



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Waterford Town Hall Auditorium

7/14/2025 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: June 9, 2025 Regular Meeting

Presentation of Life Saving Achievement Awards to Officer Andrew Reed and EMT Sylvia Briggs

Correspondence:

- a. Email from Sgt. Caler commending Officers Lane & Ewing

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's Report:

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

Old Business:

New Business:

- a. Town Ordinance Discussion regarding ATVs, Dirt Bikes, Street Takeovers, and Camera Enforcement



MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
June 9, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner R. Brule, Commissioner T. Sheridan

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

CANDIDATES: Nesenya Johnson-Claudio, Ravan Carrero

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to accept the May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic Report was received.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Recording Commission Meetings – Audio and video are currently being tested. The project is complete and will be removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Retail Theft Initiative – LT Flanagan presented a brief explanation of the Retail Theft Initiative program. He spoke about the police department's efforts to assist participating

retailers by increasing business checks, posting message boards, holding bi-monthly trainings for loss prevention staff, emailing bulletins, and implementing a bike patrol in an effort to be more visible. These efforts have resulted in a 31% larceny reduction over a six month period when compared to the same time period the previous year. All retailers participating in the RTI have experienced a decrease in theft. Chief Balestracci stated that the RTI and the Traffic Unit have combined efforts to curb theft and are seeing positive results.

b. Executive Session for candidate interviews

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to enter into Executive Session and at 5:27 p.m. Chief Balestracci and LT Ferland were included in the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:06 p.m. No votes or actions were taken while in Executive Session.

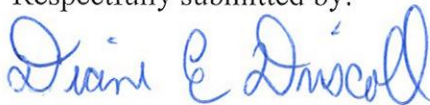
MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Gamble and Seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to extend offers for the current vacancies, contingent on the candidates successfully completing the hiring process and background investigations, to the following candidates:

1. Nesenya Johnson-Claudio
2. Ravan Carrero

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary

From: Marc Balestracci
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 9:45 AM
To: Patrick Flanagan <pflanagan@waterfordct.org>
Cc: Zachary Caler <zcaler@waterfordct.org>; Dan Lane <dlane@waterfordschools.org>; Christopher Ewing <cewing@waterfordct.org>
Subject: RE: Niantic Mutual Aid Response

Lt. Flanagan,

Thank you for the email this morning and the updates during the incident last night. I am glad everything was handled the way it was and the outcome was without incident. Incredible work to everyone involved, yet another example of the challenging, yet safe and professional work being conducted by members of our team.

Thank you all.

Thank you,

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



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From: Patrick Flanagan <pflanagan@waterfordct.org>
Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 8:21 AM
To: Marc Balestracci <mbalestracci@waterfordct.org>
Cc: Zachary Caler <zcaler@waterfordct.org>; Dan Lane <dlane@waterfordschools.org>; Christopher

Ewing <cewing@waterfordct.org>

Subject: FW: Niantic Mutual Aid Response

Chief Balestracci,

Please see the attached email from Sgt. Caler outlining the work of Off. Ewing and Off. Lane on a mutual aid call in East Lyme last night. Glad this situation was de-escalated and brought to a safe resolution. Great work guys.

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



From: Zachary Caler <zcaler@waterfordct.org>

Sent: Monday, June 2, 2025 5:19 AM

To: Patrick Flanagan <pflanagan@waterfordct.org>

Subject: Niantic Mutual Aid Response

Lt Flanagan,

Following up on our phone call early this morning. Just wanted to bring to your attention a great outcome from a potentially very dangerous call. This morning, 6/2/25 at around 2:00 a.m. we received a request from East Lyme Police to assist in a K9 track of an ETOH, suicidal, and potentially armed male. I sent Ofc. Lane and Ofc. Ewing as they both have experience with police canine tactics. Upon arrival it was immediately apparent that the male was hiding and had potentially barricaded himself. The male had forcibly accessed a room in the residence with firearms and he was unaccounted for. ELPD requested a drone, and I responded (where I normally would not have to a mutual aid as the supervisor) due to the immediate exigent need and risk to the public. As I arrived, the situation quickly unfolded and officers heard the male underneath a porch. Officers called the male out, with assistance from a ELPD K9, and the male yelled for officers to shoot him while making motions with his arms towards his pockets and waistband. Officers used calm, clear verbal commands and worked together to ensure lethal/less lethal coverage. The male eventually crawled out and gave himself up.

I felt it best to conduct a post action debrief as we rarely have opportunities to do so. During the debrief, I was informed by Officer Lane of a conversation he had with the subject after he was detained. Officer Lane informed me that the male openly admitted that he was attempting suicide by

cop and was going to point his cell-phone at police while yelling "shoot me". I spoke with the male as well, and he confirmed that was his intentions, asking why we didn't shoot him.

All in all, a very good outcome to a dangerous situation. I'd like to commend Ofc. Lane and Ofc. Ewing for the professional work and calm under pressure. I also think the debrief went well and will be implementing them more. Officer Lane had a lot to add given his experience dealing with canines.

