



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Training Room at the Waterford Police Department

3/10/2025 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: February 10, 2025 Regular Meeting

Acceptance of minutes: February 25, 2025 Special Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Thank you letter from Youth & Family Services
- b. Thank you letter from the South Central Criminal Justice Administration on behalf of the Guilford Police Department
- c. Email and certificate from NIBRS
- d. Letter from Bryan Sayles
- e. Thank you note to Officer Bushwack

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's Report:

- a. K9 Reports for February
- b. Youth Report for February
- c. Investigative Services Report for February
- d. Training Report for February
- e. Support Services Report for February
- f. Patrol Report for February

- g. Animal Control Report for February
- h. Community Engagement Report for February

Old Business:

- a. Recording of Commission Meetings

New Business:

- a. Approval for out-of-series transfers March 10, 2025 - August 31, 2025



MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
February 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner James Dimmock Commissioner Mark Gelinas, Commissioner Thomas Sheridan

ABSENT: Commissioner R. Brule, Commissioner C. Gamble

DEPARTMENT: Chief Marc Balestracci, Lt. N. VanOverloop, Lt. D. Ferland, Lt. P. Flanagan, Sgt. M. Fedor, Traffic Officer Mark Devine, Community Engagement Officer E. Fredricks

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:

Chairman Dimmock called the meeting to order at 5:06 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 Gelinas to accept the January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinas and seconded by Commissioner Sheridan to accept the January 30, 2025 Special Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

PRESENTATION:

Presentation of the 2024 Police Officer of the Year Award was given to Officer Zachary Bushwack.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic report was received. Commissioner Dimmock requested for a check of the stop sign at Douglas and Vauxhall. Traffic Officer Devine stated that during the winter the battery sometimes malfunctions due to lack of sunlight. Traffic Officer Devine said he would look into the issue.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

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

- a. Recording Commission Meetings – Set-up is complete. The equipment is functional. The only item left is video and that is out for bid. There is no timeline when this project will be completed but it is moving quickly.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Tier III Accreditation Report Results – Sgt. Michael Fedor presented a report for the Tier III Accreditation. The department has met this accreditation requirement almost a year in advance as the deadline is 2026. Audits will begin in 2026 and “standards of proofs” will be required to keep the accreditation. These audits will be done on site and/or remotely. Both digital and hard copy standards of proofs will be required. The State of Connecticut mandates these standards according to the police accountability legislation. These audits will be done indefinitely.
- b. Mentorship Program – Sgt. Michael Fedor presented the information for the Mentorship Program.
 - 1. Tier I – New applicants applying to Police App will be contacted by a department Mentor to answer any questions and help prepare them for the process. This tier started a month ago.

2. Tier II – After the applicant has been hired and completed the police academy and the FTO program, a Mentor will be a point of contact for any guidance during the next two (2) years of their career.
3. Tier III– Mentors who hold rank will assist officers with the next rank that they are interested in. The officer would work a shift and be cross-trained for “real world” experience in the position they are seeking to better prepare them for the position and assist the agency for continuity of operations in a true emergency.

- c. Introduction of student interns – CCSU student Gavin Lermayer and Waterford High School student Clara Mahoney were introduced to the Commission. Each intern has a 120 hour requirement to complete their internship.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Sheridan and Seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:


Jennifer M. Anderson
Recording Secretary



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

February 25, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

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

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, LT D. Ferland, Officer Ian Donovan

CANDIDATES: Andrew Chappell, Ivory Holman

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

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

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Sheridan and seconded by Commissioner Brule to enter into Executive Session at 5:01 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:09 p.m. No votes or actions were taken while in Executive Session.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Sheridan to extend a conditional offer of employment to Andrew Chappell, contingent on successfully completing the hiring process and background investigation. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Sheridan to place candidate Ivory Holman first on the hiring list for the August academy, effective for one year from the date of this meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinas and Seconded by Commissioner Sheridan to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

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

Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary



WATERFORD

Youth & Family Services

1/22/2025

Waterford Police Department

41 Avery Lane

Waterford, CT 06385

Dear Friends,

We are writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support of our annual holiday programs through Waterford Cares. Your contribution of toys, food, and monetary donations from Stuff-A-Cruiser and Shop with a First Responder has made a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families in our community, especially during this special season of giving and togetherness. We are exceedingly grateful for your continued generosity and support for our holiday program.

Thanks to your kindness and generosity, we were able to provide much-needed assistance, joy, and hope to those who rely on us most. From helping families share thanksgiving and holiday meals to ensuring children woke up to gifts that sparked smiles and excitement, your support made it all possible. You were instrumental in creating cherished moments and lasting memories for so many this year.

Your commitment to Waterford Cares allows us to extend a helping hand and remind our neighbors that they are not alone. Your generosity reflects the true spirit of the holidays, and we are deeply inspired by your compassion and dedication to making a meaningful impact.

As we reflect on this year's achievements, we are reminded of the incredible community that surrounds us. Donors like you are the driving force behind everything we do. Together, we are fostering a brighter, stronger, and more supportive community where everyone can thrive.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and belief in the mission of Waterford Cares. We are grateful to have you as a partner in this important work, and we look forward to continuing this journey with you in the year to come.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and prosperous New Year.

