



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Auditorium at Waterford Town Hall

6/9/2025 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting

Correspondence:

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's Report:

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

Old Business:

- a. Recording of Commission Meetings

New Business:

- a. Retail Theft Initiative Larceny Comparisons
- b. Executive Session for police officer candidate interviews and possible action



MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
May 12, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

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

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, Lieutenant D. Ferland, Lieutenant N. VanOverloop, Lieutenant P. Flanagan, Officer A. Reed

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC INPUT:

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinas and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to accept the April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. Commissioner Sheridan abstained. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic Report was received.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

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

- a. Recording Commission Meetings – There was a discussion of whether or not to schedule future BOPC meetings in the Town Hall auditorium. Changing the location to the auditorium would allow the meetings to be live-streamed and recorded once the cameras are live. The Commission agreed that future meetings will take place at the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion of out-of-series transfers – Chief Balestracci advised the BOPC of the budget transfers that were submitted to Finance. The Chief was granted out-of-series transfer authority at the March BOPC meeting.

b. Police Commission nominations for the term starting June 1, 2025 as follows:

M. Gelinas, Chairperson
T. Sheridan, Vice-Chairperson
C. Gamble, Secretary

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

Chief Balestracci requested that the Local Traffic Authority review and vote on the traffic study findings regarding the school building project located at 51 Daniels Avenue.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Sheridan and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to concur with the findings of the study. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Sheridan 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

Marc Balestracci

From: Jack Lowe <Jack.Lowe@fando.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 2:03 PM
To: Marc Balestracci
Cc: Gina Musinski; Mark Vertucci
Subject: Request - LTA Concurrence - 51 Daniels Avenue, Waterford, CT
Attachments: Traffic Information.pdf; 06 Overall Site Plan.pdf

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Good afternoon Mr. Balestracci,

The LEARN Regional Education Service Center proposes to demolish the existing 41,946 SF school located at 51 Daniels Avenue in Waterford, CT and replace it with a combined magnet elementary school and daycare and will require an Administrative Decision review by OSTA. The combined magnet elementary school and daycare will consist of 574 students, with 526 students expected to occupy the magnet elementary school and 48 students to occupy the daycare center. The proposed development will consist of 233 total parking spaces, with 7 of those being ADA compliant spaces. The site is located on the south side of Daniels Avenue and upon construction, full access to the site will be provided via a single two-way site driveway on Daniels Avenue.

The expected site generated traffic data was calculated using existing empirical data from the *ITE Trip Generation Manual, 11th Edition, 2021*. The ITE Manual indicates that for a charter elementary school comprised of 526 students, a total of 550 vehicle trips (286 entering, 264 exiting) are anticipated during the weekday morning peak hour and a total of 374 vehicle trips (183 entering, 191 exiting) are anticipated during the weekday afternoon peak hour. The daycare center comprised of 48 students will total 40 vehicle trips (21 entering, 19 exiting) during the weekday morning peak hour and 40 vehicle trips (19 entering, 21 exiting) during the weekday afternoon peak hour. Overall, the site will generate 590 total vehicle trips in the weekday morning peak hour (307 entering, 283 exiting) and 414 total vehicle trips in the weekday afternoon peak hour (202 entering, 212 exiting). Turning movement diagrams under the "Traffic Information" PDF have been attached to this email for reference.

As part of this review, OSTA requires confirmation from the Local Traffic Authority indicating concurrence with our assessment that the development will have no substantial impact on the state highway system. The closest state roadway is Route 156 (Rope Ferry Road) located approximately 0.4 miles south of the site. Please find attached overall site plan PDF for reference.

As a part of the OSTA Administrative Decision review, we are requesting your concurrence with our assessment that the proposed development will have no substantial impact on the state highway system. A response to this email indicating your concurrence will be sufficient.

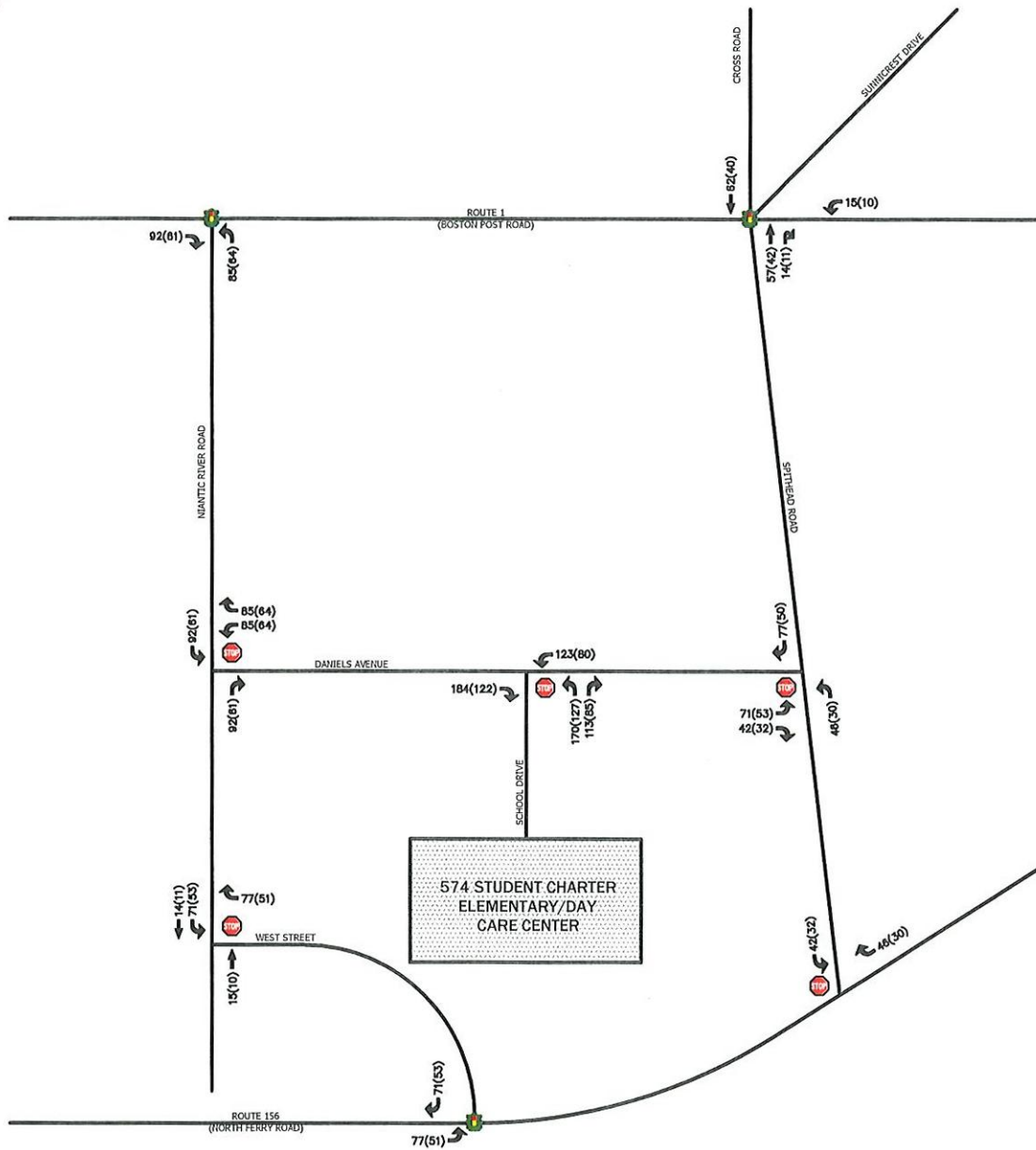
If you have any questions, please let me know!

