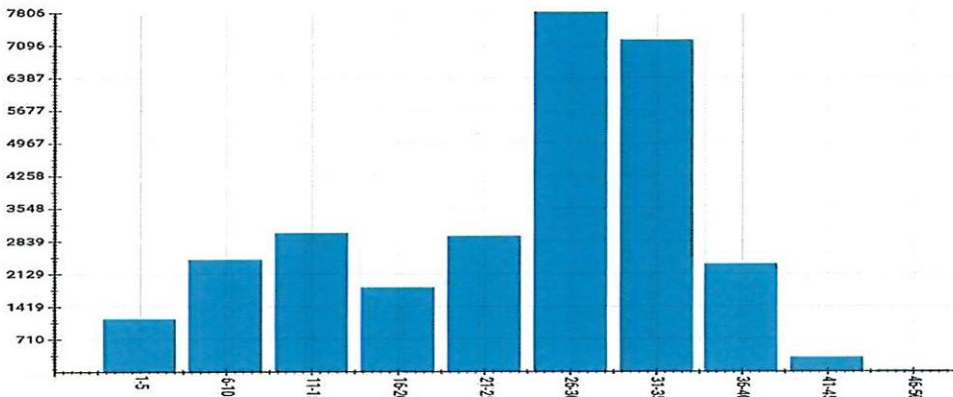
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: 229 Total Traffic Stops

Officer	Devine #88	Reed #93	Charron #89	TOTAL
Infractions	8	37	18	63
warnings	31	75	57	163
misdemeanor	0	2	1	3

SPEED TRAFFIC SIGN DEPLOYMENT:

Three solar powered speed signs are currently deployed around town at the below listed locations:

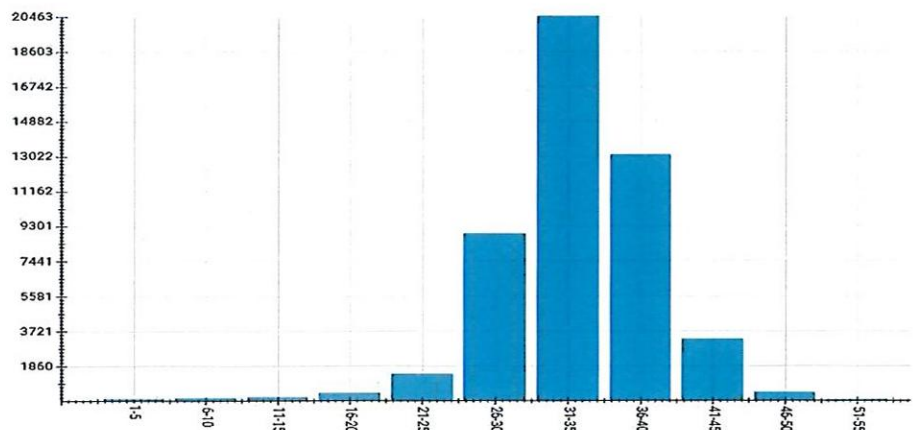
1. Great Neck Road (Route 213) southbound at Great Neck School. (25 mph zone)



Speed (mph)	Count
1-5	1141
6-10	2424
11-15	3010
16-20	1821
21-25	2945
26-30	7806
31-35	7201
36-40	2335
41-45	304
46-50	26
51-55	2
56-60	1

2. Clark Lane southbound near Clark Lane Middle School (30 mph zone)

Speed (mph)	Count
1-5	103
6-10	147
11-15	162
16-20	390
21-25	1421
26-30	8873
31-35	20463
36-40	13108
41-45	3290
46-50	441
51-55	57
56-60	15
61-65	3





