



**Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda**

**Training Room at the Waterford Police Department**

**9/11/2023 5:00 pm**

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: August 14, 2023 Regular Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Thank you letter from Way Hedding, Director of the Kelley Half Marathon
- b. Letter notifying Sgt Richard Avdevich he has been selected to receive a United States Attorney's Award for his work on a case
- c. Email from LT Flanagan recognizing the work of Officer McComic and Inspector Zaldivar

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's Report:

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

Executive Session for personnel discussion/police officer candidate interviews and possible action

Old Business:

- a. Police Chief Selection Process

New Business:

- a. Recording of Commission Meetings



**MINUTES  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

August 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner C. Gamble, Commissioner R. Brule, Commissioner M. Gelinas, Commissioner Dimmock

**ABSENT:** Commissioner T. Sheridan

**DEPARTMENT:** Chief M. Balestracci, LT VanOverloop, LT Ferland, Traffic Officer J. Nickerson

**LEGAL COUNCIL:** Attorney R. Avena, Labor Attorney K. Kelly

HR Director Christine Walters was also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:**

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to accept the minutes from the July 17, 2023 Regular Meeting. Motion passed.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence regarding traffic backup on Cross Road was reviewed. Traffic Officer Nickerson has contacted the State about possibly changing the timing of the traffic signal to allow better traffic flow from Cross Road. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Brule asked about possibly changing it only during heavy traffic times. T.O. Nickerson said that the State has the ability to do that and that he has asked the State to look at the entire intersection. Commissioner Gelinas requested that this item stay on the agenda for the next meeting.

Daversa Recognition – Chief Balestracci recognized Paul Daversa to thank him for the positive impact he and his business, Daversa Partners, has had on our community. Mr. Daversa said it's a joy to contribute to the Police Department and he plans to challenge the Police Department to a Pickleball game.

Chief Balestracci requested that the Police Chief Selection Process under Old Business be moved up in the Agenda.

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Brule and Seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to move discussion of Chief of Police Selection Process up from Old Business in the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dimmock cited ordinances to prove that the Chief is required to report only to the BOPC. He expressed concerns regarding the changes made by the PRB requiring the Chief to report to the First Selectman as well as the BOPC, which includes the First Selectman. Commissioner Dimmock said that creates a conflict by giving the First Selectman double power. Discussion ensued. Attorney Avena said the Town Charter, Ordinances and State Statutes all have to be satisfied and he wants to review all concerns at once so that everyone is on the same page.

### **TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:**

T.O. Nickerson gave a brief overview of things he's been working on including the Waterford Day parade and stop signs. The Chief and First Selectman Brule acknowledged T.O. Nickerson's exceptional work preparing for the parade. T.O. Nickerson reported that the new stop signs to be installed at Vauxhall Street & Douglas Lane will be in place and operational on Monday, August 21, 2023.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

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

- a. Police Chief Selection Process – Discussed before Traffic Commission Review.
- b. Four way stop at Douglas and Vauxhall – Previously discussed during the Traffic Commission Review. Chief told the Commission that he met with an RTM member regarding all the work that went into the decision. He said it was a very positive meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. ATV/Dirt Bike Ordinance – General discussion of New London's ordinance. Chief suggested drafting an ordinance specific to Waterford. Commissioner Brule asked if COG should be included since this is a growing problem in surrounding towns. BOPC voted to support a letter to the RTM to place item in committee.

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Dimmock and Seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to send letter to RTM for review. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dimmock requested that a discussion of recording Commission Meetings be on the next BOPC agenda.

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 5:45p.m. Chief Balestracci was included in the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:21p.m. no votes or actions were taken while in Executive Session.

**MOTION:** Made by Commissioner Gelinas and Seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane Driscoll". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diane Driscoll  
Recording Secretary

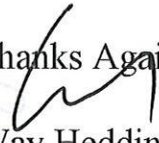
# OCEAN BEACH PARK

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Waterford Police Department  
41 Avery Lane  
Waterford, Ct. 06385  
Attn; Traffic Control Officer, Jake Nickerson,

Dear Race Friends, Traffic Control Officer,

The 61st Annual Ocean Beach / John & Jessie Kelley Half Marathon was held on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The success of the race was due in part to great sponsors like you. This year's race drew a record field (over 1,000 runners). The safety of the runners on the course is always the primary concern. The Race Committee would like to thank you, the Waterford Police Department, and the Town of Waterford for all your contributions to the race. You and your excellent staff are always there to make sure everything goes smoothly. This is a great event, and we hope to have your support again next year. Without contributions like yours this FREE race would not have existed for the past 61 years.