With deepest gratitude,

Rob Brule
First Selectman

Mike Buscetto
WYFS Chairman

Dani Gorman
Human Services Administrator

Mike Buscetto— Chairman
Dani Gorman— Human Service Administrator
Joseph Trelli— Program Coordinator
Heidi McSwain—Human Service Coordinator

Brandon Smith— Program Coordinator
Julianna Tigeleiro— Administrative and Intake Specialist
Linda Geer— Secretary



South Central Criminal Justice Administration

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February 11, 2025

Chief Marc Balestracci
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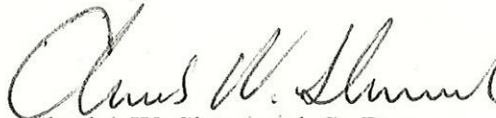
Dear Chief Balestracci:

On behalf of the Guilford Police Department, thank you for serving as a panelist at the recently held oral board examination for the position of Deputy Chief.

The importance of promotional examinations is increasing as police departments seek to select the best personnel for command level positions. A vital component of this process is having evaluators who can make good judgments about a candidate's skills and attributes.

We know your time is valuable and greatly appreciate your willingness to assist to help ensure that the most qualified persons rise in their department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles W. Sherwood".

Charles W. Sherwood, Sc.D.
Director

CWS/db

Cc: Chief Christopher Massey
Guilford Police Department

Diane Driscoll

From: David Ferland
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 9:02 AM
To: Officers
Cc: Diane Driscoll
Subject: FW: Certificate of Excellence 2024
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All,

I received this email and certificate yesterday from NIBRS for our data submissions for 2024. While my name is on the certificate simply because I upload the data, it is a testament to the work and dedication of all officers in the department. You have been extremely diligent in ensuring accuracy of the data and timely submissions. Hearing the "horrors" of NIBRS issues from some other departments I'm thankful that you have made this part of my job rather easy. If you look at the certificate in the top left corner you'll see that we had an "ERROR FREE YEAR" in which all of our cases were accepted. Thank you all for your efforts.

Lieutenant David P. Ferland #L1
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Subject: Certificate of Excellence 2024

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Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your work on behalf of your agency in submitting NIBRS data for 2024.

Connecticut's NIBRS program is only as strong as the people working every month to report and contribute their agency's data. Timely, accurate, and complete data from agencies across the State are paramount to the program's continued success, therefore a Certificate of Excellence in recognition of your efforts this past year is attached.

Best Regards,



Wendy Colomb

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CT-IBRS Program Manager

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CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

This certificate is awarded to

LIEUTENANT DAVE FERLAND
WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

for his dedication to timely and accurate data submissions to the
National Incident-Based Reporting System

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01.01.2025

Wendy Colomb
CONNECTICUT PROGRAM MANAGER

February 26, 2025

Marc Balestracci, Chief of Police
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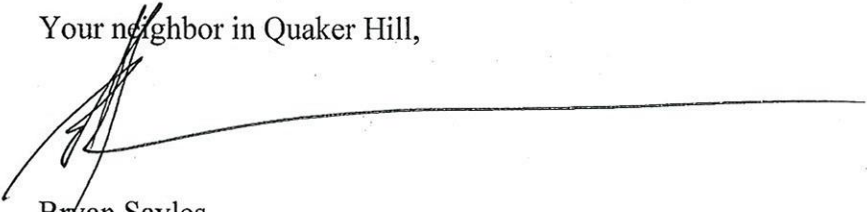
Dear Chief Balestracci,

It was a pleasure meeting with you and Lieutenant Pat Flanagan yesterday afternoon. Tina Dubosque and I thank you for sharing your mutual interest in retiring law enforcement firearms in a way that guarantees no one will ever be used in the commission of a crime.

Mentoring senior department staff like Lieutenant Flanagan adds value to our communication and improves the likelihood of shared future success. Your commitment to having included a cost factor in a 10-year plan prior to yesterday's meeting came as a pleasant surprise and aligns with the possible replacement of firearms around the year 2034. As Chief, your effort transformed inactive tribal communication into an actionable written document. We all did acknowledge that there is no guarantee that Waterford's future leaders will feel the same sense of responsibility that we share today. Let us continue to raise public awareness for the benefit of all citizens.

We know that simply trading them in for modest credit leads to an eventual resale enabling an otherwise obsolete firearm to continue out of Waterford's control and on a life of its own. While Connecticut has some of the strictest gun ownership laws in the nation, we have proof that too many states have fallen behind. Connecticut's other 168 municipalities should strongly consider certified destruction by Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) guidelines. Therefore, it is worthwhile for Concerned Citizens of Waterford (CCW) to increase public awareness of how to eliminate the problem through certified destruction. Finally, Tina and I appreciate your continued support as we explore those opportunities and will keep you informed of any progress we happen to make.

Your neighbor in Quaker Hill,



Bryan Sayles
for Concerned Citizens of Waterford
Quaker Hill, CT

Cc; Lieutenant Patrick Flanagan

12/13/2024

Dear Officer Bushwack,

I can not tell you how grateful and I am for your kind help in assisting our daughter to be safe on her long walk to the police station a couple of weeks ago.

Your thoughtfulness helps make the world a better place, and is very much

appreciated.

We hope you enjoy the holidays and a year of good health!

Again, much appreciation and many thanks,

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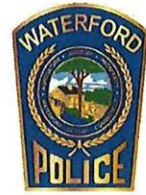
* A check for \$15 was included but returned to them by mail - #15



The Waterford Police Department

Traffic Officer Report

February 2025



LINE OF SIGHT ISSUES:

- No new reports

DOT RELATED ISSUES.