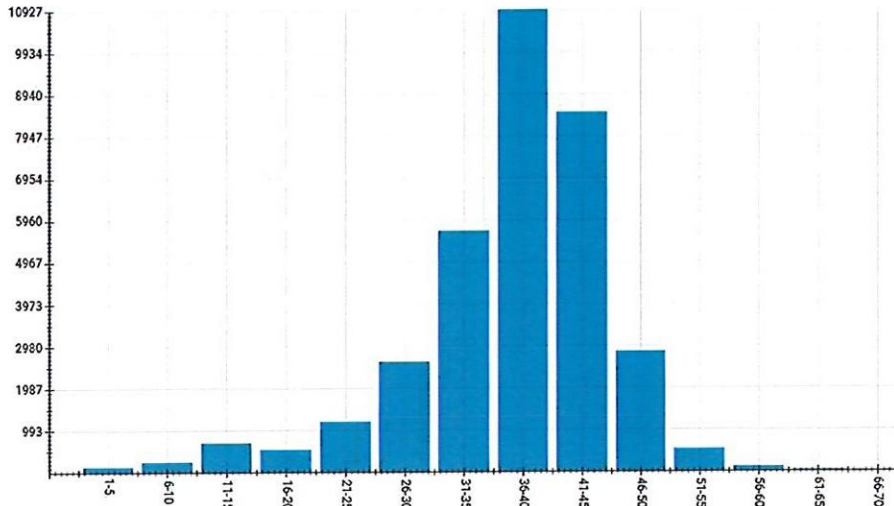
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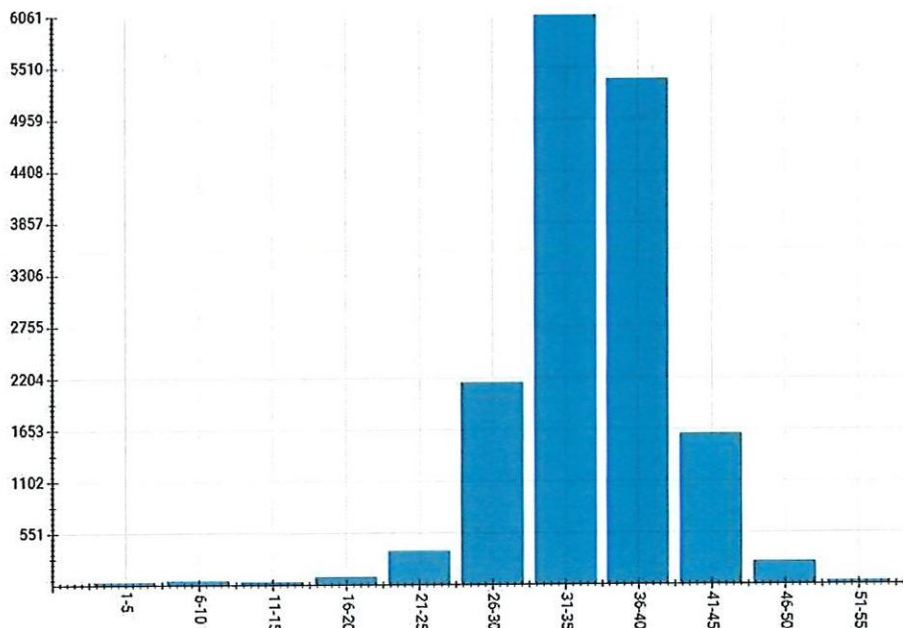
3. Vauxhall St. southbound south of Hickory Lane. (35 mph zone)



Speed (mph)	Count
1-5	114
6-10	235
11-15	689
16-20	531
21-25	1176
26-30	2610
31-35	5686
36-40	10927
41-45	8497
46-50	2844
51-55	510
56-60	106
61-65	17
66-70	9
71-75	2

4. Old Norwich Road, southbound prior to Totoket Rd.

(30 mph Zone)



Speed (mph)	Count
1-5	26
6-10	34
11-15	31
16-20	84
21-25	349
26-30	2147
31-35	6061
36-40	5389
41-45	1605
46-50	242
51-55	26
56-60	4



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K-9 Activity Report

January 2026

K-9 Ozzy

Monthly Uses: 0

2026 Uses: 0

K-9 Tico

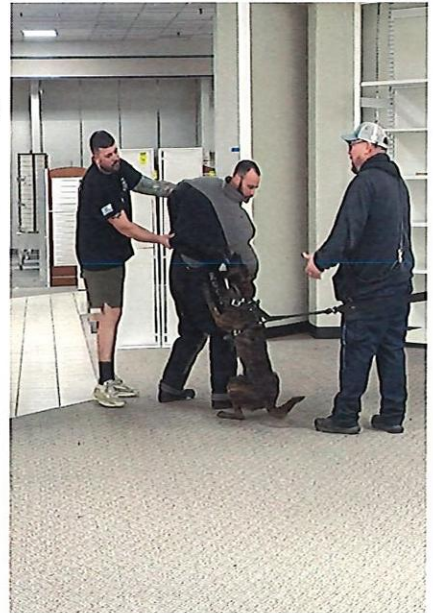
Monthly Uses: 1

2026 Uses: 1

K-9 Usage

Tico

- On January 21, 2026, Officer Surdo and K9 Tico assisted the Norwich Police Department in taking an individual into custody who had committed a burglary earlier in the morning and currently held an active Violation of Probation warrant. The individual was believed to be at his place of employment and the building was surrounded by officers. K9 Tico and Officer Surdo took a position to the rear of the building as the individual has previously fled from the building in the past when officers were looking to take the individual into custody. Officers located the individual inside the residence and he was taken into custody without incident.



