



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Training Room at the Waterford Police Department

2/10/2025 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting

Acceptance of minutes: January 30, 2025 Special Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Letter from Kathleen McCarty
- b. Information from the Police Commissioners Association of Connecticut
- c. Email expressing appreciation for Waterford Police Officers handling of a situation

Presentation of the 2024 Police Officer of the Year Award to Officer Zachary Bushwack

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. Support Services Report for January
- f. Patrol Report for January
- g. Animal Control Report for January
- h. Community Engagement Report for January

Old Business:

- a. Recording of Commission Meetings

New Business:

- a. Tier III Accreditation Report Results
- b. Mentorship Program
- c. Introduction of student interns CCSU student Gavin Lermayer, and Waterford High School student, Clara Mahoney.



**MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

January 13, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

- PRESENT:** Commissioner R. Brule, Commissioner C. Gamble, Commissioner M. Gelinas, Commissioner T. Sheridan
- ABSENT:** Commissioner J. Dimmock
- DEPARTMENT:** Chief M. Balestracci, LT N. VanOverloop, LT D. Ferland,
LT P. Flanagan, Traffic Officer M. Devine, Training Officer M. Sylvestre
- CANDIDATES:** Tyrone Mack, Sean Kelly

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Commissioner Gelinas 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 Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Sheridan to accept the December 9, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic report was received. Officer Devine presented the CT DOT's plan for lane reconfigurations on Route 32 at Old Norwich Road to the Commission. The State requested the Traffic Commission's opinions on installing "No Pedestrian Crossing" signs at the intersection. After much discussion, three members supported the sign installation, one opposed it.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Recording Commission Meetings – The furniture is complete. Each seat is wired with adjustable volume and is ADA compliant. Currently, there is no timeline for audio and video streaming.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Sheridan and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to enter into Executive Session at 5:30p.m. Chief Balestracci, Tyrone Mack and Sean Kelly were included in the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. No votes or actions were taken while in Executive Session.

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

1. Tyrone Mack
2. Sean Kelly

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and Seconded by Commissioner Sheridan to adjourn the meeting at 6:04p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

January 30, 2025 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

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC INPUT: None

Discussion of the Connecticut Trust Act and its impact on Connecticut law enforcement.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Sheridan and Seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary



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January 6, 2025

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

Dear Marc,

Happy New Year to you and your loved ones.

Before my term officially ends, I wanted to let you know how much I have appreciated and enjoyed working with you on various legislative issues during my tenure in the Connecticut General Assembly.

While I am very saddened to leave my legislative work behind, I am comforted in knowing that together we made some significant achievements in moving the 38th District forward.

Thank you once again for placing your trust and confidence in me. I send you every best wish for continued professional and personal success.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen M. McCarty".

Kathleen McCarty



POLICE COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT, INC

January 14, 2025

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Police Commission
Waterford Police Department
41 Avery Lane
Waterford, CT 06385

Dear Commissioners:

Happy New Year! Thank you for your continued dedication and the leadership you provide to the men and women who work tirelessly 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 2024- February 1, 2025) 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 17, 2025. Information can be submitted via mail or electronically to: admin@ctpcac.org.

Finally, our goal for 2025 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



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I wish to apply for membership in the PCAC with all services and privileges thereto.

Type of Membership:

☐ Active/Former Commissioner (\$125)

☐ Associate (Business or Individual) (\$100)

☐ Out of State (\$75)

Name: _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

For Active/Former Commissioners:

Municipality: _____ Term: _____

Please remit a one-time \$50 application fee and first year dues, payable to PCAC, Inc.

PCAC, Inc.
PO Box 575
Orange, CT 06477

If you have any questions, please contact us via email: admin@ctpcac.org

From:

Date: January 28, 2025 at 11:38:37 AM EST

To: Patrick Flanagan <pflanagan@waterfordct.org>

Subject: Officer Appreciation

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

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Good morning,

I just wanted to take a minute to send my appreciation for some of your officers that handled a situation at my home last week. I have a 15 year old son who has severe depression as well as other mental health challenges. Unfortunately, an adult in his life, instigated a fight that led to JUVENILE #1 becoming the aggressor and the Police were then called on him.

