



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Waterford Town Hall Auditorium

11/10/2025 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: September 8, 2025 Regular Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Thank You letter from Patti L. Burmahl, Board of Directors, Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's Report:

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

Old Business:

New Business:

- a. Review of 2026 Meeting Schedule
- b. Retirement Commission Appointment
- c. Discussion on Cross Road/Boston Post Road Rotary
- d. Executive Session for Personnel Discussion



MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
September 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC INPUT:

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Brule to accept the August 11, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic report was received.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- a. K9 Reports for August
August report was received.
- b. Youth Reports for August
August report was received.
- c. Investigative Services for August
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- h. Community Engagement Report for August
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OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion was made regarding a change in the Annual Report. Chief Balestracci stated the change would be corrected.

MOTION: Made by Commission Gelinas and seconded by Commissioner Sheridan to approve the Annual Report. Motion passed unanimously.

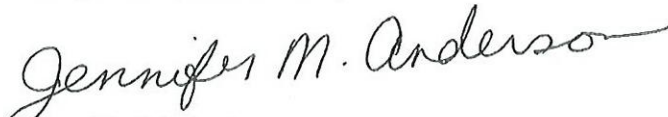
- b. Discussion was made regarding the e-bike issues in town along with the correspondence letter from First Selectman Brule regarding the subject. A brochure has been completed to use as education for students, teachers and parents in town. Chief Balestracci is to meet with the superintendent of schools regarding class presentations to further educate students. A public service announcement video will also be available before Christmas 2025 as sales for e-bikes is expected to increase during the holiday season.

Commissioner Sheridan left the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

c. Discussion was made regarding the email from the Chamber of Commerce.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Brule to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Jennifer M. Anderson
Recording Secretary



**TERRI
BRODEUR**
**BREAST
CANCER
FOUNDATION**

Celebrating our 18th Anniversary as a Foundation

"Funding saves lives. Discoveries in the lab save lives. Funding from the Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation jumpstarted my career." ~ Dr. Priscilla Brastianos, Director of the Central Nervous System Metastasis Program at Massachusetts General Hospital-Harvard Medical School, an American Association for Cancer Research "NextGen Star," and a TBBCF research grant recipient.

October 19, 2025

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Waterford Police Department
Chief Marc Balestracci
41 Avery Lane
Waterford, CT 06385

Dear Chief Balestracci,

On behalf of the Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation, I wanted to thank you and the Waterford Police department for your assistance and support at our 20th Annual Walk for a Cure held on Saturday, October 4th.

Having Sergeant Matt Fedor help our walkers cross Rope Ferry Road to Gardiners Wood Road was so helpful. This is a spot where all 400 walkers walk through and they are usually tired by this point. Seeing Sgt. Fedor and having his support for the walkers means so much (not to mention keeping them safe!). I also appreciated Lieutenant David Ferland who was my point person communicating prior to the Walk.

With heartfelt thanks and appreciation for helping us find a cure for breast cancer by supporting our big fundraising event!!

Patti Burmahl

Patti L. Burmahl
Board of Directors



The Waterford Police Department

Traffic Officer Report

September 2025



LINE OF SIGHT ISSUES:

- None to report.

DOT RELATED ISSUES.

- Nothing current or pressing

PARKING COMPLAINTS:

- No ongoing parking complaints at this time.

ENFORCEMENT RELATED COMPLAINTS:

- Complaint of speeding on Devonshire from multiple people in the neighborhood. Speed signs being utilized and time spent on the roadway.
- Complaint of speeding on Vauxhall St., additional enforcement in area and speed study. Solar sign to be placed in area in near future
- Complaint of speeding on Norman St. and stop sign violations at Norman and Summer St.

REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

- No signs requests or changes of roadway features are pending at this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 5, 2025 Jack O'Keefe Memorial Strides Run
- October 18, 2025 Addy's Run 5K
- November 9, 2025 Mago Point 5K and Harvest Festival
- November 21, 2025 Waterford High School Turkey Trot 5K

UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH CLOSURE:

- Paving on Old Norwich Road began during September and finish work will continue into the first couple weeks of October.
- Paving in the area of Phillips St. and Jefferson Ave should be beginning mid-October

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: **164** Total Traffic Stops

*Officer Rogers #82 assigned to traffic unit for month of August

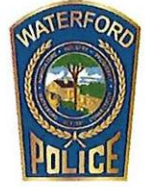
Officer	Devine #88	Reed #93	Total
Infractions	6	72	78
warnings	24	61	85
misdemeanor	1	0	1



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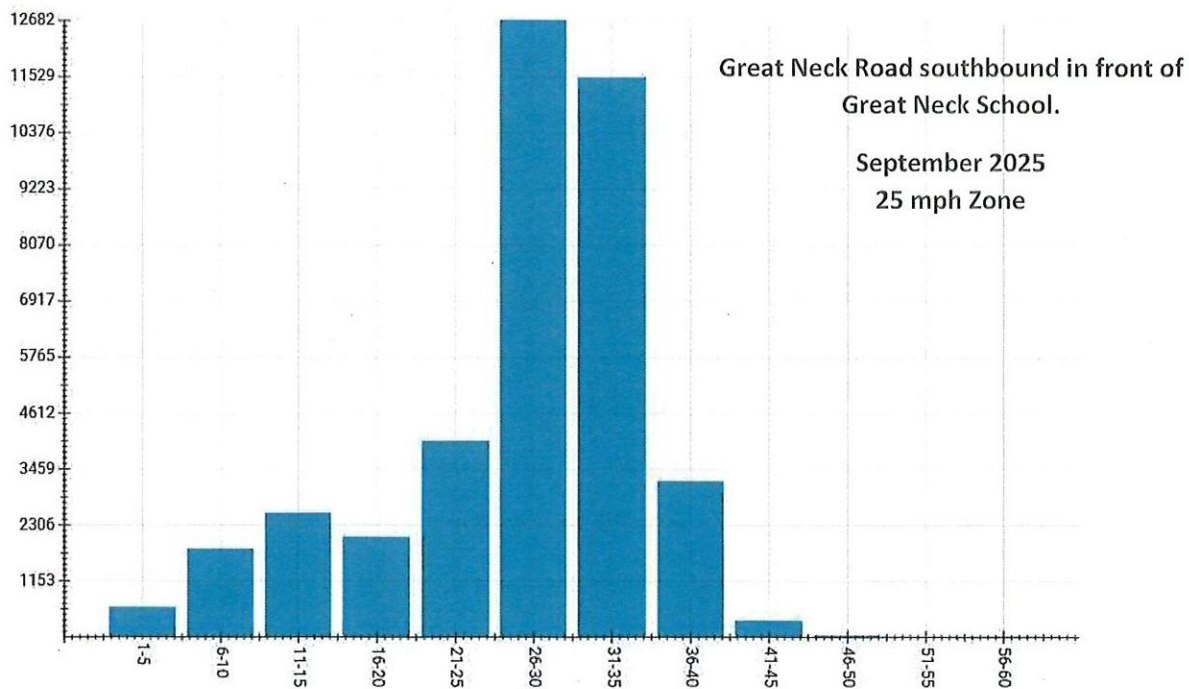
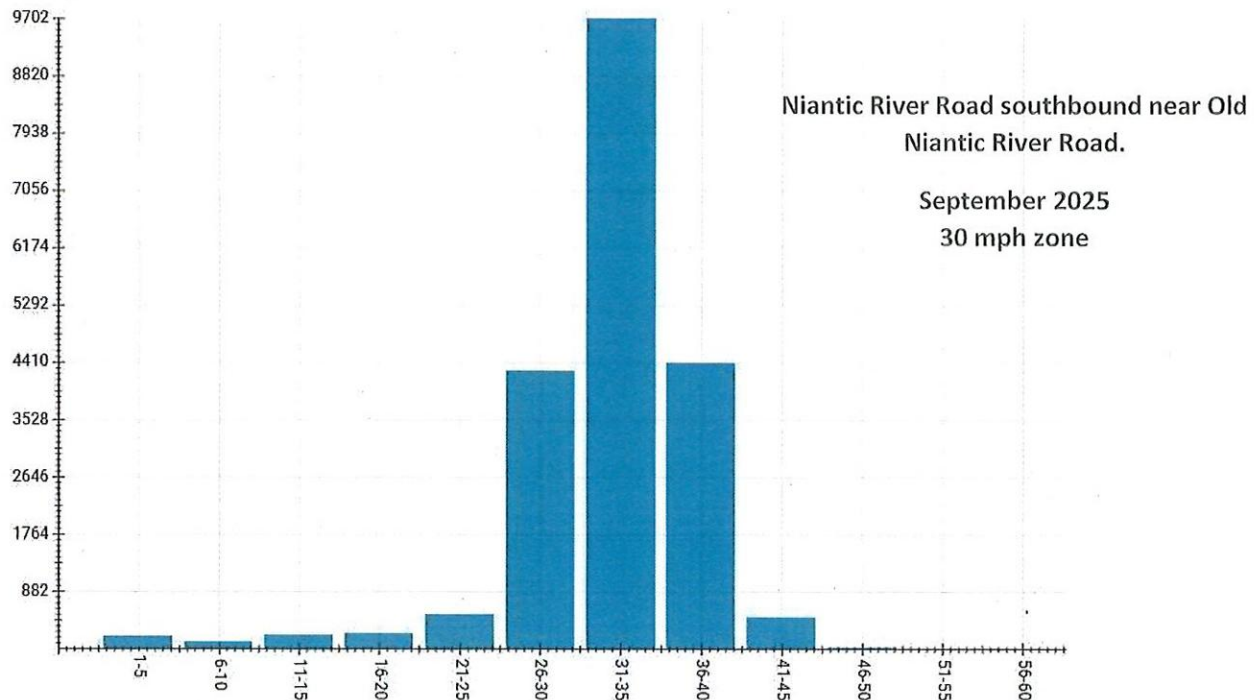
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September 2025