K9 Assist From Montville PD

- On January 30, 2026 at 11:43pm the evening shift responded to 26 Norwich RD for a rollover MVACC. It was reported by witnesses that the operator had exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Patrol set up a perimeter and a K9 track was conducted by Off. Witts of the Montville PD and his K9 partner. While tracking North on Maple RD in the area of Marguy ST, Off. Witts, his K9 partner, and Off. Jordan (WPD) located the suspect attempting to flee the area. The subject was taken into custody and charged with Driving Under the Influence (CGS 14-227a).

Monthly Training

- Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 1/13/26 and 1/27/26 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work.



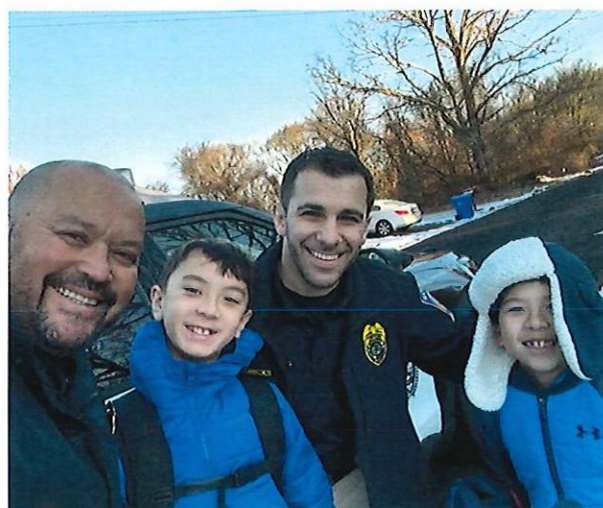
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Youth Office Activity Report



January 2026

- ♦ SRO Lane co-taught two DUI Awareness health classes at Clark Lane Middle School.
- ♦ SRO Winters conducted two child car seat installations. One at Great Neck School and one at Oswegatchie School.
- ♦ SRO Winters applied a tourniquet to a student's arm (QH School) after he experienced a bad bleed after an accident.
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn and SRO Lane attended numerous boys and girls high school and middle school basketball games.
- ♦ SRO Winters and SRO Lane collaborated to present a School Safety "Run Hide Fight" presentation to Great Neck and Oswegatchie school staff during a professional development day.
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn re-visited a JRB referral involving a WHS student. The student, per the JRB chairperson, was not in compliance with signed contract and as a result the case was referred back to the juvenile court.
- ♦ Off. Rogers responded to an address in town for a harassment complaint involving two juveniles (middle school and high school students). A referral was made to SRO Lane and SRO Malbaurn and both were able to intervene at the school level.



Month at a Glance

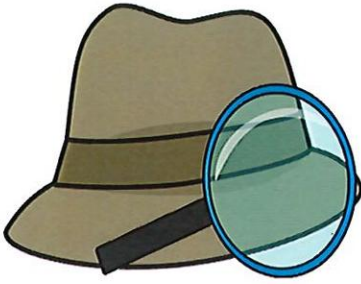
Home Visits: 1

CAD Report: 5

Case Reports: 1

Arrests: 0 / JRB Referrals: 0

SROs Lane, Malbaurn and Winters 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 b/w the department and the youth in our community.



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Investigative Services Division



January 2026

In the month of January 2026 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 14 investigations.