Thanks Again,  
  
Way Hedding  
Race Director

I recently received a letter from the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center thanking the runners, race volunteers, sponsors, and the community.

"Our Food Center is truly blessed to receive this tremendous amount of food". Six very full pallet boxes of food were collected providing 3,069 nutritious meals for those in need! Gemma and the Staff at United Way really appreciate this most generous donation!

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August 9, 2023

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Richard Avdevich  
Sergeant  
Waterford Police Department

Re: U.S. v. Kareem Swinton, et al

Dear Sergeant Avdevich:

We are pleased to inform you that you have been selected as a recipient of a United States Attorney's Award in recognition of your superior efforts in the investigation and prosecution of U.S. v. Kareem Swinton, et al. The 2023 awards will be presented during a ceremony at the Aldermanic Chambers, New Haven City Hall, located at 165 Church Street in New Haven, at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2023. In order to ensure that the awards ceremony begins promptly, I ask that you arrive by **no later than 1:30 p.m.**

We hope that you and your supervisor will be able to attend the ceremony. Kindly respond to Sonda Thomas, Executive Assistant, at [Sonda.Thomas@usdoj.gov](mailto:Sonda.Thomas@usdoj.gov) by September 1, 2023 to let us know if you will be able to attend.

Congratulations, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Very truly yours,

VANESSA ROBERTS AVERY  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

cc: Chief Balestracci

## Diane Driscoll

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**From:** Marc Balestracci  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2023 3:13 PM  
**To:** Patrick Flanagan  
**Cc:** Patrick Epps; Kyle McComic; Michael Fedor; Taylor Zaldivar; Nicole VanOverloop; Richard Avdevich; Diane Driscoll  
**Subject:** RE: 2023-01493

Although I am not surprised by the excellent work and cooperation, I appreciate you sending this email recognizing everyone involved. Keep up the great work everyone, your efforts are appreciated and have an incredibly positive impact on our community. This will be forwarded to the BOPC meeting for their review as well.

Thank you,

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



**From:** Patrick Flanagan <pflanagan@waterfordct.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2023 2:58 PM  
**To:** Marc Balestracci <mbalestracci@waterfordct.org>  
**Cc:** Patrick Epps <pepps@waterfordct.org>; Kyle McComic <kmccomic@waterfordct.org>; Michael Fedor <mfedor@waterfordct.org>; Taylor Zaldivar <tzaldivar@waterfordct.org>; Nicole VanOverloop <nvanoverloop@waterfordct.org>; Richard Avdevich <ravdevich@waterfordct.org>  
**Subject:** 2023-01493

Chief Balestracci,

On 8/31/23 at 0208 hours the midnight shift responded to Pine ST for a suicidal male that possessed firearms and allegedly had a gun pointed at his head. The male did not follow initial verbal commands and was detained. Officers on scene then seized 4 firearms and numerous rounds of ammunition.

Officer McComic worked with the back room (Investigator Zaldivar) to quickly and efficiently get a Risk Warrant as well as a Risk Protection Order signed by the court. This new process is a bit confusing and tedious at times. This was an excellent example of the seamless cooperation between the patrol division and investigative services.

Nice work all!

Lt. Patrick Flanagan  
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# ***WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC REPORT***

• August 2023 •

## **Traffic Complaints:**

The Traffic Officer (TO) received complaints involving Route 32 and Oil Mill Road.

## **Trailer Display Signs**

The display signs were used to make drivers aware of the parade detour and the new Stop Signs installed on Vauxhall Street.

## **Parade**

T.O. helped organize and command the annual parade. The event comprised of 3 outside police agencies, 19 Waterford officers including traffic, parade and security details and 12 Fire Police Officers helping with traffic. All of those involved helped secure the parade route and provided a high level of safety for the participants.

## **Construction Reviews**

An Office of the State Traffic Administration meeting took place regarding the proposed rework of the Route 1/Willetts Ave intersection. The state required more information from the engineers but the project appears that it will be subsequently approved. The T.O. will bring the updated plans for the Commission to review when received.

## **Upcoming Events**

August 5<sup>th</sup> John Kelly Road race- Race was held with no issues involving traffic.