- Working with DOT to obtain encroachment permits for the solar speed feedback signs to be placed on Rope Ferry Rd.

PARKING COMPLAINTS:

- Assisted with twelve parking complaints, mostly in conjunction with the Department of Public Works. They reported multiple vehicles that appeared to have not moved in an extended period of time and were hindering plowing efforts. DPW also had complaints of people placing structures and a dumpster in the roadway which created a traffic hazard.

ENFORCEMENT RELATED COMPLAINTS:

- No new complaints at this time, Traffic Unit members spent much of the time this month on roads where we have had a record of speeding complaints. Areas such as Niantic River Rd., Great Neck Rd., Clark Lane, North Rd., Old Norwich Rd., Old Colchester Rd., Boston Post Rd., and Bloomingdale Rd. were targeted with speed enforcement and some roads had speed radar feedback signs deployed. The department received positive feedback about the speed radar sign deployments and enforcement in the area.

REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

- Complaint of back up on Goshen Rd due to Great Neck School student pickup. Complaint that traffic is stopped on both sides of the road, attempting to turn into the school parking lot for student pickup. The complaint is that this causes cars to drive on the wrong side of the road to go around a long line of vehicles. The backup occasionally makes it to the intersection at Goshen and Great Neck Road which creates a traffic back up and vehicles attempting to pass stopped vehicles waiting to turn onto Goshen Rd. Working with SRO Winters for possible solutions. Continuing to work on a solution, from last month.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

No upcoming events

UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH CLOSURE:

No large projects anticipated

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:

Officer	Devine #88	Reed #93
Infractions	12	60
warnings	28	48
misdemeanor	1	4



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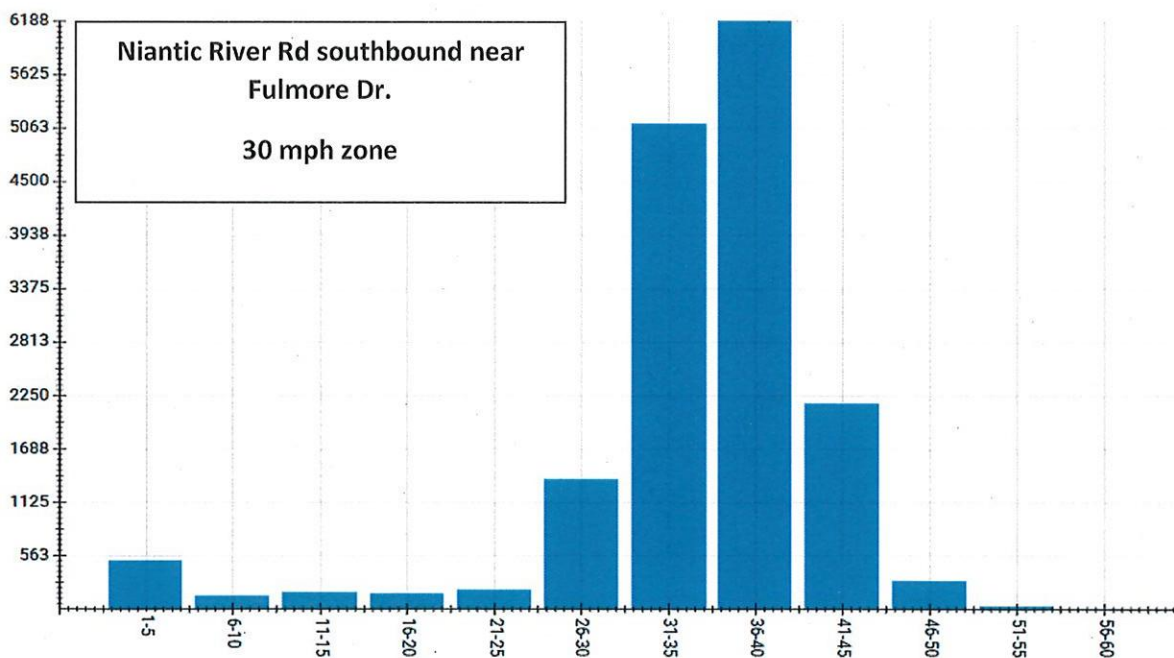
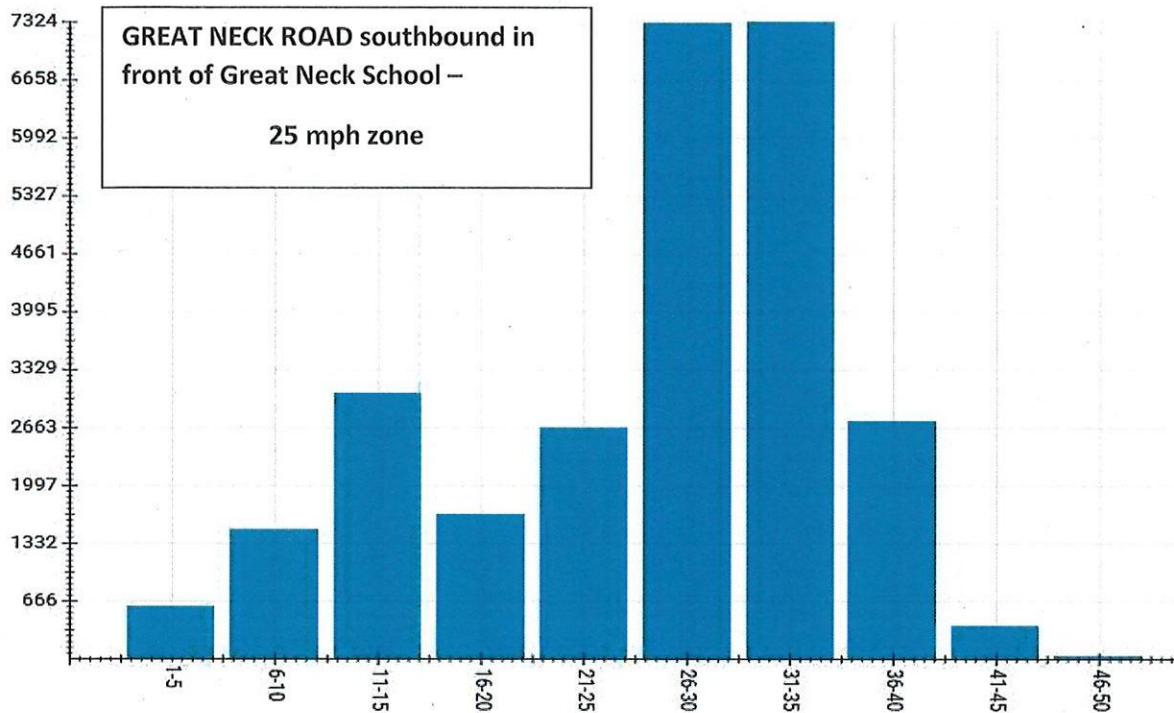
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SPEED TRAFFIC SIGN DEPLOYMENT:

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





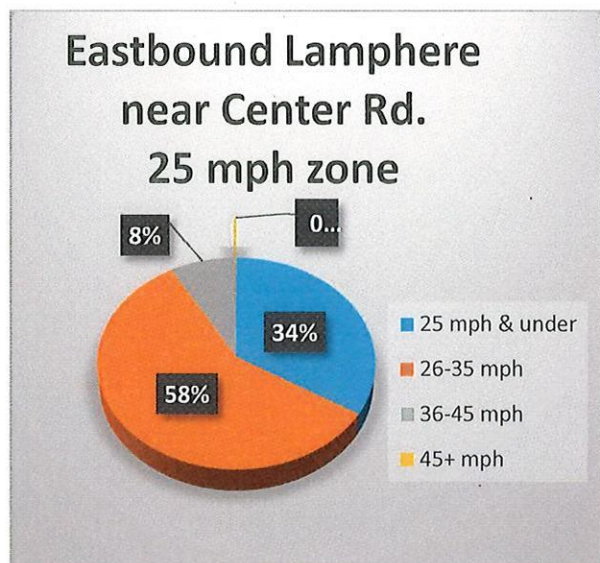
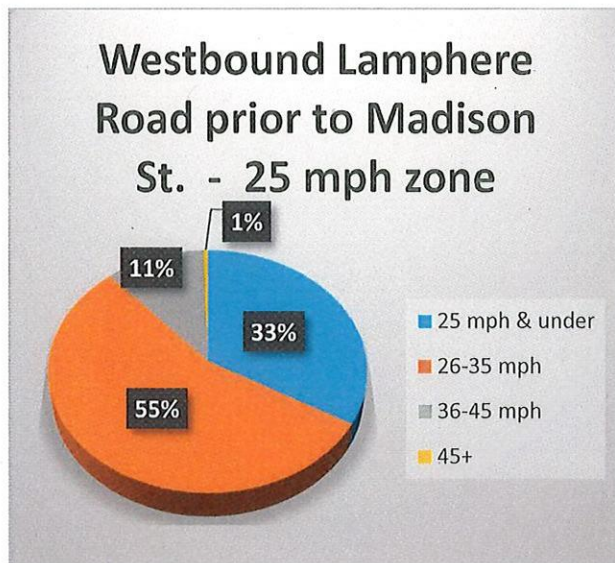
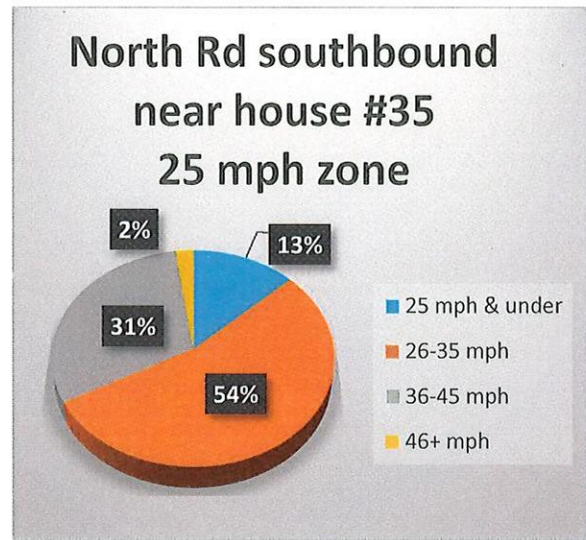
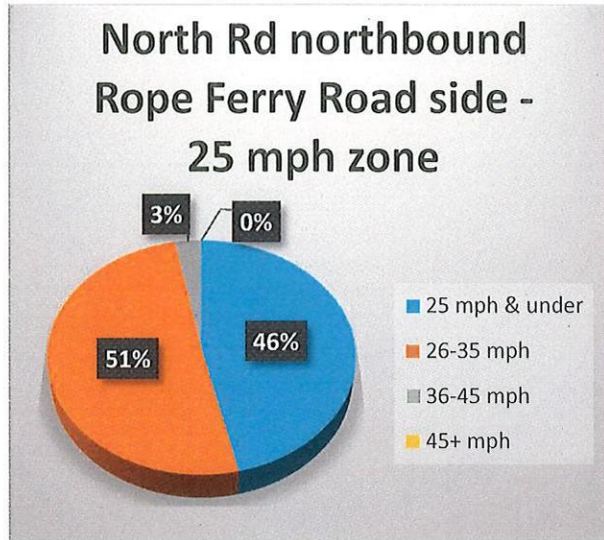
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Battery Powered Signs:





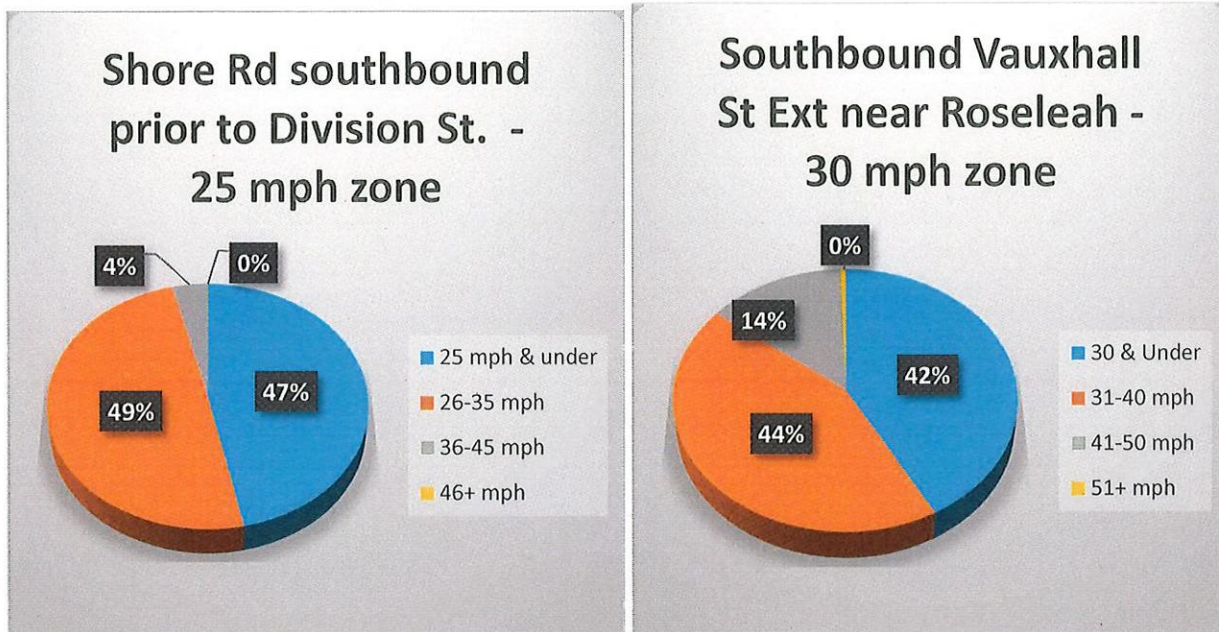
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Battery Powered Signs:





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K-9 Activity Report

February 2025

K-9 Ozzy

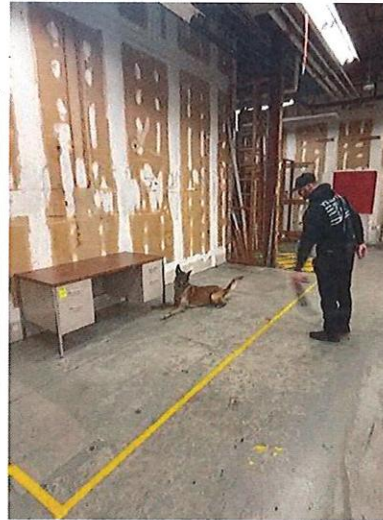
Monthly Uses: 1

2025 Uses: 3

K-9 Tico

Monthly Uses: 0

2025 Uses: 1



K-9 Usage

Ozzy

- ♦ K9 Ozzy and Off. Genung responded to a traffic stop initiated by Off. Rogers and probable cause was developed that narcotics were inside the vehicle. K9 Ozzy was deployed for an open air sniff of the vehicle and K9 Ozzy displayed alert behavior, attempting to enter the vehicle through the open driver's window. A hand search of the vehicle was conducted and a large "crack" cocaine rock was located in the driver's door pocket. Also located inside the vehicle was narcotic paraphernalia and flakes of "crack" cocaine. Three individuals were arrested as a result of the investigation from the officers and K9 Ozzy's assistance.



Monthly Training

- ♦ Monthly K-9 training was conducted on February 11, 2025 and February 25, 2025 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work.



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Youth Office Activity Report



February 2025

- ♦ SRO Lane attended various after school events throughout February to include both boys and girls basketball games and the school dance.
- ♦ SRO Malbourn, collaborating with several WHS students, attended the Tip-A-Cop event held on February 27, 2025 at The Shack Restaurant raising money for the Special Olympics (*see pic to the right*).
- ♦ SRO Lane instructed a DUI lesson as well as a "Sexting" lesson to several of the health and physical education classes.
- ♦ SRO Winters assisted the elementary schools with various drills throughout the month of February.
- ♦ SRO Lane conducted a home visit, in collaboration with school administration, for a Truancy issue with a CLMS student.
- ♦ SRO Winters taught several Youth Promises Courses in the elementary schools.
- ♦ SRO Winters attended the tourniquet and Go Bag training on 2/26/25 at QH School.
- ♦ SRO Malbourn arrested a 10th grade student for possession of a marijuana cartridge in school. The case was sent to the juvenile court.



Month at a Glance

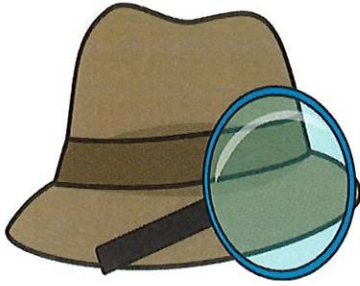
3 – Home Visits

2- CAD Report

1- Case Reports

Arrests - 1 / JRB Referrals- 0

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



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



February 2025

In the month of February 2025 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 20 investigations.

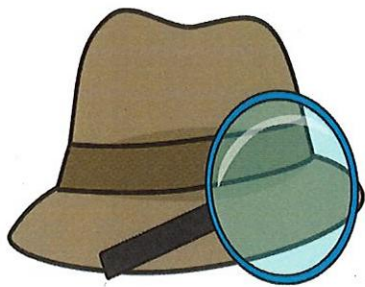
Current Active Investigations (24 Cases):

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

Homicide—1	Pistol Permits—7
Burglary—4	JV Sex Assault—1
Larceny—1	Robbery—2
Raffle Permit-1	Police Officer Background-1
ID Theft—2	Narcotics—2
Risk of Injury—1	Untimely—2
Skimmer—1	

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Search Warrants	Background Checks	Arrests	Sex Assaults	
14	10	3	2	1	
Ex-Parte's	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery	
0	0	2	2	1	



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



February 2025

February 2025 Updates:

Detective Carroll and Lieutenant VanOverloop continued to work with the staff of the upcoming national podcast, The Deck regarding the murder of Kyle Seidel. We were provided an air date of April 2025.

Sergeant Avdevich and Detective Bonkowski followed up on a lead from the cold case murder of Christopher Schmeller. Schmeller was located at the end of Parkway South in Waterford in 2002. The New Haven Police Department contacted this agency stating that an individual wished to speak about the case. It is still unknown where Schmeller was murdered. This lead will be looked into.

Investigative Services completed numerous "drug buys" into a residence in Waterford regarding a drug investigation. The Investigative Services Division is planning on preparing a search warrant for the residence.

Investigative Services completed their blood borne pathogens training held at the Waterford Police Department.

Lieutenant VanOverloop met with the new Multi Disciplinary Team Coordinator, Jon Turban in New London, CT. We spoke about his goals and training being offered as he takes lead of the regional team.

February 2025 Investigations:

Detective O'Connell continues to follow leads in regards to the bank robbery and gas station robbery on RTE 1 near the New London town line. Search warrants for information that will prove helpful in this investigation are pending in court.

Detective Carroll was assigned a background investigation for a police officer candidate.

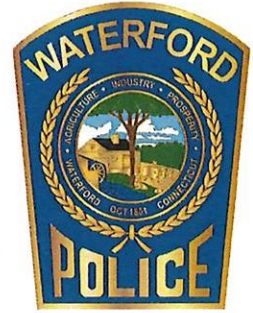
Detective Bonkowski was assigned a case regarding the possible theft of a large sum of money from one family member to another. This case is expected to be closed soon with no arrests as it has been shown to be non criminal.

Investigator Zaldivar was assigned a juvenile sexual assault investigation. After researching this case it was shown to have occurred in New London, CT and transferred.

Investigator Zaldivar was assigned a burglary of a dirt bike from a shed in Waterford, CT during the overnight hours. Investigator Zaldivar has a lead and has applied for search warrants.



TRAINING REPORT FEBRUARY 2025



New Officer Updates

Hiring Process: The Waterford Police Department continues its efforts in recruiting and hiring. Training is continuing with the new hiring process to fill two current vacancies.

Recruit Status: Recruit Boxley completed Phase 3 of her Field Training and is currently in Phase 4. During Phase 4, Recruit Boxley is doing 100% of the work.

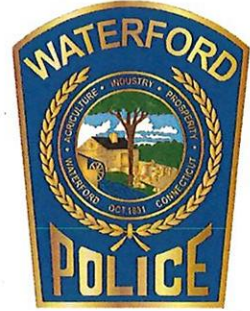
Recruit Maselli and Recruit Abram graduated from the Eastern Regional Police Academy hosted by the Law Enforcement Council of Connecticut. They both are preparing to start their twelve to sixteen week Field Training Program.





TRAINING REPORT

FEBRUARY 2025



Lieutenant Ferland, Sergeant Matthew Fedor, Sergeant Michael Fedor, and Sergeant Caler 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. This recertification was specifically for supervisors and they received specialized trainings tailored for supervisors.