Thank you,

Sergeant Zachary Caler #S-15
Waterford Police Department
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(860) 442-9451 ext: 2254





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Traffic Officer Report

June 2025



LINE OF SIGHT ISSUES:

- Complaint of line of sight issue on Fog Plain Road just in from Route 1. In conjunction with Waterford DPW, we spoke with the homeowner where the trees were and she agrees to have some of the trees cut down and other trees and bushes trimmed back. DPW completed this work and added approximately 100' feet of visibility for the neighbors to pull into their driveway.

DOT RELATED ISSUES.

- Encroachment permit was approved by DOT to place battery powered speed feedback sign on the existing speed limit signs on Route 156 between Route 1 and North Road.

PARKING COMPLAINTS:

- No ongoing parking complaints at this time.

ENFORCEMENT RELATED COMPLAINTS:

- Complaint regarding workers speeding on Myrock Ave in the morning. High visibility enforcement and a battery operated speed sign utilized (see speed data below). Information was forwarded to Sergeant Fedor to relay to complainant(s).
- Complaint of speeding on Goshen Road and Shore Road. Increased visibility patrols/enforcement and a speed sign was placed on Goshen Rd (see speed data below). Will continue high visibility in this area and utilize speed feedback signs on Shore and New Shore Road in the near future.
- Complaint of speeding on Braman Rd. Speeds signs deployed two times during June. Efforts to slow the speed on the roadway are ongoing.
- Douglas Road was identified as an area with a high amount of vehicles speeding by Officer Diogo. Speed feedback data backs his observations (see data below) close to one quarter of vehicles are more than 10 mph or more over the speed limit. Enforcement has been conducted in this area and will continue.
- Complaints of E-bikes being used in unsafe manner in the pleasure beach area. No observed conduct that is a violation. A message board was placed at Goshen Fire House advising E-bike riders to wear helmets and to follow the rules of the road. Area will continue to be monitored.
- Complaint of cars not stopping for people at the crosswalks on Rope Ferry Road (Route 156). Time has been spent in this area monitoring the crosswalks and will continue.

REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

- A request for a "Blind Person Area" sign to be added on Miner Lane. The person requesting the sign indicated she has a child that is legally blind. I checked area with public works and we determined two locations for the signs. Public Works marked the areas where the signs would be placed. One sign would be approximately 430' north of the residence and the other would be approximately 500' south of the residence. MUCTD guidelines indicate warning signs such as this should be between 100' and 500' prior to the location to allow for driver's to adjust their driving as needed.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 12, 2025 New London fireworks are expected to cause increased traffic in the late evening
August 2, 2025 John and Jesse Kelley Half Marathon
August 9, 2025 Waterford Day Parade

UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH CLOSURE:

Route 85 paving of the travel lanes and curbing has been completed. Some of the line painting and possible center median work is still in the works to be completed.

EQUIPMENT:

We received two Traffic Logic solar powered speed feedback signs from UCONN T2 Center (UConn Engineering Training and Assistance Center). These are similar to the two solar signs we already utilize and will now bring us up to four solar powered signs. These signs automatically upload the speed data they obtain and we are able to access this data. An example of the data obtained are the two bar graphs that appear later in this report, as they are from the two solar powered speed signs that we have been using. T2 obtained a large amount of signs for many towns in Connecticut, but we were in the first group to receive these since they are aware we utilize the data we obtain from them.

Lasers and Radars are scheduled to be calibrated July 17, 2025, to ensure they all remain current. All units in use are still within the calibration dates.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: **341** Total Traffic Stops

Officer	Devine #88	Diogo #95	Reed #93	Total
Infractions	3	131	58	192
warnings	21	88	33	142
misdemeanor	0	1	6	7