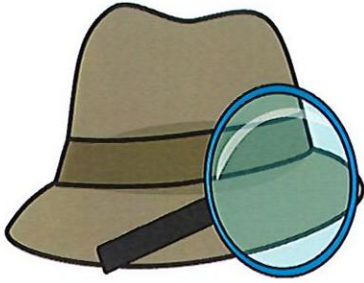
Current Active Investigations (32 Cases):

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

Homicide-1	Pistol Permits-9
Burglary-4	Skimmer—1
Robbery-1	Fraud—5
ID Theft—1	Larceny —4
Untimely—1	Stolen Vehicle—1
Child Abuse/Neglect —1	Narcotics—1
Vehicle Breaks—1	

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Search Warrants	Background Checks	Arrests	Sex Assaults
8	4	0	0	2
Phone Extract	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery
3	0	2	2	0



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Investigative Services Division



January 2026

January 2026 Updates:

In January the administrative team along with Detective Carroll and representatives from the New London Superior court met at the Waterford Police Department in regards to the Kyle Seidel case. The group brainstormed new ideas and talked about the case as a whole. It was determined that the case will remain active at this time.

Investigative Services hosted a monthly Intel Meeting at the Waterford Police Department with Investigator Bushwack taking the lead in presenting the information.

Members of Investigative Services attended the annual CTIC Conference. This year the conference was held at Mohegan Sun and was attended by approximately 200 local law enforcement officers.

After a trend in burglaries in which families of Asian descendants who are either current or former restaurant owners occurred, Lieutenant VanOverloop and Detective Sergeant Avdevich made contact with the rest of the Chinese restaurants in town as well as past restaurant owners still residing in Waterford to make them aware of the ongoing burglaries.

Investigative Services became aware of a subject currently serving time in Vermont on felony charges that has pending charges in Connecticut stemming from a previous Waterford arrest. A detainer was sent to the detention center in Vermont notifying the subject of his right to be extradited to Connecticut to be arraigned on the charges. The subject has agreed to be extradited and we will be arranging to transport the subject to be arraigned in New London in the near future.

Detective Bonkowski assisted surrounding agencies with three (3) Mobile Extraction Examines.

January 2026 Investigations:

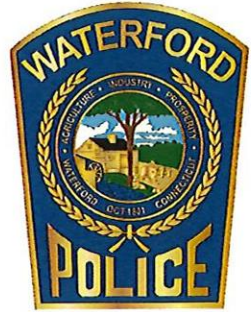
Detective Carroll was assigned a report of a deceased female in a vehicle in a parking lot of a commercial business in Waterford. The vehicle was located after the female was reported as missing several days earlier by the Norwich Police Department. The case is still under investigation pending a report from the medical examiners office though not deemed suspicious at this time.

Detectives O'Connell and Bushwack were each assigned to investigate the report of two separate burglaries to residences of owners who are of Asian descent. These burglaries are both still under investigation.

Investigative Services assisted the Patrol Division with numerous warrants throughout the month of January. Two search warrants were drafted in regards to victims of fraud in the search of bank records while the other was sent to the social media platform TikTok in regards to a threatening investigation. Lastly, Detective Carroll served a search warrant in regards to a vehicle being retained as evidence in our impound lot in a larceny investigation

Detective Bonkowski was assigned a sexual assault investigation stemming from an incident in 2009. Both parties involved no longer reside in Waterford. This case is under further investigation.

Investigator Bushwack was assigned a juvenile sexual assault case involving two juveniles in a dating relationship. This case is under further investigation.