August 12<sup>th</sup> Waterford Parade- Parade was held with no significant issues.

August 27<sup>th</sup>- Motorcycle Dream Ride- Event was canceled by event coordinator.

October 1<sup>st</sup>- ARC Road Race- Pleasure beach area and Great Neck Road- no significant traffic impact.

October 7<sup>th</sup>- Terri Brodeur Marathon- Uses Rope Ferry Road to Gardiners Wood Road to Pleasure beach. No significant traffic issues

October 15<sup>th</sup>- Addy's Run- 5k within Pleasure Beach- No traffic issues

## **Vauxhall/ Douglas**

Stop Signs, including the new Solar LED Flashing stop sign were installed, stop bars painted and all other signage was updated. Intersection is functioning well as a Four Way stop with little to no impact on travel time or traffic queuing.

## **Training**

T.O. participated in a Millstone safety drill as the incident's traffic officer. T.O. also instructed in annual rifle qualifications and less lethal shotgun training.



## THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



# K-9 Activity Report

August 2023

### K-9 Ozzy

Monthly Uses: 2

2023 Uses: 44

### K-9 Tico

In Training



## K-9 Usage

### Ozzy

- ♦ Groton City PD requested a K-9 to the scene of a MV stop for a narcotics search of a vehicle. K-9 Ozzy was deployed and alerted on the exterior of the car. Based on the occupant's history of selling fentanyl, K-9 Ozzy was not deployed for an interior search. A subsequent hand search of the interior of the vehicle yielded a small, off-white color rock-like substance and an open folding knife with a white powdery substance on the blade. Both the rock and powder on the blade were tested and both tests showed a positive result for the presence of cocaine.
- ♦ K-9 OFF Genung is Officer Reed's Phase Two Field Training officer. Pictured to the right are OFF Reed, K-9 OFF Genung, and K-9 Ozzy out on patrol during a recent evening shift.

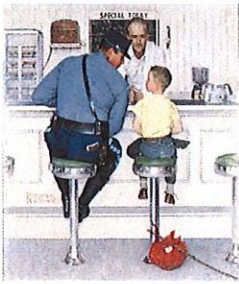
### Tico

- ♦ Officer Surdo and K-9 Tico are finishing up their eighth week of formal training. The new dual purpose K-9 team should be ready to hit the road and begin working patrol in mid September.



## Monthly Training

- ♦ Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 8/1, 8/15, and 8/29 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work.



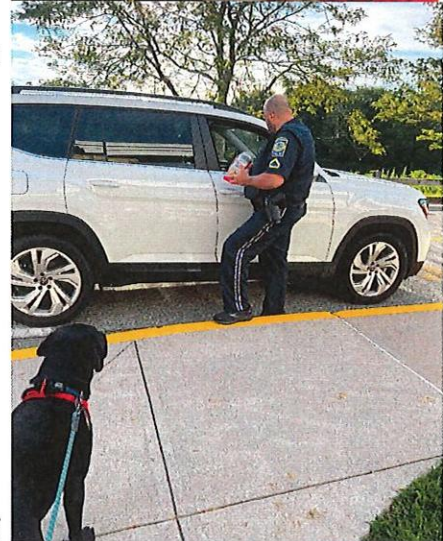
## THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Youth Office Activity Report



August 2023

- ♦ SRO Malbaurn and SRO Lane attended the Freshman Orientation at Waterford High School on 8/23/23.
- ♦ SROs attended the WPD meeting with Lt. Flanagan and Waterford's Educational Administrative team. School safety plans, shelter in place drills, the juvenile review board, and SRO/Student relationships were discussed.
- ♦ SROs attended various "back to school" events to include: the ice cream social at the Waterford Public Library and the district wide convocation.
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn, Traffic Off. Nickerson, and Lt. Flanagan met with LEARN staff to remedy traffic issues.
- ♦ SROs Lane and Malbaurn, assisted by the patrol division, ensured that each school in the district had additional police coverage for drop-off times and pick-up times on the first two days of school.
- ♦ SROs attended "admin" meetings at Oswegatchie School, Great Neck School, QH School, WHS/CLMS.
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn reviewed several juvenile arrests and made referrals to local juvenile review boards.
- ♦ SRO Lane worked through the month of August training OFF Surdo and K-9 Tico in preparation for their start on patrol.