Best,

Jack Lowe, EIT
Traffic Engineer

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LAYER STATE:



XX(XX) = WEEKDAY MORNING PEAK HOUR (WEEKDAY AFTERNOON PEAK HOUR)

SITE GENERATED TRAFFIC VOLUMES							
LAND USE CODE	QUANTITY	AM PEAK HOUR			PM PEAK HOUR		
		ENTER	EXIT	TOTAL	ENTER	EXIT	TOTAL
LUC 536 - CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	526 STUDENTS	265	264	550	183	191	374
LUC 565 - DAY CARE CENTER	48 STUDENTS	21	19	40	19	21	40
SUBTOTAL		307	283	590	202	212	414

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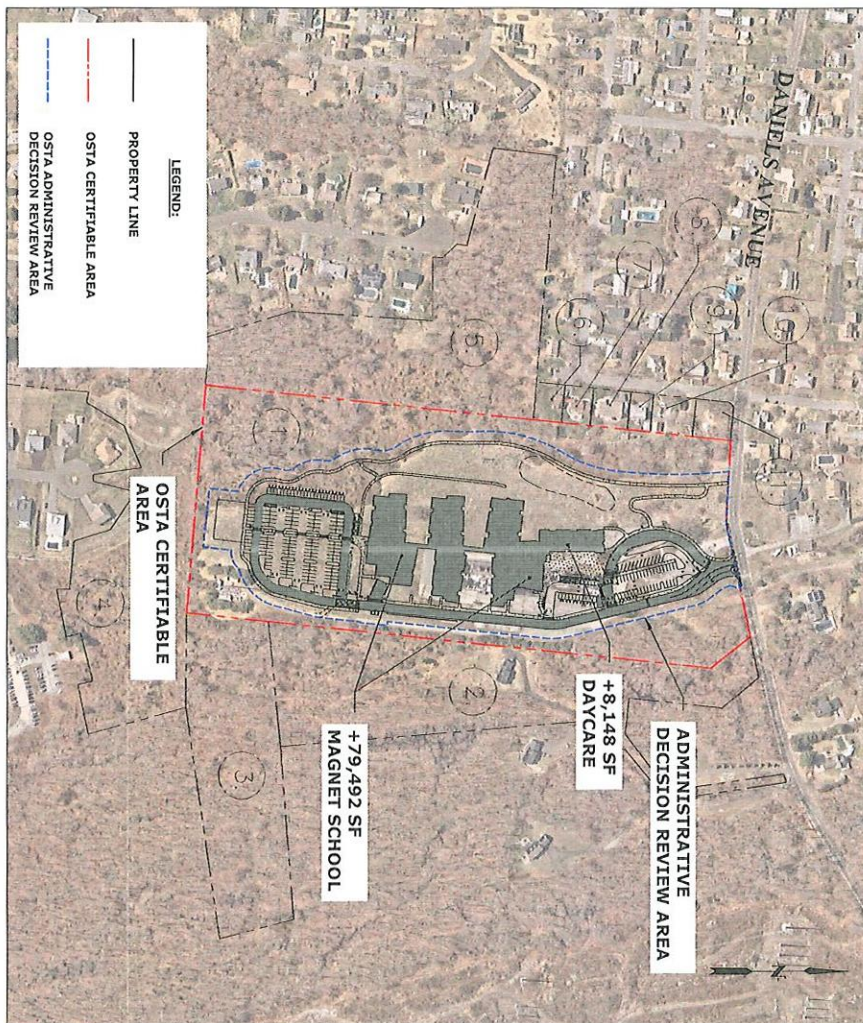
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FIG. 4



PROPERTY SUMMARY		
ID NO.	OWNER	OWNER ADDRESS
1	TOWN OF WATERFORD	15 NOVE EBER ROAD WATERFORD, CT 06035
ADJUTING PROPERTIES		
2	MAMU SPENCER & MONIK MELISSA	63 DANIELS AVENUE WATERFORD, CT 06035
3	OPEN SPACE	
4	OPEN SPACE & ADJACENT FARM HOLDINGS	12 SLO VIEW TERRACE WATERFORD, CT 06035
5	TOWN OF WATERFORD	15 NOVE EBER ROAD WATERFORD, CT 06035
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7	SARA MELISSA & JOHN LATHROP TODD R. & NICOLE	5 HIGH STREET WATERFORD, CT 06035
8		7 HIGH STREET WATERFORD, CT 06035
9	QUAD MAIR & PAULA A	9 HIGH STREET WATERFORD, CT 06035
10	SCANDURRA JAMES J	11 HIGH STREET WATERFORD, CT 06035
11	SCANDURRA JAMES J	11 HIGH STREET WATERFORD, CT 06035

BUILDING AND PARKING SUMMARY						
LAND USE	EXISTING DEVELOPMENT		PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION		ALLOWABLE DEVELOPMENT WITH ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION	
	PARKING SPACES	SQUARE FT.	PARKING SPACES	SQUARE FT.	PARKING SPACES	SQUARE FT.
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	122	43,946	122	43,946	-	-
CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	-	-	+233	+79,492	233	79,492
DAY CARE CENTER	-	-	-	+6,148	-	6,148
TOTAL	122	43,946	+111	+45,684	233	87,440





The Waterford Police Department

Traffic Officer Report

May 2025



LINE OF SIGHT ISSUES:

- Complaint of line of sight issue on Fog Plain Road just in from Route 1. Complainant feels trees on inside of curve make it difficult to pull into her driveway. Worked with DPW to remove some low lying vegetation to improve sight distance. Conducting speed study and working to improve sight distance.

DOT RELATED ISSUES.

- Encroachment permit is in the approval process and should get the go ahead shortly to place battery powered speed signs on the existing speed limit signs along Route 156 between Route 1 and North Road.
- Contacted DOT regarding issue with temporary lines painted on Route 85 from I-95 overpass to Crystal Mall. They responded and improved the temporary layout the next day.
- Complaint of no lines in areas of Route 85 in area where construction is occurring overnight. DOT is addressing

PARKING COMPLAINTS:

- Dealt with parking complaint on Great Neck Road near Harkness. Spoke with management at Harkness about notifying PD when they close the park's parking lot. One weekend cars were parked along both sides of Great Neck Road from Dimmock Rd. to West Neck Road, making it difficult for two vehicles to pass at same time.
- RV parking in precarious position on Cul de Sac on Spinaker. Owner removed the vehicle upon request
- Complaint of commercial vehicle parking on Quinley Ave. The Vehicle was parked in the street but has a gross vehicle weight below 10,000 lbs and is not subject to the prohibition against on street parking for commercial vehicles based on our ordinance. Zoning is working with different aspects of this complaint.

ENFORCEMENT RELATED COMPLAINTS:

- Working on speed complaint on Myrock Ave. Complaint workers in the area are speeding in the morning. Officer Monitored traffic and a speed feedback sign was placed on the roadway. Will follow up with speed data and further officer involvement.
- Complaint of speeding on Route 1, time spent in that area and area west of there in an attempt to slow traffic
- Complaint from Mary St. due to traffic increase during construction on Route 85. Only seemed to occur when they were working on the section of Route 85 near Jefferson Ave intersection.
- Complaint of speeding on Route 156. Traffic units conducted enforcement between Logger hill and Gardiners Wood Road on multiple occasions.