I was not home at the time, but quickly returned after a call from my son who was hysterical. When I arrived, Officer Bushwack and Office Arpin were there speaking with my son. I was incredibly appreciative of the way they were handling him and it was obvious they were well trained in dealing with children in crisis. They were kind, supportive and overall just good people. Another officer arrived as well, a sergeant possibly, he was amazing as well. I'm just drawing a blank on his name. Hopefully its in the report and please pass on my thanks to him.

They recognized that he needed help and offered to assist me in getting that help. As a parent with a child who has been struggling for years, their kindness was what I needed in that moment. They mentioned a crisis center in NL that they knew of and even called to see if it would be a good fit for my son. It ended up being exactly what we needed that night.

I was born and raised in Waterford and we are lucky to have such a great group of people supporting and protecting us.

Thank you so much.



The Waterford Police Department

Traffic Officer Report

January 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:

- Complaint of parked vehicle on Vivian St. – Resolved
- Complaint of parking issues at the intersection of Colonial and Williamsburg - Investigating
- Complaint on Clement St., parking in violation of signs – Continue to monitor

ENFORCEMENT RELATED COMPLAINTS:

- No new complaints at this time.

REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

- Request for convex mirror on Great Neck Road at West Neck Road. Caller was advised that DPW and DOT do not support mirrors.
- 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

No upcoming events

UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH CLOSURE:

No large projects anticipated

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:

Officer	Devine #88	Reed #93
Infractions	13	73
warnings	28	35
misdemeanor	2	2

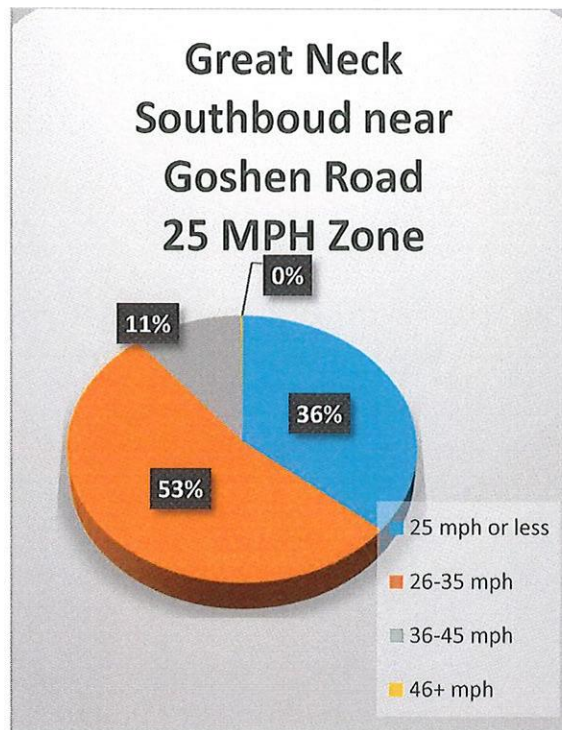
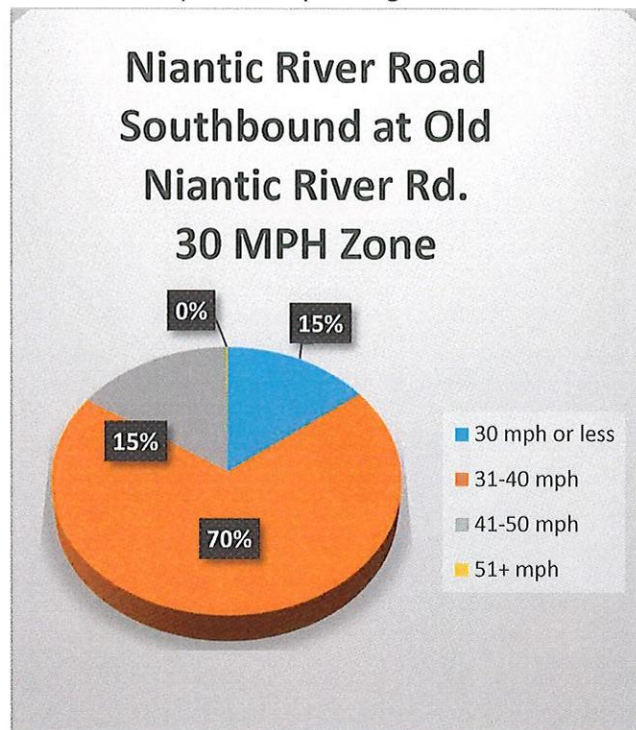