### Month at a Glance

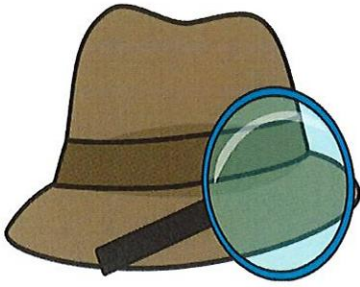
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5 – CAD Report

0 – Case Reports

0 – Arrests

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



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# Investigative Services Division



August 2023

In the month of August 2023 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 25 active investigations.

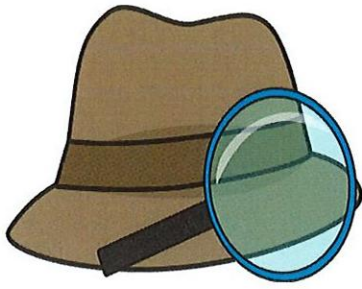
## Current Active Investigations (18 Cases):

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

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Homicide—1           | Pistol Permits—7 |
| Burglary—4           | Narcotics—1      |
| JV Sex Assault—1     | Monogram Scam—1  |
| Untimely—2           | Raffle Permit—1  |
| Juvenile Complaint—1 | ID Theft—1       |

## Year to Date Statistical Report

| Case Numbers | Search Warrants | Background Checks | Arrests           | Sex Assaults |  |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--|
| 76           | 24              | 7                 | 19                | 11           |  |
| Ex-Parte's   | Auto Theft      | Burglary          | Unattended Deaths | Robbery      |  |
| 0            | 2               | 7                 | 4                 | 1            |  |
|              |                 |                   |                   |              |  |



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Investigative Services Division



August 2023

## August 2023 Updates:

Detective Sergeant Michael Fedor and Sergeant Rich Avdevich began working together to prepare for the transition of Sergeant Avdevich to Investigative Services when Sergeant Fedor's assignment as Detective Sergeant ends in September 2023. Sergeant Avdevich will take his place as the new Detective Sergeant.

Detective Sergeant Fedor prepared and conducted a bomb threat presentation for Town of Waterford School employees. The presentation gave tips and helpful information about what to do in the chance that a bomb threat is called into one of the schools.

## August 2023 Investigations:

Detective Bonkowski followed up on a concern that the Little League South Baseball Field was not being used as designed in regards to AAU teams having use of the field. It was determined that the Little League South Baseball Council was not concerned and was working out an agreement for use of the fields.

Investigative Services was able to give the East Lyme Police Department a lead in an investigation they have regarding an untimely death involving a drug overdose.

Investigator Carroll is in the process of investigating two burglaries with the assistance of Officer Devine in the Great Neck RD area. These burglaries are isolated and are attached to the use of an online dating site.

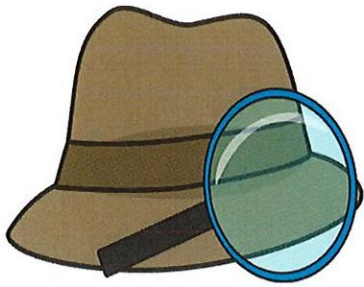
Detective Carroll was also able to close a months long Juvenile Sexual Assault investigation with an arrest..

On August 9, 2023 Investigator Zaldivar assisted the Hopkinton Rhode Island Police Department in identifying a photograph of a suspect they had involved in Home Depot larcenies in Rhode Island.

Detective O'Connell investigated the report of a juvenile sexual assault with the assistance of the Department of Children and Families. The investigation is ongoing.

## Task Force Report:

In the month of August, the VCTF executed two search warrants resulting in the recovery of one handgun and narcotics in Norwich. The task force recovered two stolen vehicles taken from surrounding areas. VCTF had approximately twenty other narcotics and warrant-related arrests .



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# Investigative Services Division



August 2023

## August Neighborhood Watch Meeting:

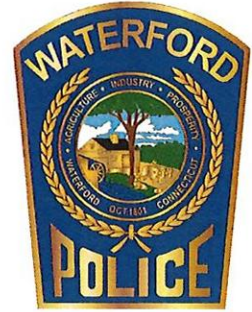
The monthly Neighborhood Watch Meeting was held on Friday August 4, 2023 in the Waterford Police Department Training Room. The following neighborhoods were present: Pleasure Beach, Roxwood RD., North Rd, Myrock Ave and Clement St. Clement St is new to the program and this was her first meeting.