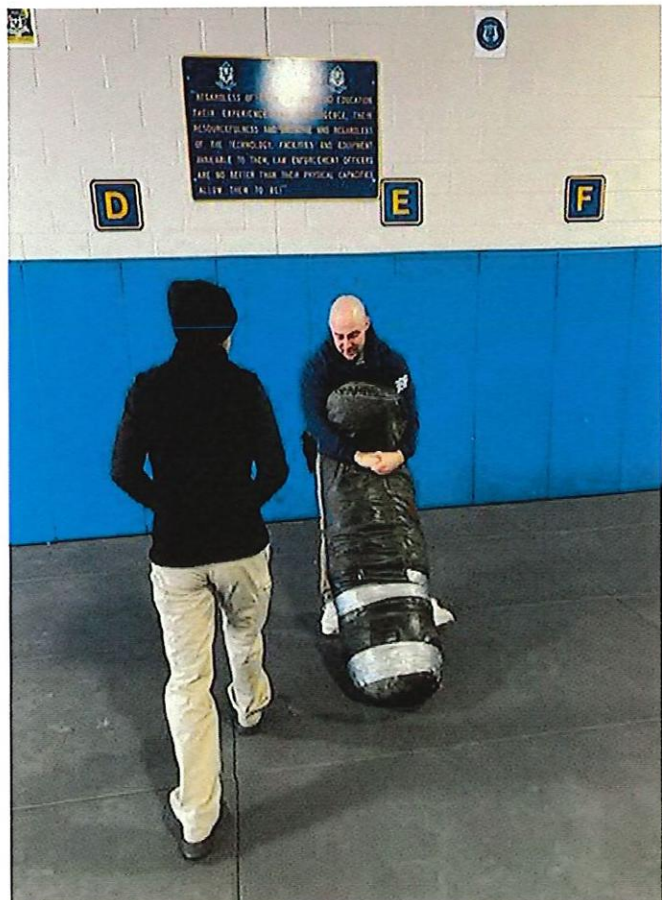
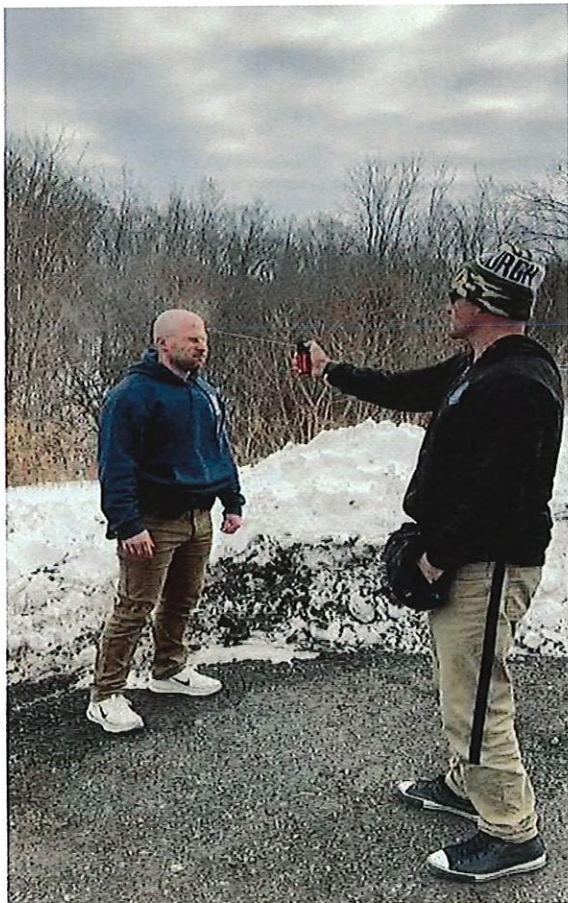
TRAINING REPORT

JANUARY 2026

New Officer Updates

Hiring Process: The Waterford Police Department continues it's efforts in recruiting and hiring. Training is holding an active hiring process to fill one current vacancy and additional vacancies possibly in the next year.

Recruit Status: Recruit Ramos is approaching her last two weeks of the LEC police academy. Recruit Ramos is scheduled to start her Field Training the second week of February. Recruit Morgan has completed his seventeenth week at the Connecticut Police Academy located in Meriden, CT.

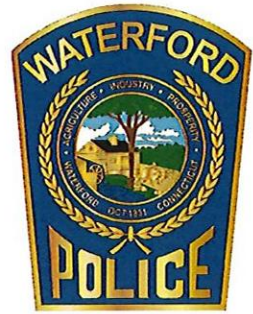


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TRAINING REPORT

JANUARY 2026



Officer Surdo and Officer Barrows attended a one day class for Search and Seizure Updates. This training reviews exceptions, principles, procedural requirements, constitutional law, statutory law and case law relating to search and seizure, and incorporating scenarios. The scenario based class presents facts from recent case from the U.S. Supreme Court, Second Circuit and Connecticut Courts.

Sergeant Nickerson and Sergeant Caler attended a two-day training by the NTOA in the matter of Supervising Patrol Critical incident . This training was hosted at the Waterford Police Department. This training is designed to provide patrol supervisors with the information and tools needed to manage a critical incident prior to the arrival of a Special Response Team (SRT). Teaching the understanding of the methodology used in managing a dynamic tactical problem, incident command system fundamentals, and the 4 primary types of critical incidents.

Officer Maselli and Officer Sabilia attended a week long Crisis Intervention Training. This training brings community and law enforcement resources together to address common issues related to mental health and how law enforcement interacts with people that have mental health issues.

Officers Colkos, Arpin, and Jordan attended a one day Dragger Intoxylizer instructor course. After this course, these officers will be able to conduct annual certifications for other officers in the police department, assist with maintenance of the Dragger machine, and assist on facilitating updates to the system through the State of Connecticut.



