



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Training Room at the Waterford Police Department

7/17/2023 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: June 12, 2023 Regular Meeting and June 14, 2023 Special Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Gardiner Family Foundation Donation Letter
- b. Letter of Appreciation
- c. Email recognizing CSO Ellen Mongeau
- d. Thank you note and donation from Sandi McCourt

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's report:

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

Executive Session for Police Officer Candidate interviews and possible action

Old Business:

- a. Police Chief Selection Process
- b. Four-way-stop at Douglas Lane and Vauxhall Street

New Business:



MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
June 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner R. Brule, Chairperson T. Sheridan, Commissioner M. Gelinas, Commissioner C. Gamble, Christine Walters, HR Director

ABSENT: Commissioner Dimmock

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, LT Ferland, Sgt T. Gelinas, Traffic Officer J. Nickerson, Training Officer N. Surdo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC INPUT:

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to accept the minutes from the May 8, 2023 Regular Meeting. Motion passed.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to accept the minutes from the June 1, 2023 Special Meeting. Commissioners Brule and Sheridan abstained. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

Chief Balestracci requested that the discussion of the Police Chief Selection Policy and Job description be reviewed with HR Director Christine Walters at this point in the meeting. All agreed. The policy and job description were reviewed.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinas and Seconded by Commissioner Gamble to approve Draft (3) of the policy and the Chief of Police job description as written for presentation to the Personnel Review Board. Passed unanimously.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic report received. Request for a four-way-stop at Douglas Lane and Vauxhall Street from resident Richard Muckle was discussed.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

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

- j. Quarterly Peer Support and Officer Wellness Report
Quarterly Report was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Police Commission Nominations for term starting June 1, 2023 as follows:
C. Gamble, Chairperson; J. Dimmock, Vice-Chairperson; M. Gelinas, Secretary;
T. Sheridan, Commissioner.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinas and seconded by Commissioner Brule to accept nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Chief Balestracci will be representing the state at the FBI National Command Course the second week in July.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinas and Seconded by Commissioner Gamble to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Diane Driscoll
Recording Secretary



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

June 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman C. Gamble, Commissioner M. Gelinas, Commissioner R. Brule,
Commissioner J. Dimmock remotely

ABSENT: Commissioner T. Sheridan

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, LT D. Ferland, Sgt. T. Gelinas, Sgt. P. Flanagan,
Det. Sgt. M. Fedor, Ofc. M. Sylvestre, Ofc. J. Nickerson, Ofc. P. Epps,
Ofc. R. DiFusco

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Commissioner Gamble called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the General Meeting Room of the Waterford Police Department. A Quorum was established.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinas and seconded by Commissioner Brule to enter into Executive Session for Lieutenant and Sergeant interviews at 6:05p.m. Chief Balestracci was included in the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:02 p.m. No votes or actions were taken while in Executive Session.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Gelinas and Seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to promote Sergeant Flanagan to the rank of Lieutenant effective Monday, June 19, 2023 and to continue the remaining officers on an active promotion list for one year from today's date. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Gelinas and Seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to promote Officer Epps to the rank of Sergeant effective Monday, June 1, 2023 and to continue

the remaining officers on an active promotion list for one year from today's date. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinas and Seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

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

Diane Driscoll
Recording Secretary

GARDINER FAMILY FOUNDATION

P.O. Box 717 WATERFORD, CT 06385
(860) 444-1177

June 19, 2023

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

RE: 5-year / \$50,000 Grant - Chief's Contributed Gifts

Dear Chief Balestracci:

Please find enclosed, this year's installment in the Amount of \$10,000, payable to The Town of Waterford, restricted for the "Chief's Contributed Gifts." This is the second installment, of the 5-year grant totaling \$50,000.

Our family appreciates the fine men & women serving in the Waterford Police Department, maintaining the peace and upholding the laws of the community. Thank you!