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Traffic Officer Report

May 2025



REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

- Request for hidden driveway ahead sign on Fog Plain Road approaching route 1. This has been lumped into the line of sight complaint and is currently being evaluated for best options moving forward.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

No upcoming events

UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH CLOSURE:

Route 85 construction from Cross Road to the New London town line has been ongoing during May and will continue into June.

Construction on Willets Ave started this month and will continue into June. The road is being widened and will have two lanes traveling in a westerly direction onto Route 1, and one eastbound lane, when completed.

EQUIPMENT:

A new RADAR was received during this month to replace a RADAR that no longer was functioning. An additional LIDAR (Laser) unit was also added to the department's inventory.

OTHER ASSIGNMENT:

- Officer Diogo and Devine conducted intoxilyzer training for annual recertification
- Officer Reed and Devine participated in marine patrol training
- Officer Reed and Devine spoke with Mr. Gambles class at the high school regarding traffic related police activities

USE OF HIGHWAY PERMITS:

Use of highway permits were reviewed and issued for the following events:

1. John and Jessie Kelley Half Marathon – August 2, 2025
2. Mike's Harley Davidson Dream Ride – August 23, 2025
3. Waterford Day Parade – August 9, 2025
4. Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation Walk – October 4, 2024

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: **401** Total Traffic Stops

Officer	Devine #88	Diogo #95	Reed #93	Total
Infractions	2	195	51	248
warnings	3	129	21	143
misdemeanor	0	7	3	10

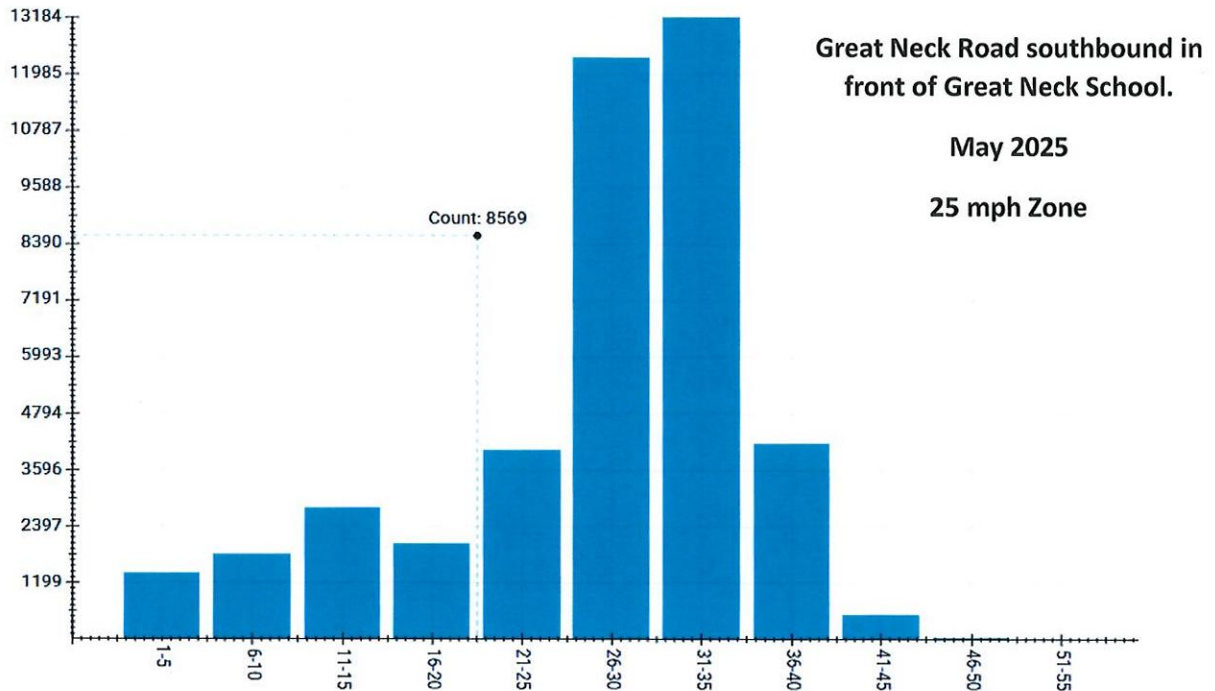
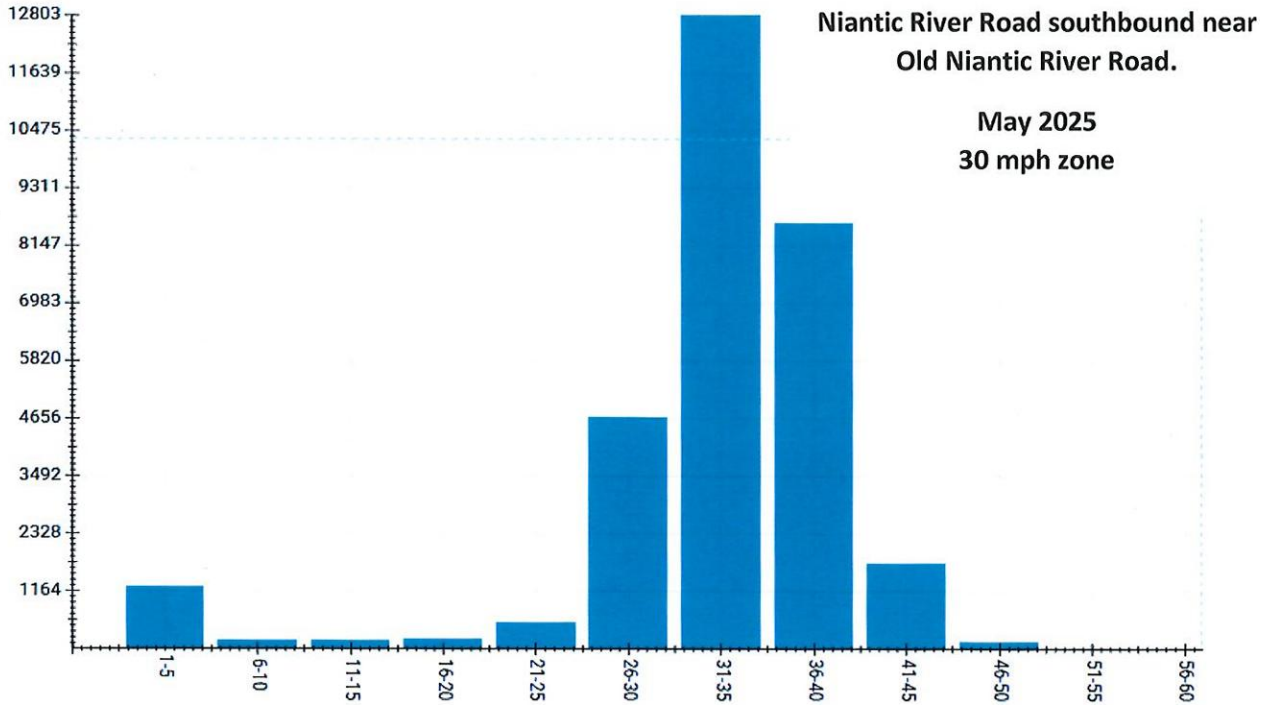


The Waterford Police Department Traffic Officer Report May 2025



SPEED TRAFFIC SIGN DEPLOYMENT:

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





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K-9 Activity Report

May 2025

K-9 Ozzy

Monthly Uses: 1

2025 Uses: 11

K-9 Tico

Monthly Uses: 3

2025 Uses: 13



K-9 Usage

Ozzy

- ♦ K9 Ozzy and Officer Genung assisted in a K9 decoy school that was conducted in Waterford with handlers from around the region (CPWDA sponsored).
- ♦ K9 Ozzy and Officer Genung conducted a demo for Mr. Gamble's Criminal Justice class.