Support Services Report

January 2026



Records Activity

FOI Requests	109	-8%
Warrants	35	-20%
Phone Calls	145	-6%
Walk in Assists	111	-2%
Background Checks	15	114%
Protective Orders	43	5%
Officer Tasking Requests	52	-39%
Case Erasures	331	-42%
DCF Requests	6	50%
Court Requests	8	-53%
Abstracts	221	-23%
Video Requests	19	12%
Reports Accepted	172	-27%
CISS Arrest Packets	33	-18%

- * The CSOs covered 70 shifts this month.
- * Records Personnel attended additional FOI training. This is on top of training they received last month
- * Records was tasked with a large FOI request for LPR (license plate reader) data.
- * Records assisted the New Britain Police Department with an active larceny investigation by providing them with WPD officer BWC video.

CSO Activity

Adult Arrests	18
Juvenile Arrests	0
Firearms Transfers	34
Pistol Permits Issued	15
Walk In Complaints	34

Fingerprints

Pistol Permits	10
Employment	10
Miscellaneous	3
Peddler/Precious Permits	0
Warrant Follow Ups	0



Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report

January 2026



Suspicious Vehicle Leads to Drug Arrest

On January 8, 2026 day shift responded to a retail plaza in town for a subject slumped over the wheel of a SUV. Upon arrival officers located a disoriented female sleeping at the wheel. The female admitted to engaging in narcotics activity and probable cause was developed to search the vehicle. Located within the vehicle was a quantity of Fentanyl, Crack Cocaine, as well as drug paraphernalia (all of which were seized as evidence). The suspect was charged with possession of Fentanyl, Possession of Crack Cocaine, and Possession of Drug paraphernalia.



Pictured at left are a facsimile firearm and seized narcotics (incident detailed below). Pictured at right are narcotics seized from incident detailed above.



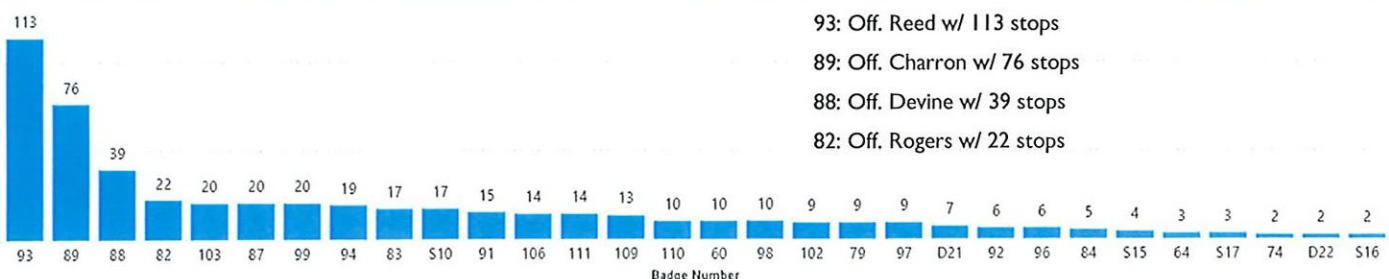
MVACC: Leads to Drug / Facsimile Firearm Arrest

On January 14, 2026 Off. Robinson, Off. Surdo, and Sgt. Epps responded to Cross RD for a motor vehicle accident. Through investigative efforts it was determined the at fault operator was under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol and was arrested for DUI. The operator was also found to be in possession of Fentanyl, drug paraphernalia, and an illegal HKVP9 .43 caliber CO2 pistol. He was charged with a multitude of motor vehicle and criminal charges.

Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2674
Case Numbers	129
Arrests	47
Juvenile Arrests	0
Larcenies	23
Arrest Warrants	13
Domestic Violence Investigations	8
Traffic Crash	54
DUI Investigations	8
EDP/Welfare Check	44
School Checks	53
Motor Vehicle	518
Written Warnings	244
Infractions	100
Verbal Warnings	153
Misdemeanor	16
Other	5

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER



**Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest for Weapon in Vehicle**

On January 10, 2026 Off. Gorman conducted a traffic stop for a moving motor vehicle violation. Upon approaching the vehicle Off. Gorman observed, in plain view, a black firearm (later determined to be a facsimile firearm) tucked between the center console and passenger seat. The operator was removed from the vehicle and charged with Possession of a Weapon in a Motor Vehicle, Possession of Alcohol by a person under 21, Failure to Move over for an Emergency Vehicle, Operation of a Motor Vehicle without a License, and Operation of an Unregistered Motor Vehicle.