The Waterford Police Department Traffic Officer Report January 2025

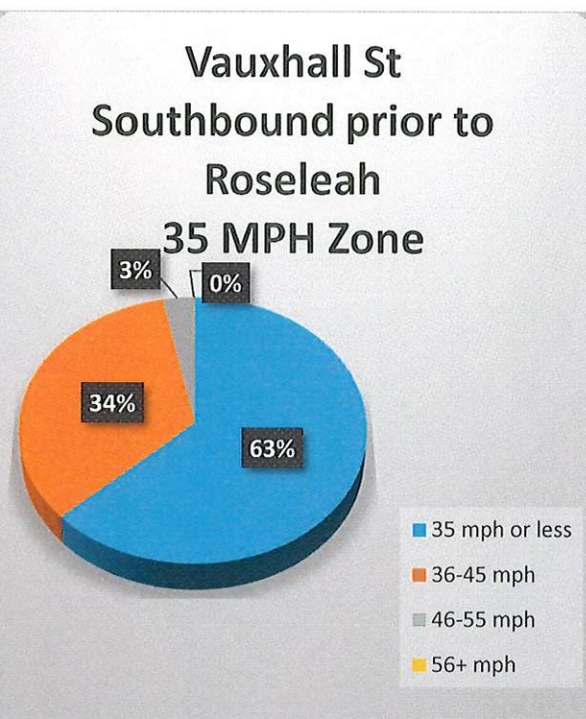
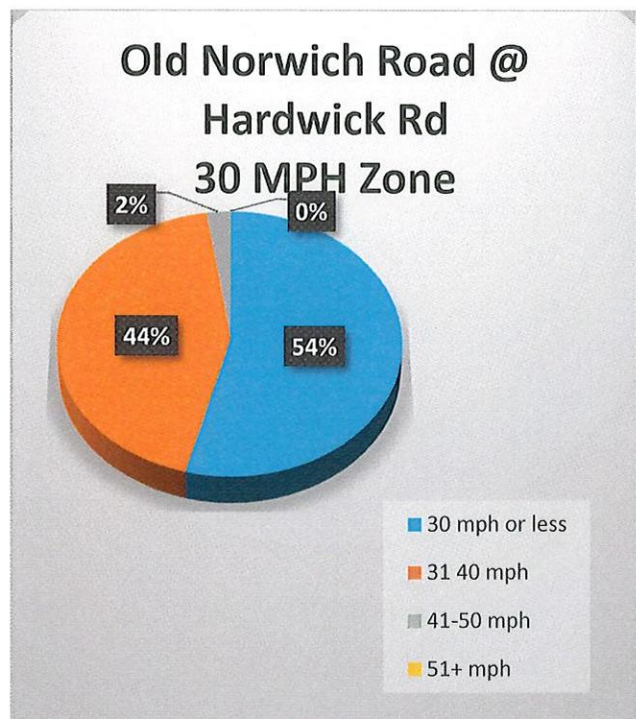


SPEED TRAFFIC SIGN DEPLOYMENT:

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



Battery powered signs:

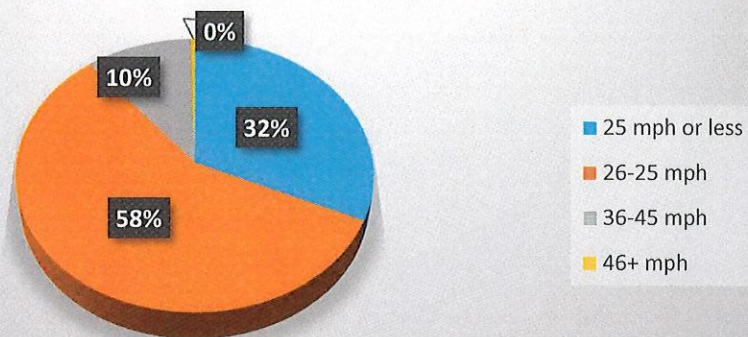




The Waterford Police Department Traffic Officer Report January 2025



Fog Plain Rd at Devonshire Dr. January 2025 25 MPH Zone





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K-9 Activity Report

January 2025

K-9 Ozzy

Monthly Uses: 2

2025 Uses: 2

K-9 Tico

Monthly Uses: 1

2025 Uses: 1



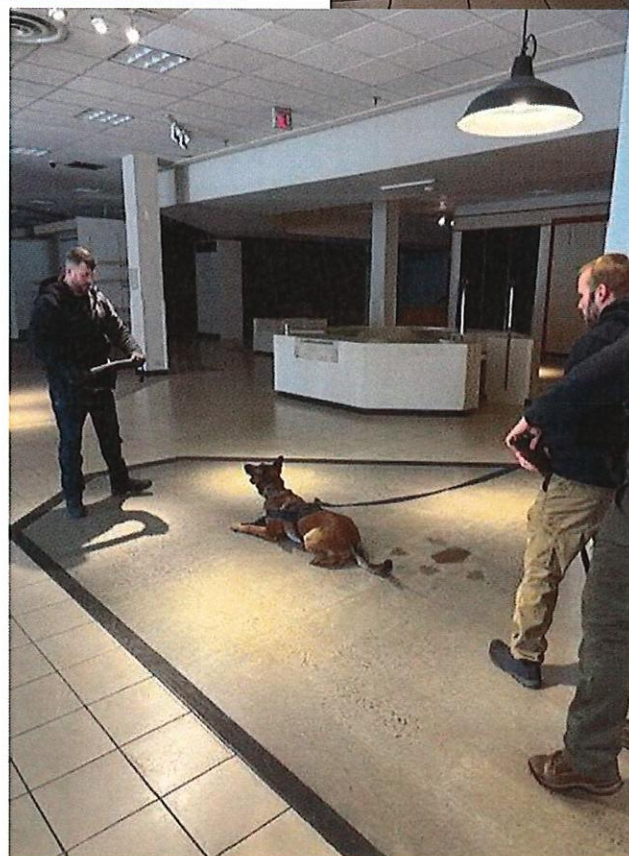
K-9 Usage

Ozzy

- ♦ K9 Ozzy and Officer Genung participated in a K9 demonstration for the Waterford Police Department Open House.
- ♦ K9 Ozzy and Officer Genung were requested to assist the New London Police Department in tracking two suspects that were involved in a shooting inside a restaurant that left a victim with two gunshot wounds. K9 Ozzy searched the area extensively and did not locate the suspects. After investigation, it is believed the suspects left the scene in a motor vehicle.

Tico

- ♦ K9 Tico and Officer Surdo participated in a K9 demonstration for the Waterford Police Department Open House.



Monthly Training

- ♦ Monthly K-9 training was conducted on January 14, 2025 and January 28, 2025 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work.



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Youth Office Activity Report



January 2025

- ♦ SRO Lane attended numerous boys and girls sporting events at CLMS after hours (basketball and wrestling).
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn assisted the Friendship School with a child that was missing from a bus. The child was promptly located and the situation was resolved.
- ♦ SRO Winters investigated a suspicious motor vehicle complaint at Quaker Hill Elementary School..
- ♦ SRO Lane completed an informational report for the juvenile court on a former CLMS student based on information gained from current students at the school.
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn responded to a student's residence for a possible overdose. The student was located and sent to the hospital for an evaluation.
- ♦ SRO Winters assisted in numerous drills at the three elementary schools.
- ♦ SRO Lane called for an ambulance response after a CLMS student had a medical episode (seizure).