With my best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Alan H. Gardiner
Treasurer

Enclosure

6/11/2023

Waterford Police Department

41 Avery Lane

Waterford, CT 06385

Dear Chief Balestracci

I am sure you receive many complaints about your department or its' officers. This time I wanted to acknowledge my appreciation for a call they were on June 3rd, 2023. I was with the [REDACTED] and know that law enforcement is not easy sometimes. Being retired for over 10 years now, I cannot appreciate what you in law enforcement go through in today's world. My son, [REDACTED], who resides at [REDACTED], had some issues that night. He had contacted your department and was fortunate enough to speak to someone who cared. Mike must have provided the Sergeant with my number and that I was a former [REDACTED]. The Sergeant called to let me know what was going on with [REDACTED]. I really appreciated the call and was able to let him know my concerns. [REDACTED] was an [REDACTED] work but fell on hard times when they [REDACTED]. It had caused him to [REDACTED]. With me living in [REDACTED] and his mom living near [REDACTED] it is not the easiest thing for us to be there for him. The Sergeant stated he was on his way to [REDACTED] house, and I said I would attempt to get and keep [REDACTED] on the phone until they arrived. [REDACTED] did not answer, and I called back and spoke to the dispatcher to have her be in touch with the Sergeant. [REDACTED] did answer just before the officers arrived and they allowed me to stay on the phone with him during their interview. The dispatcher called to let me know the officers had arrived, again very much appreciated. Towards the end of the interview, I spoke with the Sergeant again who informed me that social services were on their way to evaluate him. Earlier I had also told the Sergeant about the weapons, all legal, [REDACTED] had in the house, and he explained CT law to me. After

the interview I agreed with him, and they obtained a warrant and secured the weapons. [REDACTED] had a dog that needed to be cared for and the Sergeant said he would wait until someone arrived to take care of the dog. Fortunately, this individual was on the way. The Sergeant called one last time to let me know that the dog was set, and [REDACTED] went with the social workers and an officer to the hospital. The Sergeant also provided me with his cell number if I had any questions later. Speaking to [REDACTED] later he was somewhat surprised and pleased how he was treated by the social workers and the officer that escorted him to the hospital. He also appreciated their professionalism when they were at his residence.

The situation was handled about as well as it could have been and given the circumstances and the help my son needed. I could not have asked for more. I wanted to express my gratitude to your officers and dispatcher for how they handled this incident. It was truly handled in the highest possible and professional manner, and I am grateful and thankful that those individuals were the ones who responded. Please express my thanks and gratitude to these men and women. I wish I could remember the Sergeant's name but there was a bit going on that night.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Diane Driscoll

From: Patrick Flanagan
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 10:16 AM
To: Marc Balestracci
Cc: Diane Driscoll; Michael Firmin; Ellen Mongeau
Subject: FW: CSO Mongeau

Sgt. Firmin,

Thank you for recognizing the hard work and dedication of CSO Mongeau. She is definitely an asset to this agency. Keep up the great work Ellen!

Lt. Patrick Flanagan
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(860) 442-0645 ext 2271
PFlanagan@WaterfordCT.org



From: Michael Firmin <MFirmin@waterfordct.org>
Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2023 6:07 AM
To: Patrick Flanagan <pflanagan@waterfordct.org>
Cc: Troy Gelinas <tgelinas@waterfordct.org>
Subject: CSO Mongeau

LT,

On Sunday, June 25, 2023 there was no CSO assigned to the midnight shift. I'd like to recognize CSO Ellen Mongeau for volunteering to holdover to 0400 hours without being asked. This was not the first time she has done so. CSO Mongeau offered as she knew we were short-handed and were holding a female prisoner for the weekend. The shift proved to be more active than usual. It required me to be out of the building and all officers were tied up with calls. We responded to a large house party, assisted the East Lyme Police Department with a serious injury accident, had a DUI arrest, and helped to mitigate a child custody dispute. CSO's are essential to the success of the WPD, especially on the evening and midnight shifts where staffing is limited. Of their many functions, they help to limit holdovers, early-ins and free officers and supervisors from the building. Recently, we have lost several competent CSO's who have moved on to begin their careers in law enforcement. Their positions are a vital function of this agency and should be filled with qualified candidates as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Sergeant Michael Firmin #16
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mfirmin@waterfordct.org



5 JULY 2023

DEAR WATERFORD POLICE LEAT.