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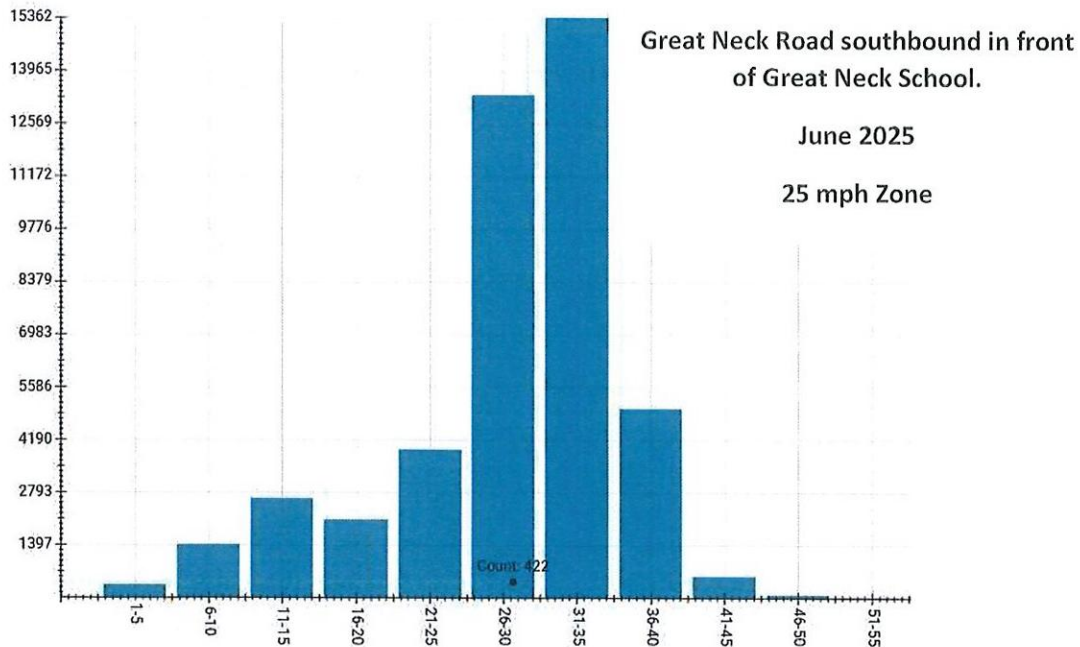
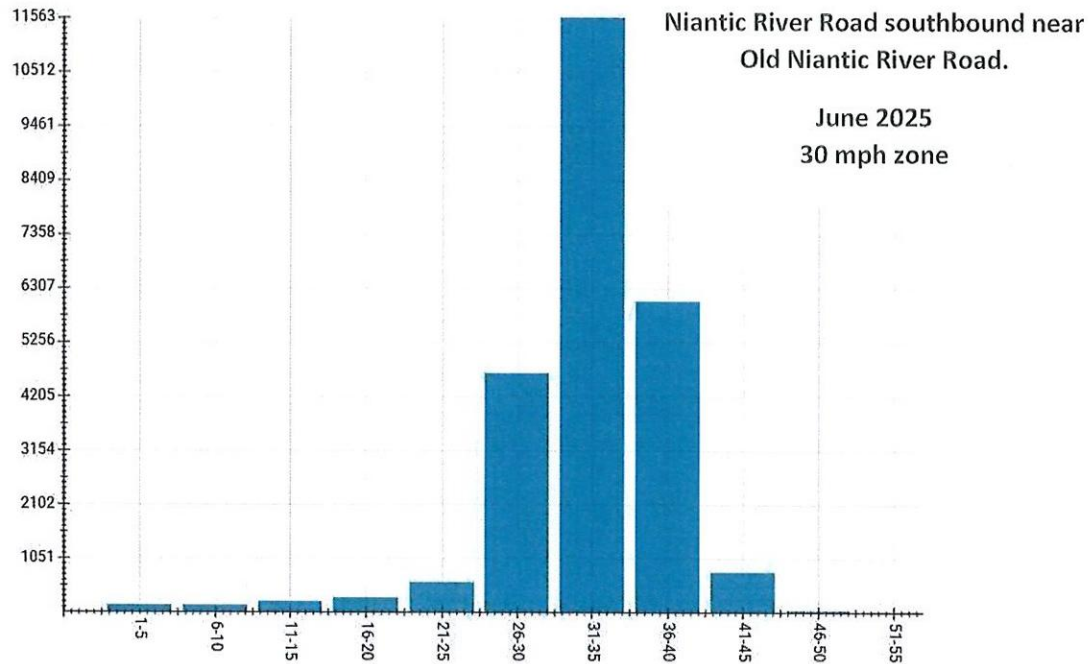
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SPEED TRAFFIC SIGN DEPLOYMENT:

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





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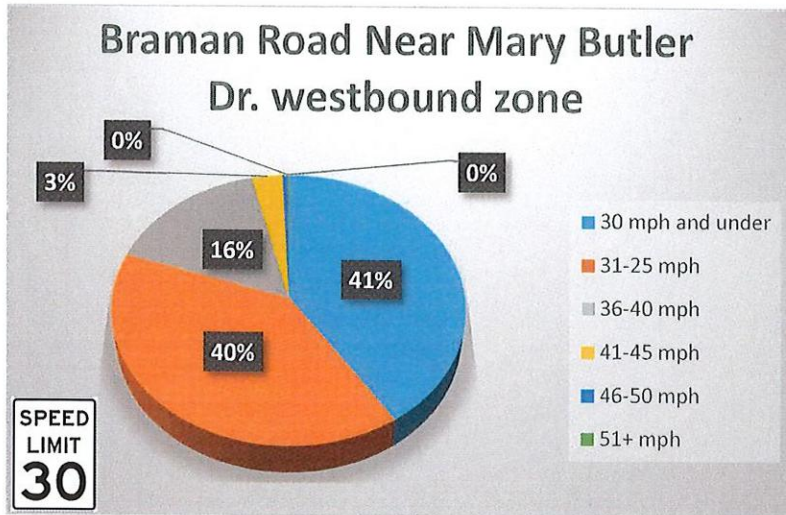
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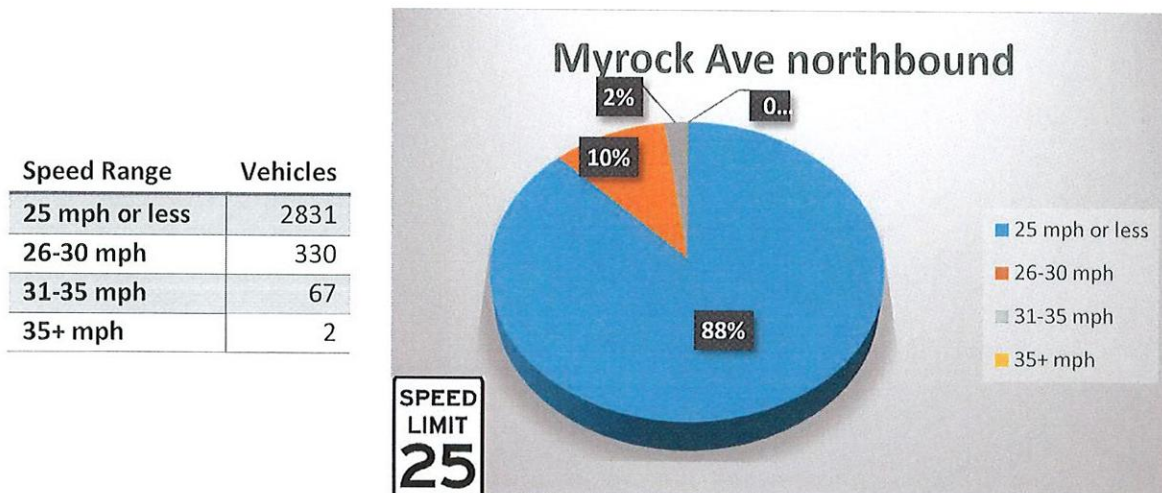
The following Data was obtained from battery powered speed signs:

June 11, 2025 to June 16, 2025



Speed range	Vehicles
30 mph and under	3726
31-25 mph	3625
36-40 mph	1478
41-45 mph	271
46-50 mph	49
51+ mph	13

June 3 2025, to June 9, 2025



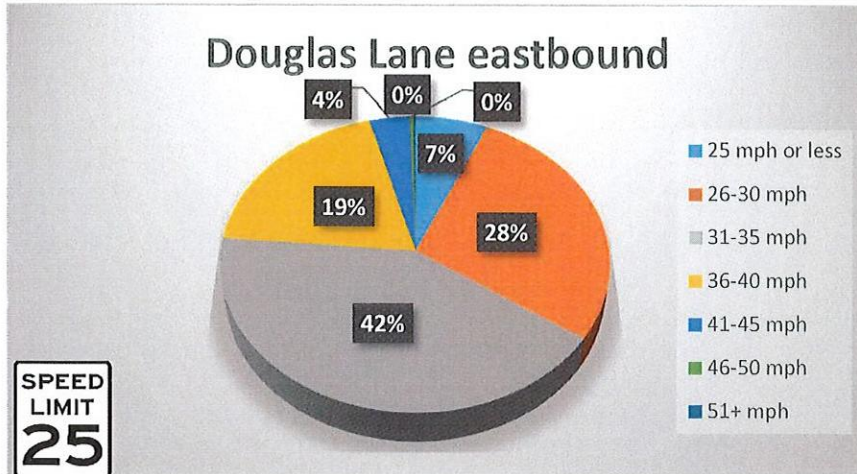
Speed Range	Vehicles
25 mph or less	2831
26-30 mph	330
31-35 mph	67
35+ mph	2



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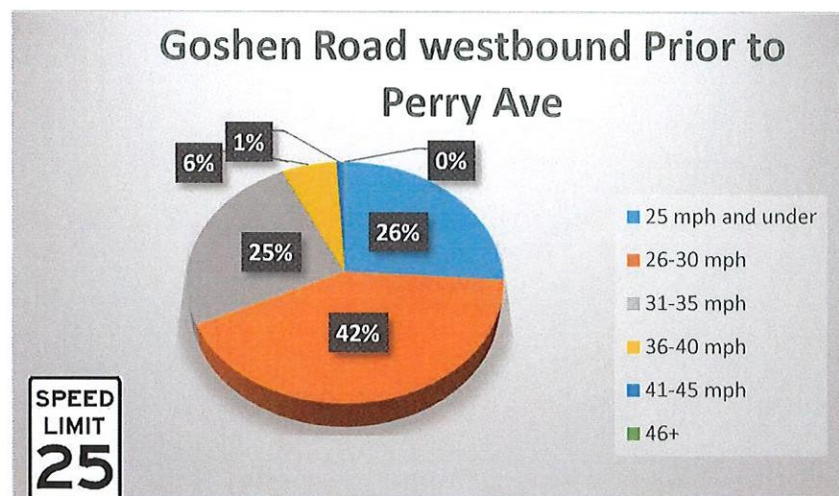
June , 2025 to June 9, 2025



Speed Range	Vehicles
25 mph or less	963
26-30 mph	4049
31-35 mph	6053
36-40 mph	2810
41-45 mph	542
46-50 mph	46
51+ mph	29