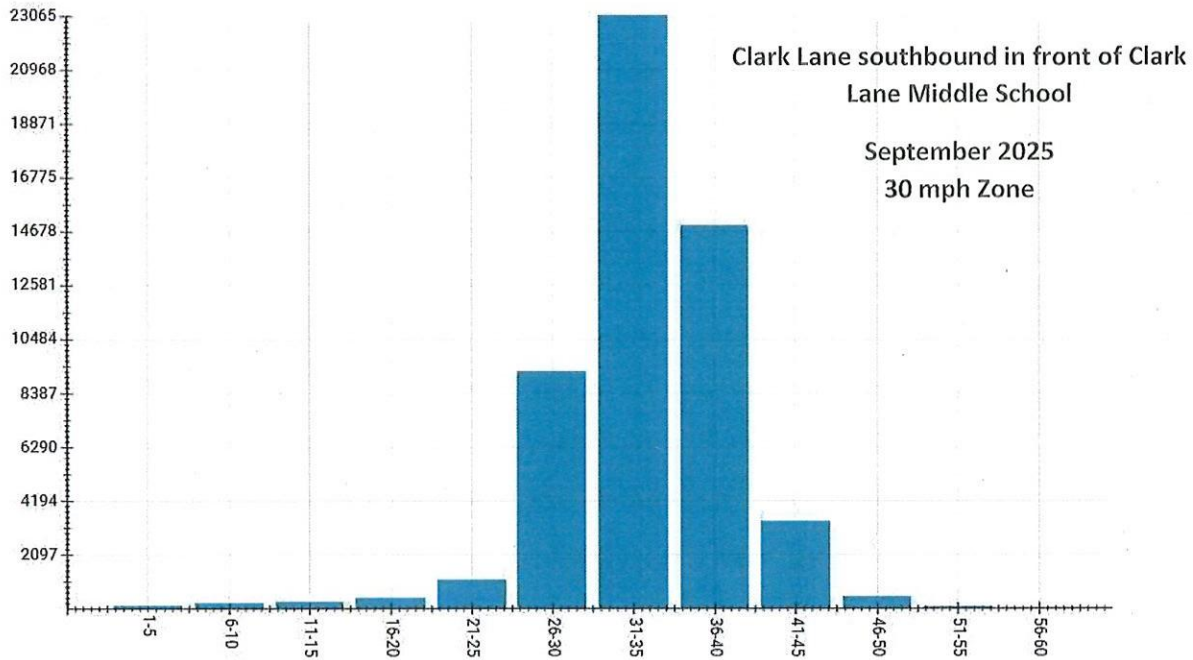
SPEED TRAFFIC SIGN DEPLOYMENT:

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





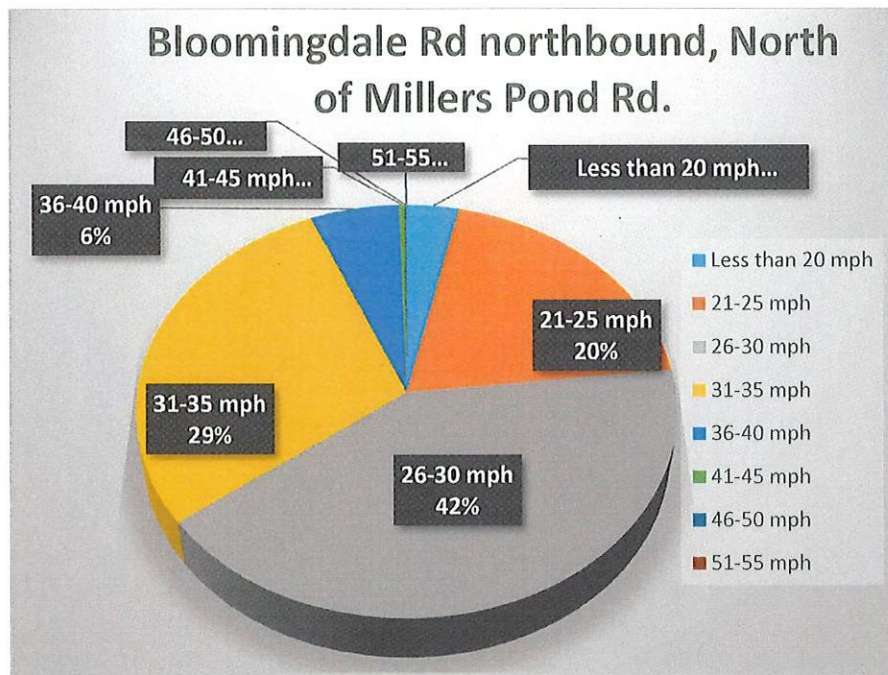
The Waterford Police Department Traffic Officer Report September 2025



The following Data was obtained from battery powered speed signs:

Date Range: September 1, 2025 to September 6, 2025

Speed Limit: 25 mph



Less than 20 mph	186
21-25 mph	1071
26-30 mph	2251
31-35 mph	1562
36-40 mph	317
41-45 mph	20
46-50 mph	3
51-55 mph	1



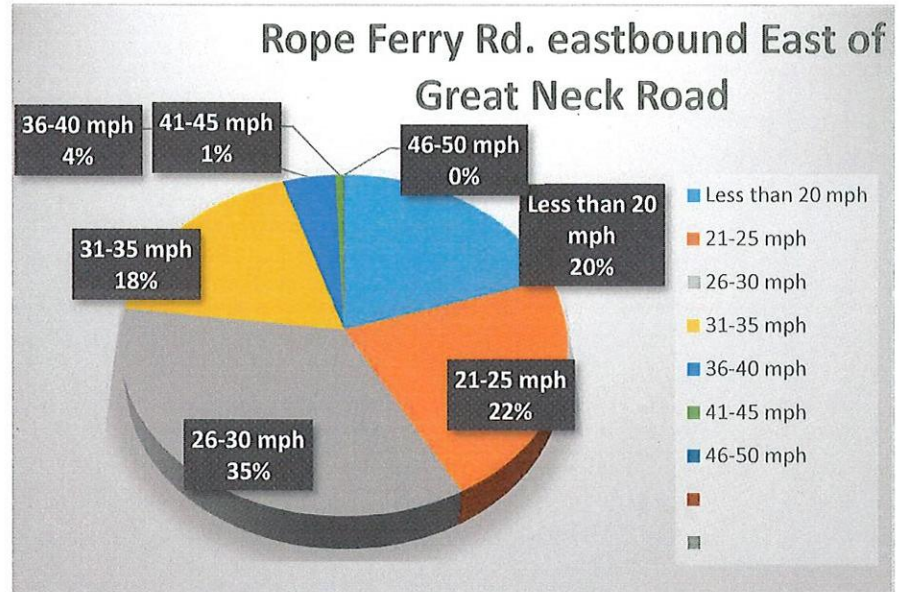
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Date Range: September 4, 2025 to September 6, 2025

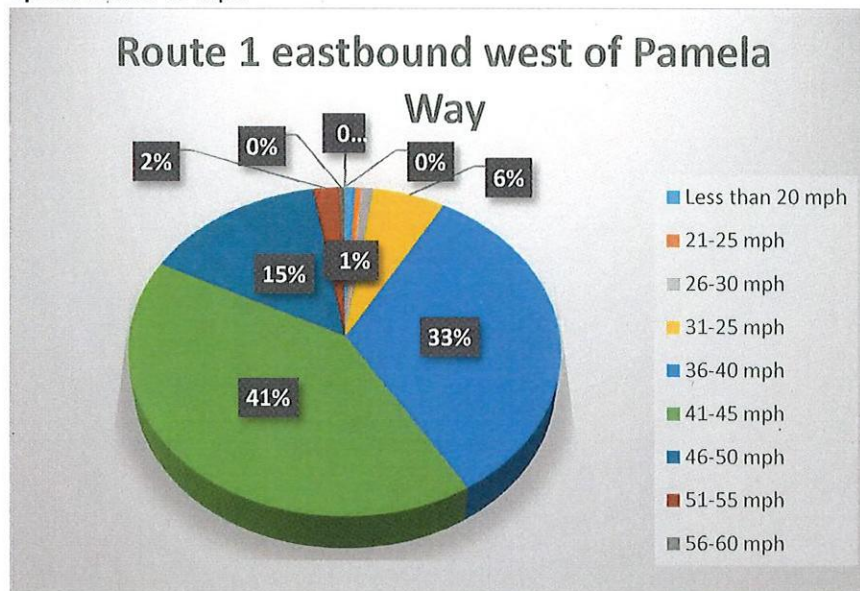
Speed Limit: 30 mph

Speed Range	Vehicles
Less than 20 mph	2016
21-25 mph	2184
26-30 mph	3497
31-35 mph	1810
36-40 mph	424
41-45 mph	64
46-50 mph	5