THANK-YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR ALL THAT
YOU DO TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY
SAFE.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE
YOU ON YOUR SOCIAL WORK WITH
YOUR "LAB". I SEE THAT OTHER
CITIES AROUND THE STATE ARE
FOLLOWING YOUR LEAD.

WISHING YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS
IN PIONEERING YOUR EFFORTS
TO SHOW SOME OF THE GOOD
WORK THAT YOU DO!

SINCERELY,

SANDI MCCURT

WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC REPORT

•June 2023•

Traffic Complaints:

The Traffic Officer (TO) received 3 complaints for speeding. Roadways included Niles Hill Road, Clark Lane and Jordon Cove Road. Most of the roadways were added to the list of roads for traffic enforcement through our State DOT Grant.

Trailer Display Signs

The display signs were used to aid the Utility Dept. within their traffic pattern on Niantic River Road and Shore Road while they replaced pipe in the roadway.

Construction Reviews

Blueprints for a Chipotle restaurant were received and reviewed. Questions and concerns previously brought forward for the project were answered adequately. 122/124 Boston Post Road

Upcoming Events

August 5th John Kelly Road Race- Largest race of the season. Route uses RT 213, Pleasure Beach area, back to RT 213 to RT 156 to RT 1. The roadways will remain open during the race.

August 12th Waterford Parade- Held from the High School to North Road. Roadway will be closed for approximately 1-1.5 hours

August 27th- Motorcycle Dream Ride- Route is along RT 85 will little impact on intersections

October 7th- Terri Brodeur Marathon- Uses Rope Ferry Road to Gardiners Wood Road to Pleasure Beach. No significant traffic issues

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

Vauxhall/ Douglas

Several trees and shrubs were trimmed on Vauxhall Street, North of Douglas Lane, where the line of sight issue was concerning. With the tree trimming and scheduled traffic enforcement, the agreed solutions are underway.

Training

Traffic Officer taught several days at the Regional LEC academy. Classes taught pertained to Use of Force, Baton, OC and Handcuffing.



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



K-9 Activity Report

June 2023

K-9 Neo

Monthly Uses: 4

2023 Uses: 24

K-9 Ozzy

Monthly Uses: 9

2023 Uses: 34

Training

Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 06/06 & 06/20 in obedience, tracking, article search, building/area search, narcotics detection, and criminal apprehension.

K-9 Usage

Neo / Tico

- On 6/14/2023 Officer Epps was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. With this promotion, K9 Neo was officially retired. K9 Neo has had a successful five year career at the WPD with numerous narcotic finds, successful tracks for both suspects and missing persons, as well as criminal apprehension of felony suspects. K9 Neo's retirement will be formally recognized at the promotional ceremony taking place on July 18th, 2023.
- On June 26, 2023 Officer Nicholas Surdo was officially selected by Chief Balestracci and his administrative team as the next WPD K-9 handler. The process was competitive and required all candidates to submit a formal letter of interest. LT Flanagan, OFF Lane, and OFF Surdo have selected 15 month old Belgian Malinois (Tico) as the next WPD K-9. Tico is from the Czech Republic and was imported by "Connecticut Canine" in Bethany, CT.



Ozzy

- On 6/20/23 Off Genung and K9 Ozzy went through their annual certification process with the Southeastern Regional K-9 Training group. WPD Trainer OFF Lane re-certified the team in tracking, area/building search, criminal apprehension, and article recovery.
- On June 14, 2023 Officer Genung and K9 Ozzy assisted the ELPD with a narcotics search. K9 Ozzy indicated on the exterior of the vehicle and again on the interior of the vehicle. A quantity of MDMA was seized from the vehicle and an arrest was made.





THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Youth Office Activity Report



June 2023

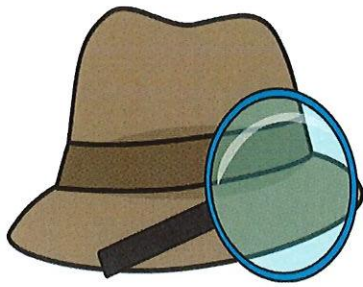
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn and SRO Lane attended the Waterford High School Graduation, the Clark Lane Middle School Promotional ceremony, as well as the three promotional ceremonies at Great Neck Elementary School, Oswegatchie Elementary School, and Quaker Hill Elementary School.
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn and SRO Lane continue to conduct numerous meetings with parents and students during the month involving various concerns including social media and mental health issues. These issues occur during and outside of school hours, but often carry into the school day and sometimes create disturbances while in school.
- ♦ On June 20th—June 22nd SRO Lane and SRO Malbaurn attended the 2023 FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit Symposium at the United States Coast Guard Academy. The class focused on the latest research in behavioral analysis, threat assessment and management, caske linkage analysis, behavioral considerations of child sex offenders, and preventing targeted violence.
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn and SRO Lane attended many end of school year events. Some of these events include the 8th grade dance, field day events, and youth promise jeopardy class pizza party.
- ♦ SROs Lane and Malbaurn attended the school districts mental health team meeting.
- ♦ SRO Lane conducted a sexting class for the eight graders teaching them about the dangers of both social media.



Month at a Glance

0 – Home Visits
4 – CAD Report
0 – Case Reports
0 – Arrests

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



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



June 2023

In the month of June 2023 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 33 active investigations.

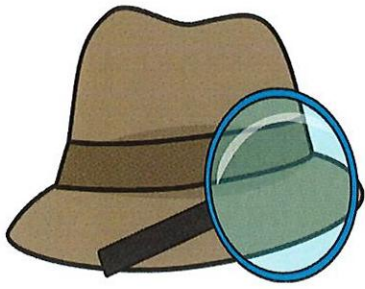
Current Active Investigations (18 Cases):

(These numbers do not include assists to the Patrol Division)

Homicide—1	Pistol Permits—3
Burglary—3	Narcotics—4
JV Sex Assault—1	Monogram Scam—1
Weapons Compliance—1	

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Search Warrants	Background Checks	Arrests	Sex Assaults
55	19	5	18	9
Ex-Parte's	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery
0	1	4	3	1



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



June 2023

June 2023 Updates:

Permits: There was an increase in temporary firearm permit applications in June 2023. Twenty-nine (29) applications were processed. Out of the twenty-nine (29) applications three (3) were denied. There was also one solicitor permit application received and that permit was denied.

Investigative Service Members attended a 3-day training on Behavioral Analysis that was hosted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations at Connecticut College.

June 2023 Investigations:

On June 1, 2023 Investigator Zaldivar was assigned to complete a full background investigation on a potential hire for the Waterford Police Department Police Officer position.

Detective Carroll reopened a juvenile sexual assault investigation after the victim initially recanted their statements in March of 2023. This investigation is in process. Detective Carroll is currently working on search warrants in regards to this case that have been submitted to the New London Superior Court for review.

On June 21, 2023 Investigator Zaldivar was assigned a weapons compliance investigation in which firearms were ordered seized after the person was held at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital on a psychological evaluation.

Detective O'Connell assisted patrol on a larceny investigation from the Home Depot. The suspect has been committing larcenies throughout the state. We were able to positively identify him resulting in a coordinated effort with the New Britain Police Department. An arrest warrant has been filed with the New London Superior Court.

Detective Bonkowski began testifying in court proceeding from a 2020 case in which Detective Bonkowski was assigned to the State Wide Narcotics Task Force resulting in a drug arrest.

On June 22, 2023 Detective Carroll was assigned a death investigation that is in connection to another death investigation held by this agency from May 2023 at an address in Quaker Hill.

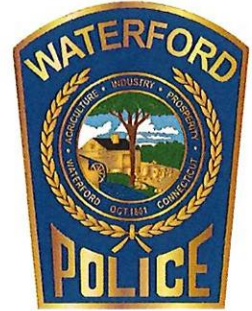
Task Force Report:

In the month of June, the VCTF executed three (3) search warrants resulting in the recovery of narcotics and a firearm. The task force also located two stolen motor vehicles in Norwich. The VCTF had approximately 5 other narcotics and warrant related arrests as well as assisted in the arrest of a shooting suspect from an incident which took place at a bar in Groton. The task force is currently working on a narcotics investigation in Waterford.



TRAINING REPORT

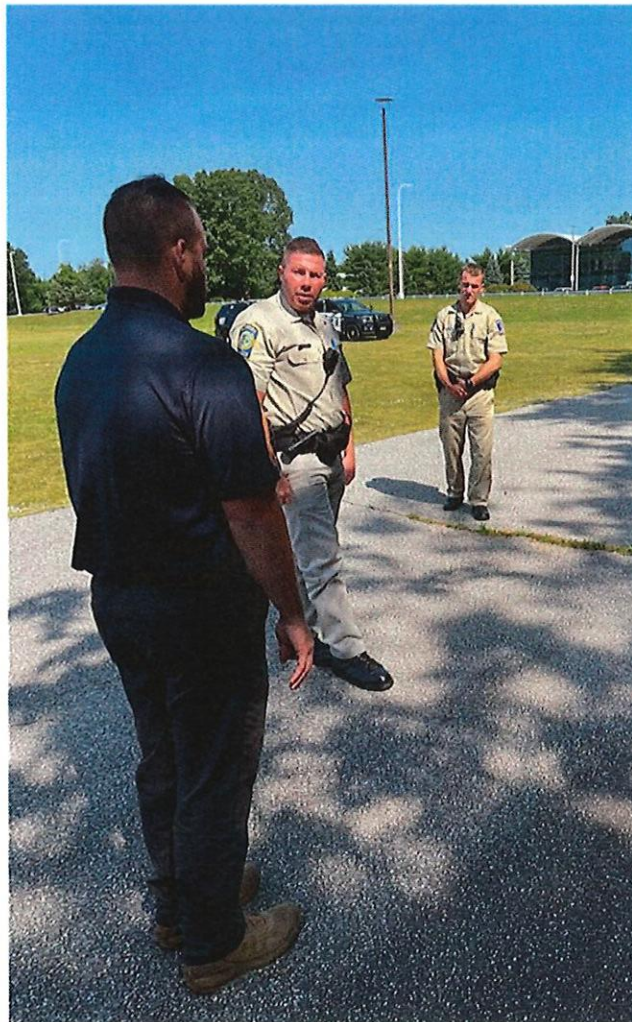
JUNE 2023



New Officer Updates

Hiring Process: The Waterford Police Department continues its efforts in recruiting and hiring. The hiring process for entry level and certified officers is open and will remain open for the next several months. Several candidates have passed the oral interview and physical agility. Officer candidates will be doing ride-a-longs with current department Field Training Officers (FTO) and will have a Chiefs Interview.

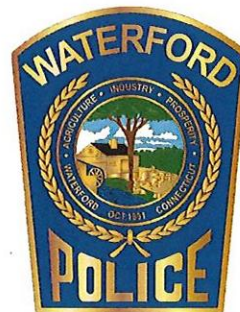
Recruits: Recruit Andrew Reed is continuing his training at the Law Enforcement Council (LEC) Eastern Regional Police Academy and continues to accelerate. Recruit Reed successfully completed OC exposure, baton, rifle familiarization and felony stops. Recruit Reed graduates the first Eastern Regional Academy (ERA) on July 19th.





TRAINING REPORT

JUNE 2023



Sergeant Troy Gelinas attended a one-day Leadership and Training: A Proactive Approach to Officer Wellness and Suicide Prevention course in East Hartford, CT. The training focused on healthy coping behaviors, how to stay engaged with your officers and serve as a crucial link between officer and suicide prevention-related messaging resources.

Officers Epps, Scarpa and Ewing attended a one-day Street Cop Training: Interdiction Mindset in Uncasville, CT. The training provided information/resources on being an effective criminal interdiction officer.

Officer Rogers attended a two-week Advanced Crash Investigation course in Plainville, CT. The two-week training focused on vehicle dynamics and acceleration, intro to time/distance, geometry and trigonometry and field projects.

Sergeant Richard Avdevich attended a three-day Writing Effective Law Enforcement Reports course in Meriden, CT. The course focused on identifying strengths and weaknesses and how to convey to subordinates, and how to develop strategies to improve report writing.

Detectives O'Connell, Bonkowski, Carroll, SROs Malbourn and Lane attended the three-day FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit Symposium in New London, CT. The training touched on latest research in behavioral analysis, threat assessment, preventing targeted violence, among many other topics.

Officer Ryan DiFusco attended a two-day Mechanical and Shotgun Breaching Instructor course in Epping, NH. The training exposed officers to the different types of breaching equipment, how to properly breach doors/windows safely, while working with a tactical team and at the patrol level.

The Waterford Police Department Records Department Activity for JUNE 2023

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

Ticket/Written Warning Entries	Freedom of Information Requests	Motor Vehicle Accident Entries	Warrants (Entering or clearing)	Phone calls	Walk in Lobby Window	Background Check Requests
193	129	35	40	135	125	7

Protective Order Entries	Officer Tasking Requests	Case Erasures	State/Federal Report Entries	Supervisor Tasking Requests	DCF Requests
28	23	145	0	23	13

Court Request	Case Copies	Abstracts
26	11	245

- Records personnel have experienced a significant increase in request for Body Worn Camera footage for Risk Protection Orders cases due to new changes in the law
- Records completed a significant FOI request for a fatal motor vehicle accident that occurred in 2017
- Legislative changes have mandated the automatic erasure of marijuana possession convictions from the years 2000-2015 as well as additional "Clean Slate Erasures dating back to 2000. These erasures represent a substantial increase as personnel work to relieve the backlog of records.



CSO Monthly Statistical Report June 2023



Waterford Arrests

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Adult	13
Juvenile	0
Total Processed	13

Fingerprints

#

Pistol Permits	7
Employment	18
Miscellaneous	4
Peddler / Precious Permits	1
Total Fingerprints	30

Firearms

#

Firearms Transfer	48
Pistol Permits Issued	16

Initial Complaints (3A's)

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Total	32
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- CSO's covered 60 shifts during the month.
- Training has started for the two new CSO's that have been hired



Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report
June 2023



Evening Shift Completes Two Risk Warrants

On June 3, 2023 evening shift (OFF Bunce) responded to Seventh AVE to conduct a welfare check on a male that was reported to be hallucinating and in need of assistance. The subject was having a mental health crisis and was in possession of 10 firearms and several thousand rounds of ammunition. The items were seized for safekeeping and a risk warrant was completed.

On June 19, 2023 evening shift responded to Perry AVE for a suicidal male sitting in his running vehicle with the garage door closed. The male was under the influence and had previous suicide attempts. He was sent to the hospital for an emergency police examination. A risk warrant was completed and one handgun and a ten round magazine were seized for safekeeping.



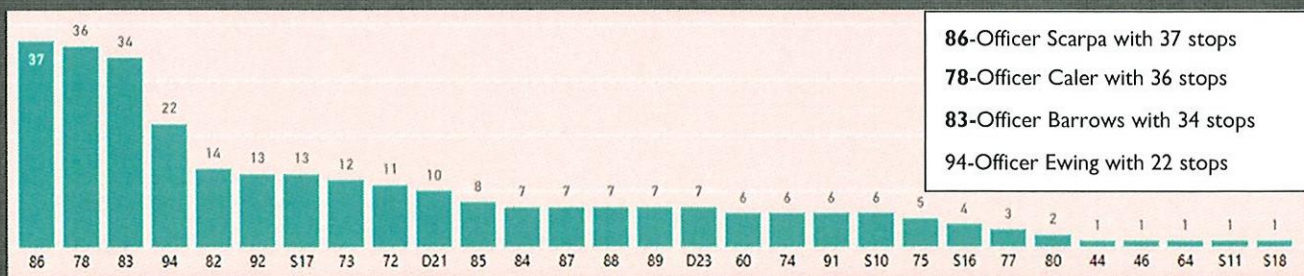
Arrest by Warrant for DUI / Firearms charges

On June 16, 2023 the Waterford Police Department's patrol division arrested Percy Penn for DUI, Possession of Narcotics, Criminal Possession of a Firearm, Weapon in a motor vehicle, Carrying a Pistol without a Permit, and various other Motor Vehicle related charges. This arrest stemmed from a lengthy investigation conducted by Officer Rogers in which a Search and Seizure warrant was granted by a Judge at GA 10 which allowed Officer Rogers to obtain the suspect's medical records. A subsequent arrest warrant was then applied for and granted.

Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2354
Case Numbers	179
Arrests	57
Juvenile Arrests	6
Larcenies	39
Arrest Warrants	15
Domestic Violence Investigations	7
Traffic Crash	63
DUI Investigations	7
EDPI/Welfare Check	46
School Checks	56
Motor Vehicle Stops	288
Written Warnings	62
Infractions	35
Verbal Warnings	174
Misdemeanor	17

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER





Midnight Shift Deters MV Thefts

On June 10, 2023 at 0230 hours Officer Caler was conducting neighborhood checks in the South end of town. At this time he located a suspicious motor vehicle while patrolling the Pleasure Beach area. The vehicle was listed as a FILE 01 Stolen Motor Vehicle out of Middlebury, CT. Upon attempting to stop the motor vehicle it fled at a high rate of speed and left town. A short time later it was reported that the same motor vehicle that had fled from OFF Caler, was utilized in the theft of two stolen cars in New London, CT. It is believed that Officer Caler's actions deterred motor vehicle thefts in our town on 6/10/23.

Juvenile EDP: Patrol and SRO work together to solve Case

On June 19, 2023 at 2200 hours patrol received a report from the 211 crisis hotline about a suicidal juvenile female who's cell phone was "pinging" in the Maple CT area of Waterford, CT. After unsuccessfully attempting to locate the female at several residences in the area Sgt. Farrior reached out to SRO Lane. SRO Lane provided valuable information to Sgt. Farrior about a troubled youth that lived in the vicinity of Maple CT. Officers were able to locate the juvenile female in crisis and get her the necessary help. This was an excellent example of our patrol division working hand in hand with our School Resource Officers after hours.

Scooter Found on Town Property Later Reported Stolen

On June 20, 2023 at 1847 hours Evening shift responded to Ridgewood Park near the Town of Waterford Pump House for an abandoned scooter. The scooter's VIN number was run through several databases with no results found. The scooter was seized and brought back to the WPD impound for safe keeping. On June 27, 2023 Day shift responded to 17 Shore DR for the report of a stolen scooter. Based on the previous actions of patrol personnel, Day shift was quickly able to identify the stolen scooter as the vehicle that was temporarily being held in the WPD impound lot. The investigation remains open.

AIT Call Out

On June 25, 2023 at 0100 hours Sergeant Firmin and Officer Caler responded to an AIT callout in the town of East Lyme for a Motor Vehicle accident with serious injuries on Society Road. Officer Caler assisted the Southeastern Regional AIT team with aerial photographs of the accident scene which were taken with the Waterford Police Department's drone.



In the Community Interest





Monthly Report June 2023

	WATERFORD	EAST LYME
CALLS FOR SERVICE	73	34
AFTER HOURS CALL OUTS	1	2
DOG BITES	5	2
INFRACTIONS	1	0
WRITTEN WARNINGS	0	1
ANIMALS REDEEMED	6	7
ANIMALS ADOPTED	4	0
ANIMALS DOA	0	0
EUTHANIZED	0	0
ANIMALS PROCESSED TOTAL	10	7
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	\$ \$520.00	\$ \$435.00
DONATIONS TAKEN IN	\$ \$330.00	\$ \$390.00

- 1) Animal Control, the Waterford Police Department and even the First Selectman's Office have received dozens of calls regarding a coyote with a bad case of mange in the RTE 1 / RTE 156 area of Waterford. Mange is a parasitic skin disease that causes the animal to be very itchy and spend most of their time scratching themselves. This causes the fur to fall out and the skin to look raw and bloody. While not fatal itself, this condition causes the animal great discomfort. Many citizens are distressed seeing the animal in this condition and have called in their sightings. Sadly, this is a wild animal who is a predator and on the rabies vector, there are no wildlife rehabilitators to treat it, veterinarians will not treat it. This matter has been referred to the State of Connecticut DEEP Officers as it falls under their job purview.



- 2) 06/02/23 Animal Control officers were recognized at the Great Neck Elementary School kindness ceremony where we received a nice certificate from the children.



- 3) Springtime is here, both towns are receiving calls regarding bear sightings, we do have several black bears that call our area home, if left alone, a healthy bear should pose no threat to humans other than bird feeders and trash cans.



- 4) 6/24/23 had a chance to assist a great blue heron with an injured wing, this was a first for animal control and these birds are magnificent up close, he was a good 3 feet tall and his head and beak reminded me of the dinosaur, pterodactyl. We were able to net him and get him off to a rehabber.



- 5) Animal control participated in the Coffee with a cop event at the Waterford Library with members of the Waterford Police Department. We brought a litter of kittens along with us who were quite a hit!



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



Community Engagement Report June 2023

Internships: Intern Anthony Jessuck had exit interviews with Chief Balestracci and Officer Fredricks. SRO Malbourn and Officer Fredricks attended Intern Jessuck's final presentation about his internship.

Officer Wellness: Hosted a Wellness Day for Midnight Shift Officers.

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

Interaction with Senior Services: Visited the AHEPA Apartments and Twin Haven Apartments. Attended the Senior Picnic.

Recruiting: Assisted with the WPD Recruitment Open House.



K-9 Officer Hodges: Helped the WTFD Town Clerk's Office to promote Dog License Month. Visited the New London Police Department Citizen's Academy, Waterford Dental Health and the Avery Point Transition Program. Visited Great Neck School for students to read to Hodges. Officer Fredricks and Hodges were recognized at Great Neck School's Kindness Ceremony. Assisted the Coast Guard Academy and Baltimore County Fire Department in starting their own Facility K-9 Programs. Presented the Facility K-9 Program at a CT Victim's Advocate Conference. Interacted with a domestic violence victim and the family of a homicide victim at the New London Superior Court. Interacted with attendees at the Waterford Library Safety Fair. Interacted with an assault victim at the WTFD Juvenile Court.

Interaction with Youth Services: Participated in the Wellness Fair. Visited Camp Dash multiple times.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Gave a police department tour to Oswegatchie School Second Graders. Attended the Unified Sports Cornhole Tournament, Waterford High School Field Day, Clark Lane Middle School Beach Day, and Quaker Hill School Picnic Day. Hodges visited Clark Lane Middle School and Great Neck School after students were involved in a motor vehicle accident. Spoke to the WHS Criminal Justice Class. Attended multiple school graduation ceremonies. Held a K-9 Demo at Great Neck School. Spoke about traffic stop safety at Rae's Driving School.

Coffee with a Cop: Organized the event where first responders and citizens had casual conversations at the Waterford Library. Flanders Bake Shop donated donuts and Starbucks donated coffee and other refreshments for kids.

Rotary Club: Attended the Service Person of the Month ceremony.