June 12, 2025 to June 20, 2025

Speed Range	Vehicles
25 mph and under	4375
26-30 mph	7021
31-35 mph	4201
36-40 mph	1028
41-45 mph	142
46+	13

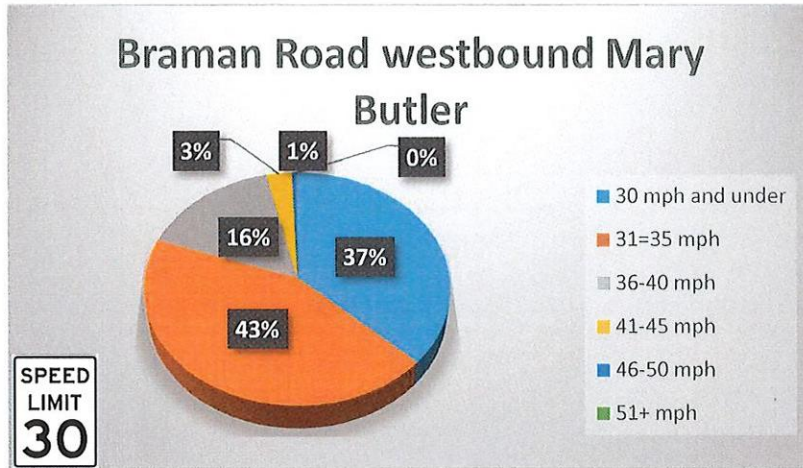




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June 19, 2025 to June 23, 2025



Speed Range	Vehicles
30 mph and under	2673
31-35 mph	3149
36-40 mph	1166
41-45 mph	204
46-50 mph	39
51+ mph	6



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K-9 Activity Report

June 2025

K-9 Ozzy

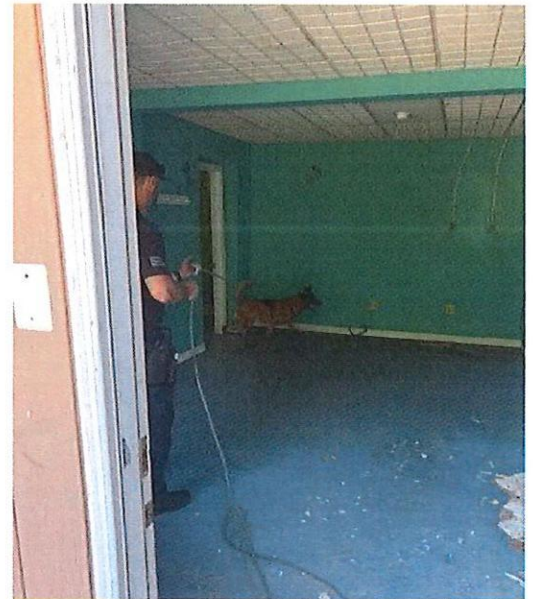
Monthly Uses: 3

2025 Uses: 14

K-9 Tico

Monthly Uses: 7

2025 Uses: 20



K-9 Usage

Ozzy

- ♦ K9 Ozzy and Officer Genung assisted on two traffic stops with open air sniffs of vehicles for narcotics.
- ♦ K9 Ozzy and Officer Genung assisted in a K9 demo at Great Neck School.

Tico

- ♦ K9 Tico and Officer Surdo assisted members of the Waterford Police Department in an open air sniff of a vehicle involved in a traffic stop where narcotics paraphernalia was observed in plain view. K9 Tico displayed alert behavior on the exterior and interior of the vehicle. A hand search of the vehicle was conducted and 155 grams of "crack" cocaine was located and an arrest was made.
- ♦ K9 Tico assisted in an additional 3 open air sniffs of vehicles for narcotics.
- ♦ K9 Tico and Officer Surdo assisted in a K9 demo at Great Neck School.



Monthly Training

- ♦ Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 6/3/25 and 6/17/25 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work.



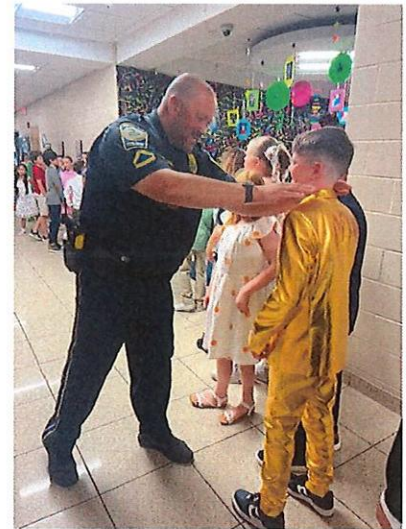
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Youth Office Activity Report



June 2025

- ♦ SRO Winters assisted with traffic/organization of Great Neck School's annual bike to school event.
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn investigated a case in which student was recording the WHS principle's lock down announcements . This was handled with school discipline.
- ♦ SRO Winters attended the promotional ceremonies at Great Neck, Oswegatchie, and Quaker Hill Elementary schools.
- ♦ SRO Winters, Off. Fredericks, and Youth Services staff held the final session of Youth Promise Final Jeopardy on June 15, 2025.
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn made two juvenile arrests after students were recorded fighting in the boys bathroom.
- ♦ SRO Lane and SRO Winters met with fifth grade classes at the three elementary schools to talk about the transition to Clark Lane Middle School.
- ♦ SRO Lane conducted a welfare check at a Waterford residence after it was reported that a CLMS student was suffering from depression.
- ♦ SRO Lane co-taught sexting and DUI classes with CLMS health teachers.