Date Range: September 1, 2025 to September 7, 2025

Speed Limit: 40 mph



Speed	Vehicles
Less than 20 mph	260
21-25 mph	149
26-30 mph	343
31-25 mph	1878
36-40 mph	10600
41-45 mph	13239
46-50 mph	4749
51-55 mph	676
56-60 mph	113
61-65 mph	30
66-70 mph	3
71-75 mph	3
76+ mph	3



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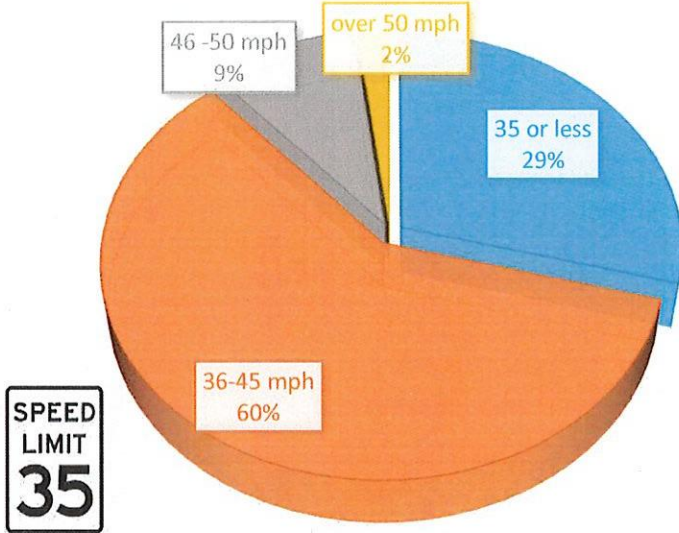
Traffic Officer Report

September 2025



Date Range: September 25, 2025 to October 2, 2025 (Speed Feedback was turned off for this period)
Speed Limit: 35 mph

VAUXHALL ST EXT SOUTHBOUND IN THE AREA OF HICKORY LANE



Speed Range	Vehicle Count
35 mph or less	10,660
36-45 mph	21,767
46-50 mph	3,415
Over 50 mph	729

A Speed Study was conducted on Boston Post Road in the area of Waterford Town Hall, from September 15, 2025 to September 22, 2025. Speed radar signs were utilized, with the feedback function turned off so that passing vehicles did not know their speeds were being recorded. This area is a 30 mph zone in each direction. The following data was collected.

Speed Range	Westbound	Eastbound (Sample)	Combined	% of Sampled Total
Less than 20 mph	2,092	501	2,593	5.27%
21-25 mph	2,046	588	2,634	5.35%
26-30 mph	6,521	1,655	8,176	16.61%
31-35 mph	14,609	3,578	18,187	36.94%
36-40 mph	10,462	2,643	13,105	26.62%
41-45 mph	2,960	854	3,814	7.75%
46-50 mph	469	137	606	1.23%
51-55 mph	53	32	85	0.17%
56-60 mph	9	9	18	0.04%
61-65 mph	4	3	7	0.01%
66-70 mph	3	0	3	0.01%
71-75 mph	1	0	1	0.00%
76-100 mph	2	0	2	0.00%
Sampled Total	39,231	10,000	49,231	100.00%



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Traffic Officer Report

October 2025



LINE OF SIGHT ISSUES:

- None to report.

DOT RELATED ISSUES.

- Email sent to DOT Engineers requesting review of the intersection on Route 85 at Target/Waterford Commons. Complaints of the left turn lanes from the Target and Waterford Commons exits are too close and may pose a hazard.
- Several issues with traffic lights owned by CT DOT were reported and DOT was prompt to respond and correct issues.
- Issue with traffic light at Cross Road at Waterford Parkway South. Prime electric has responded and completed temporary fixes. Long term fix is expected to be done during the first week of November. This light is actually owned by the town not DOT.

PARKING COMPLAINTS:

- No ongoing parking complaints at this time.

ENFORCEMENT RELATED COMPLAINTS:

- No new complaints regarding speed related issues that are not already being addressed.

REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

- No signs requests or changes of roadway features are pending at this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 2, 2025 Mike's Harley Davidson Toy Run (Motorcycle Run)
- November 9, 2025 Mago Point 5K and Harvest Festival
- November 21, 2025 Waterford High School Turkey Trot 5K

UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH CLOSURE:

- Paving on Old Norwich Rd complete.
- Paving Phillips St and Jefferson Ave complete.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: **169** Total Traffic Stops

Officer	Devine #88	Reed #93	Total
Infractions	9	67	76
warnings	28	64	92
misdemeanor	1	1	1

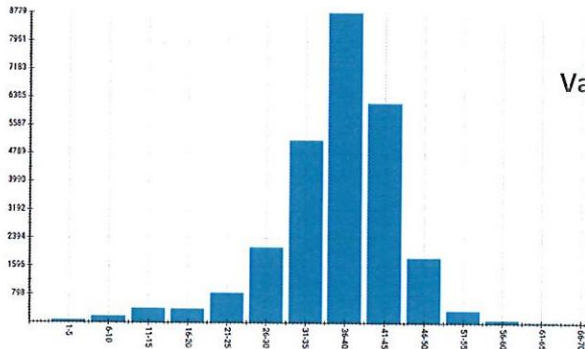
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Vauxhall St southbound South of Hickory Lane.

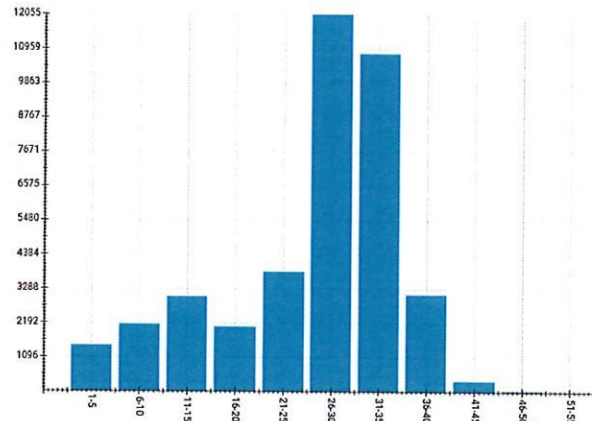
October 15- October 31, 2025

35 mph zone

Great Neck Road southbound in front of
Great Neck School.

October 2025

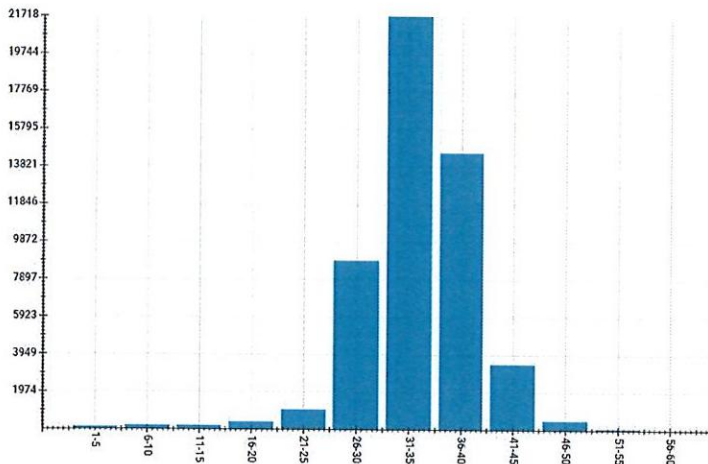
25 mph Zone



Clark Lane southbound in front of Clark
Lane Middle School

October 2025

30 mph Zone



*A fourth solar sign was placed on Old Norwich Road in Quaker Hill on October 15, 2025. The data from this sign was not able to be retrieved at this time, but the feedback function showing the speeds to the drivers has been active since October 15, 2025.