The following topics were discussed during the meeting:

- Issues regarding illegal operation of ATVs and dirt bikes. Attendees were advised how best to report (if safe to do so). While their safety is most important, if they do witness illegal rides, they were encouraged to note clothing and vehicle descriptions.
- Previous recommendations on simply locking cars has been changed to also removing valuables from inside. There have been incidents around the state of forced entry into locked vehicles to steal valuables.
- Pleasure Beach was updated on ongoing patrol checks of beach area. A quick check of call logs revealed 55 logged checks. This figure does not take into account officers regular drive throughs that may not be officially logged with dispatch. It was asked if trespassing has been an issue this year and if the police department has received any complaints. Dispatch logs found no reports to the police for the months of June, July and August.
- Reports of possible frequent gatherings of dirt bikes in the area of Old Norwich and RTE 32 between hours of 9-10 p.m. Riders will ride in the area, perform stunts and leave in the direction of Norwich or New London.
- Ongoing concerns over vehicles running the red light north on RTE 32 near Old Norwich RD.
- Clement Street has 12 neighbors that have all signed up as part of the new group. I advised that I would look into getting a new sign for their street.
- Efforts by patrol to address speeding concerns on North Road were appreciated. Always an ongoing problem.



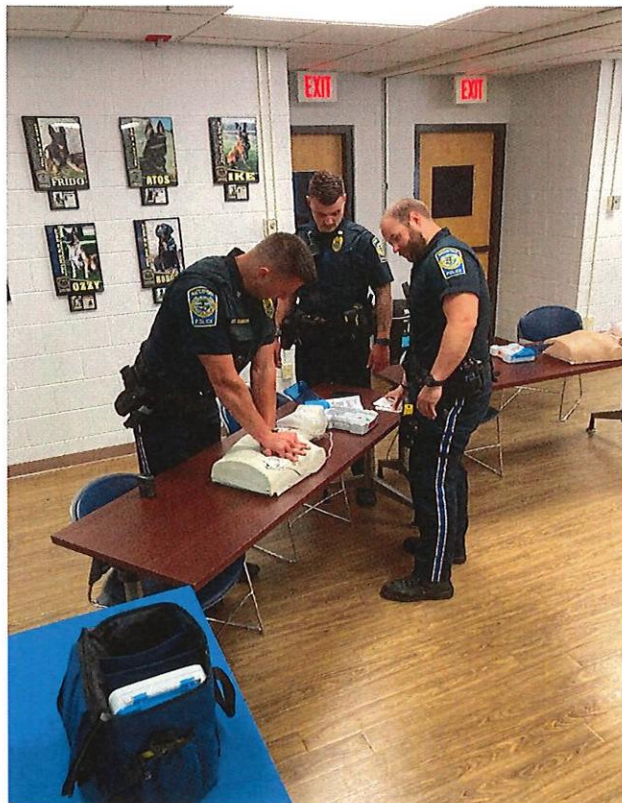
# TRAINING REPORT AUGUST 2023



## New Officer Updates

**Hiring Process:** The Waterford Police Department continues it's efforts in recruiting and hiring. The hiring process for entry level and certified officers is open and will remain open for the next several months. Two prospective candidates successfully completed: written and physical agility testing, an oral board examination, an Officer accompanied ride along, and the Chiefs Interview.

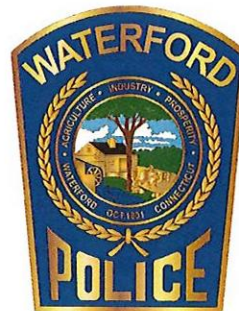
**Recruit Status:** Officer David Diogo is scheduled to join the Waterford Police Department on September 11, 2023 as a lateral transfer from the New London Police Department. Officer Diogo will undergo a modified, four week period of Field Training to familiarize himself with the operations of the Waterford Police Department.



## THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



# TRAINING REPORT AUGUST 2023



An in house CPR/AED refresher training was attended by all members of the Waterford Police Department. Sergeant Richard Addevich instructed the course which included: updates to course material, a hands on practical skills assessment and the distribution of disposable CPR Face Shields for Officer safety.

Officers Colkos, McComic and Ewing attended a two-day training, to enhance skills in detecting impaired drivers. The Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement ARIDE course was instructed by Officer Gil Maffeo and is designed to increase officer awareness of the indicators of impaired/drugged drivers.

An in house Less-Lethal shotgun course was attended by Officers Scarpa, Brown, McComic, Charron and Ewing. Officer Jake Nickerson instructed the course utilizing existing shotguns, converted to discharge cloth covered bean bags as a less-lethal option. Officers were instructed on the proper operation, as well as effective placement areas of the bean bag projectiles for compliance, while minimizing potential injury.

Officer DiFusco attended a Physical Assessment Battery Examiner training. The course included instructional and practical examinations in compliance with POST-C standards. Officer DiFusco successfully completed the training, required to administer/proctor the physical agility phase of the recruitment process.

## **The Waterford Police Department Records Department Activity for AUGUST 2023**

This activity reflects daily activity for the reporting month inclusive of; administrative and court paperwork or processing, contact with members of the public, and state or federal mandated reporting requirements.

| <b>Ticket/Written<br/>Warning<br/>Entries</b> | <b>Freedom of<br/>Information<br/>Requests</b> | <b>Motor<br/>Vehicle<br/>Accident<br/>Entries</b> | <b>Warrants<br/>(Entering<br/>or<br/>clearing)</b> | <b>Phone<br/>calls</b> | <b>Walk in<br/>Lobby<br/>Window</b> | <b>Background<br/>Check<br/>Requests</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 230                                           | 128                                            | 36                                                | 38                                                 | 138                    | 109                                 | 10                                       |

| <b>Protective<br/>Order<br/>Entries</b> | <b>Officer<br/>Tasking<br/>Requests</b> | <b>Case<br/>Erasures</b> | <b>State/Federal<br/>Report<br/>Entries</b> | <b>Supervisor<br/>Tasking<br/>Requests</b> | <b>DCF<br/>Requests</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 71                                      | 29                                      | 238                      | 0                                           | 21                                         | 11                      |

| <b>Court Request</b> | <b>Case Copies</b> | <b>Abstracts</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 38                   | 5                  | 297              |

- The remaining incarcerated individual from a 1999 homicide in Waterford requested a complete copy of his case report in an attempt to be released early from prison. This request was a lengthy endeavor to redact and duplicated reports and photographs
- A convicted bank robber from Connecticut and several other states requested copies of both of his cases from Waterford in an attempt to secure a release from incarceration in California



## CSO Monthly Statistical Report August 2023



### Waterford Arrests

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|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Adult                  | 9        |
| Juvenile               | 0        |
| <b>Total Processed</b> | <b>9</b> |

### Fingerprints

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|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Pistol Permits             | 9         |
| Employment                 | 29        |
| Miscellaneous              | 2         |
| Peddler / Precious Permits | 1         |
| <b>Total Fingerprints</b>  | <b>41</b> |

### Firearms

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|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| <b>Firearms Transfer</b>     | 29 |
| <b>Pistol Permits Issued</b> | 5  |

### Initial Complaints (3A's)

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|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| <b>Total</b> | <b>33</b> |
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- CSO's covered 62 shifts during the month.
- New CSO Brown is taking shifts on her own
- Hiring process has started for new CSO's



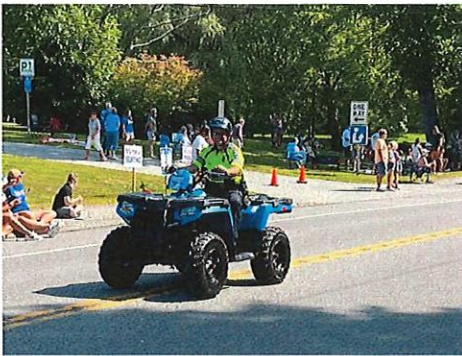
# Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report  
August 2023



## Vehicle Engages Officer in Pursuit: Firearms Located

On August 20, 2023 at 0043 hours Officer Colkos observed a motor vehicle driving recklessly on RTE 32 northbound. He attempted a MV stop and the vehicle fled at a high rate of speed engaging OFF Colkos in a pursuit. The pursuit was quickly terminated but the vehicle was found a short time later abandoned in Montville just over the town line. The occupants had fled, a perimeter was set up, and two firearms were recovered as well as several shell casings. It is believed the MV was involved in a NL shooting earlier in night.



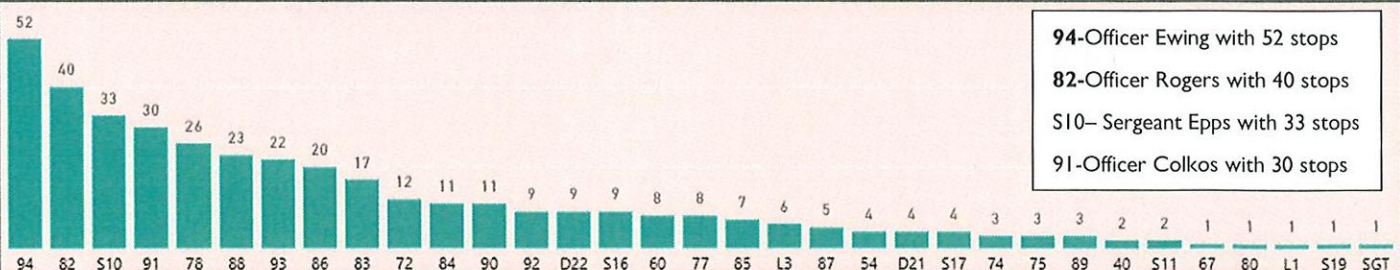
## WPD Participates in Town Parade

The Waterford Police Department participated in the annual Waterford Week parade. The color guard, ATV, Humvee, and bike patrol all participated in the event. The patrol division and traffic officer provided support in various capacities which included directing traffic and closing roads to ensure the safety of all participants. The event was a great success for the town of Waterford.

## Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

|                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Total Service Calls              | 2658 |
| Case Numbers                     | 169  |
| Arrests                          | 59   |
| Juvenile Arrests                 | 7    |
| Larcenies                        | 34   |
| Arrest Warrants                  | 8    |
| Domestic Violence Investigations | 14   |
| Traffic Crash                    | 62   |
| DUI Investigations               | 3    |
| EDPI/Welfare Check               | 51   |
| School Checks                    | 48   |
| Motor Vehicle Stops              | 388  |
| Written Warnings                 | 127  |
| Infractions                      | 27   |
| Verbal Warnings                  | 210  |
| Misdemeanor                      | 24   |

## SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER





### Larceny Arrest / Wanted Person Located

On August 16, 2023 OFF Scarpa responded to Home Depot for the report of a larceny. It was reported that two suspects had pushed a shopping cart out of the business, containing blinds, fans, cleaning supplies, and various other merchandise, making no attempt to pay for the merchandise. The subjects refused to stop for Home Depot loss prevention but were stopped by OFF Scarpa upon his arrival. All of the merchandise was recovered and the suspects were taken into custody. It was determined that the male suspect had a warrant held by the CSP as well as a "Remand to Custody".



### EDP Committal

On August 17, 2023 the WPD was dispatched to an Emotionally Disturbed Persons call on Cottage Lane. It was reported that the person in distress had left the scene but had made mention of "dying from suicide by police". OFF Devine and OFF Bushwack broadcast the vehicle to surrounding towns and attempted to "ping" the subjects cell phone in an attempt to locate the emotionally disturbed person. Both officers, who are Crisis Intervention Trained, were able to speak with the person, via phone, who was now in the New Haven area. They were able to talk him into going to the West Haven VA hospital. Once there a police emergency examination was completed and faxed to the VA to get the subject the necessary help.

### Juvenile Arrests / Stolen Moped

On August, 15, 2023 at 1538 hours Officer Genung, Officer Scarpa, and Officer Bushwack were dispatched to 35 Kenyon RD for a disturbance. The 911 caller reported he had located his stolen moped which was being driven around by three juveniles. Upon arrival it was learned that the moped was in fact a FILE 01 (stolen MV) out of New London, CT. All three subjects on the moped (juveniles) were arrested and issued Juvenile Summons. All three cases are being diverted to the Waterford Juvenile Review Board.

### Impersonating a Police Officer Arrest

Waterford Police Department's evening shift initiated a MV stop on Avery LN. The operator was found to be driving a Dodge Challenger with fully equipped hideaway blue and red lights, rear mount antenna, push bumper, and exterior sirens. The operator provided police with a fake CIA credential. An arrest was made for impersonating a LE officer and several other MV charges.



*In the Community Interest*





## THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Animal Control Report

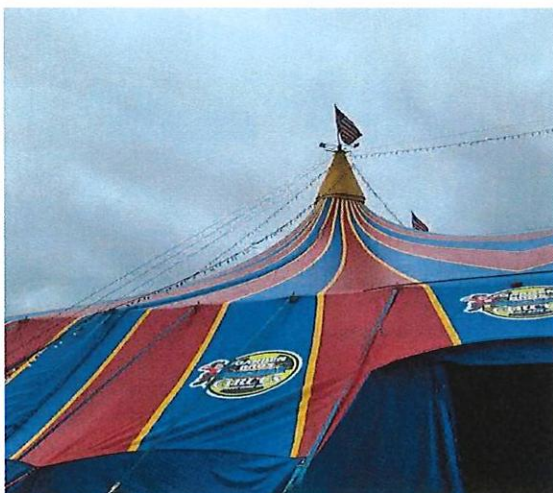


August 2023

- On August 2nd a citizen was in their yard when an area stray cat chased a squirrel through the yard and across her legs, causing a minor puncture wound to her foot. While it was not believed to be a bite, the injury drew blood and to be safe the cat was captured in a trap and held for a quarantine period at the animal shelter. The cat has completed its quarantine and is currently up for adoption.



- On August 16th after reading dozens of concerns and rumors from citizens regarding possibility of animal acts at the circus that is being held at the Crystal Mall. Animal Control Officers went there, speaking to the supervisors and dog trainer, we learned that there are four ponies there to give children pony rides and ten dog that perform tricks as a part of the show, there are no other animal acts associated with this circus. We checked on each horse and dog, all were in good health, all had health certificates and vet records that showed they were current on their required vaccinations. This information was relayed on social media to help alleviate concerns.



|                      | Waterford | East<br>Lyme |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Calls for Service    | 93        | 32           |
| After Hour Call Outs | 4         | 2            |
| Tickets issued       | 1         | 0            |
| Warnings issued      | 1         | 1            |
| Dog Bites            | 3         | 2            |
| Animals Redeemed     | 6         | 6            |
| Animals Adopted      | 0         | 2            |
| Animals DOA          | 2         | 0            |
| Euthanized           | 0         | 0            |
| Total Processed      | 8         | 8            |
| Money Taken In       | \$60      | \$30         |
| Donations            | \$15      | \$15         |



## THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Community Engagement Report August 2023



**Internship:** Intern Mackenzie Andrews had her orientation and was given a tour of the police department.

**Domestic Violence Follow-ups:** Conducted 16 follow-ups with DV victims. Hosted the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence's Quarterly Meeting.

**Community Clean-up:** Organized 20 kids from Camp Dash and Camp Courant to volunteer to pickup trash along Miner LN. Waterford Ambulance, Fire & Public Works assisted with the pickup. Nana's Byrek donated pizzas for lunch.

**National Night Out:** Participated in East Lyme Police's event. Hodges interacted with attendees and Waterford Police vehicles were brought for touch-a-truck.



**Assistance to Youth Officers:** Spoke about traffic stop safety at Rae's Driving School. Attended Waterford Youth Football/Cheerleading's Opening Day and the Waterford Library's Back to School Sundaes Event. Assisted at the Pack the Police Car School Supplies Drive. Attended multiple Waterford School Open Houses. Performed extra school checks and helped with traffic issues during the first week of school.

**Interaction with Youth Services:** Visited Camp Dash and Summer Playground.

**Neighborhood Watch:** Attended monthly meeting to assist Det. Sgt. Fedor.

**Interaction with Senior Services:** Attended Coffee with a Vet. Visited Bayview Health Care, New London Rehab & Care and Senior Services' Cognitive Issues Help Group.

**K-9 Officer Hodges:** Participated in a Police Cruiser Parade for a Waterford juvenile resident that is diagnosed with cancer. Interacted with attendees at the Waterford Library's Read to Hodges Event and the Waterford Parade. Visited the New London Superior Court and Mitchell College's Freshman Orientation.

**Officer Wellness:** Organized the presentation of the Officer Lapkowski Torch Run Memorial Plaque. Assisted in the organization of the Waterford Police Chaplains grilling for officers. Coordinated an officer wellness event at the Mystic Aquarium with multiple law enforcement comfort K-9s.

**Autism/Cognitive Issues Programs:** 1 participant added to the Cognitive Issues Program and 3 participants added to the Autism Awareness Program.

**Rotary Club:** Attended monthly meeting.