Month at a Glance

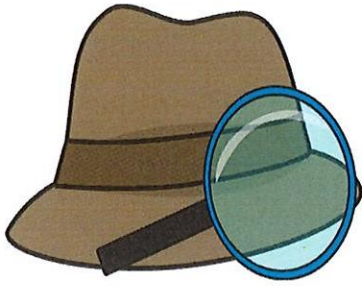
1 – Home Visits

10 - CAD Report

3- Case Reports

Arrests - 2 / 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



June 2025

In the month of June 2025 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 18 investigations.

Current Active Investigations (18 Cases):

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

Homicide-1	Pistol Permits-3
Burglary-4	Stolen Vehicle—1
Robbery-2	Fraud—1
Crypto Scam—1	ID Theft—1
Larceny —1	Overdose—1
Suicide—1	Narcotics—1

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Search Warrants	Background Checks	Arrests	Sex Assaults
52	19	6	6	9
Ex-Parte's	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery
0	0	3	6	1



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Investigative Services Division



June 2025

June 2025 Updates:

Sergeant Avdeich, Investigator Zaldivar and I conducted interviews for the position of Investigator starting in September 2025. This is a three (3) year assignment made available with the upcoming exit of Investigator Zaldivar who will be leaving us to go back to Patrol after three and a half years (granted a six month extension) in Investigative Services. Though all candidates presented very well at the interview, Officer Zachary Bushwack was chosen as the next Investigator. Investigator Zaldivar will help train Officer Bushwack for his new assignment with training beginning in August 2025.

Detective Bonkowski attended a five (5) day Blood Pattern Analysis training hosted by the Henry Lee Institute at the University of New Haven. Once Detective Bonkowski returned from the training, we used this information to buy items to assist in conducting investigations where blood patterns are present.

Members of Investigative Services who are also trained officers on our Marine Patrol were able to respond quickly to the Gold Star Bridge from the Police Department to assist Groton with a suicidal male who was located unharmed.

Investigator Zaldivar attended a one (1) week training in Alabama on Cyber Investigative Techniques. Once selected for this training, it is fully funded by the United States Secret Service at the National Forensics Institute.

Investigative Services started two (2) background investigations for potential police candidates. These background investigations were terminated once it was determined that the candidates would not be continuing further in the hiring process.

June 2025 Investigations:

Detective Carroll responded to an overnight burglary of money from a cash register from the Price Cutter on RTE 32. Access was gained into the secured business by ramming a vehicle into the glass front door. A suspect has been positively identified with the assistance of the Vernon, CT Police Department who located the vehicle abandoned in their city as well as a Flock camera in Montville located on RTE 32. A warrant will be pending.

Investigative Services is investigating a crypto scam where the victim sent \$10,000 in gift cards to an unknown suspect. This case is under further investigation.

Detective O'Connell completed a firearms compliance after a male subject was arrested for domestic violence. The male was compliant with the courts request.

Detective O'Connell was also assigned a juvenile sexual assault where the juvenile female reported sexual contact with a known adult. This case is under further investigation.

Investigator Zaldivar was assigned a larceny from Malloves' Jewelers where the female suspect used fraudulent credit cards to "purchase" over \$5,000 worth of jewelry. A suspect has been positively identified and this case is under further investigation.

Investigative Services responded to a suicide of a male subject in the south end of Waterford. This case is not suspicious in nature.

Detective Carroll was assigned a juvenile sexual assault where the male suspect is a relative of the child. This case is under further investigation.

Detective Bonkowski attended a full scale Special Response Team scenario training where Detective Bonkowski, who is trained as a negotiator was able to use and further develop her skills.

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TRAINING REPORT

JUNE 2025



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 three current vacancies.

Recruit Status: Recruit Maselli and Recruit Abram successfully completed all field training requirements and were certified by the Police Officers Standards Training Council. They are now solo officers on patrol.

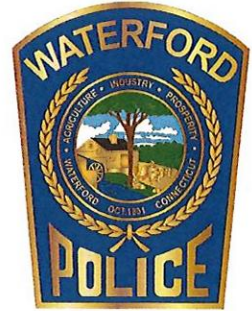
Recruit Mack completed his twenty second week at the Connecticut Police Academy at POST-C in Meriden, CT.





TRAINING REPORT

JUNE 2025



Sergeant Firmin and Detective Bonkowski conducted a one-day marine patrol mate training. This training is meant to get officers qualified and trained on how to be a mate on the police department's boat. Officers were trained on how to help a captain, the basic functions of the boat, the area that the boat patrols in the water, as well as how to save boaters who have gone overboard just to name a few.