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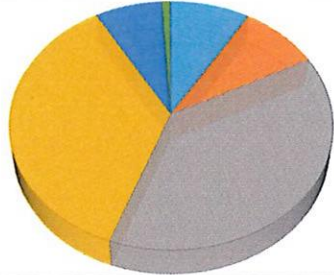


The following Data was obtained from battery powered speed signs:

Date Range: October 7, 2025 to October 10, 2025

Speed Limit: 30 mph

OLD NORWICH RD SOUTH OF FITZGERALD 10-7 TO 10-10-25



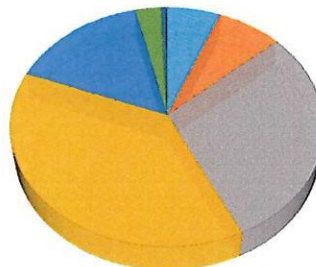
Speed	Vehicle
Less than 20 mph	475
21-25 mph	481
26-30 mph	2098
31-35 mph	1983
36-40 mph	407
41-45 mph	47
46-50 mph	1
51-55 mph	4

Date Range: October 7, 2025 to October 10, 2025

Speed Limit: 35 mph

Speed	Vehicles
Less than 20 mph	351
21-25 mph	420
26-30 mph	1696
31-35 mph	2187
36-40 mph	896
41-45 mph	167
46-50 mph	31
51-55 mph	5
56-60 mph	3

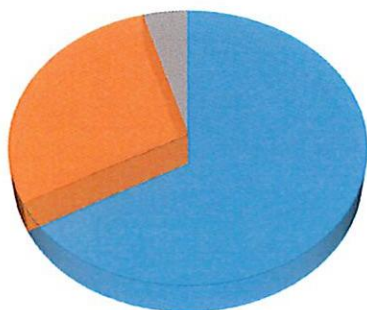
VAUXHALL ST EXT SB SOUTH OF HICKORY OCTOBER 7 TO OCTOBER 10, 2025



Date Range: October 7, 2025 to October 10, 2025

Speed Limit: no posted speed limit

YORKSHIRE SB TOP OF HILL 10-7 TO 10-10- 2025



Speed	Vehicles
Less than 20 mph	197
21-25 mph	84
26-30 mph	13



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



K-9 Activity Report

September 2025

K-9 Ozzy

Monthly Uses: 7

2025 Uses: 28

K-9 Tico

Monthly Uses: 0

2025 Uses: 25

K-9 Usage

Ozzy

- ♦ On September 4, 2025, K9 Ozzy and Officer Genung assisted the Montville Police Department with an open air sniff of a motor vehicle where drug paraphernalia was observed in plain view. K9 Ozzy showed alert behavior and through the investigation the suspect was taken into custody for narcotics related charges.
- ♦ On September 5, 2025, K9 Ozzy and Officer Genung responded to Wal-Mart for a larceny where the suspect fled in a vehicle. Officers located the vehicle and through questioning, she admitted to narcotics and paraphernalia possibly being inside the vehicle. K9 Ozzy was deployed for an open air sniff of the vehicle and exhibited alert behavior. A hand search yielded fentanyl, methamphetamine and narcotic paraphernalia. The suspect was taken into custody for larceny, motor vehicle, and narcotics charges.
- ♦ On September 5, 2025, K9 Ozzy and Officer Genung assisted the Norwich Police Department in an open air sniff of a vehicle where K9 Ozzy showed alert behavior on multiple parts of the vehicle. A hand search was conducted and no measurable amounts of narcotics were located.
- ♦ On September 5, 2025, K9 Ozzy assisted the Norwich Police Department in the search for a suspect that fled a stolen motor vehicle involved in a crash.



Monthly Training

- ♦ Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 9/09/25 and 9/23/25 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work.



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



K-9 Activity Report

October 2025

K-9 Ozzy

Monthly Uses: 1

2025 Uses: 29

K-9 Tico

Monthly Uses: 4

2025 Uses: 29



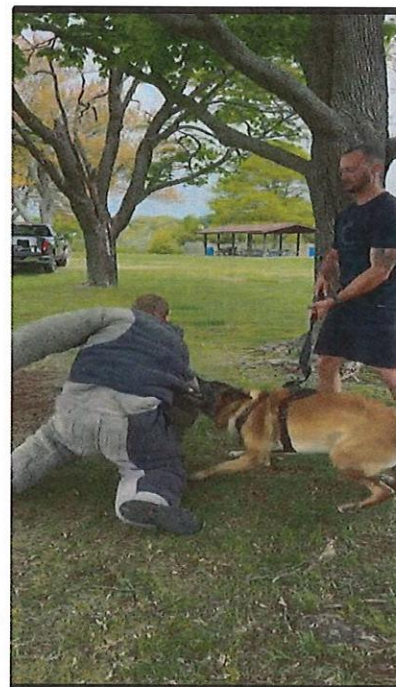
K-9 Usage

Ozzy

- On October 11, 2025 Off. Genung, K-9 Ozzy, and Off. Ewing participated in the Harvest Festival at the Town Beach. A K9 demonstration was conducted with a narcotics search as well as a live bite on the decoy (Off. Ewing).

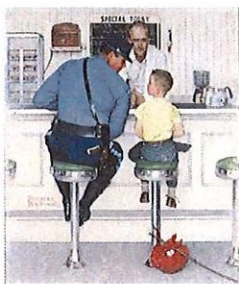
Tico

- On October 1, 2025 Off. Surdo responded to RTE 12 in Groton, CT to assist with a missing 70 year old male with dementia. A track was commenced and while tracking the subject was located by perimeter units near Cardinal Honda.
- On October 2, 2025 Off. Surdo and K9 Tico assisted parole in attempting to locate an absconder at an address in Waterford, CT. The team took a perimeter position in the event that the suspect fled. The suspect was not found to be at this location.
- On October 15, 2025 Off. Surdo and K9 Tico assisted NLPD with a suicidal female. The track resulted in negative findings.



Monthly Training

- Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 10/07/25 and 10/21/25 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work.



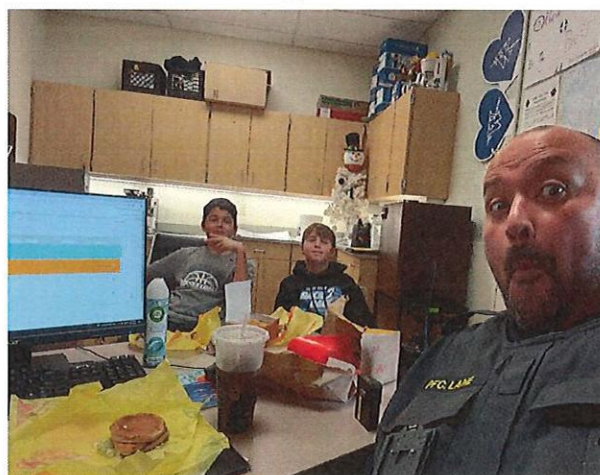
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Youth Office Activity Report



September 2025

- ♦ On September 2nd, 2025 Off. Lane had a sit down meeting with CLMS administrators to go over safety protocols. This included discussions about the new lock-down alarms in the gymnasium.
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn issued a Marijuana warning notice to a student after staff located the student with a marijuana vape. He continues to monitor vape sensor alerts at the request of WHS administration.
- ♦ SRO Lane attended numerous school events to include soccer games, cross country meets, and the CLMS back to school event open to parents.
- ♦ SRO Winters, Off. Fredricks, and Joe Trelli (Youth and Family Services Department) co-taught several youth promise classes at the elementary schools.
- ♦ SRO Lane taught a "drug resistance" class at the WPD to a group of home schooled students.
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn handled a reckless driving complaint on school grounds and issued a Misdemeanor Summons to a WHS student.
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn completed two "Arrested Student Reports" and provided paperwork to the superintendents of both the Waterford and New London School Districts.



Month at a Glance

1- Home Visits

6- CAD Report

1- Case Reports

Arrests -1 / JRB Referrals - 0

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



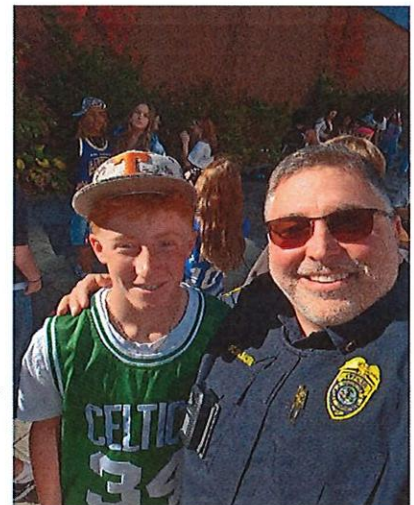
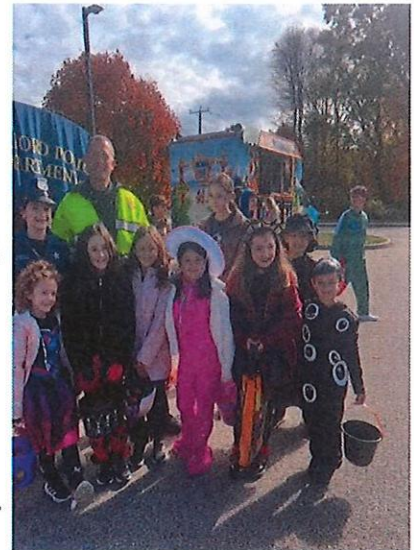
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Youth Office Activity Report



October 2025

- ♦ Throughout the Month of October, SRO Lane attended various after school sporting events to include CLMS boys soccer, girls soccer, and cross country meets.
- ♦ SRO Winters attended "Trunk or Treat" events at Quaker Hill School, Oswegatchie School, and Great Neck school for Halloween events.
- ♦ On October 6, 2025 SRO Malbourn dealt with a fight between three female students in the girls bathroom. All three students were issued juvenile summons and referred to the juvenile review board.
- ♦ On October 7, 2025 SRO Lane sat in on the K9 oral board panel for the Town of Groton Police Department as part of their handler selection process.
- ♦ SRO Malbourn continues to assist the Waterford High School administrative team with video surveillance and log entries after the school receives "vape detections" in the bathrooms.
- ♦ SRO Lane assisted Off. Fredricks and Joe Trelly from Youth and Family services instructing several sessions of Youth Promise at the elementary schools as well as co-teaching a class on sexting to an 8th grade CLMS class.
- ♦ On October 25, 2025 SRO Malbourn and SRO Lane attended the Waterford High School Homecoming Dance held in Lancer Gymnasium.