**Tip From FBI Leads to Arrest by Warrant**

On February 15, 2025 the Waterford Police Department received a tip from an FBI agent (New Haven Field Office) about a social media threat against a political party's headquarters in Waterford, CT. Screenshots of the threats were obtained by Off. Colkos and an investigation commenced. Through various investigative efforts Off. Colkos was able to identify the suspect as a subject who resided in New Haven, CT. An arrest warrant was drafted and signed by a judge at the New London Superior courthouse. After numerous attempts to contact/locate the suspect Off. Colkos was able to locate him on January 5, 2026. The suspect was taken into custody and charged with Threatening in the First Degree.

Operator Asleep at the Wheel Results in DUI Arrest

On January 28, 2026 at approximately 0104 hours Off. Luce was on routine patrol on RTE 32 just prior to the I-395 on ramp. He observed a vehicle stationary in the roadway with its blinker on. The vehicle was observed sitting still through an entire traffic control light cycle. A motor vehicle stop was initiated and the operator was found to be asleep at the wheel. A series of standardized field sobriety tests were administered by Off. Luce and Sgt. Caler (Drug Recognition Expert). The operator was taken into custody for DUI (C.G.S. 14-227a).



In the Community Interest





THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Animal Control Report



January 2026



- Mother dog and five puppies have all been adopted. AACP Ryan had cared for the dogs after the birth and even ended up adopting one of them.
- Both ACO's assisted in teaching the Animal Control block at the LEC Academy. Leashes were provided to all recruits to carry in their duty bags
- One dog was euthanized due to aggression issues. The dog had been found roaming and was never claimed. As always, an ACO accompanied the dog the vet for the procedure.
- Excess was donated to the United Way Food Pantry in New London.

	Waterford	East Lyme
Calls for Service	88	39
After Hour Call Outs	1	2
Tickets Issued	1	0
Warnings Issued	1	0
Dog Bites	3	0
Animals Redeemed	12	3
Animals Adopted	5	0
Animals DOA	0	1
Euthanized	1	0
Total Processed	18	4
Money Taken In	\$285	\$740
Donations	\$20	\$725

"Speaking for those who have no voice"



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Engagement Report January 2026



Internship: Caleb Cobb and Kian Gordy both received their orientations and a tour of the police department. Cobb shadowed the Records Department. Cobb attended a Crime Prevention Class at the AHEPA Apartments, LEC Academy Defensive Tactics Training, and LEC Academy OC Exposure Day. Gordy went to Great Neck School and Town Hall with Officer Fredricks for the planning of upcoming community events.

Interaction with Youth Services: Spoke about Bullying Prevention at Youth Promise.

Interaction with Senior Services: Visited Bayview Health Care.

Citizen's Academy: Contacted various schools and organizations to recruit for the upcoming academy. Reviewing incoming applications.



Officer Wellness: Taught Gracie Survival Tactics at the LEC Police Academy. Organized a Regional Peer Support Meeting with Waterford Firefighters, Ambulance Staff, Dispatch, and Chaplains. Assisted at the LEC Police Academy OC Exposure Day.

K-9 Officer Hodges: Interacted with a Clark Lane Middle School Student that was having a medical emergency. Assisted University at New Haven Police with starting their Facility K9 Program. Visited Middletown High School after the untimely death of a student. Visited New London Superior Court. Spoke about the Facility K9 Program at CIT Training. Held Read to Hodges at the Waterford Library.

Domestic Violence Follow-ups: Conducted 4 follow-ups with DV victims.

Coffee with a Cop: Organized an event where first responders and citizens have casual conversations at Waterford Lowe's Home Improvement. Attended New London Police's Coffee with a Cop Event.

Recruiting: Participating in the Mentorship New Hire Program.

Special Olympics Efforts: Attended the monthly Torch Run Council Meeting and a Regional SOCT Meeting. Participated in a SOCT Dog Yoga Fundraiser to raise \$750.

Advance Services Programs: One new registrant added to the program.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Spoke about community profiling and the Facility K9 Program with the Waterford High School Criminal Justice Class. Coordinated a bike helmet donation for Waterford Students with the Read to Ride Program. Visited the Waterford High School Unified Classroom.