



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Training Room at the Waterford Police Department

2/12/2024 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Thank you from Waterford Youth and Family Services
- b. Letter from PCAC
- c. Email and certificate from Wendy Colomb, CTIBRS Program Manager
- d. Thank you email from Louis Fusaro, Groton Chief of Police
- e. Email from Cathryn C. Girard regarding Electronic Enforcement of Traffic Violations
- f. Letter from Doreen DeSarro regarding Officer Winakor
- g. Thank you email from James Deveny, Executive Director LEC

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's Report:

- a. K9 Reports for January
- b. Youth Report for January
- c. Investigative Services Report for January
- d. Training Report for January
- e. Records Report for January
- f. Community Service Officer Report for January
- g. Patrol Report for January

- h. Animal Control Report for January
- i. Community Engagement Report for January
- j. Peer Support & Officer Wellness Quarterly Report

Old Business:

- a. Recording of Commission Meetings

New Business:

- a. Approval for out of series transfers March 1 – July 1



**MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

January 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Commissioner Gamble 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 Sheridan and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to accept the minutes from the December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Brule abstained. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Brief discussion of request to add a guardrail system to the intersection of Old Norwich Road and Burlake. No action taken at this time, but the Commission agreed to revisit the topic if circumstances change.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- a. K9 Reports for December
December report was received.
- b. Youth Reports for December
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- c. Investigative Services for December
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- i. Community Engagement Report for December
December report was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Recording Commission Meetings

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Sheridan and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to enter into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. Chief Balestracci, LT Ferland, LT VanOverloop and LT Flanagan were included in the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. no votes or actions were taken while in Executive Session.

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

1. Jake Arpin
2. Elizabeth Boxley
3. John Gorman

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and Seconded by Commissioner Sheridan to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary

THANK YOU!

Dear Waterford Police Department,

Every year, we provide hundreds of households with holiday food and gift assistance. We are grateful to share that because of donors like you, together, we assisted over 500 people with food and gifts this holiday season. Because of your commitment to the Waterford community, our neighbors were able to enjoy a hopeful and joyous holiday.

We are honored that you chose Waterford Youth and Family Services to support this holiday season. Your benevolence is inspiring and has touched the lives of many, and our hearts are warmed by witnessing the spirit of love and generosity from our donors. Please accept our sincerest and most heartfelt gratitude.

Most gratefully,



**Rob
Brule**
Waterford First
Selectman



**Mike
Buscetto**
WYFS Chairman



**Dani
Gorman**
Human Services
Administrator



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January 10, 2024

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Police Commission
Waterford Police Department
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Dear Commissioners:

Happy New Year! Thank you for your continued dedication and the leadership you provide to the men and women who work day and night to make our communities safer.

I wanted to take a moment to write and share some information about the Police Commissioners Association of Connecticut, Inc. (PCAC) Our organization is composed of elected and appointed police commissioners from municipalities throughout Connecticut. Our mission is to collaborate on current law enforcement issues facing our police departments. We have learned that bringing our collective voices and vision together we are better prepared and understand that we are not alone in the challenges we as commissioners face.

Our work matters! Each fall we recognize officers and police chiefs from across the state at our Meritorious Service & Distinguished Chiefs Dinner. We honor officers and chiefs who have gone above and beyond, demonstrating examples of exceptional service to their community. These chiefs and officers, along with their families and colleagues enjoy an evening of recognition and celebration. Honoring these men and women helps to further the relationship between police departments, officers and local police commissions.

Currently we are encouraging nominations of both police officers and chiefs for this celebration of law enforcement. Specifically, we are looking for officers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty during the past year (February 2023- February 1, 2024) and police chiefs that have made an impact on their department and community under their leadership. This is a wonderful opportunity for our organization to recognize officers and chiefs for their dedication and work. If you have an officer(s) or Chief to nominate, please submit your recommendation to our attention no later than March 10, 2024. Information can be submitted via mail or electronically to: admin@ctpcac.org.

Finally, our goal for 2024 is to have representation in our organization of all cities and towns in Connecticut with an active police commission. Enclosed please find our membership application to share with your commissioners. If you wish to have a representative from the PCAC come meet your commission please contact us. We would be happy to share more about our organization. If you have any questions, contact us via email: admin@ctpcac.org, we can have a representative answer any questions. visit our website at www.ctpcac.org. We encourage you to follow our Facebook Page Police Commissioners Association of Connecticut, for updates!

Thank you once again for your service. We hope to see you get involved!

Yours truly,

Chip Rubenstein
President, PCAC



From: Colomb, Wendy <Wendy.Colomb@ct.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 9:05 AM
To: David Ferland <dferland@waterfordct.org>
Subject: Certificate of Excellence for 2023 NIBRS data submissions

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe.

Good morning and Happy New Year Lt. Ferland,

In appreciation of your agency's year-long effort in submitting incident-based data to the Uniform Crime Reporting program, a Certificate of Excellence is attached.

As the UCR Program Manager, I sincerely appreciate the time you and your agency take in accurately documenting criminal offenses and submitting them to the program.

I am looking forward to what 2024 holds and our continued partnership.

Best Regards,

Wendy Colomb

UCR | CTIBRS Program Manager

DESPP | Crimes Analysis Unit

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Crimes Analysis Unit
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

We are honored to present

CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

to

Waterford
Police Department

for exceptional dedication and outstanding
performance to NIBRS data accuracy in 2023



Certified by

Wendy Colomb

Uniform Crime Reporting Program Manager
January 2024

Marc Balestracci

From: Fusaro, Louis <LFusaro@groton-ct.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2024 4:14 PM
To: chief.rich@ledyardct.org; Brian Wright; 'burtond@cityofgroton-ct.gov'; Jay DelGrosso; Wilfred Blanchette III; Mike Finkelstein; Marc Balestracci; Tetreault, Darrell
Subject: FLOTUS Visit

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Chiefs & LT :

I want to extend sincere thanks for your assistance and support last night at the Nautilus Museum.

As you know, First Lady Jill Biden visited with the crew of the USS Delaware. We had been working with the Secret Service for several days planning for this "closed event." I just spoke with USSS RAC Plate who informed me that there was no intel that there could be a large group of protestors, but as you understand, a group did assemble and staged an impromptu protest outside the gate to the Submarine Base.

When we asked for assistance, your departments responded quickly and assisted in mitigating this incident. Your officers actions were professional and they effectively handled the assembled crowd without incident. I am glad to report that, although at times loud and boisterous, the crowd was not resistant to the commands and instructions of the Officers present.

I share with you the appreciation that was conveyed to me from the Secret Service, but more importantly, I want to thank you and your responding personnel for an exceptional job.

Once again, this response demonstrated the great teamwork that exists among our agencies here in southeastern Connecticut!

Respectfully,

L. J. Fusaro

Louis J. Fusaro, Jr.
CHIEF OF POLICE

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January 22, 2024

Members of the Following Waterford Boards and Commissions:

Board of Police Commissioners
Board of Selectmen
Board of Finance
Representative Town Meeting

15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

NOTE: To be delivered to each Board via email; for subsequent distribution to each member of the above listed Boards and Commissions as a Communication from a Concerned Citizen, and for placement as an Agenda Item on the Next Regularly Scheduled Board/Commission Meeting.