Month at a Glance

Home Visits: 0

CAD Report: 0

Case Reports: 4

Arrests: 4 / JRB Referrals: 3

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Investigative Services Division



September 2025

In the month of September 2025 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 17 investigations.

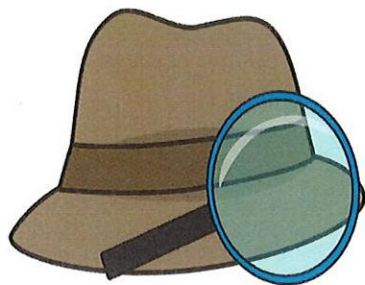
Current Active Investigations (17 Cases):

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

Homicide-1	Pistol Permits-6
Burglary-6	Skimmer—1
Robbery-2	Fraud—1
ID Theft—1	Larceny –1
Untimely-1	

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Search Warrants	Background Checks	Arrests	Sex Assaults
72	20	12	8	11
Phone Extract	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery
2	0	6	8	1



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



September 2025 Updates:

September 2025

Investigator Bushwack started in the Investigative Services Division replacing Officer Zaldivar who, after a three and a half year successful assignment, went back to patrol as outlined in our MOU for the Investigator position.

In August Detective Bonkowski assisted the United States Treasury Department with a cellphone information retrieval. This was done in part with the regional collaborative effort of three (3) local police departments assisting surrounding departments with cellphone and computer extractions. She was recently notified that she was going to be receiving an award from the Treasury Inspector General for her efforts.

Investigator Bushwack received training at the State of Connecticut Department of Scientific Services Lab in the field of rapid DNA.

Lieutenant VanOverloop, Detective Sergeant Avdevich and Investigator Bushwack received a refresher training from the New England State Police Information Network.

Investigative Services hosted Central Connecticut State University intern Jacob Molloy. Intern Malloy will have another block of time with Investigative Services before completing his internship.

Investigative Services conducted retail surveillance focusing on Home Depot and Lowe's. During this time Lieutenant VanOverloop and Detective Sergeant Avdevich checked local gas stations and banks for "skimming" devices.

September 2025 Investigations:

Detective O'Connell applied for an arrest warrant in regards to a violation of the Sex Offender Registry requirement to confirm an address. The warrant is signed and further information about the offender's current address is being sought.

Investigative Services is further investigating a residence previously thought to have been involved with drug activity.

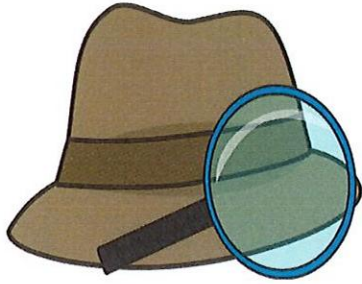
Investigator Bushwack investigated a complaint of a small amount of marijuana plants growing outside of a residence in Waterford. This case is still under investigation.

Investigative Services received a complaint from the Department of Children and Families in which a sexual assault of a juvenile was determined to have occurred in New Hampshire several years ago. The police department in New Hampshire was contacted and the information was relayed.

Investigative Services signed up a credible confidential informant that has provided narcotic information in illicit drug dealings in southeastern Connecticut specifically in Waterford and New London. Further cooperation will be provided with the Connecticut State Police Statewide Narcotics Eastern Division.

Detective Bonkowski and Detective Carroll assisted patrol with the report of an untimely death of a male from a residence on RTE 1 in Waterford. This case is not suspicious in nature.

The New London Superior Court has reviewed a robbery warrant for a subject believed to have been involved with a robbery of a bank in Waterford, CT. A meeting later transpired with liaisons from the court where further suggestions were recommended from the court regarding the warrant.



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Investigative Services Division



October 2025

In the month of October 2025 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 27 investigations.

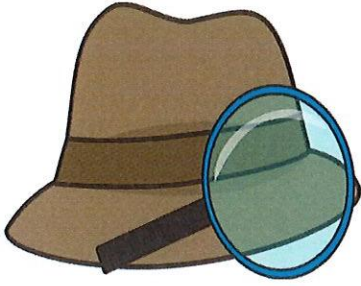
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Burglary-4	Skimmer—1
Robbery-2	Fraud—2
ID Theft—1	Larceny -2
Untimely—1	Stolen Vehicle—1
Sex Assault—1	

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Search Warrants	Background Checks	Arrests	Sex Assaults
79	26	12	9	12
Phone Extract	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery
6	1	6	8	1



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



October 2025 Updates:

October 2025

Members of Investigative Services attended the yearly Blue Line Trailer training located at the Waterford Police Department. Detective Carroll and Investigator Bushwack, as firearms instructors, helped to conduct the training.

Investigator Bushwack attended a three (3) day photography training entitled "Investigative Photography". This training was presented by the FBI New Haven and hosted by the Southington Police Department.

Detective Bonkowski received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of Treasury for her work on a high profile case. Detective Bonkowski was able to help with acquiring digital evidence in collaboration with the Regional Digital Investigative Group.

Detective Sergeant Avdevich and Lieutenant VanOverloop attended an online training presented by the Federal Bureau of Investigations Boston on the topic of Swatting and Hoax Bomb threats.

October 2025 Investigations:

Detective Bonkowski and Investigator Bushwack responded to the Piercing Pagoda located within the Crystal Mall, 850 Hartford Road, for a report of a larceny. Upon arrival it was discovered that the jewelry cases were broken into resulting in an estimated \$42,000 larceny of jewelry. The suspects left in a vehicle and were seen in security cameras in the area. This case is under further investigation with viable leads.

After a months long investigation lead by Detective Bonkowski in regards to a report of drug activity from a residence, Investigative Services was able to disrupt the drug activity with numerous motor vehicle stops to the suspect vehicle resulting in the suspect relocating out of the town of Waterford. This case will be closed.

October saw numerous search warrants being applied for by members of Investigative Services. Detective O'Connell applied for and received signed search warrants for two of his cases, a robbery and a burglary case, while Detective Carroll also received a signed search warrant for one of his financial cases. A search warrant was also applied for in a stolen car case. Members of Investigative Services also assisted patrol with search warrants on a bitcoin case.

Detective O'Connell and Investigator Bushwack were called out to assist with a fatal motor vehicle accident on RTE 32. Their primary responsibility in this type of case is photographing the scene and compiling reports documenting the photographs.

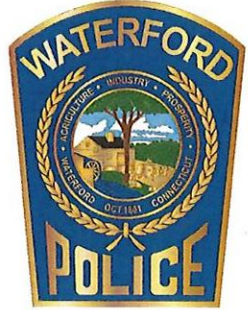
Investigative Services received a notification from the Department of Children and Families regarding a possible sexual assault of a juvenile numerous years ago. It was later determined that the incident occurred in New Hampshire. The proper authorities in New Hampshire were notified ending our involvement.

Investigative Services assisted patrol with a larceny from Best Buy in Waterford when it was discovered that it was not an isolated incident but part of a "retail larceny crew". Investigative Services was able to help identify the crew involved and assist patrol in locating other involved agencies.

Investigative Services seized a locked safe that was located abandoned outside in an area of local businesses. Once the safe was successfully opened, it was found to not contain anything of value.

Detective Bonkowski completed four (4) Mobile Digital Device Examinations for surrounding agencies as well as our own.

THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



TRAINING REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025

New Officer Updates

Hiring Process: The Waterford Police Department continues it's efforts in recruiting and hiring. Training has temporarily stopped with the new hiring process as we are at full staff.

Recruit Status: Recruit Mack graduated from the Connecticut Police Academy at POST-C in Meriden, CT. Recruit Mack started his twelve to sixteen week Field Training Program and is currently in Phase 1 doing 25% of the work.

Recruit Holman completed her ninth week at the Eastern Regional Police Academy hosted by the Law Enforcement Council of Connecticut.

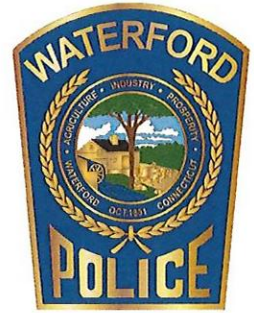
Recruit Morgan was sworn in and started with the department on September 22 to conduct orientation and training prior to the academy. Recruit Morgan is scheduled to start the Connecticut Police Academy at POST-C in Meriden, CT in October.

Recruit Chapman was sworn in and started with the department on September 29th to conduct orientation and training prior to starting his field training. Recruit Chapman is a lateral transfer from another police department, therefore skipped the academy and started his abbreviated Field Training shortly after being sworn in.