Officer Jordan and Officer Bushwack attended a week long firearms pistol instructor class hosted by the Capitol Region Police Department. This class is a challenging course that requires a high pistol qualification score, a written test, numerous pistol drills, as well as a lot of time outdoors on the range. This course is the first step in the department gaining two new firearms instructors.

Officer Bonkowski attended a week long Blood Pattern Analysis course hosted by the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science. This course covered topics like impact angles, transfer patterns, cast-off patterns, methods of documentation, the history of blood pattern analysis, as well as understanding the mechanisms of creation of bloodstain patterns to name a few.

Investigator Zaldivar attended a week long Cyber Investigative Techniques training offered by the National Computer Forensics Institute in Hoover, Alabama. This course provided the knowledge base to understand basic investigative tactics and modern trends employed by cyber criminals and how to successfully initiate a cyber investigation.

Officer Genung and Officer Surdo trained the department during a roll call training on the topic of K9 deployments. They covered topics like case law, how to assist a K9 officer during a track, as well as things they are looking for and see when they have their K9 in use.

Officer Winters and Officer Suplita attended a four day course to retrieve their National Child Passenger Safety Certification. They are now technicians and are able to install car seats by appointment and at various community events.





Support Services Report

June 2025



Records Activity

FOI Requests	142	-12%
Warrants	39	22%
Phone Calls	308	64%
Walk in Assists	170	8%
Background Checks	3	-50%
Protective Orders	10	-66%
Officer Tasking Requests	83	5%
Case Erasures	302	-22%
DCF Requests	14	8%
Court Requests	21	62%
Abstracts	471	-2%
Video Requests	26	-28%
Reports Accepted	193	-52%

- * The CSOs covered 40 shifts during the month, equating to 311 hours of shift coverage.
- * Records personnel saw an increase in call volume and interactions with the public due to the reduction of CSO staffing during the weekdays. This temporary adjustment was made in consideration of the end of the fiscal year budget
- * Joyce Brown retired from her position as the Evening Secretary after 28 years of service with the Waterford Police Department. A process with Human Resources has begun to fill her position

CSO Activity

Adult Arrests	18
Juvenile Arrests	0
Firearms Transfers	18
Pistol Permits Issued	3
Walk In Complaints	31

Fingerprints

Pistol Permits	9
Employment	7
Miscellaneous	1
Peddler/Precious Permits	0
Warrant Follow Ups	254



Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report

June 2025



Traffic Stop: Leads to Drug Arrest

On June 11, 2025 Off. Reed conducted a motor vehicle stop on RTE 32 for a speeding violation. While speaking with the operator it was determined that the passenger had a hardcopy warrant held by Norwich PD. Probable cause was developed to search the vehicle (K9 Tico assisted). Cocaine, crack cocaine, and numerous drug paraphernalia was located. This resulted in the arrest of both occupants of the vehicle.

Pictured at right are the seized narcotics and drug paraphernalia.



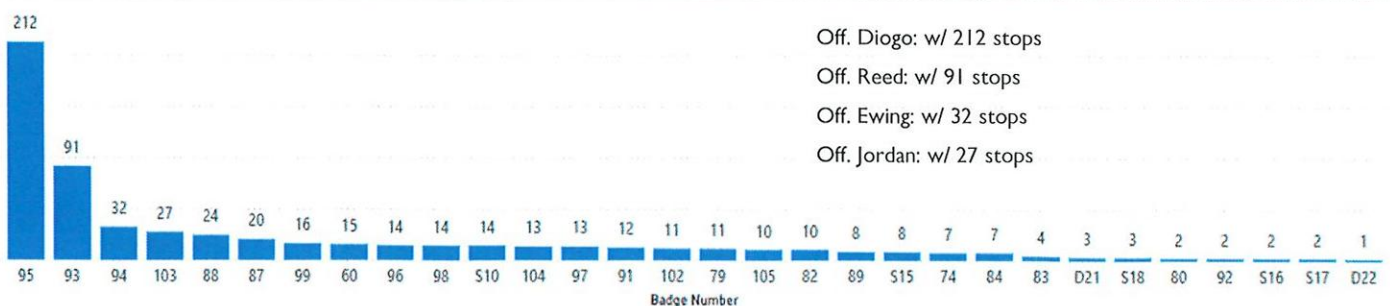
Welfare Check: Leads to Fight

On June 8, 2025 Off. Gorman and Off. Lane were dispatched to the lobby of the Waterford PD to investigate a possible missing person. The subject had left a bar in Mystic with an unknown male and her phone was now geo-locating to various addresses including a residence on Pine ST. Officers arrived on scene and located the vehicle that the missing subject was last known to be a passenger in. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle and the operator disobeyed their signal. The operator then pulled into a driveway and tried to flee into the residence on foot. Officers wrestled with the operator as he continued to disobey commands. Off. Gorman used his Phazzer and the subject was eventually taken into custody. The missing female was located safe in the residence.

Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2645
Case Numbers	152
Arrests	65
Juvenile Arrests	5
Larcenies	37
Arrest Warrants	8
Domestic Violence Investigations	15
Traffic Crash	55
DUI Investigations	5
EDPI/Welfare Check	49
School Checks	42
Motor Vehicle	608
Written Warnings	251
Infractions	224
Verbal Warnings	111
Misdemeanor	17
Other	4

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER





Domestic Violence Call: Leads to Arrest

On June 10th Off. Winakor and Off. Rodriguez responded to an address on Wiemes CT for a domestic violence complaint. It was determined that the suspected offender had tried to gain entry into the residence with a ladder through a window. The victim then confronted the suspect who ran into the house and attempted to inject himself with Fentanyl. The victim attempted to intervene and as a result was choked and assaulted. The suspect then fled the residence and was subsequently located by officers and taken into custody.

Attempted MV STOP: Arrest by Warrant

On May 8, 2025 Off. McComick attempted a traffic stop on a Toyota Camry traveling northbound on RTE 85 after he observed the vehicle strike the median. The vehicle immediately fled the area turning onto Dayton RD and then Kenyon RD. While on Kenyon the vehicle went off the roadway striking a garbage can, mailbox, as well as a Vinyl fence. The vehicle then evaded the scene of the motor vehicle accident. Utilizing the FLOCK cameras as well as various other investigative tools, Off. McComick was able to get an arrest warrant signed for the operator. On June 10, 2025 the operator was located and taken into custody for various charges.



Man Throws Wrench at Moving Car

Off. Suplita was dispatched to the Henny Penny (446 Boston Post RD) for a dispute which originated over a road rage incident. It was determined that one of the parties, who was standing at the gas pumps, threw a large metal wrench at a moving car on Boston Post RD. The suspect was identified and a warrant was sent to court for review. On 6/12/25 we received a FLOCK notification and shortly thereafter located the suspect in a vehicle. He was taken into custody for Criminal Mischief in the First Degree.



In the Community Interest





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Animal Control Report



June 2025

- ♦ The nicer weather has brought numerous calls for assistance with wild animal babies, including raccoons, possums, hawks, owls, turtles and skunks. The ACOs took in 3 baby skunks found on a porch with their deceased mother. The baby skunks were fed and cared for until turned over to a rehabilitator.
- ♦ On 6/9/2025 the ACO had to euthanize a large pit bull that was found roaming and never claimed. The dog was extremely aggressive towards people and other dogs and was not a candidate for adoption.
- ♦ The ACO's attended several public outreach and community events throughout the month, including Coffee with a Cop.



	Waterford	East Lyme
Calls for Service	122	36
After Hour Call Outs	5	0
Tickets Issued	1	1
Warnings Issued	0	0
Dog Bites	8	1
Animals Redeemed	3	6
Animals Adopted	7	0
Animals DOA	0	0
Euthanized	1	0
Total Processed	11	6
Money Taken In	\$280	\$40
Donations	\$15	\$10

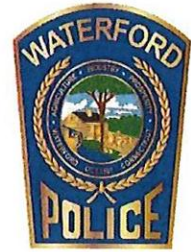
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THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Engagement Report

June 2025



K-9 Officer Hodges: Attended the Griswold High School Wellness Fair, New London Elk's Club Flag Day Celebration, Waterford Library's Summer Kickoff, Luke Roux Foundation Fundraiser, Waterford Library Touch A Truck, and Groton Police Touch A Truck. Organized multiple Police Facility Dogs to visit Fisher's Island School for a K-9 Demo. Helped promote Dog License Month for Waterford Town Clerk's Office. Visited Waterford IT Department and Make A Wish Connecticut. Assisted PA State Police and the Light the Way Organization in starting facility dog programs. Held Read to Hodges at the Waterford Library. Visited Black Hall Outfitters to interact with campers and veterans.

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



Rotary Club: Attended monthly meeting.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Attended Fifth Grade to Middle School Q&A Presentations, WHS Senior Picnic Day, Quaker Hill Field Day, CLMS End of Year Celebration, Oswegatchie Senior Walk, and all Waterford School Graduations. Organized Oswegatchie First Graders to visit the police department for a tour. Visited the Friendship School.

Interaction with Senior Services: Spoke about Fraud Prevention with Charter Oak Credit Union at a Lunch & Learn. Attended Senior Beach Day.

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

Interaction with Youth Services: Participated in the Youth Promise Jeopardy Championship and Quaker Hill School's Youth Promise Celebration. Attended Camp Dash Staff Orientation, the First Day of Camp Dash, and Camp Dash's Firetruck Day. Assisted Patrol by performing multiple school checks for Camp Dash.

Officer Wellness: Organized a basketball game between Waterford Police Officers and Waterford Country School staff/students. Organized a Wellness Day for Day Shift.

Coffee with a Cop: Organized an event where first responders and citizens had casual conversations at the WTFD Library. Starbucks donated coffee and Flanders Bake Shop donated donuts. Attended New London Police's Coffee with a Cop and The Black Dog Mystic Store's Coffee with Cops & K-9s.

Bingo Fundraiser: Organized a Bingo Fundraiser at Raymour & Flanigan to raise \$2,750 for Community Engagement Events, Officer Wellness Efforts and K-9 Maintenance.