Month at a Glance

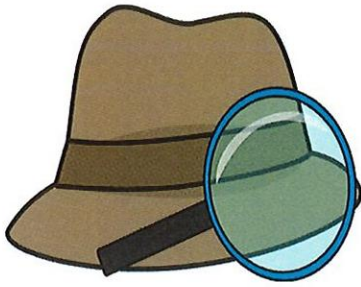
1- Home Visits

9- CAD Report

2- Case Reports

Arrests - 0 / JRB Referrals- 0

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



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Investigative Services Division



January 2025

In the month of January 2025 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 24 investigations.

Current Active Investigations (25 Cases):

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

Homicide—1	Pistol Permits—5
Burglary—4	JV Sex Assault—1
Larceny—2	Bank Robbery—1
ID Theft—2	Police Officer Background—2
Risk of Injury—1	Untimely—4
Skimmer—1	Raffle Permit—1

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Search Warrants	Background Checks	Arrests	Sex Assaults	
9	2	2	1	0	
Ex-Parte's	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery	
0	0	1	2	1	



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Investigative Services Division



January 2025

January 2025 Updates:

Taylor Zaldivar completed an online training hosted by the National Computer and Forensic Institute on Advanced Cryptocurrency related crimes. This was a one day eight hour block.

Investigative Services was assigned two (2) background investigations for potential police background candidates. Both candidates lived locally making the backgrounds easy to expedite and to complete in a timely manner.

Detective Carroll and Detective Bonkowski assisted the Patrol Division with an extradition of a male subject. This agency held an active arrest warrant for Failure to Appear in the First Degree for the subject from an original larceny arrest. The subject was being held in Massachusetts and was transported to the Waterford Police Department for processing without issue.

January 2025 Investigations:

Detective Carroll responded to two (2) separate untimely deaths in the month of January. The first was a forty-four (44) year old male on Pilgrim Road while the second was a fifty-five (55) year old male who resided on Longview Avenue. These cases are ongoing.

Investigative Services responded to Piercing Pagoda located within the Crystal Mall for a burglary of jewelry. As part of this investigation a Search and Seizure warrant was obtained and served on a male subject. An arrest warrant is expected to be applied for in regards to this burglary.

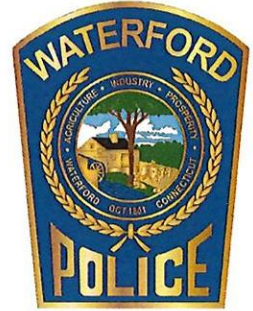
Investigative Services arrested a male subject as part an ongoing drug investigation that more arrests are expected from. This case is ongoing.

Detective Carroll served a search warrant to the company RING in regards to a theft from a deceased subjects estate. This is an ongoing investigation.

Detective O'Connell was assigned a robbery investigation at Charter Oak Bank located on Boston Post Road. Two men wearing face coverings robbed the bank displaying knives during operating hours resulting in the theft of a large sum of money. The Detective Division has active leads in this investigation and continues to work towards making an arrest.

A months long investigation into a burglary at Café NV Restaurant resulted in an arrest and confession from a male subject.

Investigator Zaldivar assisted patrol with a weapons compliance request from the court. The subject had previously been arrested of domestic violence charges and was ordered by the court to surrender any firearms.



TRAINING REPORT

JANUARY 2025

New Officer Updates

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

Recruit Status: Recruit Boxley completed Phase 2 of her Field Training and is currently in Phase 3. During Phase 3, Recruit Boxley is doing 75% of the work.

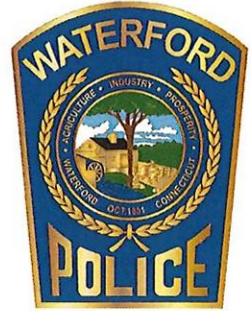
Recruit Maselli and Recruit Abram completed their twenty-second week at the Eastern Regional Police Academy hosted by the Law Enforcement Council of Connecticut.