The entire department received their annual Bloodborne Pathogens training. This is a requirement from OSHA and was taught by a local EMT.

Various officers received an online refresher training on the Law Enforcement Information Exchange (LINX) website. This is an online database the agency uses to help find contact information and various other information about suspects in cases. LINX required all users to receive this online refresher training and officers from the department have been gradually taking this training for the last few months.

Sergeant Caler attended an online Breath Alcohol Testing Instructor Recertification Training. This is an annual requirement so that Sergeant Caler can recertify officers from the department on the Draeger each year. Officers have to have this annual training as well in order to continue to use the Draeger during DUI arrests.

Sergeant Nickerson attended a one day training titled Caught on Camera. This training was hosted by the Connecticut State Police and it covered topics related to First Amendment Auditors and Sovereign Citizens. This training provided best practices for encounters with these personnel as well as the tools necessary to maintain a professional image while dealing with people in these situations.

Detective Bonkowski trained the recruits in the Eastern Regional Police Academy hosted by the Law Enforcement Council of Connecticut on OC spray, handcuffing, and baton use here at the Waterford Police Department.





Support Services Report

February 2025



Records Activity

FOI Requests	74	-69%
Warrants	44	7%
Phone Calls	194	7%
Walk in Assists	140	-10%
Background Checks	12	20%
Protective Orders	19	-57%
Officer Tasking Requests	71	-8%
Case Erasures	280	-7%
DCF Requests	24	9%
Court Requests	6	-54%
Abstracts	357	6%
Video Requests	23	35%
Reports Accepted	146	-20%

- * The CSOs covered 74 shifts during the month, equating to 592 hours of shift coverage.
- * A new category of statistics was added for the CSOs to demonstrate the amount of Warrant Follow Ups they complete for the department. February saw 263 Warrant Follow ups.
- * Records personnel assisted with the care and comfort of "Comet" the missing Golden Retriever that walked into the police department.
- * Records personnel received a request for records from the family court and diligently reviewed the request, identifying that the individual involved had an active arrest warrant. The information was relayed to the court, ultimately leading to the subject being arrested

CSO Activity

Adult Arrests	18
Juvenile Arrests	0
Firearms Transfers	58
Pistol Permits Issued	11
Walk In Complaints	26

Fingerprints

Pistol Permits	10
Employment	14
Miscellaneous	1
Peddler/Precious Permits	0
Warrant Follow Ups	263



Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report

February 2025



Counterfeit Currency Seized in Wal-Mart Arrest

On February 10th Off. Surdo, Off. Kryztofciak, Off. Colkos, Det. O'Connell, and Sgt. Firmin responded to Wal-Mart for a report of fraudulent returns. Upon arrival officers located three suspects who had been engaged in fraudulent returns and the passing of counterfeit currency throughout the state. Three suspects were arrested for Conspiracy to Commit Forgery 1st degree. One of the suspects had an extraditable warrant out of Pennsylvania. During the course of the investigation \$5,400.00 in counterfeit currency (see below left), \$556.00, and three vacuums (see below right) were seized as evidence.



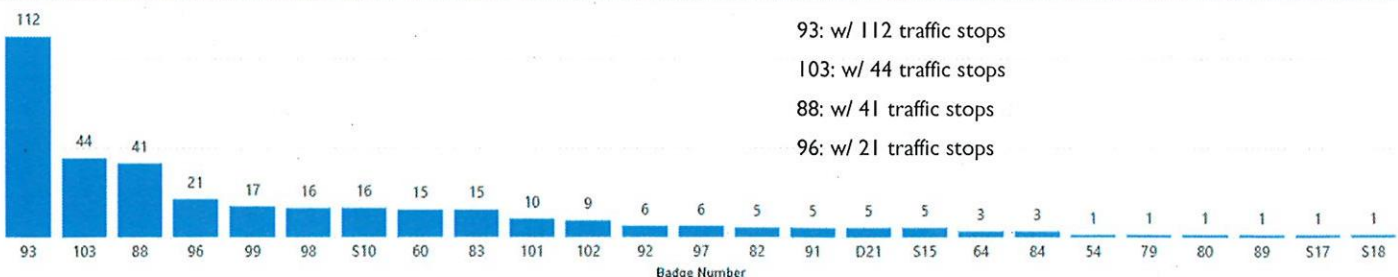
Search Warrant: Leads to DUI Arrest

On December 11, 2024 Off. McComic responded to RTE 32 at Scotch Cap RD for a one car roll over motor vehicle accident. The preliminary investigation led officers to believe alcohol was a factor in the accident. Off. McComic responded to the hospital and later completed a search warrant for the operator's medical records. It was later determined the operator's blood alcohol content was .18. On February 11, 2024 the operator was taken into custody via arrest warrant and charged with DUI (C.G.S. 14-227a).

Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2037
Case Numbers	97
Arrests	63
Juvenile Arrests	1
Larcenies	34
Arrest Warrants	12
Domestic Violence Investigations	7
Traffic Crash	40
DUI Investigations	3
EDP/Welfare Check	36
School Checks	42
Motor Vehicle	360
Written Warnings	161
Infractions	110
Verbal Warnings	66
Misdemeanor	17
Other	6

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER



**Road Rage Incident: Leads to Arrest by Warrant**

On January 31, 2025 Off. Rodriguez, Off. Surdo, and Sgt. Firmin were dispatched to the Waterford Commons for a reported road rage incident. An employee at Hannoush Jewelers reported that a male driver had assaulted another male driver and then fled the scene in a black Tesla. Off. Rodriguez observed a black Tesla fleeing the area at a high rate of speed from the area but was unable to catch up with the vehicle. Utilizing the FLOCK camera network, officers on scene were able to locate the vehicle's registration which in turn created a lead. After a lengthy police investigation, Off. Rodriguez prepared an arrest warrant for a suspect. The arrest warrant was reviewed and approved by the New London Superior Court. On February 12, 2025 the suspect was taken into custody and charged with Breach of Peace 2nd Degree, Assault 3rd Degree, Reckless Driving, and Insufficient Insurance.

Evading MVACC: Leads to DUI Arrest

On February 3, 2025 evening shift was sent to Oswegatchie RD for a MVACC involving a Ford F350 and a GMC delivery van. It was reported the operator of the truck rear ended the stationary van and then attempted to flee hitting a tree. The operator, barefoot, then fled on foot. Responding officers flooded the area and located the suspect a short distance from his vehicle. The operator was taken into custody and charged with DUI, Driving with a Suspended Drivers License, Evading Responsibility, and Following Too Closely.

Internal Theft Reported at Wal-Mart Leads to Larceny Arrest

On December 6, 2024 Off. Donovan responded to Wal-Mart for a complaint of an employee engaged in "internal theft" of Apple iPhones. The total dollar value of the phone theft was \$1,598.00. After a lengthy criminal investigation Off. Donovan prepared an arrest warrant for court. On February 18, 2025 the suspect was taken into custody and charged with Larceny in the Fourth Degree. He was processed, released on bond, and given a court appearance at the New London, CT Superior Court.



In the Community Interest





THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Animal Control Report



February 2025

- ♦ On 2/4/2025 "Comet" the golden retriever missing for 8 days followed a citizen into the police department lobby. Comet had a leg injury from being struck by a vehicle, but otherwise appeared in good health considering the amount of time he was missing. Comet was reunited with his family with the story garnering significant attention of multiple media outlets.
- ♦ On 2/12/2025 a senior Chihuahua was found roaming by a citizen. Several efforts were made to advertise and identify the owner of the dog. The dog was deaf, partially blind, and did not appear in good health. With the hope of sending the dog to a hospice home a vet visit was completed, but the dog additionally had cancer, necessitating it being euthanized.
- ♦ With the weather beginning to change the ACOs have received increased calls about wildlife sightings, including raccoons. While daytime sightings often bring concerns of rabies, it is common for these animals to be out during the day at this time, coming out of hibernation and searching for food. The ACOs utilize these calls as an opportunity for education with the public.



	Waterford	East Lyme
Calls for Service	66	29
After Hour Call Outs	1	0
Tickets Issued	0	0
Warnings Issued	0	0
Dog Bites	3	0
Animals Redeemed	7	0
Animals Adopted	2	0
Animals DOA	0	0
Euthanized	1	0
Total Processed	10	0
Money Taken In	\$445	\$0
Donations	\$75	\$0

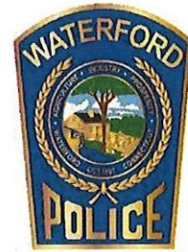
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Community Engagement Report

February 2025



Internships: Intern Gavin Lermayer shadowed the Records Department, Dispatch, Evening Shift Patrol, School Resource Officer Malbourn, and Day Shift Patrol. Intern Lermayer visited Groton Town Police for a tour. Intern Clara Mahoney shadowed School Resource Officer Winters, Day Shift Patrol, Dispatch, the Records Department, and Evening Shift Patrol. Intern Mahoney observed the LEC Academy OC Exposure Training. Both interns attended the Police Commissioner Meeting.

Interaction with Senior Services: Attended the Senior Services Valentine's Day Luncheon.

Suds & Smiles: Collected toiletries for seniors with Senior Services and delivered them to all Waterford Senior Living Facilities. Delivered candy to the classes of each Waterford School that collected the most toiletries.



Assistance to Youth Officers: Spoke about traffic stop safety at Rae's Driving School. Discussed peer pressure and bullying at Youth Promise. Organized Quaker Hill First Graders to visit for police department tours and give officers Valentine's Day Cards.

K-9 Officer Hodges: Visited Waterford Public Works and the Avery Point Transition Program. Attended Take Your Child to the Library Day, UCONN Facility K9 Tildy's Retirement Celebration, and Groton Library Dog Yoga. Assisted the Roswell Police Department to start a Facility K-9 Program. Visited Lakes Pond Baptist School due to the untimely death of a parent of multiple students. Visited Hartford Prince Tech High School due to the untimely death of a teacher.

Special Olympics Efforts: Organized officers to attend the Torch Run Kickoff Event where Waterford Police received a Level of Excellence Award. Participated in a Groton Town Police Dog Yoga Fundraiser to raise \$500.

Officer Wellness: Visited Waterford Dispatch, New London Police, and Groton Town Police. Taught Gracie Survival Tactics at the LEC Police Academy OC Exposure Training.

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

Rotary Club: Attended monthly meeting.

Recruiting: Held recruitment sessions at Eastern CT State University.

Tip-A-Cop: Organized event where officers and Waterford High School Unified Athletes worked as wait staff at The Shack to raise \$1,000 for the Connecticut Special Olympics.