TRAINING REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025



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

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



Sergeant Nickerson attended a week long training hosted by the FBI titled the Supervisor Leadership Institute. This training is designed for first-line supervisors. Attendees had to complete a leadership assessment to understand and develop their own leadership styles and practices. Some of the other topics discussed were the four pillars of discipline, supervisor liability, building credibility, and organizational credibility just to name a few.

Officers who carry a rifle on patrol completed their yearly rifle qualifications. This is a four hour training block where officers completed a qualification and also participated in various other drills to help improve their skills.

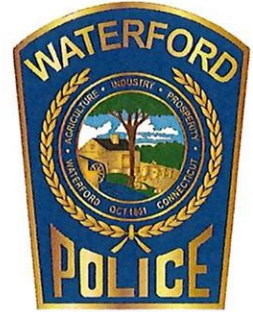
Officer Genung attended a week long K9 training in Poughkeepsie, NY. This training is one of the many steps and trainings needed in order for him to become a master K9 trainer.



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TRAINING REPORT OCTOBER 2025



New Officer Updates

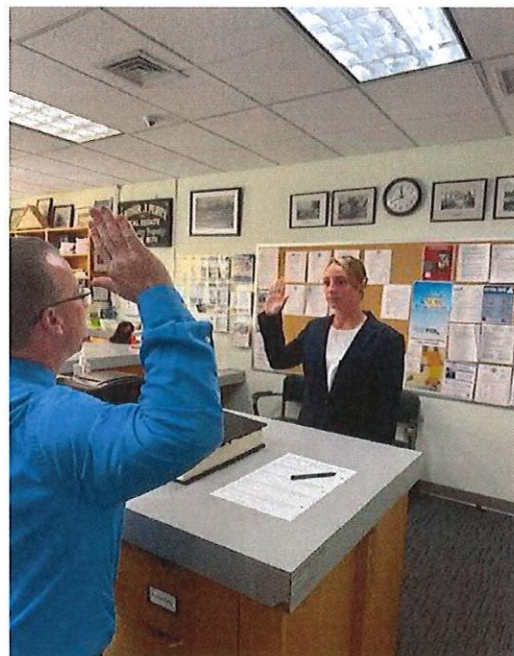
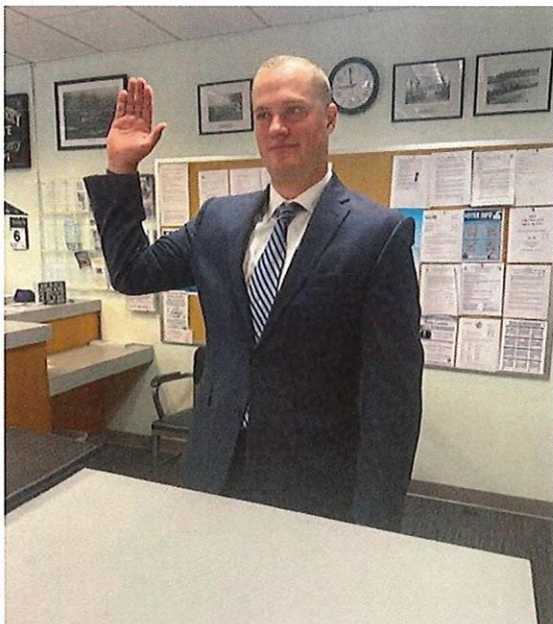
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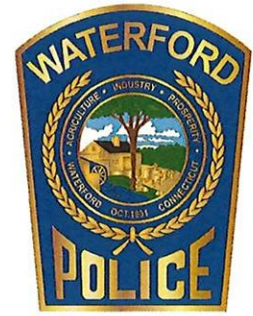
Recruit Status: Recruit Mack is currently in Phase 2 of his field training program and doing 50% of the work.

Recruit Holman completed her thirteenth week at the Eastern Regional Police Academy hosted by the Law Enforcement Council of Connecticut.

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

Recruit Sabilia was sworn in and started with the department on October 6th to conduct orientation and training prior to starting his field training. Recruit Krajewski was sworn in and started with the department on October 27th to conduct orientation and training prior to starting field training. Recruit Sabilia and Recruit Krajewski are lateral transfers from other police departments, therefore skipped the academy and started their abbreviated Field Training shortly after being sworn in.



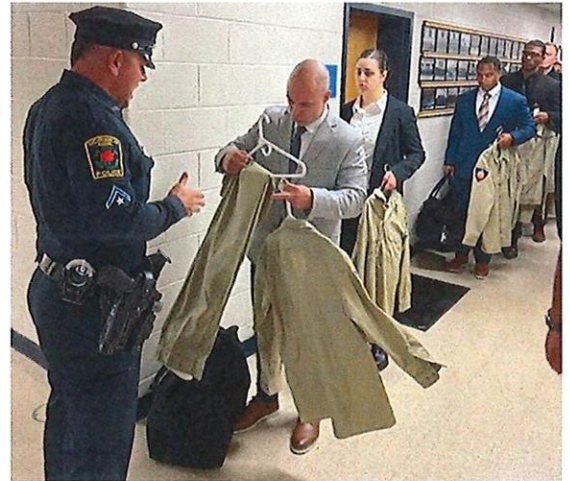


TRAINING REPORT

OCTOBER 2025

Lieutenant Ferland attended the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conference in Denver, CO. This four-day conference has many different trainings and break out sessions that allow attendees to advance their knowledge and careers by equipping them with new techniques to bring back to their departments for ongoing success.

Officer Abram and Officer Maselli attended a two-day Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training that was hosted at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden, CT. This is a mandatory training for all officers to receive prior to obtaining their recertification. ARIDE training goes in depth about drugged and impaired driving, as well as conducting various Standardized Field Sobriety Tests.



Investigator Bushwack attended a two-day investigative photography training hosted by the FBI at the Southington Police Department. This training covered various topics like photographing crime scenes and evidence, how to use creative lighting, as well as hands-on practical exercises to name a few. This is one of the many trainings he'll be attending in his new assignment as an investigator.

The firearms instructors attended and assisted in instructing the start of the firearms training for Recruit Holman while she's in the Eastern Regional Police Academy. This training is a few weeks long and is done at the Groton Town Police Department range. This is one of the many hands on and practical skills trainings recruits receive while in the academy.



Officer Genung attended a week long K9 training in Tennessee and in Pennsylvania. These trainings are one of the many steps and trainings needed in order for him to become a master K9 trainer.



Support Services Report

September 2025



Records Activity

FOI Requests	124	-14%
Warrants	34	48%
Phone Calls	237	-3%
Walk in Assists	115	-23%
Background Checks	6	-25%
Protective Orders	33	6%
Officer Tasking Requests	81	5%
Case Erasures	288	0%
DCF Requests	4	-56%
Court Requests	11	-27%
Abstracts	204	-29%
Video Requests	21	11%
Reports Accepted	207	36%
CISS Arrest Packets	17	

- * The CSOs covered 64 shifts during the month, equating to 498 hours of shift coverage.
- * CSO Bertrand was recognized by our Records personnel for his exceptional efforts on warrant follow-ups. His work led to 2 individuals turning themselves in, one on a warrant from 2017 who came from New York.
- * Jenna Hancock began employment with the town in the Records Division and spent most of the month training and becoming familiarized with her job functions.
- * Records personnel began creating and electronically submitting arrest packets to the courts as part of our CISS transition, taking the responsibility from shift supervisors.

CSO Activity

Adult Arrests	14
Juvenile Arrests	0
Firearms Transfers	24
Pistol Permits Issued	7
Walk In Complaints	46

Fingerprints

Pistol Permits	18
Employment	6
Miscellaneous	4
Peddler/Precious Permits	6
Warrant Follow Ups	228



Support Services Report

October 2025



Records Activity

FOI Requests	130	5%
Warrants	35	3%
Phone Calls	183	-23%
Walk in Assists	118	3%
Background Checks	8	33%
Protective Orders	29	-12%
Officer Tasking Requests	76	-6%
Case Erasures	273	-5%
DCF Requests	7	-75%
Court Requests	6	-45%
Abstracts	309	51%
Video Requests	33	57%
Reports Accepted	206	0%
CISS Arrest Packets	48	182%

- * The CSOs covered 58 shifts during the month, equating to 464 hours of shift coverage.
- * Records transitioned to a new electronic portal for Clean Slate Erasures, which automatically erase certain convictions. This process was delayed based on technical issues in the state, causing backlog.
- * Records personnel worked on their annual request to vacate old warrants, with 5 being vacated in October by the court.
- * A large FOI request was received in which Records spent a significant amount of time completing, including the review of thousands of emails,

CSO Activity

Adult Arrests	20
Juvenile Arrests	0
Firearms Transfers	26
Pistol Permits Issued	5
Walk In Complaints	38

Fingerprints

Pistol Permits	10
Employment	10
Miscellaneous	6
Peddler/Precious Permits	1
Warrant Follow Ups	236



Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report

September 2025



Stolen MV Recovery: Juvenile Arrest

On September 16, 2025 the Connecticut State Police put out a broadcast for a stolen motor vehicle (BMW X7 M50i) out of Old Saybrook, CT. A short time later Off. Ewing reported seeing the vehicle traveling at excessive speeds on Old Norwich RD. Officers flooded the area and ultimately recovered the stolen car at Leary Park. After a K9 track and lengthy investigation, two juveniles were located and taken into custody for the theft of the motor vehicle.