Tico

- ♦ K9 Tico and Officer Surdo responded to the Stonington Police Department to assist with a motor vehicle stop. The Stonington Officer observed narcotic paraphernalia in plain view. K9 Tico was deployed for an open air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle. K9 Tico put his head through the open driver's window and showed alert behavior for the presence of narcotics. A hand search of the vehicle yielded "crack" cocaine and a glass smoking pipe.
- ♦ K9 Tico and Officer Surdo conducted a narcotics search as a demo for Mr. Gamble's Criminal Justice class.
- ♦ K9 Tico and Officer Surdo also assisted Officer Diogo in an open air sniff of a vehicle he had stopped.



Monthly Training

- ♦ Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 5/6/25 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work. Also between 5/15/25-5/17/25 in aggression training.



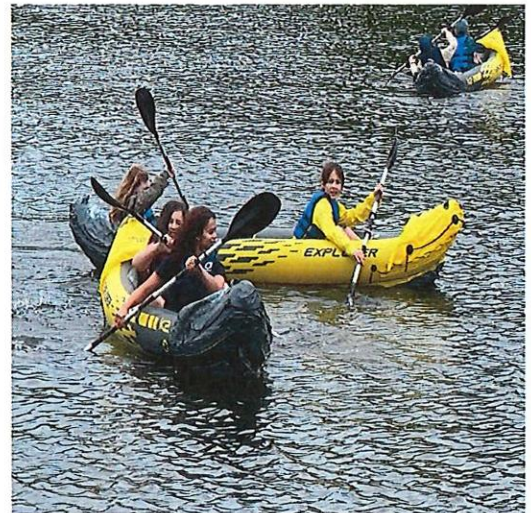
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Youth Office Activity Report



May 2025

- ♦ SRO Malbaurn conducted a DUI / MADD presentation for juniors and seniors at Waterford High School prior to prom activities.
- ♦ On 5/29/25 Off. Winters attended the marine science day at Waterford Beach. This event is attended by all three elementary schools.
- ♦ SRO Lane assisted patrol with a sextortion investigation involving a district student.
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn worked with patrol to have extra police presence at WHS prior to a meeting due to an ongoing issue with a student's parent.
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn worked with the board of education supervisor, Tom Thurlow, to get speed bumps re-installed at WHS to address any speeding issues which occur in the parking lot.
- ♦ On 5/22/25 Off. Winters accompanied the Youth Promise team to introduce the program to Old Saybrook Youth Services.
- ♦ On 5/31/25 Off. Malbaurn assisted patrol in locating a missing WHS student who did not return home after school on a Friday afternoon.
- ♦ On 5/14/25 Off. Lane attended the Waterford Town Hall basketball court dedication ceremony.



Month at a Glance

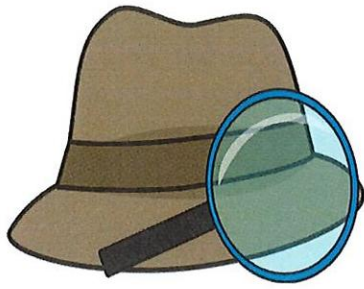
1 – Home Visits

3 - CAD Report

2- Case Reports

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.



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



May 2025

In the month of May 2025 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 19 investigations.

Current Active Investigations (17 Cases):

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

Homicide-1

Pistol Permits-5

Burglary-3

Sex Assault-4

Robbery-1

Skimmer-1

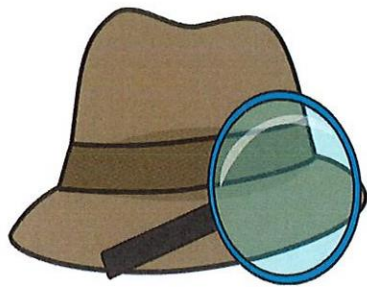
Overdose-1

ID Theft-1

Background-1

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Search Warrants	Background Checks	Arrests	Sex Assaults	
40	19	4	6	7	
Ex-Parte's	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery	
0	0	2	4	1	



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Investigative Services Division



May 2025

May 2025 Updates:

Investigative Services attended a two-day training entitled "Spotlight on Fraud" presented by the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigations. This training was hosted by Mohegan Sun focusing on the newest trends in fraudulent based investigations.

Lieutenant VanOverloop attended two pistol permit appeal reviews in Harford, CT. One subject was granted their pistol permit while the other denial remained.

Investigative Services hosted both CCSU Intern Garvin Lermayer as well as Waterford High School Intern Clara Mahoney. Intern Lermayer completed his internship in mid May.

Investigative Services assisted the Training Division in conducting physical agility testing for potential new hires.

Lieutenant VanOverloop, Sergeant Avdevich, Officer Barrows and Officer Maffeo conducted a complete audit of the Evidence and Impound Rooms. The primary focus is items of significant value as well as random case audits. This was completed as Officer Maffeo retires and Officer Barrows takes over as the Court and Evidence Officer.

Investigator Zaldivar attended the monthly Multi Disciplinary Team meeting held on Howard Street, New London CT. This team investigates sexual assaults that occur in the surrounding area.

Detective Carroll was assigned to instruct at the Firing Range for our annual firearms qualifications.

May 2025 Investigations:

Investigative Services continues to investigate a sexual assault complaint where computers were seized as evidence. The computers are being forensically analyzed for this agency by the Computer Center for Digital Investigations in Manchester, CT.

Detective O'Connell received records in regards to an ongoing robbery investigation. Those records were sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigations for Forensic analysis.

Detective Bonkowski was assigned a sexual assault complaint after the alleged victim went to Lawrence and Memorial Hospital for a check-up following the event.

This agency was notified of a CODIS hit (DNA notification) in regards to a burglary. Another agency in CT investigating a similar type burglary had a matching DNA notification. We have reached out to the other agency for further information.

Investigative Services served an arrest warrant on a registered sexual offender for "Failure to Notify of an Address Change" in a timely manner.

Investigator Zaldivar assisted Officer Abram with a Felony Lang Gang identification (financial theft group) in regards to a theft from CorePlus in the amount of \$2,500.

Sergeant Avdevich and Detective Bonkowski assisted patrol in a larceny and arrest from Wal-Mart. The detectives were able to locate and detain him until Patrol arrived.

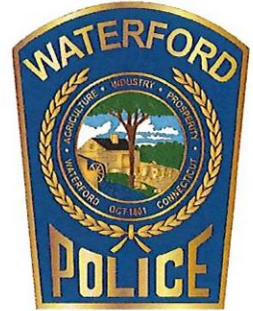
Investigative Services conducted two garbage pulls in regards to on-going drug investigations.

Detective Bonkowski and Officer Boxley worked together on an interview of a subject involved in an investigation of a gun located outside of a residence.