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TRAINING REPORT JANUARY 2025



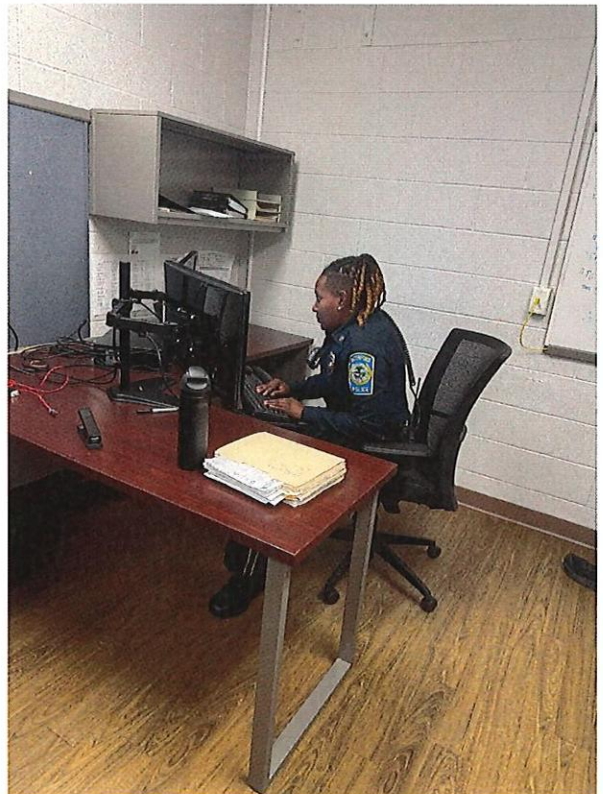
Officer Gorman and Officer Suplita attended a week long Crisis Intervention Training. This training brings community and law enforcement resources together to address common issues related to mental health and how law enforcement interacts with people that have mental health issues.

Officer Surdo attended a two-day AR15 Armorer's Course. This training covered step by step instructions on the complete disassembly, reassembly of the upper and lower groups, how to diagnose and repair malfunctions, and perform function inspections just to name a few. This is a required course for all firearms instructors to have they are required to recertify every three years.

Lieutenant Flanagan attended a three-day Internal Affair Investigations training at UConn PD Law School. This course covered the following topics: ethical and professional responsibility, why internal affair investigation happen, where they stem from, statutory provisions, exculpatory leads, as well as investigative techniques to name a few.

Investigator Zaldivar attended a one-day online training on Digital Currency Tracing Techniques. This course was offered through the National Computer Forensics Institute. This was an introductory course that covered topics like basic overview of digital currencies, virtual currencies, block chain technologies, cryptocurrency mining, the basic of cryptocurrency tracing, cryptocurrency wallets, and cryptocurrency addresses.

Officer Bushwack attended the Law Enforcement Council Eastern Regional Police Academy and taught the recruits about motor vehicle stops. There is classroom instruction on motor vehicle stops, and then there are practical skills days where the recruits apply what they learned in the classroom by doing mock traffic stops.





Support Services Report

January 2025



Records Activity

FOI Requests	241	35%
Warrants	41	28%
Phone Calls	182	5%
Walk in Assists	156	-4%
Background Checks	10	90%
Protective Orders	44	144%
Officer Tasking Requests	77	17%
Case Erasures	301	4%
DCF Requests	22	57%
Court Requests	13	-19%
Abstracts	337	-8%
Video Requests	17	31%

- * The CSOs covered 86 shifts during the month, equating to 688 hours of shift coverage.
- * With the transition to Nexgen Records personnel now have to “Accept” reports once they are completed by officers. This month Records accepted 183 individual narrative reports.
- * Record Personnel have dedicated a significant amount of time “Merging Master Names”, which links individuals entered in our report management system differently, such as a middle initial vs. the full middle name.

CSO Activity

Adult Arrests	21
Juvenile Arrests	0
Firearms Transfers	49
Pistol Permits Issued	11
Walk In Complaints	38

Fingerprints

Pistol Permits	16
Employment	26
Miscellaneous	4
Peddler/Precious Permits	0
Total Fingerprints	46



Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report

January 2025



FLOCK Alert: Leads to Stolen MV Recovery

On January 22, 2025 the midnight shift received a FLOCK notification for a stolen motor vehicle on Hartford TPKE at Harvey AVE. A short time later, while conducting patrols of the area, Off. Winakor located the stolen motor vehicle (*depicted below*) traveling South on Clark Lane. A traffic stop was conducted and responding officers removed the driver from the vehicle safely taking him into custody. The operator was charged with Larceny of a Motor Vehicle (C.G.S. 53a-119c). The New London Police Department, which was the originating agency, was notified of the stolen vehicle recovery.



DV Arrest: Suspect Charged with Strangulation

On January 5, 2025 Off. Reed and Off. Charron were dispatched to the Planet Fitness parking lot for a physical domestic dispute. The victim advised that she had been assaulted by her son after an argument about her grandson's daycare. Officers on scene sent out a regional broadcast for the suspect vehicle and he was located by NLPD. The suspect was taken into custody and charged with Breach of Peace, Strangulation Second Degree, Risk of Injury to a Minor, and Assault in the Third Degree.

Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2524
Case Numbers	129
Arrests	79
Juvenile Arrests	3
Larcenies	29
Arrest Warrants	11
Domestic Violence Investigations	13
Traffic Crash	61
DUI Investigations	4
EDPI/Welfare Check	33
School Checks	69
Motor Vehicle	435
Written Warnings	206
Infractions	127
Verbal Warnings	75
Misdemeanor	24
Other	3

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER



**DUI: Operator administered Naloxone**

On January 11, 2025 at 0844 hours day shift was sent to the intersection of Lakes Pond and Butlertown RD for a motor vehicle accident. Upon arrival, officers located the operator of a GMC Acadia slumped over the wheel. The operator was breathing but unconscious. Off Kryzstofiak administered a dose of naloxone in the operators left nostril. After some time he regained consciousness. Located in the vehicle was a bag containing a white powdery substance which subsequently tested positive for Methamphetamine. The operator was then transported to the hospital where he was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Alcohol (C.G.S. 14-227a).

**Wal-Mart: Suspects Arrested by Warrant**

On November 7, 2024 Off. Robinson responded to Wal-Mart for a theft of a Razor Hoverboard E-Scooter. Off. Robinson worked with fellow officers and local law enforcement partners to identify the two suspects who are known to commit frequent larcenies in the region. An arrest warrant was prepared and granted by the New London Superior Court. On 1/11/2025 the NLPD conducted a traffic stop and located both suspects who were charged with Larceny in the Sixth Degree (C.G.S. 53a-125b)

Organized Retail Theft Suspect: Extradited on Warrant

On January 19, 2025 the Waterford Police Department was notified that a suspect from several organized retail theft cases was in custody in Massachusetts. The WPD patrol division held an extraditable PRAWN warrant for the suspect from a case which originated in 2018 from several thefts which occurred at Target. The suspect, who waived an extradition hearing, was successfully extradited and arraigned at GA 10 in New London, CT on January 23, 2025.



In the Community Interest





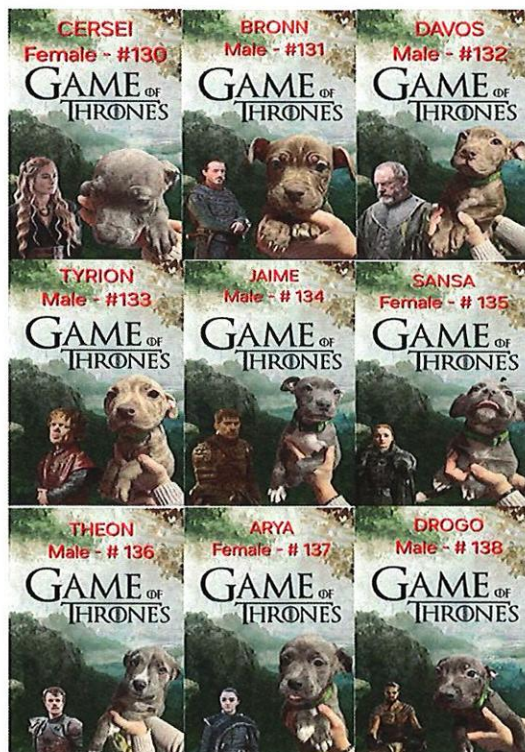
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Animal Control Report



January 2025

- ♦ On 1/5/2025 the ACO assisted the Waterford Police Department with a dog located at the scene of an untimely death. The ACO took custody of the dog for safekeeping, and ultimately returned the dog to a family member a few days later.
- ♦ ACO Ryan and "Percy" completed additional training in his role as a support dog, and also participated in the WPD Open House.
- ♦ On 1/19/2025 a citizen reported finding a stray dog, but the ACO investigated and determined that the dog actually belonged to the citizen. The citizen was unable to continue caring for the dog so it was signed over to the ACO who will work to adopt the dog to a new home.
- ♦ The 9 pit bull mix puppies that were surrendered in December were transferred to the Humane Society. The Humane Society offered to take the puppies and assume the cost of spay/neuter for each of them, as well as providing basic training to prepare them for future adoption.

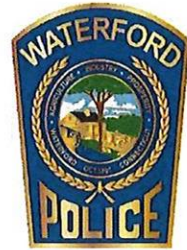


	Waterford	East Lyme
Calls for Service	60	37
After Hour Call Outs	2	0
Tickets Issued	0	0
Warnings Issued	0	0
Dog Bites	2	2
Animals Redeemed	3	3
Animals Adopted	10	1
Animals DOA	0	1
Euthanized	0	0
Total Processed	13	5
Money Taken In	\$100	\$175
Donations	\$95	\$175

"Speaking for those who have no voice"



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



Community Engagement Report January 2025

Internships: Intern Gavin Lermayer, a CCSU student, and Intern Clara Mahoney, a WHS student, both received their orientations and tours of the police department. Lermayer was brought on a tour of the New London Superior Court. Intern Mahoney interacted with K9 Hodges and K9 Chase of Groton Town Police.

Citizen's Academy: Contacting various schools and organizations to recruit for upcoming academy. Reviewing incoming applications.

Interaction with Youth Services: Hodges visited the after school baking class. The class made Hodges dog treats to show their appreciation for him.

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



Officer Wellness: Organized Wellness Days for Midnight Shift and Evening Shift. Taught Gracie Survival Tactics at the LEC Police Academy.

K-9 Officer Hodges: Attended the Waterford Library's Toy Library Opening and New London Police's Coffee with a Cop. Held Read to Hodges at the Waterford Library. Visited Backus Hospital, Fitch High School, and New London Superior Court. Visited Charter Oak Federal Credit Union to interact with employees after a robbery incident. Hodges interacted with a WHS student who was having anxiety issues. Attended Lion's Club Ceremony to receive Waterford's Humanitarian of the Year Award.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Gave a student a ride-along to Oswegatchie School with SRO Lane for a fundraiser. Attended Oswegatchie School's Laps with Lance Ice Cream Party. Spoke about traffic stop safety at Rae's Driving School. Visited Waterford High School and Lakes Pond Baptist School. Discussed drug abuse resistance at Youth Promise.

Interaction with Senior Services: Visited Bayview Health Care. Attended Coffee with a Vet and the Senior Super Bowl Breakfast.

Suds & Smiles: Partnering with Senior Services to collect toiletries for seniors.

Waterford Police Open House: Organized event where the public could tour the police department, watch a K-9 Demo, and have casual conversations with officers.

Special Olympics Efforts: Fundraising for the Shoreline Penguin Plunge. Attended monthly Torch Run Council Meeting.

Advance Services Programs: 1 new registrant added to the program.