Pictured at left and right are images of the recovered FILE 01 (stolen motor vehicle) recovered at Leary Park.



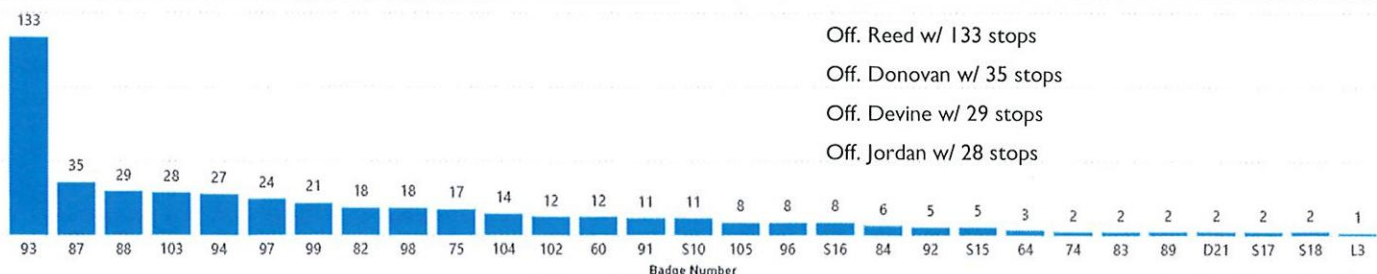
Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2202
Case Numbers	121
Arrests	49
Juvenile Arrests	5
Larcenies	17
Arrest Warrants	9
Domestic Violence Investigations	10
Traffic Crash	61
DUI Investigations	7
EDPI/Welfare Check	51
School Checks	75
Motor Vehicle	466
Written Warnings	197
Infractions	96
Verbal Warnings	159
Misdemeanor	9
Other	5

Larceny Call at Wal-Mart: Leads to Drug Arrest

On September 5, 2025 Off. Genung, Off. Winakor, and Off. McComic responded to Wal-Mart for a reported larceny. It was reported the suspect ran on foot through the lot and then fled in a Toyota Pick-up truck. Off. McComic located the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. Off. Genung and his K9 partner Ozzy conducted an open air exterior sniff of the vehicle and received a positive alert for the presence of narcotics odor. Located in the car was a quantity of crack cocaine as well as fentanyl. The suspect was taken into custody on larceny and narcotics charges.

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER



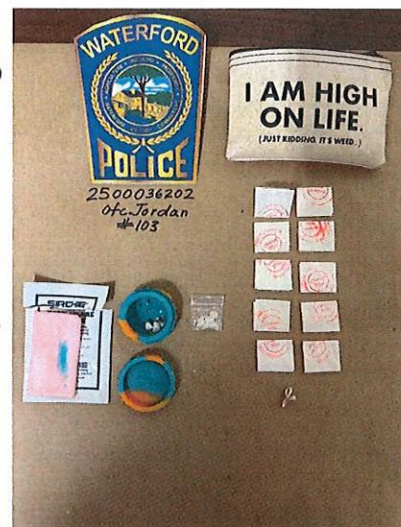


Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest by Warrant

On September 6, 2025 Off. Gorman was conducting speed enforcement (handheld laser) on RTE 32 near the I-395 connector. At this time he observed a vehicle traveling 68 MPH in a 45MPH zone. Upon conducting a traffic stop he learned that the operator had a PRAWN warrant for Failure to Appear in the First Degree. The operator was taken into custody and held on a \$150,000 cash/surety bond. He was then transported to Corrigan Correctional Facility for a temporary surrender to the Connecticut Department of Corrections before his arraignment at New London Superior Court on September 8, 2025.

Traffic Stop leads to Drug Arrest

On September 21, 2025 Off. Jordan initiated a traffic stop on Norwich RD for a moving motor vehicle violation. While speaking with the operator several signs of narcotic use were present and in plain view drug paraphernalia was observed. Probable cause was developed to search the car. The vehicle search resulted in the findings of four rocks of crack cocaine as well as a bundle (10 individual folds) of Fentanyl. The narcotics were seized as evidence and the operator was charged Possession of Fentanyl and Possession of Crack Cocaine.



Lost Wallet: Leads to Arrest for Illegal Use of Credit Card

On May 21, 2025 Off. Charron took a lost wallet complaint at the Best Way gas station located at 6 Boston Post RD. The victim reported his credit card was used illegally. Off. Charron commenced a lengthy investigation which included obtaining surveillance footage from various locations and asking the public for help on social media. Ultimately a suspect was identified and an arrest warrant was prepared for the suspect. The suspect was arrested on 9/8/25 by Off. Barrows at GA 10 for larceny sixth degree and illegal use of a payment card.



In the Community Interest





Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report

October 2025



Stolen MV Recovered After Catching Fire

On October 7, 2025 day shift received several FLOCK notifications for a stolen motor vehicle (stolen in Middletown, CT) entering the town of Waterford. Officers responded to the area and attempt to stop the car but it fled at a high rate of speed. Several hours later the vehicle was located on Waterford PKWY North abandoned and also on fire. Through investigation it was determined the suspect got on a SEAT bus. He was located and taken into custody for possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Pictured at right are the illegally parked camper and vehicle which were located on state property.



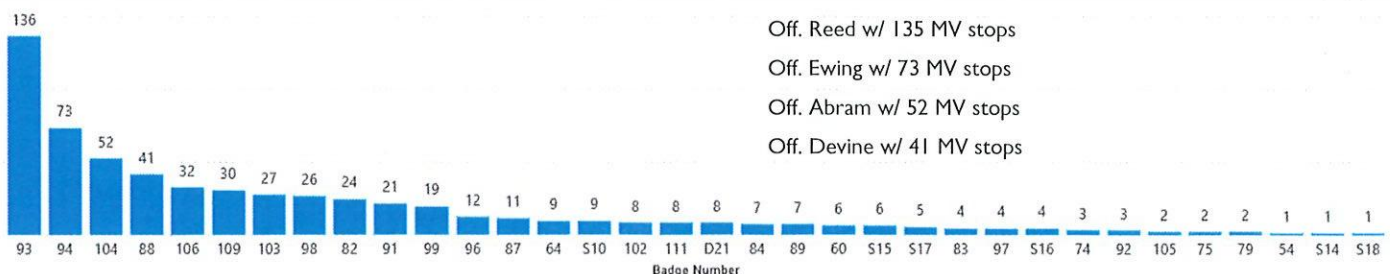
ATV Training: Leads to Arrest of Two Wanted Men

On October 20, 2025 Sgt. Farrior, Sgt. Firmin, Off. Jordan, and Off. Suplita were conducting ATV training on the state land between RTE 85, I-95, and Cross RD. While in the area an illegal camp site was located. Two of the subjects at the site had warrants for their arrest and were taken into custody. Working with the State DOT, the camper and vehicle were removed. Subsequently a contractor was hired by the state to do an environmental cleanup of the site.

Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2604
Case Numbers	142
Arrests	68
Juvenile Arrests	4
Larcenies	22
Arrest Warrants	11
Domestic Violence Investigations	8
Traffic Crash	66
DUI Investigations	9
EDPI/Welfare Check	51
School Checks	83
Motor Vehicle	604
Written Warnings	342
Infractions	121
Verbal Warnings	118
Misdemeanor	17
Other	6

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER





Trespass Leads to Arrest at Speed Bowl

On October 19, 2025 at 10:19pm evening shift officers were dispatched to the Speed Bowl (1080 Hartford TPKE) for an accident on the track involving a male that had crashed on a scooter and was bleeding from his head. After investigating the incident it was learned that the operator had snuck onto the track with an E-bike and was doing laps on the slick track. After being transported to the hospital and treated for his injuries, the operator was issued an infraction for Simple Trespass (C.G.S. 53a-110a).

Larceny at Stop and Shop: Suspect has Warrant

On October 1, 2025 Off. Colkos was dispatched to a larceny in progress at Stop and Shop. Upon meeting with loss prevention he obtained surveillance footage of the suspect who had stolen \$510.15 worth of items. Off. Robinson and Off. Colkos then began to check the area and located the suspect, who had changed attire, walking North on Clark Lane. The suspect was initially uncooperative and failed to identify himself. The suspect was taken into custody and once back at the Waterford Police Department he was fingerprinted and his identity was discovered. The suspect had several active warrants.



Facebook Post after Shoplifting Leads to Arrest

On October 21, 2025 Off. Charron responded to BJ's Wholesale Club for a larceny of various items to include a North Face jacket. Pictures of the female suspect were posted to the Waterford Police Department's Facebook page asking for assistance in identifying the suspect. An overwhelming response was received from the public with numerous tipsters identifying the same person. Information that the suspect was in the custody of the New London Police Department was obtained and the female was issued a Misdemeanor Summons for the larceny.