TRAINING REPORT

MAY 2025

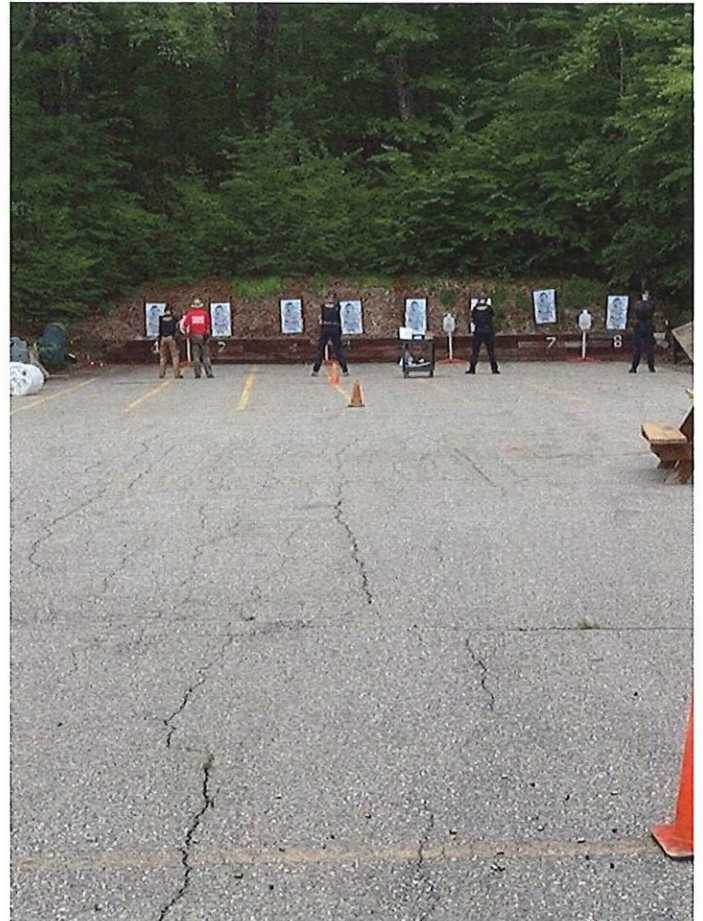


New Officer Updates

Hiring Process: The Waterford Police Department continues it's efforts in recruiting and hiring. Training is continuing with the new hiring process to fill two current vacancies, and two more upcoming vacancies.

Recruit Status: Recruit Maselli and Recruit Abram completed Phase 3 of their Field Training and are currently in Phase 4. During Phase 4, they are doing 100% of the work.

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

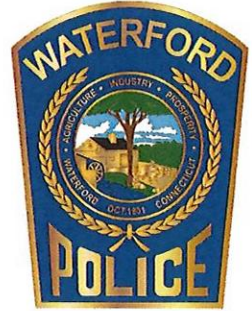


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TRAINING REPORT

MAY 2025



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

Sergeant Avdevich, Detective Carroll, Detective Bonkowski, Detective O'Connell, and Investigator Zaldivar attended a two-day Spotlight on Fraud Conference. This training was held at the Mohegan Sun Casino and is an in depth training on financial crimes. Some of the topics covered were dark web investigations, Facial recognition and AI, case studies of various fraud investigations, elder fraud, and retail fraud investigations to name a few.

Officer Kryzstofiak attended a week long recertification training hosted by the Law Enforcement Council. This is a requirement in order for officers to receive their police recertification every three years.

The firearms instructors conducted pistol qualifications with the entire department. This is a four hour training where various firearms drills are conducted so that officers can become more efficient in using their pistols. Officers then have to successfully complete a qualification course. Officers were also trained on how to use the less-lethal shotguns.

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.





Support Services Report

May 2025



Records Activity

FOI Requests	162	3%
Warrants	32	-27%
Phone Calls	188	9%
Walk in Assists	158	-2%
Background Checks	6	-25%
Protective Orders	29	26%
Officer Tasking Requests	79	-4%
Case Erasures	386	28%
DCF Requests	13	-7%
Court Requests	13	-7%
Abstracts	481	26%
Video Requests	36	89%
Reports Accepted	406	408%

- * The CSOs covered 63 shifts during the month, equating to 504 hours of shift coverage.
- * Records personnel completed a FOI request for a 2023 incident. While processing the request they observed that the subject had an outstanding warrant. The subject came to pick up his request and records personnel notified the Sergeant, facilitating the arrest.
- * There was a large increase of Reports Accepted, as there were some issues with the state regarding motor vehicle accidents, delaying a few months worth of reports.

CSO Activity

Adult Arrests	25
Juvenile Arrests	0
Firearms Transfers	32
Pistol Permits Issued	1
Walk In Complaints	34

Fingerprints

Pistol Permits	8
Employment	5
Miscellaneous	2
Peddler/Precious Permits	0
Warrant Follow Ups	244



Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report

May 2025



Larceny Call: Leads to Methamphetamine Arrest

On May 14, 2025 Off. Surdo and Off. Charron were dispatched to Wal-Mart (155 Waterford PKWY North) for a larceny in progress. After conducting surveillance on the male for some time, officers made contact with the suspect at the exit of the store. He was found to be in possession of numerous stolen items which were seized. The suspect was also in possession of several bags of a clear crystal like substance which later tested positive for Methamphetamine.

Pictured at right are the seized narcotics and drug paraphernalia.



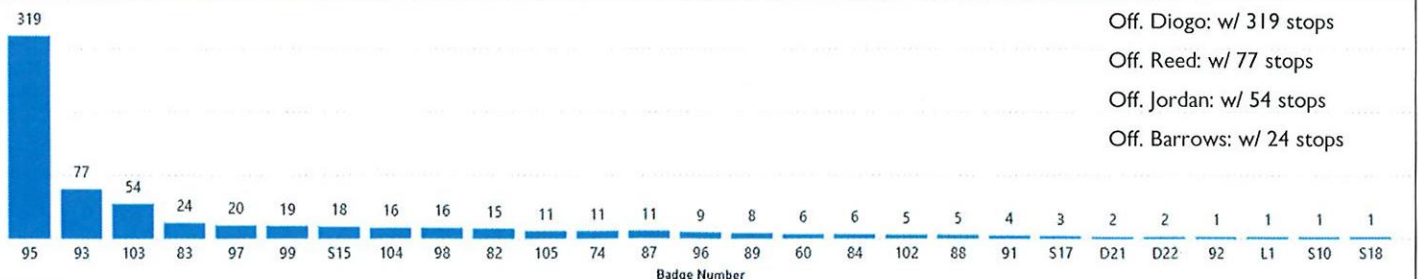
Road Rage: Leads to DUI Arrest

On May 3rd Off. Abram and Off. Donovan responded to a local commercial parking lot (RTE 156) for a reported road rage incident. Upon arrival, officers located one the involved parties in her vehicle. The female, who was very emotional, possessed beer bottles in plain sight and had the odor of alcoholic beverage emanating from her person. Based on his initial observations, Off. Abram had the operator exit the vehicle and conducted a series of standardized field sobriety tests. Ultimately the operator was taken into custody and charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol.

Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2719
Case Numbers	134
Arrests	61
Juvenile Arrests	0
Larcenies	30
Arrest Warrants	9
Domestic Violence Investigations	16
Traffic Crash	55
DUI Investigations	6
EDP/Welfare Check	47
School Checks	42
Motor Vehicle	665
Written Warnings	287
Infractions	279
Verbal Warnings	74
Misdemeanor	17
Other	8

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER



Off. Diogo: w/ 319 stops
Off. Reed: w/ 77 stops
Off. Jordan: w/ 54 stops
Off. Barrows: w/ 24 stops



Domestic Violence Call: Leads to Dual Arrest

On May 3rd at 0003 hours Sgt. Caler, Off. Jordan, Off. Suplita, and Off. Arpin responded to a disturbance on Oswegatchie RD. Upon arrival officers determined that a father and son, both of whom were intoxicated, had engaged in mutual combat in which both parties threw numerous punches. After obtaining witness statements and providing medical care, both parties were taken into custody and charged with Disorderly Conduct (CGS 53a-182) and Assault in the Third Degree (CGS 53a-61).

Larceny Call: K9 Track Helps Locate Wanted Person

On May 21, 2025 Day Shift officers were sent to Home Depot for a larceny call. It was reported that the offender stole a Milwaukee cordless drill and then fled into the woods towards I-95. A larger perimeter was set up by responding officers and a K9 was called on the hotline for mutual aid. An East Lyme PD K9 team responded and a track commenced. After approximately 45 minutes the suspect was located bedded down inside of a fenced in drainage area. The suspect was arrested for Larceny Charges (*several stolen items seen to the right were recovered*) and also found to hold two active warrants (one of which was for a sexual assault in Norwich, CT).



FLOCK Alert: Leads to Three Arrests

On May 13th at 1412 hours patrol received a FLOCK hit for a person wanted by our agency for Domestic Violence charges. Sgt. Epps and Off. Barrows located the vehicle at the Pleasure Beach Boat Launch. The operator was taken into custody for Disorderly Conduct and Assault Third Degree. The two passengers were found to be in possession of Crack Cocaine and Drug Paraphernalia. They were both taken into custody and later released on non-surety bonds.



In the Community Interest





THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Animal Control Report



May 2025

- ♦ Animal Control currently has 4 litters of kittens that are in the process of being adopted. Cats are not a typical animal that the ACOs take in, but some of these litters are being found without an owner. Many are unable to care for themselves and need bottle feeding. The ACOs take these kittens home to feed them every few hours.
- ♦ On 5/25/2025 ACOs responded to a report of an injured juvenile bald eagle. The eagle was believed to be under the age of 2 since it had not developed its distinctive coloring.
- ♦ The ACO's attended several public outreach and community events throughout the month.



	Waterford	East Lyme
Calls for Service	78	60
After Hour Call Outs	4	4
Tickets Issued	0	0
Warnings Issued	1	1
Dog Bites	4	1
Animals Redeemed	9	5
Animals Adopted	0	4
Animals DOA	1	1
Euthanized	0	0
Total Processed	10	10
Money Taken In	\$100	\$70
Donations	\$25	\$5

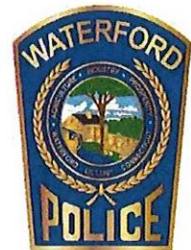
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THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Engagement Report

May 2025



Internships: Intern Gavin Lermayer had exit interviews with Chief Balestracci and Officer Fredricks. Intern Clara Mahoney shadowed Training Officer Sylvestre, Traffic Officer Diogo, and Day Shift Patrol. Intern Mahoney gave a presentation about what she learned during her internship. She had exit interviews with Chief Balestracci and Officer Fredricks. Both interns attended the Citizen's Academy.

Officer Wellness: Participated in the Waterford Wellness Fair. Brought Hodges to Waterford and New London Retirement/Swearing In Ceremonies. Visited the New London, Groton Town, and Colchester Police Departments.

Interaction with Youth Services: Spoke about Social Media/Online Gaming Safety at Old Saybrook Middle School.



Citizen's Academy: 20 participants attended classes about the Traffic Unit, Drone Unit, and Chaplain Program. They went to the Waterford Police Firearm Range to learn about firearm safety and were taught how to use our firearms. They acted in mock scenarios (Use of Force Decision Making, Dispatch Calls, Investigations, Arrest Procedures, and Traffic Stops) on Skills Day. They had their graduation and a comfort dog demo.

K-9 Officer Hodges: Visited the Groton Library, Oxford Academy, Ross Adult Day Center, Connecticut College, Groton National Guard Base, and New London Superior Court. While on paternity leave, Facility Dog Handlers from Colchester, Groton Town and New London brought Hodges to work to keep up his training. Attended the New London Elks Lodge's Bike Helmet Rodeo, the Deep River Fire Department Touch A Truck, Griswold High School Wellness Fair, and Groton School DARE Class. Visited multiple schools in Colchester, Groton, and New London. Visited Fisher's Island School with multiple comfort dogs to present about the program. Interacted with attendees at Groton Town Active Shooter Training. Visited Lawrence and Memorial Hospital for National Nurses Week.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Visited Waterford High School Unified Students. Spoke about traffic stop safety at Rae's Driving School. Attended the Clark Lane Middle School Walk A Thon, the Quaker Hill School Raptor Run, Great Neck School Donut Day, Eighth Grade High School Orientation, Quaker Hill School Beach Day, Great Neck School Field Day.

Rotary Club: Attended the Rotary Day of Giving Blood Drive.

Special Olympics Efforts: Organizing for the Adopt A Mile Program and Torch Run.

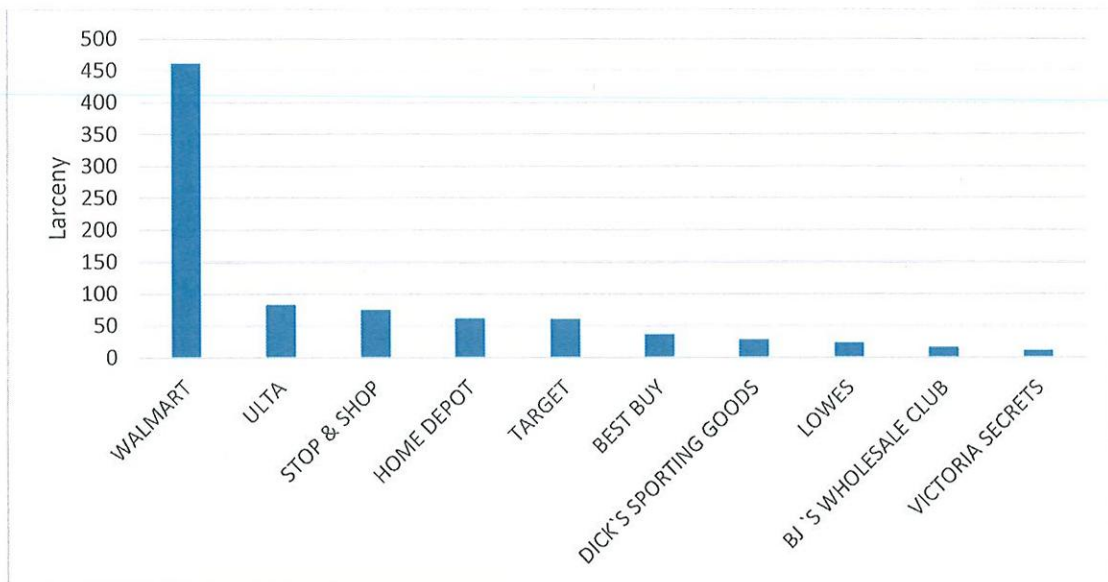
Domestic Violence Follow-ups: Conducted 3 follow-ups with DV victims.

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Larceny Comparisons

All stores:

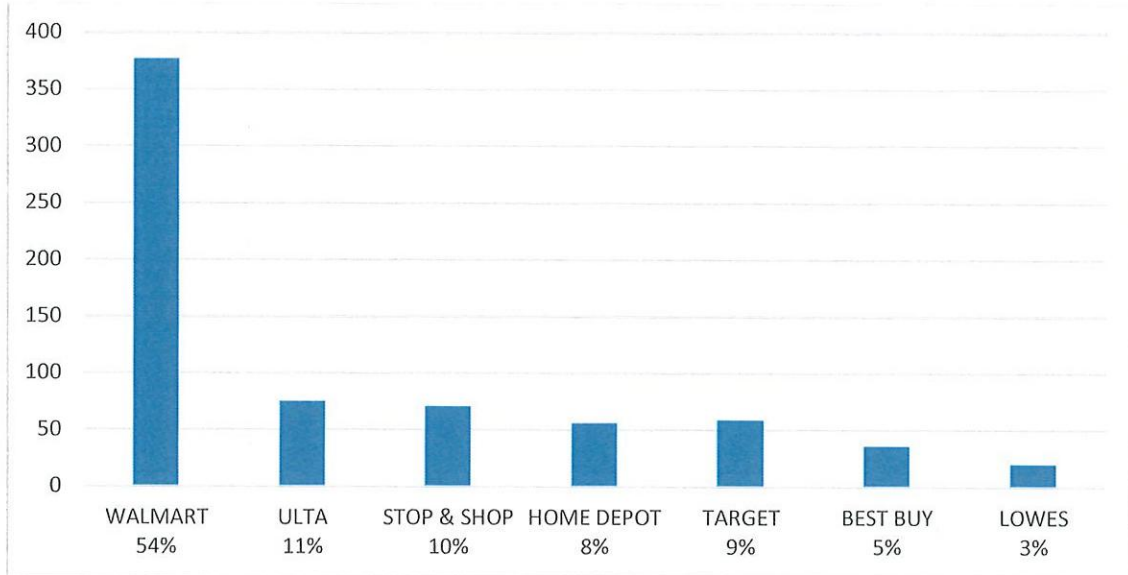
- 1,094 larcenies occurred in Waterford from 01/01/2023 to 04/30/2025.
- The number of larcenies raised from 440 in 2023 to 528 in 2024. This was a 20% increase.
- 126 larcenies occurred during the first four months of 2025, which was 28% less than during the same period in 2024 (175). This four month period saw the Retail Theft Initiative take shape.
- Top 10 stores by number of larcenies from 01/01/2023 to 04/30/2025.



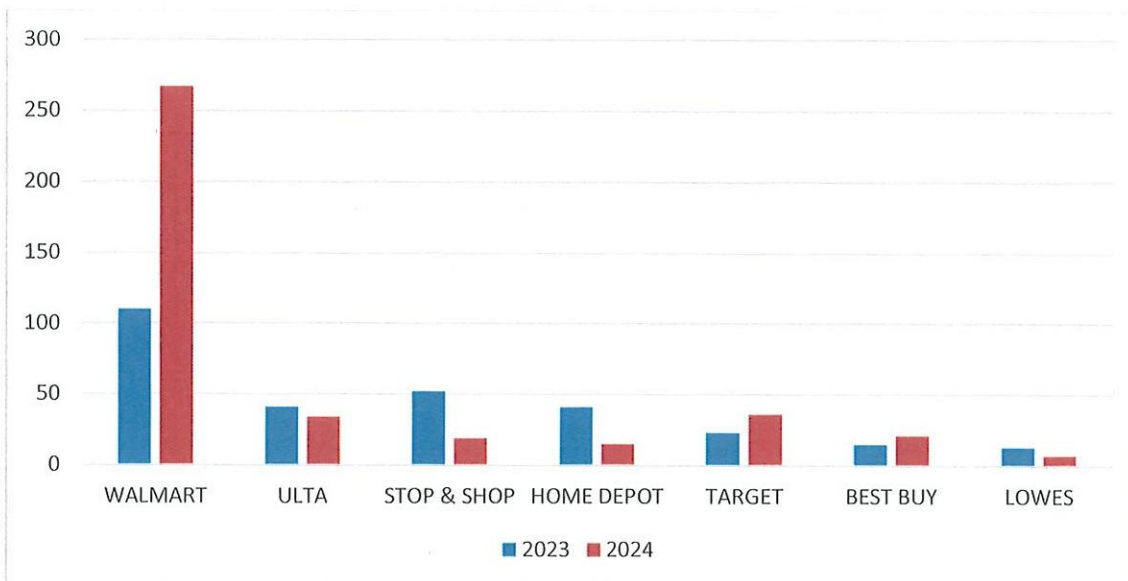
- These 10 stores represent 78% of all larcenies.
- Walmart represents 42% of all larcenies.

Retail Theft Initiative stores:

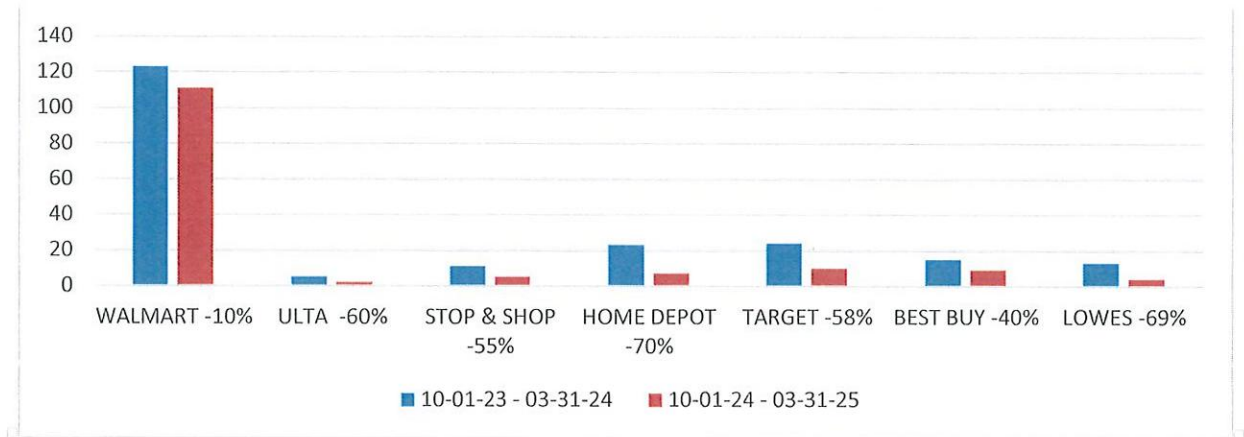
- For the period of 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2024, the selected stores (Retail Theft Initiative stores) experienced 694 larcenies, which represent 63.4% of all larcenies.
- More than half of the larcenies occurred at Walmart.



- The number of larcenies increased from 295 in 2023 to 399 in 2024. This is a variation of + 35%.



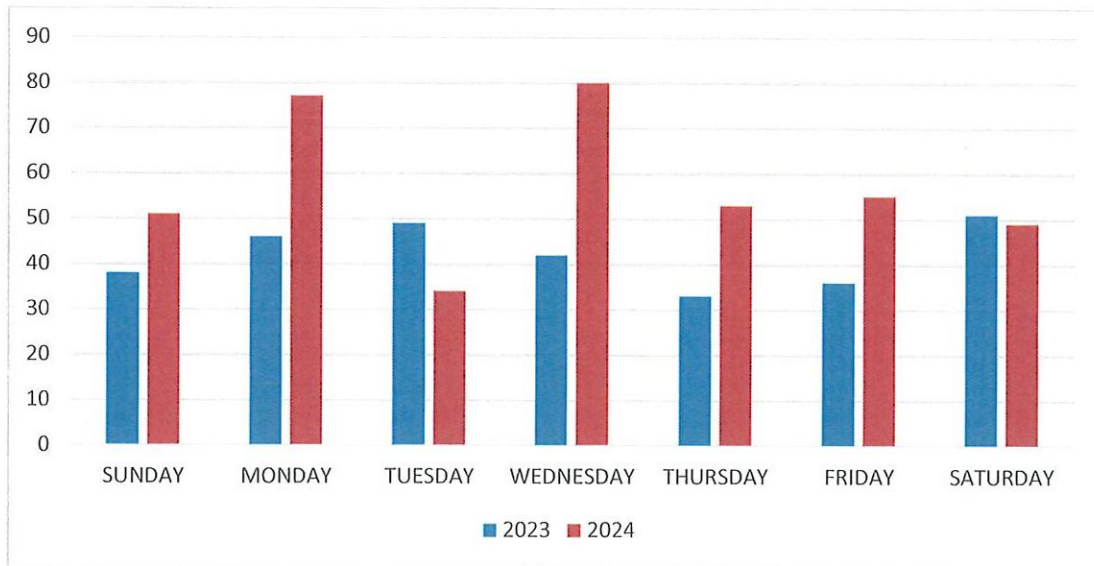
- Most Retail Theft Initiative stores experienced substantial variations from 2023 to 2024. While some stores saw a large increase of larcenies (Walmart +148%), while others experienced a significant reduction (Stop & Shop -64%).
- The number of larcenies for the first four months of 2025 is down 16% compared to the same period in 2024.
- A six months comparison between the periods of 10/01/23 to 03/31/24 and 10/01/24 to 03/31/25 reveals a larceny reduction of 31%. All Retail Theft Initiative stores experienced a decrease.



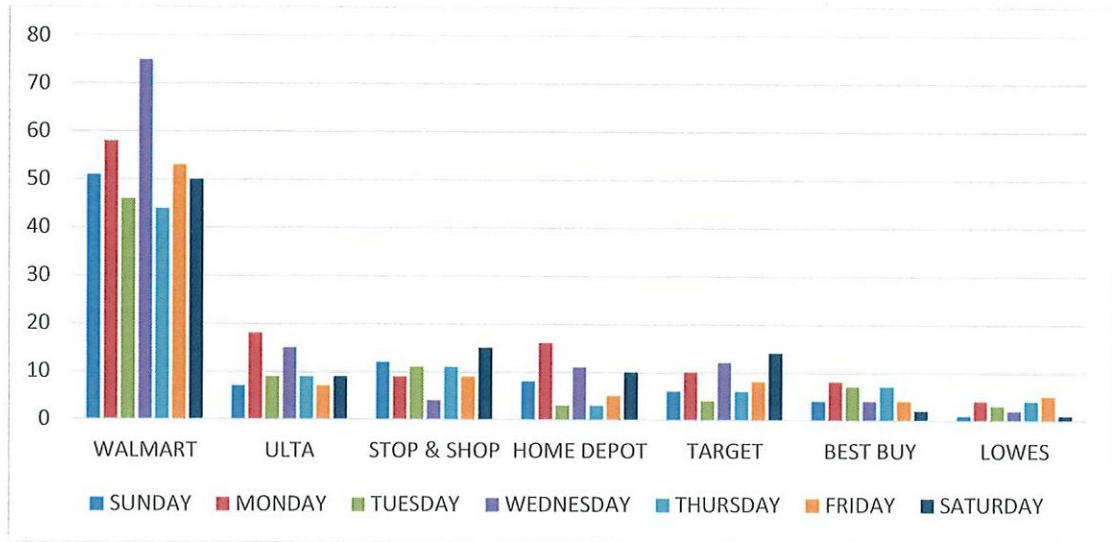
- Larceny at Retail Theft Initiative member stores, which benefited from 2 week periods of “Focused Presence” (increased business checks, decoy cars, undercover patrols, routine check-ins with Loss prevention) in 2025 versus same period in 2024:

	<i>Increased Police Presence periods</i>	<i>Larceny</i>	<i>Larceny Same periods prior year</i>
TARGET	2/24/25 - 3/10/25	0	1
LOWES	3/10/25 - 3/24/25	1	1
STOP & SHOP	3/24/25 - 4/7/25	0	2
ULTA	4/7/25 - 4/21/25	0	2
Total		1	6

- Larceny per days of the week:

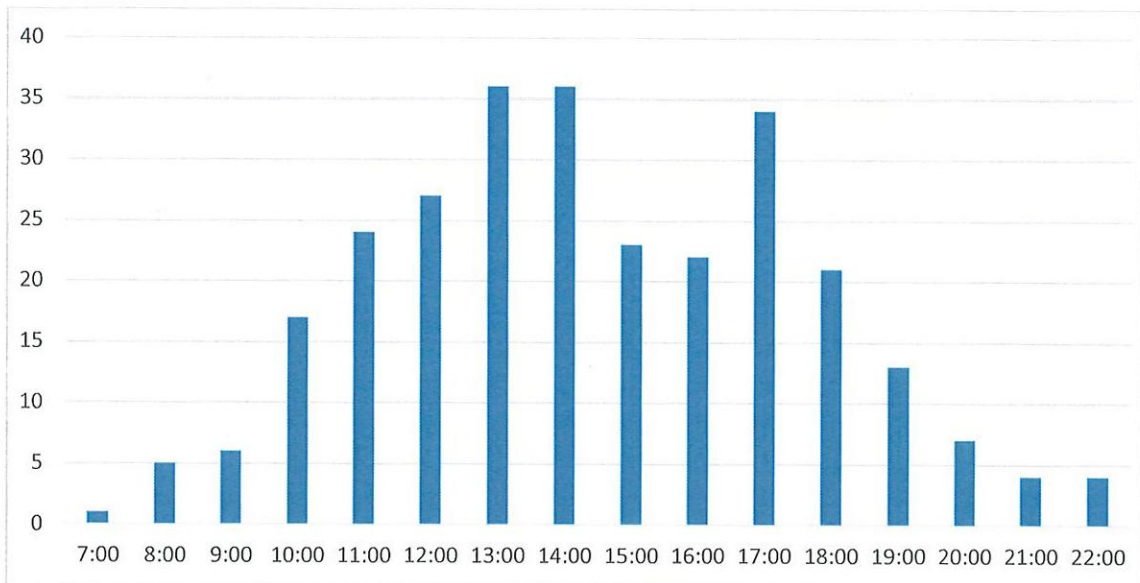


- The Retail Theft Initiative stores experienced the highest number of larcenies on Monday's and Wednesday's.
- The number of larcenies during these 2 days increased drastically in 2024: +67% and +100%.
- Larceny per day at each Retail Theft Initiative store:



- **Larceny per hours:**

The comparison is based on the 273 larcenies including a time from January 1st 2024 to December 31th 2024.



- **The most larcenies per hour occurred between 1200-1700 hours.**

- **Larceny per hour at each Retail Theft Initiative stores:**