Re: Electronic Enforcement of Traffic Violations (Speeding and Running Red Lights on Rte 32 between the USCG Academy and the entrance to I-395)

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Waterford Boards and Commissions listed above:

Background

My husband and I experienced a near-death experience last October attempting to make a left turn onto Rte. 32 from Richards Grove Road, under a fully green traffic signal giving us the right-of-way to proceed. We came within seconds of being T-boned on the driver's side of our vehicle by a car unquestionable driving at 75-90 mph and blazing through a red light. ***I have been married to my husband for 60 years, and I have never seen him so visibly shaken!*** We have not driven on that section of Rte. 32 since that incident and we will not, until something effective is done by the town of Waterford to change this situation, which is a death trap! It is a

Vision Zero in Waterford
Cathryn C. Girard
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situation well known to ALL residents and officials of Waterford. And although a complex one because Rte. 32 is a state road, ATTENTION must be paid, and ACTION must be taken.

In the course of attempting to get the First Selectman and the Police Chief of Waterford, the local newspapers, the local TV stations, and the State of CT fired up to address this situation, I have become aware of CT HB5917 recently passed by the CT Legislature, enacting the recommendations of the CT VISION ZERO COUNCIL, designed to stem and lower the dramatic increases in traffic fatalities in virtually every town in CT, every year.

CT VISION ZERO is the state version of a federal program designed to provide funding to reach the same goals. Federal grants are available! **West Hartford CT has recently been awarded a \$700,000 grant from the federal program for their VISION ZERO PLAN.**

Actions Taken to Date

1. I have met with the First Selectman, Robert Brule, and Chief Balestracci, to heighten the need for **ATTENTION** to be paid to this initiative, and to put it on a fast track.
2. As a result of that meeting, Chief Balestracci has informed me of all the Boards/Commissions in Waterford that would play a role in implementing this initiative in Waterford, *which is why you are receiving this communication.*
3. I have made contacts in the State and understand the people involved in the State Vision Zero Council and the role of the Council.
4. I know that guidance and requirements can be secured from the CT DOT, which oversees the State Vision Zero Council.
5. I have spoken at length with the Manager for the Vision Zero initiative in West Hartford, and understand the process that West Hartford went through, and how they effectively used consultants to assist in preparing the grant proposal to the US DOT that garnered West Hartford a **\$700,000 grant** to implement their Vision Zero plan.

Next Steps

Frankly, the **ball is in the court of each one of you as a resident of Waterford, and a member of a governing body of the town.**

I believe that each of you has a moral responsibility to the citizens of Waterford to enact effective safety measures to protect the lives of those people that you represent.

I am going to attach only a smattering of information to this letter, because frankly I do not want to overwhelm you – in case this is the first time you have heard of the VISION ZERO initiative. Let's say they are designed to pique your interest.

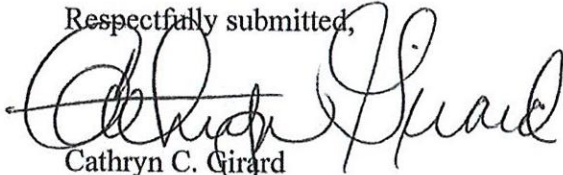
I have lots more information, and I stand ready to provide what I can, and conduct research to assist you ALL with questions you may have. ***All you have to do is ASK!***

Conclusion

During our meeting in December, I told Chief Balestracci and First Selectman Brule that I have been called a "Chinese Water Torture." I never give up! I have made it my mission (one of two) to bring VISION ZERO to Waterford, and to make ***Rte. 32 between the USCG Academy and the entrance to I-395 a safe driving experience!*** I plan to continue my communication with you all and appear in-person at your meetings when we return to Waterford in the spring. I have a lot of information at my disposal.

I hope you will understand the importance of this issue, and will proceed with all due speed to move forward to take whatever steps are required, whether local, state, or federal.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathryn C. Girard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "G".

Cathryn C. Girard
Concerned Citizen

Attachments

1. Enabling Legislation Jersey City, New Jersey- 7 pages
2. CT DOT News Release re HB 85917 – Vision Zero – 1 page
3. West Hartford Vision Zero Project Schedule – 1 page



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STEVEN M. FULOP
MAYOR

E.O. 2019-007

June 14, 2019

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY REINSTITUTING A VISION ZERO TASK FORCE TO ADVANCE THE ACTIONS AND STRATEGIES SPECIFIED IN THE JERSEY CITY VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor of the City of Jersey City by law, I hereby issue the following Executive Order:

WHEREAS, Jersey City adopted a Complete Streets Policy in May of 2011, which mandated that all public streets be designed to safely accommodate travel by pedestrians and bicyclists as well as motorized vehicles; and

WHEREAS, significant accomplishments have already been achieved as a result of this policy as well as through the City's collaboration with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority's Local Safety Program, which addresses high priority crash locations on local roadways; and

WHEREAS, despite these efforts, the City currently averages approximately twenty (20) severe injury crashes and nine (9) traffic fatalities within the City per year, inclusive of crashes on State and County roadways, with an average of three (3) traffic fatalities per year occurring on City streets; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to address traffic safety in the City, Executive Order 2018-007 was signed to formally adopt a Vision Zero Initiative tailored for Jersey City and to create a Vision Zero Task Force to draft an Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Jersey City Vision Zero Task Plan was formally adopted by the Municipal Council on February 14, 2019 outlining specific actions and strategies the City must take to achieve its goal of zero traffic fatalities and severe injuries on City roadways by the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Task Force expired after one year following the issuance of Executive Order 2018-007

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by law as Mayor of the City of Jersey City, I hereby issue the following Executive Order formally reinstating a Vision Zero Task Force to advance the actions and strategies outlined in the Jersey City Action Plan.

A. Creation of a Vision Zero Task Force

There is hereby created a Vision Zero Task Force which shall advance the Actions and Strategies outlined in the Jersey City Vision Zero Action Plan.

B. Duties of the Vision Zero Task Force

The Task Force shall:

1. Meet quarterly to track progress on the Actions being led and supported by each agency, as specified in the Vision Zero Action Plan.
2. Publish an Annual report summarizing the work completed in accordance with the Action Plan.

C. Membership, Terms and Removal

1. The Vision Zero Task Force shall consist of eighteen (18) members, including the Director of Traffic & Transportation and the City's Senior Transportation Planner, who shall serve as Co-Chairs of the Task Force.

In addition, the task force shall consist of the following members:

The Business Administrator or his or her designee;
The Municipal Council President or his or her designee;
The Corporation Counsel or his or her designee;
The Chief of Police or his or her designee;
The Chief of the Division of Fire or his or her designee;
The Director of the Department of Public Works or his or her designee;
The Director of the Department of Health & Human Services or his or her designee;
The Director of the Division of Engineering; or his or her designee;
The Director of the Division of Parking Enforcement; or his or her designee;
The Mayor or his designee; and
A representative from Bike JC, the primary Jersey City bicycle safety organization;
A representative from Safe Streets JC, the primary Jersey City pedestrian and traffic safety organization; and
A representative from the Jersey City Board of Education
A representative from the City of Hoboken
A representative from Hudson County
A representative from the New Jersey Department of Transportation

2. The Vision Zero Task Force shall remain in existence until the year 2026. All the members shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall serve for a term of seven (7) years. Vacancies created by resignation or otherwise shall be filled by the Mayor for the completion of the term.
3. All members of the Task Force, with the exception of the Co-Chairs, shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and can be removed from the Task Force by the Mayor at any time and for any reason.

4. The Task Force shall meet at least once every quarter at a time fixed by the Chairpersons. The Chairpersons may call special meetings as necessary.

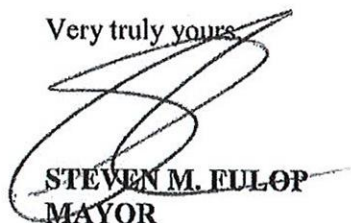
F. Cooperation with City Departments and Agencies

The Division of Engineering, Traffic & Transportation and the Department of Public Safety and all City departments and agencies shall cooperate with the work of the Task Force to the degree possible and permitted by law.

G. Effective Date

This Order shall be effective immediately. It shall be kept on file in the Offices of the City Clerk and the Business Administrator and it will also be made available to the public upon request.

Very truly yours,



STEVEN M. FULOP
MAYOR

cc: Brian Platt, Business Administrator
Robert Byrne, City Clerk
Peter Baker, Corporation Counsel
All Department Directors



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**Superceding and
Rescinding E.O. 2018-001**

**Report of Directors
8.e
Meeting 04.11.18**

E.O. 2018- 007

April 4, 2018

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY ADOPTING A "VISION ZERO" INITIATIVE TAILORED FOR JERSEY CITY AND CREATING A VISION ZERO TASK FORCE TO DRAFT AN ACTION PLAN

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor of the City of Jersey City by law, I hereby issue the following Executive Order:

WHEREAS, in the 1990s, officials in Sweden adopted a set of traffic management policies which fundamentally differed from traditional traffic safety policies and set the goal of eliminating traffic-related deaths and severe injuries; and

WHEREAS, this set of policies became known collectively as "Vision Zero" and its guiding principle is that deaths and injuries caused by traffic crashes should be treated as a public health problem which can be eliminated through better planning, not as an inevitable by-product of the vehicle-based transportation system; and

WHEREAS, since officials in Sweden began Vision Zero, officials in cities all over the world, including 32 cities in the United States, have adopted their own versions of the Vision Zero initiative; and

WHEREAS, Jersey City adopted a Complete Streets Policy in May of 2011, which mandated that all public streets be designed to safely accommodate travel by pedestrians and bicyclists as well as motorized vehicles; and

WHEREAS, significant accomplishments have already been achieved as a result of this policy as well as through the City's collaboration with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority's Local Safety Program, which addresses high priority crash locations on local roadways; and

WHEREAS, despite these efforts, the City currently averages approximately 300 traffic crashes involving pedestrians and nine traffic fatalities within the City per year, inclusive of crashes on State and County roadways, with an average of three fatal crashes per year occurring on City streets; and

WHEREAS, children, the elderly, people of color and people in low-income communities face a disproportionate risk of traffic injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, more needs to be done to eliminate traffic crashes within the City and it is clear that Jersey City would benefit from formally adopting its own Vision Zero Initiative based on the following five fundamental principles shared by the Vision Zero Network:

1. deaths and severe injuries caused by traffic crashes are preventable;
2. human life and health should be prioritized in all transportation systems and in all aspects of transportation planning;

3. human error is inevitable and transportation systems should be forgiving;
4. transportation planning should focus on systems-level changes above influencing individual behavior; and
5. speed is the single most important factor in crash severity.

WHEREAS, a commitment to Vision Zero will also create opportunities to invite meaningful community engagement, including communities that historically have been underserved, as well as collaboration between relevant governmental agencies.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by law as Mayor of the City of Jersey City, I hereby issue the following Executive Order formally adopting the Vision Zero Initiative and creating a multi-disciplinary Vision Zero Task Force to lead the planning effort and draft an Action Plan.

A. Adoption of a Vision Zero Initiative tailored for Jersey City

The City of Jersey City formally adopts the Vision Zero Initiative with the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries on Jersey City roadways by the year 2026.

B. Creation of a Vision Zero Task Force

There is hereby created a Vision Zero Task Force which shall draft a Vision Zero Action Plan within one (1) year from the date of this Executive Order for the Municipal Council's consideration.

C. Duties of the Vision Zero Task Force

The Task Force shall:

1. Publish a Vision Zero Action Plan which shall provide policy makers with a comprehensive proposal to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries on Jersey City roadways within seven (7) years and which shall propose both short-term and long-term data-driven strategies complete with measurable goals;
2. Develop assurances against racial profiling and targeting as it pertains to Vision Zero enforcement and to ensure that communities of color, the Department of Public Safety, and community leadership are included in the decision-making and development of enforcement plans or policies;
3. Solicit information and input for the Vision Zero Action Plan from the public;
4. Report quarterly on the Task Force's findings and progress; and
5. Create a public website which shall include crash data and provide regular updates on the Action Plan's progress as well as provide a feature to solicit feedback from the public on traffic safety concerns.

D. Membership, Terms and Removal

1. The Vision Zero Task Force shall consist of fifteen (15) members, including the Director of Traffic & Transportation from the Division of Engineering, Traffic & Transportation and the City's Senior Transportation Planner from the Division of Planning, who shall serve as Co-Chairs of the Task Force.

In addition the task force shall consist of the following members:

The Business Administrator or his or her designee;
The Municipal Council President or his or her designee;
The Corporation Counsel or his or her designee;
The Chief of Police or his or her designee;
The Chief of the Division of Fire or his or her designee;
The Director of the Department of Public Works or his or her designee;
The Director of the Department of Health & Human Services or his or her designee;
The Director of the Division of Engineering; or his or her designee;
The Director of the Division of Parking Enforcement; or his or her designee;
The Mayor or his designee; and
A representative from Bike JC, the primary Jersey City bicycle safety organization;
A representative from Safe Streets JC, the primary Jersey City pedestrian and traffic safety organization; and
One representative for all schools in Jersey City.

2. The Vision Zero Task Force shall expire after one year following the issuance of this Order and it shall be renewable at the option of the Mayor. All the members shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall serve for a term of one (1) year. Vacancies created by resignation or otherwise shall be filled by the Mayor for the completion of the term.
3. All members of the Task Force, with the exception of the Co-Chairs, shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and can be removed from the Task Force by the Mayor at any time and for any reason.
4. The Task Force shall meet at least once every quarter at a time fixed by the Chairpersons. The Chairpersons may call special meetings as necessary.
5. The meetings shall not be subject to the Open Public Meetings Act.

E. Clerical and Technical Assistance

For the purposes of effectuating the goals of this Order, the Co-Chairs shall have the authority to create a budget, subject to the approval of the Mayor and Municipal Council, to meet the material needs of the Task Force. The Co-Chairs shall be empowered use their staff and resources to provide for the clerical and technical needs of the Task Force.

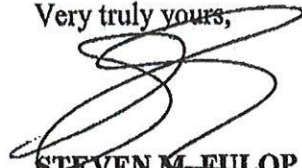
F. Cooperation with City Departments and Agencies

The Division of Engineering, Traffic & Transportation and the Department of Public Safety and all City departments and agencies shall cooperate with the work of the Task Force to the degree possible and permitted by law.

G. Effective Date

This Order shall be effective immediately. It shall be kept on file in the Offices of the City Clerk and the Business Administrator and it will also be made available to the public upon request.

Very truly yours,



STEVEN M. FULOP
MAYOR

SMF/jjh

cc: Brian Platt, Business Administrator
Robert Byrne, City Clerk
Jeremy Farrell, Corporation Counsel
All Department Directors



**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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6/07/2023

CTDOT COMMISSIONER EUCALITTO APPLAUDS PASSAGE OF HB5917, "AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE VISION ZERO COUNCIL"

(NEWINGTON, CT) – Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Commissioner Garrett Eucalitto released the below statement regarding the passage of HB5917, "An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Vision Zero Council."

"On behalf of our team at CTDOT, I am thrilled that HB5917, 'An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Vision Zero Council', has passed the House and Senate with significant bipartisan support.

"It's no secret that our roadways have become more deadly, and we are laser-focused on doing everything we can to ensure travelers in Connecticut are safe.

"This bill represents over a year's worth of work by the Vision Zero Council members and subcommittee volunteers. At its most basic level, this bill implements policies and authorizes using strategies and tools that have proven to reduce crashes and injuries when implemented in other states. It is a comprehensive package addressing engineering, education, enforcement, and equity.

"The bill empowers municipalities to deploy automated traffic enforcement with significant oversight from CTDOT, requires more robust safety education be provided to drivers, requires us to consider recommendations from equity stakeholders in our annual capital plan development, and requires we continue our work to raise public awareness about the dangers of impaired driving, and more.

"We are confident the provisions in this bill will help improve public health and safety for every resident, especially people of color who are disproportionately impacted by serious injuries and fatalities on our roadways.

"We have incredible partners in the leadership of the Transportation Committee, Rep. Roland Lemar, Sen. Christine Cohen, Rep. Kathy Kennedy, and Sen. Tony Hwang, as well as the Vision Zero Council members and subcommittee volunteers. We look forward to working hand-in-hand with these dedicated stakeholders and others to improve safety on our roadways."

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West Hartford Vision Zero Project Schedule

January-February 2023

Town Adopts Vision Zero Resolution

March-April 2023

Town Convenes Task Force & Forms Sub-Committees

May 2023

Town Selects Consultant Team

June 2023-January 2024

Community Engagement

June-July 2023

Vision Zero Action Plan Assessment

July-August 2023

Town-Wide Safety Analysis

Town Plan & Policy Review

Develop Action Plan Framework

Conduct Town-wide Crash Analysis

Establish Goals, Strategies & Action

September 2023

Public Meeting #1

October-November 2023

Establish Performance Measures & Monitoring Plan

Develop DRAFT Vision Zero Action Plan

December 2023

Public Meeting #2

January 2024

Early January: Develop Draft Action Plan

Late January: Develop Final Action Plan

Marc Balestracci

From: CATHRYN GIRARD <cegirard@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:24 PM
To: David Campo; Shannon Withey; Marc Balestracci; Rebecca Hall
Subject: Addendum to Packet Sent to Various Waterford Boards/Commissions re Vision Zero
Attachments: WH Resolution for Vision Zero.pdf

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Please add the attached email and resolution from Duane Martin, the Manager of Vision Zero in West Hartford to the packets I sent yesterday on this topic.

How fortuitous that this should arrive today, since the Police Chief Balestracci indicated securing a resolution from the Waterford RTM was Step One in this process.

Also, please note that in the email, all of Duane Martin's contact info is available. He can be a valuable resource for information.

Thank you.

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From: Duane Martin DuaneM@WestHartfordCT.gov
Subject: RE: Ordinance Authorizing Vision Zero Implementation
Date: January 23, 2024 at 12:03 PM
To: cegirard@aol.com

DM

Hi Cathryn,

The West Hartford Town Council adopted the attached Vision Zero resolution. I am not sure that it is required by the State, but I would recommend it as it established a goal and path to achieve that goal. It also helps the municipality obtain grant funding for Vision Zero related projects.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.



Duane J. Martin, P.E.
Director of Community Development
Town of West Hartford



From: CATHRYN GIRARD <cegirard@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 1:09 PM
To: Vision Zero <VisionZero@WestHartfordCT.gov>
Cc: Manware, Stacey <stacey.manware@jud.ct.gov>
Subject: Ordinance Authorizing Vision Zero Implementation

Hello:

I am interested in bringing Vision Zero to Waterford CT.

I am told that the first step according to the CT State Statute authorizing Vision Zero is for a Town to pass an ordinance authorizing it. Am I correct on that?

If so, can you share the ordinance that was passed in West Hartford authorizing Vision Zero.

Thank you.

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WH Vision Zero

**RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING THE VISION ZERO INITIATIVE IN SUPPORT OF SAFE, HEALTHY
AND EQUITABLE MOBILITY**

WHEREAS, safe, healthy, and equitable mobility is a foundation of our community; and

WHEREAS, public streets and rights of way connect our neighborhoods into one West Hartford; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council is concerned about recent roadway deaths and serious injuries on West Hartford streets; and

WHEREAS, there has been a rise in traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries in Connecticut and across the United States; and

WHEREAS, our community must come together and increase efforts to create safer and more welcoming streets for all; and

WHEREAS, proven measures exist to reduce the number of crashes on our streets with a thoughtful and data-backed mix of equitable transportation engineering, enforcement, and education; and

WHEREAS, roadway designs focused on the Complete Streets concept to prioritize reducing vehicular speeding, improve and expand pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and create safer streets for all users; and

WHEREAS, speeding, red light running, ignoring traffic signals and signs, and distracted driving are among the leading causes of motor vehicle crashes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford has already achieved significant gains in traffic safety; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a goal to achieve zero roadway deaths and serious injuries on our streets and adjacent rights of way; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero goals have been adopted by other municipalities and states around the country, and recently by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is premised on the fundamental principle that loss of life and serious injury from traffic crashes is unacceptable, yet acknowledges that while people make mistakes, our roadway network should be designed to ensure those inevitable mistakes do not result in severe injuries or deaths; and

WHEREAS, for Vision Zero to be accepted, it must be thoughtfully integrated into and embraced by multiple stakeholders, including traffic engineers, police and emergency services, Town government leaders, the business community, neighborhood and community groups, and the public at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL WEST HARTFORD THAT:

1. The Town of West Hartford supports the five fundamental principles of the Vision Zero Initiative, namely that:
 - a. Deaths and serious injuries caused by traffic crashes are preventable;
 - b. Human life and health should be prioritized in all transportation systems and in all aspects of transportation planning and design;
 - c. Human error is inevitable and transportation systems should be forgiving;
 - d. Transportation planning should focus on system-level changes to influence all individual's behavior; and
 - e. Speed is a highly important factor in crash severity.
2. **Adoption of a Vision Zero Initiative tailored to the Town of West Hartford.** The Town Manager is hereby directed to adopt the Vision Zero Initiative in the Town of West Hartford with the goal of eliminating fatalities and severe injuries on West Hartford streets by 2033.
3. **Establishment of Task Force.** In support of the Vision Zero Initiative, the Town Manager shall establish a Vision Zero Task Force that shall be composed of a Technical Advisory Committee and a Community Advisory Committee. Committee members shall include a variety of Town officials, experts and community members to ensure a wide range of viewpoints and expertise.
4. **Duties.** The Town Manager shall regularly report to the Town Council, or its committees, on the findings and progress of the Vision Zero Task Force, including recommendations for near term solutions that can be implemented immediately. Not later than January 10, 2024, the Town Manager, in consultation with the Vision Zero Task Force shall:
 - a. Develop and publish a Vision Zero Action Plan, which shall provide the Town Council with a comprehensive plan to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries on West Hartford roadways by 2033 and which shall propose both short-term and long-term data-driven strategies complete with measurable goals. Certain components of the plan shall include but not be limited to:
 - i. Strategies for all Town agencies to adopt and integrate the Safe Systems Approach to roadway safety in the planning, design, construction, maintenance, enforcement, and any other matters related to West Hartford's roadway network; and
 - ii. Recommendations and best practices to reduce speeding and distracted driving overall across the Town.

- b. Develop assurances that traditionally under-resourced and underserved communities shall be thoughtfully included in the plan's development.
- c. Solicit information and input for the Vision Zero Action Plan from the public.
- d. Report to the Town Council regularly on the Task Force's findings and progress.

January 10, 2023
(CANTOR)

January 28, 2024

Chief Marc Balestracci
Waterford Police Department
41 Avery Lane
Waterford, CT 06388

Chief Balestracci,

I would like to bring an incident to your attention because it involves one of your officers. On January 4, 2024, while shopping at BJ's in Waterford, my wallet/phone case was stolen by an individual while his accomplice attempted to distract me. The incident was caught on security camera and the store manager called the Waterford police. Officer Brandon Winakor, one of your officers, responded to the call and began an investigation into the incident. While undertaking his investigation, he encouraged me to use the "Find My" app on my watch to locate my phone. When this produced an address for a vacant lot on Waterford Parkway, he talked me through the steps necessary to use my iPad from home to secure a more accurate location of my phone and to email him the photos of the location. As a senior citizen many times over who had no idea what a "Find My" app was, let alone how to take a photo from my iPad, Officer Winakor was able to locate and retrieve my phone while proceeding with his investigation.

I am a retired individual who spent 44 years working in municipal government, so I am very familiar with municipal police departments and police work. I can tell you that Officer Winakor went above and beyond his service to the public. I am truly grateful for all that he did to assist me. He is knowledgeable, patient, tenacious and very service oriented. You should be proud to have an individual like Officer Winakor within your ranks as an officer in the Waterford Police Department.

Sincerely,

Doreen DeSarro

CC. Officer Brandon Winakor

Marc Balestracci

From: James Deveny <james.deveny@lec-ct.org>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 8:10 AM
To: Marc Balestracci; Pat Daley; Stephen Tavares
Subject: UConn Oral Panel Assistance

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Chiefs,

I would like to thank you for assisting the LEC and the UConn Police Department in the LT oral panel examination held at the LEC on February 1st & 2nd, 2024.

Your lieutenants were professional, and well prepared for this two-day process.

As you know, the LEC would not be able to conduct these promotional examinations without the assistance of LEC agencies. Again, I would like to thank you for your time and assistance.

JIM

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The Waterford Police Department

Traffic Officer Report

January 2024



LINE OF SIGHT ISSUES:

- No new complaints of line of sight issues.
- Previous complaint about the hedges on Avery Lane at the exit to the post office. I spoke with the owner of the rental property and he will be taking care of it in the near future.
- Previous complaint of the flags that Sleepy's (Route 85) has along the road make it difficult to see when trying to exit the Waterford Hotel Group parking lot. Several of the flags have already been removed and store personnel were open to moving their location when they are put back out.

DOT SIGN RELATED ISSUES.

- None reported at this time

PARKING COMPLAINTS:

- No parking complaints that required action.

Enforcement related complaints

- Additional enforcement activity was focused on the stop signs at intersection of Vauxhall St. Ext. and Douglas Ln./Greentree Dr. to address concerns that people are not stopping at the stop signs. During the month approximately fifty five (55) traffic stops were conducted at the stop signs at this intersection. Marked and unmarked cars were utilized in these stops.
- I met with staff at the senior center to address parking problems and was also informed they had concerns about the speed of vehicles driving through the parking lot. The parking issues were not able to resolved at this time. The Recreation Department and Senior Center have a large amount of community engagement and will attempt to schedule future programming to minimize parking issues. As for speed issues in the lot, a battery powered speed sign will be placed in the parking lot to bring awareness to the speed. No speed signs are in the parking lot. We have also discussed using temporary speed bumps to address the concerns, but proper signage must be obtained first.
- On January 30, 2024 I was contacted by a worker with the Parks and Recreation Department. He complained about the speed of vehicles on the back road of the high school that connects to Miner Lane. I was informed that some of the school bus drivers were complaining as well. I contacted SRO Malbourn and he informed me he is in regular contact with the bus company about those types of issues. He also reported the temporary speed bumps have been removed for winter. The parking lot does not have posted speed limit signs. Battery powered speed signs will be utilized on the rear entrance roadway to draw attention to the potential speeding problem.

REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

No new requests for traffic control signs has come forward.



The Waterford Police Department

Traffic Officer Report

January 2024



SPEED TRAFFIC SIGN DEPLOYMENT:

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

1. Vauxhall St Ext in the area of Twin Lakes Road, facing southbound traffic. The data shows that vehicle traffic during the month of January 2024 was at or above the speed limit approximately 61% of the time. An additional approximate 36% were traveling between 36 and 45 mph during that time. Leaving the remaining roughly 3% traveling at 46 mph or higher.
2. Willets Ave at the old Bank of America building, facing westbound traffic. This speed sign is not currently showing the collected data. The speed sign does continue to show reading to those traveling on the road.

BATTERY POWERED SPEED SIGN

1. A previous complaint on Summer St., lead to a battery powered speed sign being placed on Summer St. in the area between David St and William St., facing traffic driving towards William St. The sign was in place from December 8 to December 14, 2023. The results have been listed below. The speed limit on this road is 25 mph. The data also 49 vehicles traveled over the speed limit during this timeframe, with the two highest recorded speeds of 36 mph and 33 mph. Based on the traffic data no specific enforcement was conducted in this area.

Total Vehicles	0-10mph	11-20 mph	21-31 mph	32-41 mph
2705	65	2143	495	2

2. A previous complaint on Spithead Road, lead to a battery powered speed sign being placed on Spithead Road between Mullen Hill Rd and Ina Blvd, facing northbound traffic from January 4 through January 9, 2024. The results have been listed below. The speed limit in this area is 30 mph. Additional traffic enforcement has been conducted in this area.

Total Vehicles	10-19 mph	20-30 mph	31-40 mph	41-51 mph	52-61 mph	62+ mph
9516	169	1620	4349	3285	92	1

5. A previous complaint on Fog Plain Rd., lead to a battery powered speed sign being placed on Fog Plain Rd. in the area of Robin St., facing traffic driving towards Route 1. The sign was in place from December 8 to December 14, 2023. The results have been listed below. Additional traffic enforcement has been conducted in this area and a true speed study will be conducted in the future. The speed limit on this road is 25 mph

Total Vehicles	0-25 mph	26-34 mph	35-43 mph	44-52 mph	53-60 mph
16839	3333	9474	3798	226	8



The Waterford Police Department

Traffic Officer Report

January 2024



SPECIAL EVENTS:

No events involving the traffic office occurred during January we have no anticipated events for February.

MESSAGE BOARD DEPLOYMENTS:

The message boards were not deployed in January due to weather concerns.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:

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

Misdemeanor:	1 (reckless driving)
Infractions:	23
Warnings:	44
Total Stops:	78

I was also assigned to assist patrol on multiple occasions during the month during storms and for various other reasons. I assisted Community Engagement Officer Fredricks with community functions as needed.



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K-9 Activity Report

January 2024

K-9 Ozzy

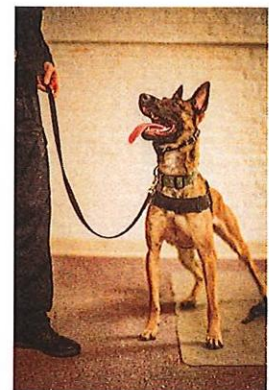
Monthly Uses: 5

2024 Uses: 5

K-9 Tico

Monthly Uses: 3

2023 Uses: 3



K-9 Usage

Ozzy

- Members of the police department arrested an individual for possession of a large quantity of marijuana and two high capacity pistol magazines. Shortly after the suspect was released, Officer Genung observed the suspect looking into the wood line of where he was arrested. Officer Genung attempted to make contact with the suspect who fled on foot into the woods. K9 Ozzy and Officer Genung began tracking the suspect which resulted in him being flushed out to a perimeter officer and taken into custody. A loaded pistol with a high capacity magazine (32 round) was later located in the woods.

Tico

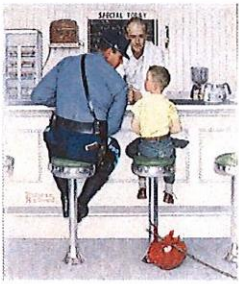
- K9 Tico and Off. Surdo responded to Officer Ewing's motor vehicle stop for an open air sniff of the vehicle. K9 Tico showed alert behavior on the rear door seam/handle and was deployed inside the vehicle. Inside the vehicle Officers located four individually packaged clear-knotted baggies containing "crack" cocaine and drug paraphernalia.



Both K9 Ozzy and K9 Tico along with Officer Genung and Officer Surdo participated in a K9 demo for Commissioner Gamble's criminal justice class at Waterford High School.

Monthly Training

- Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 1/2/24, 1/16/24 and 1/30/24 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work.



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Youth Office Activity Report

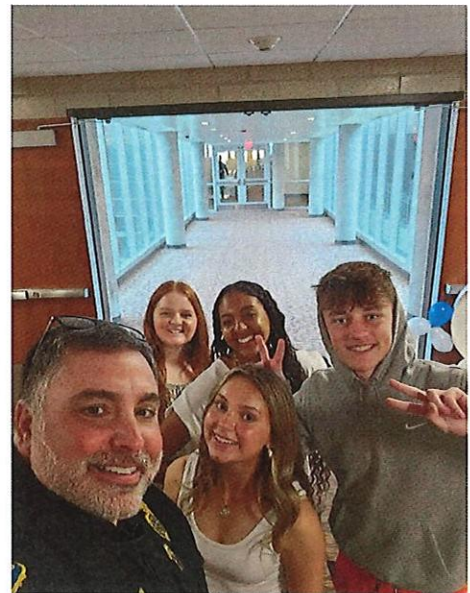


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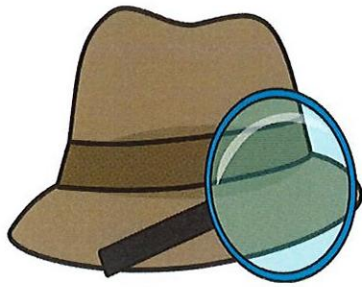
- ♦ SRO Lane and SRO Malbourn worked collaboratively with WECC (Wtfd Emergency Communications Center) to number all radios assigned to teachers and administrators at the five schools in town. This measure allows police to respond efficiently in an emergency situation.
- ♦ Off. Malbourn met with a student, his guardian, and school staff and devised a safety plan after an ongoing altercation with another student.
- ♦ Off. Lane investigated an incident in which an 11 year old sixth grader had a small knife in his backpack at school. The student received school discipline and his family was referred to family counseling.
- ♦ Both SRO Malbourn and SRO Lane attended numerous after school events to include: wrestling tournaments, WHS basketball games and CLMS basketball games.
- ♦ Officer Lane attended an online Swatting training.
- ♦ Off. Malbourn assisted the Friendship School (and an out of district school) with a custody issue which involved restraining orders, school enrollment, and withdrawal.
- ♦ Officer Lane attended a “suicide line webinar” and conducted a threat assessment on a student with a history of self inflicted “cutting”.

Month at a Glance

3 – Home Visits
5 – CAD Report
2– Case Reports
0 – Arrests



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



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



January 2024

In the month of January 2024 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 31 investigations.

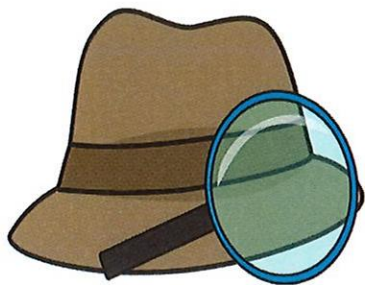
Current Active Investigations (26 Cases):

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

Homicide—1	Pistol Permits—5
Burglary—5	JV Sex Assault—4
Larceny—2	Untimely—1
Fraud-2	ID Theft—1
Robbery—1	Narcotics-1
Risk of Injury—1	Background Checks—2
Child Pornography—1	

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Search Warrants	Background Checks	Arrests	Sex Assaults	
17	1	4	4	5	
Ex-Parte's	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery	
0	0	0	0	0	



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



January 2024

January 2024 Updates:

During the Month of January the Investigative Services Division completed four (4) background investigations. The investigations were for three (3) police officers and one (1) dispatcher. The Investigative Services Division completed a comprehensive background of all potential hires.

Evidence Officer Maffeo completed a drug burn at Covanta in Preston, CT. This is done approximately four (4) times a year. The drugs gathered are either evidence, ordered destroyed by the court, found property or from our drug receptacle located in the Waterford Police Department lobby.

Detective Bonkowski assisted Lieutenant Flanagan in the beginning phases of the adaptation of the Flock Camera System for the Waterford Police Department. Detective Bonkowski was chosen for this due to her continued proactive activity in investigations and understanding of numerous programming systems.

January 2024 Investigations:

The Investigative Services Division assisted the Department of Homeland Security on a child pornography case that was discovered from Australian authorities leading to an address in Waterford, CT. This case is ongoing with an expected additional sexual assault investigation that will be investigated by Waterford.

Investigator Zaldivar investigated a possible theft from an elderly person in the amount of \$25,000. After many interviews and investigative time this case was discovered to be a misunderstanding in which the potential victim was made whole and was determined to be civil in nature.

Investigative Services arrested two brothers who are both required to notify the Sex Offender Registry of their address after failing to comply.

Detective Carroll was assigned a report of a juvenile sexual assault from the Waterford Country School. This case is ongoing.

Detective O'Connell continues to assist patrol on a retail theft larceny from December 2023.

Investigative Services assisted the Patrol Unit with seven (7) cases in the month of January. The two units continue to work cohesively together.



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Investigative Services Division



January 2024

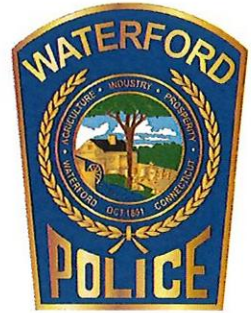
Task Force Report:

In the month of January, the VCTF executed 3 search warrants resulting in the recovery of narcotics and a ghost gun in Norwich and Groton. The Task Force also executed a search warrant in Groton with the help from the FBI stemming from a 6 month long human trafficking investigation. Lastly, VCTF had 4 other narcotics and warrant related arrests.



TRAINING REPORT

JANUARY 2024



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, and prepare for upcoming vacancies in the near future.

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



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



TRAINING REPORT JANUARY 2024



Officer Caler attended the Eastern Regional Police Academy hosted by Law Enforcement Council of Connecticut to assist with a practical skills day. The day consisted of search and seizure training scenarios. Officer Caler, along with other officers in our area, role play different scenarios for our recruits, and other recruits from the area in order for them to translate what they've learned in the classroom, to real situations.

Officer Barrows, Officer Rogers, and Officer Caler attended a three day Field Training Officer class. This in depth class taught officers the Field Training Officer's role in assisting probationary officers in certifying for solo patrol operations by applying the knowledge and skills acquired during basic police training and using them according to our agencies policy, procedures, and community service delivery standards and the POST Field Training and Evaluation Program. Some of the topics covered are remedial training, phase training evaluation, liability, effective teaching skills, and standard evaluation guidelines just to name a few.



The Waterford Police Department Records Department Activity for January 2024

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

Ticket/Written Warning Entries	Freedom of Information Requests	Motor Vehicle Accident Entries	Warrants (Entering or clearing)	Phone calls	Walk in Lobby Window	Background Check Requests
332	126	45	54	119	116	10
+33%	-5%	+9%	+46%	-7%	+7%	+67%

Protective Order Entries	Officer Tasking Requests	Case Erasures	State/Federal Report Entries	Supervisor Tasking Requests	DCF Requests
46	22	375	0	19	10
+48%	+22%	+54%	0%	-5%	+29%

Court Request	Case Copies	Abstracts
15	2	236
-25%	0%	-17%

- Case Erasures increased more than 54% from the previous month (243 to 375) due to the implementation of the new “Clean Slate” law (Public Act 21-32), which automatically erases certain criminal convictions.

This report added the percentage of increase or decrease of statistics for each category as compared to the previous month as a reference.



CSO Monthly Statistical Report

January

2024



Waterford Arrests

#

Adult	20
Juvenile	1
Total Processed	21

Fingerprints

#

Pistol Permits	6
Employment	17
Miscellaneous	4
Peddler / Precious Permits	1
Total Fingerprints	28

Firearms

#

Firearms Transfer	73
Pistol Permits Issued	5

Initial Complaints (3A's)

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Total	36
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- CSO's covered 89 shifts during the month equaling 702 hrs of shift coverage (approximately 4% increase in shift coverage since December 2023)
- 2 New CSO's are finishing up their training.



Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report

January 2024



Traffic Stop Leads Arrest

On January 9th a MV stop was conducted during an ARPA rural roads traffic assignment. The operator was found to have an active PRAWN warrant out of Norwich. Probable cause was developed to conduct a motor vehicle search and two high capacity magazines were recovered as well as 13.4 ounces of marijuana. The subject was later found on Douglas LN in the area of the car stop rummaging through the woods. He fled on foot and evening shift set up a perimeter. A K9 track flushed the suspect who was taken into custody. A firearm was later located and seized in the area.

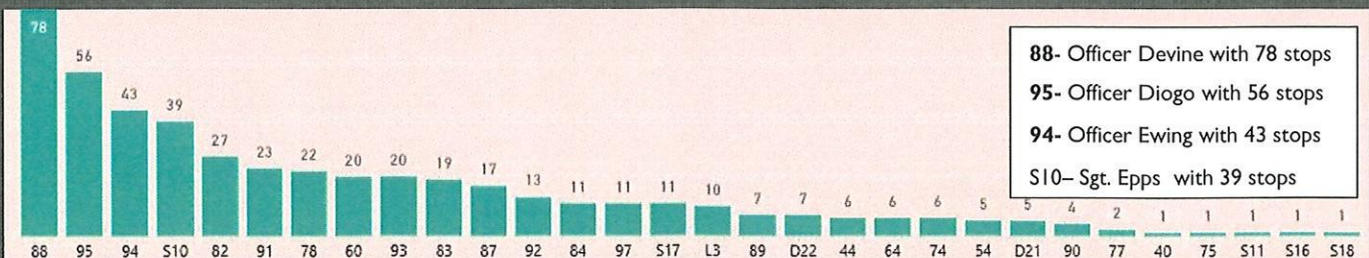


Stolen MV Complaint

On 1/23/24 the midnight shift responded to 22 Miner LN for a report of a stolen MV. It was reported a subject, known to the victim, had entered the residence and taken her keys. After obtaining a formal complaint for the stolen car, the vehicle was broadcast on the "hotline" to surrounding agencies. The City of Groton PD located the car at a local hotel and the suspect was taken into custody for the Larceny in the First Degree (MV theft).

Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2116
Case Numbers	177
Arrests	78
Juvenile Arrests	1
Larcenies	24
Arrest Warrants	8
Domestic Violence Investigations	6
Traffic Crash	108
DUI Investigations	4
EDP/Welfare Check	48
School Checks	119
Motor Vehicle	473
Written Warnings	143
Infractions	114
Verbal Warnings	197
Misdemeanor	19



**Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Arrest**

On January 7, 2024 at 1926 hours Off. Ewing was conducting traffic enforcement on Boston Post RD. He conducted a MV stop and determined that the registration plate on the vehicle was a misuse of plates. Off. Ewing requested Off. Surdo and his K-9 partner Tico respond to the scene. K-9 Tico indicated to the presence of narcotic odor on the exterior of the vehicle. Upon conducting a search of the car 4 bags of individually packaged crack cocaine were located. The operator was taken into custody for Poss. Of Narcotics, Poss. Of Drug Paraphernalia, and MV charges.

**Ultra Larceny**

On January 8, 2024 Off. Winakor, Off. Swarr, and Sgt. Firmin were dispatched to Ultra for a larceny in progress. Store management advised that the suspects had been involved in organized retail thefts at Ultra stores throughout the Northeast part of the country. Three suspects were immediately detained and taken into custody. Upon conducting a quick search of the vehicle they arrived in, it was determined that the car contained numerous stolen items from previous larcenies. The vehicle was seized and towed to impound. Three suspects were taken into custody and charged accordingly. A Search and Seizure warrant was completed by Off. Winakor and Det. Bonkowksi. Numerous items were seized from the vehicle. Officers collaborated with Dept. of Homeland Security on this case. The arrests and identifications of these suspects assisted numerous other agencies in securing arrests warrants for similar cases.

Attempted MV Stop Leads to Recovery of Stolen Trailer

On 1/22/24 Sgt. Epps observed a U-Haul truck towing an enclosed trailer with a municipal city of New London registration plate. Believing the trailer may be stolen he attempted a MV stop. The operator failed to yield and fled the scene of the traffic stop. The Montville PD was able to get the vehicle stopped after stop sticks were deployed in their jurisdiction. The stolen trailer was recovered and the Montville PD arrested the subjects for various criminal charges. Members of the WPD responded to the scene and issued a Misdemeanor Summons for several motor vehicle related offenses.



In the Community Interest





THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Animal Control Report



January 2024

- ♦ On 1/2/2024 several officers and a citizen assisted the ACO with capturing a small dog that the ACOs had been trying to catch for 3 days. The dog was subsequently returned home to her owners uninjured.
- ♦ On 1/10/2024 ACO Yuchniuk assisted in teaching an Animal Control block of instruction at the Eastern Region Police Academy in Norwich for the satellite police academy of new recruits.
- ♦ On 1/25/2024 ACO Ryan assisted the State Department of Agriculture with the execution of a search warrant in Deep River. Approximately a dozen animal control agencies assisted in the seizure of 43 dogs and numerous chickens from the residence. The owner of the animals was charged with multiple counts of animal cruelty.



	Waterford	East Lyme
Calls for Service	81	27
After Hour Call Outs	1	1
Tickets Issued	0	0
Warnings Issued	2	0
Dog Bites	3	1
Animals Redeemed	7	5
Animals Adopted	3	0
Animals DOA	0	0
Euthanized	0	0
Total Processed	10	5
Money Taken In	\$430	\$190
Donations	\$335	\$160



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Community Engagement Report January 2024

Internships: Anamarielys Rodriguez, an Eastern CT University student, was selected to be the college intern and Carlie Robinson, a Waterford High School student, was selected to be the high school intern. Both interns had their orientation and a tour of the police department. Intern Rodriguez shadowed Dispatch and Evening Shift Patrol. Intern Robinson shadowed Dispatch.

Domestic Violence Follow-ups: Conducted 7 follow-ups with DV victims.

Advance Services Program: Organized a new program that merged the Autism Awareness Program and Cognitive Issues Program. New program expands criteria for other residents to register and further assists interactions between our officers and community members. 1 participant was added to the program.



Socks for Seniors



Officer Wellness: Taught Gracie Survival Tactics at the LEC Police Academy. Took the children of a fallen Waterford Police officer on a ride along to school with SRO Lane. Scheduled other comfort K-9s to visit during the anniversary week of the passing of the WPD officer. Organized Remembrance Open Forums. Attended an LEC Peer Support Meeting and NL County Peer Support Plunge. Hodges visited New London Superior Court and Norwich Superior Court. Hosted a Wellness Day for Evening Shift Officers.

Interaction with Senior Services: Visited Atria Crossroads Place and Bayview Healthcare. Organized the Sock for Seniors Fundraiser.

K-9 Officer Hodges: Attended WTFD Library's Children Reading and Midterm Break. Visited Charles Barnum Elementary School, Waterford Ambulance and the Waterford IT Department. Held a Read to Hodges Event at the Waterford Library.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Visited the Friendship School, Lakes Pond Baptist School, Waterford High School, and Clark Lane Middle. Assisted Patrol with completing multiple school checks. Hodges visited a Friendship School student that was having behavioral issues. Spoke at Quaker Hill School and Oswegatchie School for Youth Promise. Spoke about traffic stop safety at Rae's Driving School. Assisted Simsbury Police Department in starting their own Youth Promise Program.

Rotary Club: Attended monthly meeting.

Coffee with a Cop: Organized an event where police officers and citizens have causal conversations at the WTFD Community Center. Starbucks donated coffee and Flanders Donuts donated donuts. Waterford Fire, New London Police, and Groton Town Police participated as well. Attended New London Police's Coffee with a Cop Event.



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Peer Support Team members:

Officer Gil Maffeo
Officer Eric Fredricks
Officer Peter Barrows

Officer Zachary Bushwack
Officer Mark Devine (Coordinator)

Peer Support and Officer Wellness Meeting(s):

The last meeting we had was on December 21, 2023. We discussed upcoming functions and any ongoing issues. No new significant and/or ongoing issues that needed attention were identified. Chaplain Parise was in attendance at the meeting and we discussed the Remembrance event, in honor of deceased Officer Adam Lapkowski #54, that was scheduled for January 4, 2024. Discussion of the manner in which the remembrance would be carried out and plans for outside peer support were finalized. We are also working with the dispatcher peer team which they have been adding to.

Planned Additional Team members:

None at this time

Peer Support Activities:

- Peer support and officer wellness are an ongoing endeavors that are often handled in discrete manner. People in the peer support program regularly have conversations with members of the department and act as necessary on information that comes to light through these interactions or through other notifications. Peer personnel are made aware of instances of officers having to deal with certain types of death investigations and other cases which may cause stress and will reach out to them and advise them or resources. Peer support information is confidential except under specific conditions.
- In November 2023 New London Dispatcher Jamie DeGunia collected contact information for peer support personnel from agencies throughout the area to compile a list and distribute it to the participating agencies.

Programs for Officer Wellness:

- In September the Chief informed department members that they would be receiving Calmpaks key fobs, which are designed to give personnel resources for overall wellness, to include breathing exercises, progressive muscle relaxation exercises, mindfulness and cognitive behavior techniques.
- October 28, 2023 members of the department participated in a pickle ball tournament at Mago Point, which was also a fundraiser for officer wellness.
- No shave November fundraiser was conducted with funds being given to the Lapkowski children's CHET 529 College Fund.
- On January 4, 2024 the police department held two events for personnel to gather in remembrance of Officer Adam Lapkowski, who had passed away a year before. Multiple people



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took advantage of this remembrance, talking about memories of Adam and the changes that have come about since his passing.

- Also on January 4, 2024, an Officer arranged an informal meeting for officers, dispatchers and other personnel and family members for the remembrance of Officer Adam Lapkowski. Fundraising was also conducted to benefit Adam's children. The money was used to conduct a fundraiser
- On January 10, 2023 Chief Balestracci utilized money raised for the officer wellness program to provide food at a local establishment for officers and their significant others. The union also got involved to make the event a late holiday event for the department members.
- January 25, 2024 Officer Fredericks obtained energy drinks and protein bars for evening shift

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 22, 2024 Chaplains and peer support members will be providing breakfast for department personnel
- Officer Fredricks obtained information for a Hometown Heroes night for the CT Sun WNBA basketball team. Area First Responders have been invited to attend this game and discounted tickets have been offered for their friends and family.

LEC Regional Peer Support Team:

January 9, 2024 a meeting of peer members that are involved in the regional support team. Chief John Rich leading the meeting. Guiding policy is still being determined and resources were shared between those in attendance. Minimum training was discussed to be involved in the program and known and approved training programs were discussed.

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- **GY6 (Got Your 6) First Responder Wellness Conference** – An event to help push back first responder suicides. April 26, 2024 in Bristol, Connecticut.
 - o Officer Maffeo, Officer Fredricks and Officer Devine will likely be attending
- **Practical Aspects of Peer Support and Officer Wellness (3 Day Training)**
 - o April 17, 2024 to April 19, 2024
 - o July 24, 2024 to July 26, 2024
 - o October 23, 2024 to October 25, 2024
- A proposal for training being conducted at the Waterford Police Department is in the process of being developed as a refresher for peer support members. Chaplain Joe Parise has offered to assist and may be able to get assistance from CT CISM