In the Community Interest





THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Animal Control Report



September 2025

- On 9/11/2025 the ACO was able to safely remove a skunk from the vestibule of CVS without being sprayed.
- The ACO's responded to a homeless encampment where a dog was left alone, tied to a milk crate filled with rocks. The ACOs took custody of the dog until the owner could be located. The ACOs later educated the owner on guidelines for tethering a dog and provided them with food for the dog.
- On 9/21/2025 a roaming cow was reported in the Vauxhall St area, which had previously escaped from a farm in Montville. The ACOs were unable to get close to the cow, but it eventually returned home.
- ACO Ryan and Percy attended multiple events, including Coffee with a Cop and the Tip A Cop fundraiser for the CT Special Olympics.



	Waterford	East Lyme
Calls for Service	94	57
After Hour Call Outs	4	8
Tickets Issued	0	1
Warnings Issued	0	1
Dog Bites	5	2
Animals Redeemed	4	8
Animals Adopted	4	3
Animals DOA	2	1
Euthanized	0	1
Total Processed	10	13
Money Taken In	\$115	\$1760
Donations	\$25	\$1665

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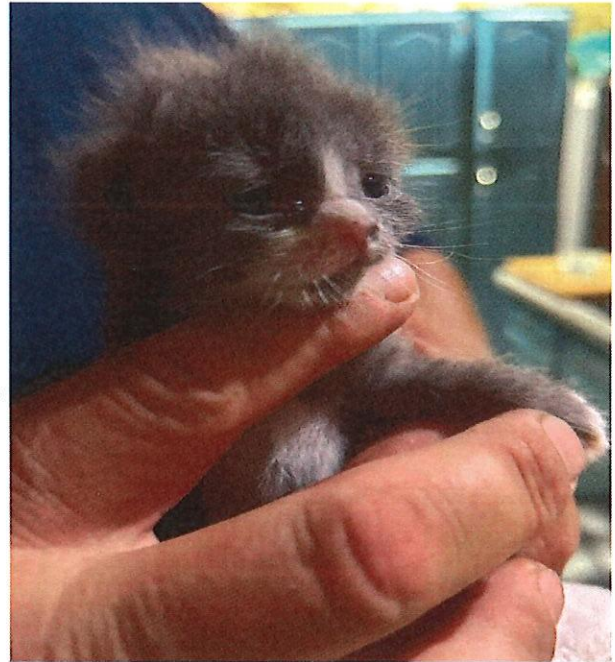
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Animal Control Report



October 2025

- ♦ On 10/6/2025 Animal Control assisted an elderly resident with removing and disposing of a deceased cat from her residence.
- ♦ The ACO's responded to assist with a dog hit by a car and were able to get the dog to the vet and notify the owner
- ♦ On 10/19/2025 an abandoned cat was found in a crate with a significant leg injury. The ACOs were able to raise money through donations to get the proper treatment and save the leg from amputation.
- ♦ On 10/25/2025 Animal Control assisted DEEP with an investigation into seven dead seagulls found on the high school football field.
- ♦ The ACOs alternated caring for a newborn kitten and bottle feeding it at their home, requiring care every 3-4 hours throughout the night.
- ♦ October was very busy for Percy and ACO Ryan as they attended several community events throughout the region



	Waterford	East Lyme
Calls for Service	92	61
After Hour Call Outs	2	0
Tickets Issued	0	1
Warnings Issued	0	0
Dog Bites	1	0
Animals Redeemed	7	4
Animals Adopted	3	6
Animals DOA	2	0
Euthanized	0	0
Total Processed	12	10
Money Taken In	\$180	\$870
Donations	\$20	\$545

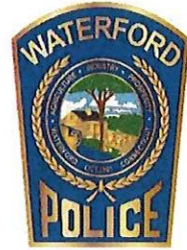
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Community Engagement Report

September 2025



Internship: Jacob Molloy received his orientation and a tour of the police department. He shadowed Evening Shift Patrol, Community Service Officer Ziolkovski, Traffic Officer Devine, Investigative Services, Dispatch, and Midnight Shift Patrol. He attended Rifle Qualification Training and received a tour of the New London Police Department.

Domestic Violence Follow-ups: Conducted 2 follow-ups with a DV victims.

Recruiting: Participating in the development of Eastern CT State University's Emergency Services Co-op Program. Updated recruitment brochures and job board poster.

Interaction with Senior Services: Visited New London Rehab & Care. Attended Senior Beach Day, the Alzheimer's Association Walk and a Safety Talk at AHEPA Apartments.



Assistance to Youth Officers: Visited all Waterford schools during the first week of school. Attended Waterford High School Welcome Back Rally. Visited Avery Point Transition Students and the Waterford Board of Education Offices. Hodges helped calm upset students at Waterford High School and Oswegatchie School. Spoke about traffic stop safety at Rae's Driving School. Spoke to Home School Students about Drug Resistance.

K-9 Officer Hodges: Spoke at the New England Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference about Police Facility K9s. Visited RHAM High School due to the death of a student and Groton Middle School due to the death of a teacher. Attended Camp Harkness Fall Fest, Connecticut College's Health & Wellness Fair, a Cub Scout Bicycle Rodeo and Yale Public Safety Facility K9's retirement ceremony.

Special Olympics Efforts: Hosted monthly Torch Run Council Meeting.

Officer Wellness: Organized officers to participate in the Waterford Country School Golf Tournament Fundraiser. Brought Hodges to the Police Officer vs. Firefighter Softball Game to interact with family members. Assisted in organizing the Police Chaplains grilling for officers. Taught Gracie Survival Tactics at the LEC Police Academy. Presented an Officer Wellness/Peer Support Introduction to a new officer.

Interaction with Youth Services: Spoke about the Role of Police at Youth Promise.

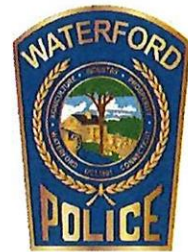
Coffee with a Cop: Organized an event where first responders and citizens have causal conversations at the WTFD Community Center.

Tip-A-Cop: Organized event where officers volunteered as wait staff at Fat Tuna to raise \$1,412 for the Connecticut Special Olympics.



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Engagement Report October 2025



Internship: Jacob Molloy shadowed SRO Winters, Dayshift Patrol, the Records Department, Evening Shift Patrol, Court/Evidence Officer Barrows, Dispatch, and SRO Lane. He received tours of the Groton Town Police Department and the POST Academy. He helped out at Harvest Festival and two Trunk or Treats.

Interaction with Youth Services: Spoke about Healthy Gaming Habits at Youth Promise.

Advance Services Programs: Completed follow-up telephone calls for all registrants. Two new registrants added to the program.

Special Olympics Efforts: Attended East Lyme Police's Tip A Cop and the Waterford High School's Unified Soccer Tournament.



Recruiting: Participated in the Waterford High School's Job Fair. Held recruitment sessions at Quinnipiac University and Mitchell College.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Spoke about traffic stop safety at Rae's Driving School. Attended the Clark Lane Middle School Fall Festival. Gave Clark Lane Middle School Students a tour of the police department.

Seasonal Events: Attended the Safe Futures Safe Walk, the Waterford Trunk or Treat, Charter Oak Federal Credit Union Trunk or Treat, Waterford Juvenile Court Pumpkin Contest, New London Rehab's Breast Cancer Awareness Day, and Waterford Library Halloween Read Along. Organized Carelot Children's Daycare to visit the police department for trick or treating. Organized WPD's participation (bicycle helmet & bicycle giveaways, K-9 Demo, and touch-a-truck) at Harvest Festival.

Officer Wellness: Presented an Officer Wellness/Peer Support Introduction to new officers. Assisted with an incident debrief for Waterford First Responders. Participated in an officer wellness event at the Mystic Aquarium.

Domestic Violence Follow-ups: Conducted 6 follow-ups with DV victims.

K-9 Officer Hodges: Visited Groton High School due to the death of a teacher. Visited the Waterford Coca-Cola Factory, the Waterford Registrar of Voters Office, and CT College Daycare. Performed a K9 Demo at Ledyard High School.

Interaction with Senior Services: Attended the Senior Octoberfest Luncheon.

Rotary Club: Attended monthly meeting.



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November 12, 2025

Mr. David Campo, Town Clerk
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Re: Police Commission meeting dates for calendar year 2026

Dear Mr. Campo:

The following is a list of regular scheduled meeting dates for the Board of Police Commission Meetings for the year 2026 as approved at the November 10, 2025 Police Commission Meeting.

The meetings are scheduled for Monday unless otherwise noted, and will commence at 5:00 p.m. It is important to note that all traffic related issues will be conducted during the regular scheduled Police Commission Meetings.

JANUARY 12, 2026
FEBRUARY 9, 2026
MARCH 9, 2026
APRIL 13, 2026
MAY 11, 2026
JUNE 8, 2026

JULY 13, 2026
AUGUST 10, 2026
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026
OCTOBER 13, 2026 (Tuesday)
NOVEMBER 9, 2026
DECEMBER 14, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary