Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Training Room at the Waterford Police Department

1/13/2025 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: December 9, 2024 Regular Meeting

Correspondence:

a. Thank you card from New London Rehab
b. Thank you note from a resident
c. Letter of appreciation from Putnam Chief of Police
d. Commendation Letter from a resident
e. Notification of findings from Accreditation Review
f. Email from CT DOT regarding lane reconfiguration on Route 32 and Old Norwich Road

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's Report:

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

Old Business:

a. Recording of Commission Meetings

New Business:

a. Executive Session for police officer candidate interviews and possible action

MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
December 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

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

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, LT N. VanOverloop, LT D. Ferland, LT P. Flanagan, Traffic Officer M. Devine, Training Officer M. Sylvestre, Inv. T. Zaldivar, Officer A. Reed, Officer Z. Bushwack

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 Dimmock to accept the November 12, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes. Commissioner Brule abstained. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

Chief's Awards were presented.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic report was received. The petition submitted by the residents of Savi and Tiffany Avenues was discussed. Officer Devine also updated the Commission on the status of the parking signs on Windy Ridge and announced the addition of Officer A. Reed to the Traffic Unit.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

a. K9 Reports for November
   November report was received.

b. Youth Reports for November
   November report was received.

c. Investigative Services for November
   November report was received.

d. Training Report for November
   November report was received.

e. Support Services Report for November
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f. Patrol Report for November
   November report was received.

g. Animal Control Report for November
   November report was received.

h. Community Engagement Report for November
   November report was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Recording Commission Meetings – Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. FY26 Budget Review

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and Seconded by Commissioner Gamble to approve the FY26 budget as presented. Discussion ensued. The commissioners agreed that no changes or corrections were needed and commented that the budget was well organized and presented. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Chief's Update – Chief Balestracci provided agency statistics that a commissioner had requested at a prior meeting. Chief discussed the positive impact of the Traffic Unit and the Retail Theft Initiative and updated the Commission on the current status of staffing in the department.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and Seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Diane E Driscoll

Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary

Thank you for your time & service very much appreciated. Adam

Thank you for the training. It was very informative & important

Thank you for making time to inservice our staff! Very informative. Michael

LT. Flanagan and Detective Carroll,

Thank you guys for all your support

LT Flanagan & Detective Carroll,
You guys were incredible, & Thank you for all the work you do in keeping us safe.
-Moshe, LNHA

A note to thank you

for your thoughtfulness

and to let you know

it really meant a lot.

Thank you again for coming to our inservice on active shooters and providing us with your knowledge and expertise! It was very informative and appreciated by all of the staff!
Stay safe and thank you,
Julie Mello RN
Staff Development

Your participation was truly appreciated
-JJ
DNS

Thank you for your expertise & time Cathy Paparella

Thank you Kristin Bennett

Thank you Denise

Thank you Nancy

Thank you Alec!

Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with us!
~ Marissa

Thank you for everything Karen

Chief Marc Balistracci
Off. Nick Sundo
Off. Raymond Rodrigues
Sgt. Pat Epps
Sgt. Zachary Cali

On October 11, 2024, I called 911 on my husband who had no pulse. The 911 Operator helped me through CPR and within minutes help was here to take over. My husband passed away that day.

I so appreciate that you Nick, Raymond, Pat and Zachary. What you do every day you work is remarkable as you put yourselves on the line to protect

Thank you

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PUTNAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

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December 2, 2024

Chief Marc Balestracci
Waterford Police Department
41 Avery Lane
Waterford, CT 06795

Dear Chief Balestracci:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the Mutual Aid assistance you provided to us on Sunday December 1, 2024, for the Putnam Holiday Dazzle Light Parade. Lt., David Ferland represented the Montville Police Department with a professional attitude and engaged the parade viewers in a helpful and courteous manner as they were assigned to crowd and traffic control. I am pleased to say that the parade was a complete success with approximately 10,000 viewers in attendance and it took place without incident.

Large scale events in Putnam like this could not be as successful without the mutual aid cooperation of you and your department. Again, please pass along my gratitude to him for his professionalism and hard work assisting us in Putnam.

Yours truly,

Christopher D. Ferace
Chief of Police

CF:dc

Commendation Letter for Officer Robinson #84

My name is Michael Christiensen from 21 Dunbar Road Quaker Hill CT 06375 in reference to a case from 12/29/24 I think the case # is 2900043755 or 2400043755 I'm not sure which number as its hard to read. The call for service was about a car break in, there was a number of cars broken into on my street and while I told disputch we didn't need anyone to show up, officer Robinson #84 was pulling into my neighborhood as I was leaving. I very quickly pulled up behind him in what could have been seen as an agressive approach yet Officer Robinson was beyond proffesional, respectful, and courteous. He has great community engagement skills and rapport building skills. Even when he could have said I approached aggresively, he made me feel like we were old friends and helped me. He offered to get me a case # and gave me his extension so I could directly reach him if I needed help on the case. He was in my neighborhood helping multiple famalies and treated everyone with respect and proffessionalism. Officer Robinson #84 deserves a pay raise and a promotion ASAP!

Marc Balestracci

From: Rivera, Jennie <Jennie.Rivera@ct.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2024 1:19 PM
To: Marc Balestracci
Cc: Michael Fedor; POST.Accreditation
Subject: Waterford PD Tier III Accreditation Assessment Outcome Notification
Attachments: Waterford PD Notification of Tier III Assessment Outcome Letter 12.30.2024 JR.pdf; Waterford PD Tier III Accreditation Outcome Report 12.30.24 JR.pdf

Importance: High

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Good afternoon, Chief Balestracci:

Congratulations on successfully meeting the State POSTC Tier III accreditation standards! I want to express my sincere appreciation to Sergeant Fedor his diligent efforts in preparing the required documentation and for his responsiveness throughout this process.

Attached is the outcome report from your agency's recent assessment. Please print a color copy of the report, sign it to acknowledge receipt, and then scan and return it to me. The signed copy will be submitted to the POST Council for approval.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your help.

Respectfully,
Jennie

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December 30, 2024

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

Subject: Notification of Findings from Accreditation Review

Dear Chief Balestracci,

In compliance with Public Act 22-119, titled An Act Concerning Accreditation Standards for Law Enforcement Units, the Police Officer Standards and Training Accreditation Division has conducted a review of Tier III files for the Waterford Police Department. This letter serves to inform you of the findings from that review.

The file review started on Monday, December 16, 2024, and concluded on Friday, December 27, 2024. The accreditation assessment team included four members: Jennie Rivera, Lieutenant Dana Jezierski, Donald Bridge, and Zachary Alexander.

Attached is the assessment report, which includes the Tier III Accreditation Outcome Report, detailing the findings for each chapter reviewed. The Waterford Police Department has successfully met the POST-C State Accreditation standards for Tier III.

On behalf of the Police Officer Standards and Training Academy, we thank the Waterford Department for demonstrating professionalism and supporting the State of Connecticut's mission to achieve full accreditation status by 2026. We congratulate your agency on achieving Tier III accreditation status, pending approval from the POST Council.

We invite the Waterford Police Department to attend the POST Council meeting, scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2025, in person at the Police Officer Standards and Training Academy, which will serve as an exit meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 203-427-2620.

Respectfully,

Jennie E. Rivera

Jennie E. Rivera
Field Program Consultant
POST, Accreditation Division

JR:jr

Tier III Accreditation Outcome Report

Agency: Waterford Police Department

Date of Onsite Visit: February 20, 2025

Accreditation Outcome: Met POSTC Tier III Accreditation

Chapter 1	
Standard	**Compliance Status**
3.1.1	Not Applicable by Function/ 5% Opt Out
3.1.2	In Compliance
3.1.3	In Compliance
3.1.4	In Compliance
3.1.5	In Compliance
3.1.6	In Compliance
3.1.7	In Compliance
Standards in Compliance	6
Percent in Compliance	100%

Chapter 2	
Standard	**Compliance Status**
3.2.1	In Compliance
3.2.2	In Compliance
3.2.3	In Compliance
3.2.4	In Compliance
3.2.5	In Compliance
3.2.6	In Compliance
3.2.7	In Compliance
3.2.8	In Compliance
3.2.9	In Compliance
Standards in Compliance	9
Percent in Compliance	100%

Chapter 3	
Standard	**Compliance Status**
3.3.1	In Compliance
3.3.2	In Compliance
3.3.3	In Compliance
3.3.4	In Compliance
3.3.5	In Compliance
3.3.6	In Compliance
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3.3.30	In Compliance
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3.3.32	In Compliance
3.3.33	In Compliance
Standards in Compliance	33
Percent in Compliance	100%

Chapter 4	
Standard	**Compliance Status**
3.4.1	In Compliance
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3.4.3	In Compliance
3.4.4	In Compliance
3.4.5	In Compliance
3.4.6	In Compliance
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3.4.8	In Compliance
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3.4.17	In Compliance
3.4.18	In Compliance
3.4.19	In Compliance
3.4.20	In Compliance
3.4.21	In Compliance
Standards in Compliance	16
Percent in Compliance	100%

Chapter 5	
Standard	**Compliance Status**
3.5.1	In Compliance
3.5.2	In Compliance
3.5.3	In Compliance
3.5.4	In Compliance
3.5.5	In Compliance
3.5.6	In Compliance
3.5.7	In Compliance
3.5.8	In Compliance
3.5.9	In Compliance
3.5.10	In Compliance
3.5.11	Not Applicable by Function/ 5% Opt Out
3.5.12	In Compliance
3.5.13	In Compliance
Standards in Compliance	12
Percent in Compliance	100%

Chapter 6	
Standard	**Compliance Status**
3.6.1	In Compliance
3.6.2	In Compliance
3.6.3	In Compliance
3.6.4	In Compliance
3.6.5	In Compliance
3.6.6	In Compliance
3.6.7	In Compliance
3.6.8	In Compliance
3.6.9	In Compliance
3.6.10	In Compliance
3.6.11	Not Applicable by Function/ 5% Opt Out
3.6.12	In Compliance
3.6.13	Not Applicable by Function/ 5% Opt Out
3.6.14	Not Applicable by Function/ 5% Opt Out
3.6.15	Not Applicable by Function/ 5% Opt Out
3.6.16	Not Applicable by Function/ 5% Opt Out
Standards in Compliance	11
Percent in Compliance	100%

Chapter 7	
Standard	**Compliance Status**
3.7.1	In Compliance
3.7.2	In Compliance
3.7.3	In Compliance
3.7.4	In Compliance
3.7.5	In Compliance
Standards in Compliance	5
Percent in Compliance	100%

Chapter 8	
Standard	**Compliance Status**
3.8.1	In Compliance
3.8.2	In Compliance
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3.8.4	In Compliance
3.8.5	In Compliance
3.8.6	In Compliance
3.8.7	In Compliance
3.8.8	In Compliance
3.8.9	In Compliance
Standards in Compliance	9
Percent in Compliance	100%

Chapter 9	
Standard	**Compliance Status**
3.9.1	Not Applicable by Function/ 5% Opt Out
3.9.2	In Compliance
3.9.3	In Compliance
3.9.4	In Compliance
3.9.5	In Compliance
Standards in Compliance	4
Percent in Compliance	100%

Accreditation Team
Assessors
Lead Assessor: Jennie E. Rivera
Lt. Dana Djezierski
Donald Bridge
Zachary Alexander

POST Staff Approval: Jennie E. Rivera 12/30/2024
Field Program Consultant

POST Staff Printed Name: Jennie E. Rivera
Field Program Consultnt

Agency Staff Acceptance: _____

Agency Staff Printed Name: _____
Chief of Police

Marc Balestracci

From: Fils, Oddler <Oddler.Fils@ct.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2024 3:28 PM
To: Marc Balestracci
Subject: Project No. 0152-0163 - Lane Reconfigurations on Route 32 at Old Norwich Road - Pedestrian Accommodations
Attachments: 0152-0163 - Project Description.pdf; 0152-0163 Location Plan.pdf; 0152-0163 Concept Plan.pdf

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Good afternoon,

My name is Oddler Fils. I am part of the design team for State Project No. 0152-0163. The project is in preliminary design phase and the schedules are currently tentative. See attachments for more details.
I am reaching out to you because you are listed in our record as the Local Traffic Authority (LTA) representative for the Town of Waterford. We are considering no pedestrians crossing signs at the intersection, but wanted to get the Town's opinions if they know of pedestrians' activities at the intersection. I was out at the intersection for a field visit last summer. There were no pedestrians' activities when I was there. Let us know if the Town has any preference for pedestrians' accommodations at the intersection.

Please forward this email to appropriate person or department if you are not the right contact.

Should you have any questions about this email, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Oddler Fils
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Project No. 0152-0163
F.A.P No. 000T(378)
Lane Reconfigurations on Route 32 at Old Norwich Road and SR 693
Town of Waterford

PROJECT LOCATION

This project is located on Route 32 (Mohegan Avenue) and SR 693 (Montville Connector) at the intersection of Old Norwich Road in the Town of Waterford. The project limits extend from approximately MP 3.86 to MP 4.15 along Route 32 (Mohegan Avenue) and MP 0.00 to MP 0.27 along SR 693 (Montville Connector).

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Route 32 and SR 693 are classified as Urban Principal Arterials and have posted speed limits of 45 and 50 MPH respectively in the proposed project area. Route 32 and SR 693 run in a north/south direction and have an average daily traffic of approximately 4,700 and 16,200 vehicles (2023) respectively. At the intersection of Old Norwich Road and Route 32 (intersection 152-236), Route 32 Northbound consists of a 2-foot- wide left shoulder, 12-foot-wide left turning lane, 2 11-foot-wide thru lanes and a 10-foot-wide right shoulder. Route 32 Southbound consists of a 2-foot-wide left shoulder, 12-foot-wide left dedicated turning lane, 2 11-foot-wide thru lanes, 12-foot-wide right turning lane and a 10-foot-wide right shoulder. The portion of Old Norwich Road that intersects Route 32 to the west of intersection 152-236 consists of one approximately 17-foot-wide lane in the eastbound direction and one approximately 19-foot-wide lane in the westbound direction. The multi-residential driveway located at eastern leg of intersection 152-236 consists of a 17.5-foot-wide gravel driveway. Route 32 has multiple driveway aprons for residential houses. SR 693 connects Route 32 to Interstate-395. A dedicated 12-foot-wide left turning lane provides access from Route 32 Southbound onto Hempstead Drive.

A preliminary traffic analysis performed by the Department's Project Development Unit showed existing queues of approximately 2,400 feet in 2022 in Route 32's right most northbound travel lane during the PM Peak Hour. This queue length was then field verified. It was predicted that with the current roadway configuration, the queue length would increase to 3,500 feet by 2042.

Over the course of a 3-year period, between June 26, 2020, and June 26, 2023, there were 77 crashes and 24 injuries within the project limits. The right most lane on Route 32 Northbound experienced a high number of rear end crashes (44 crashes and 13 injuries) which are likely related to the large traffic backups.

Within the project limits there are two main drainage crossings consisting of twin 42-inch reinforced concrete pipes (R.C.P) that carry stormwater under Route 32. The first crossing inlets near Burlake Road, carries water to the east underneath Route 32 and the SR 693 on-ramp. It outlets into a paved swale northeast of the intersection 152-236. The second crossing's inlet is located on the eastern side of Route 32 just south of intersection 152-236. This crossing runs southwest underneath Route 32 and outlets to the west of Route 32, south of intersection 152-236. These drainage crossings are connected to existing paved channels that run adjacent to Route 32. The headwall located by Burlake Road at the inlet to the twin 42-inch R.C.P shows significant deterioration along its face. In addition, this system has sediment built up within the channels.

PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of the project is to reduce congestion and congestion related crashes at the signalized intersection of Route 32, SR 693, and Old Norwich Road.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project proposes to add a dedicated right turning lane from Route 32 Northbound to the Montville Connector by shifting all existing lanes to the west approximately 5 feet. The existing right-most travel lane on Route 32 Northbound will be converted to a combination thru and right turning lane. In addition, the entrance to the Montville Connector will be reconfigured to include 2 auxiliary lanes instead of 1 to accommodate the dual right turn lanes being installed on Route 32 Northbound. The 5-foot lane shift on Route 32 will require the installation of new concrete median barrier, catch basins along the median, median impact attenuators, and full depth reconstruction of an area approximately 10 feet wide along the center of Route 32 to replace the concrete center

barrier. The portion of Old Norwich Road that intersects Route 32 will be widened towards the south to accommodate a dedicated north turning lane and a combined north and south turning lane. The pavement on both sides of Route 32 within the project limits will be milled and overlaid.

A new traffic signal system will be installed for intersection 152-236. The traffic signal phasing/signal timing will be modified to reflect the proposed lane reconfigurations. According to a preliminary traffic analysis performed by the Department's Project Development Unit, the proposed improvements to Route 32 Northbound are projected to reduce queue lengths to less than 300 feet in 2042.

This project proposes to remove the sediment buildup within the channels, and replace the existing headwall located in the vicinity of Burlake Road along with other minor drainage modifications. The guiderail along the entire project limits will be replaced with guiderail that meets current Department standards.

RIGHTS OF WAY

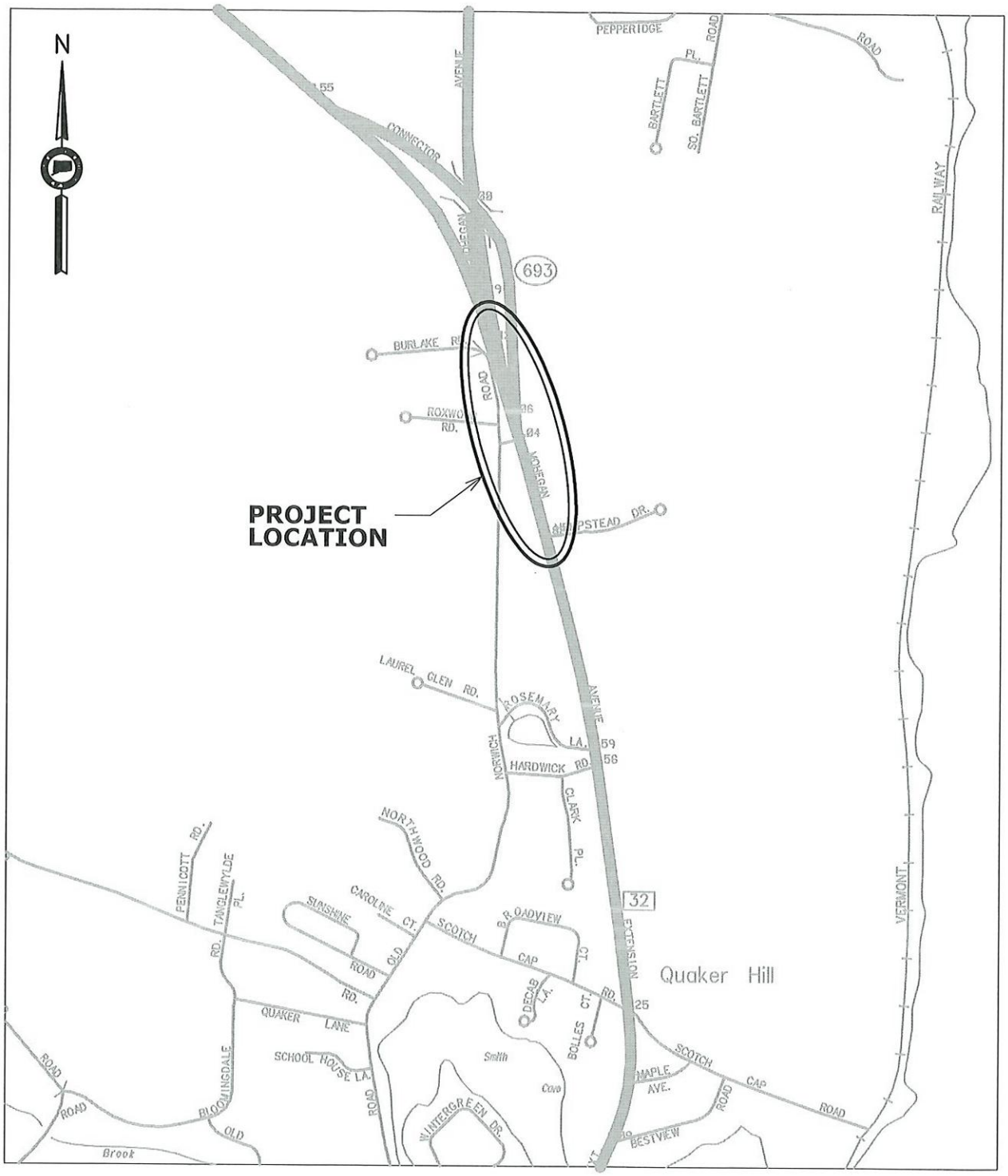
It is anticipated that most of the proposed improvements will be completed within the State Right of Way, however the extent of any impacts will be determined as the project progresses.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The permits required for this project will be determined as the project progressed.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Design Approval (DA):	09/04/2024
Final Design Plan (FDP):	05/06/2026
Delivery of Contract Documents (DCD):	06/17/2026
Advertising (ADV):	07/15/2026
Notice to Proceed (NTP):	11/23/2026



LOCATION PLAN
LANE RECONFIGURATIONS
ON ROUTE 32
AT OLD NORWICH ROAD AND SR 693

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF ENGINEERING

PROJECT NO.: 0152-0163
WATERFORD

0 1000' 2000'
HORIZONTAL SCALE
1"=1000'

OLD NORWICH RD.
OLD NORWICH RD.
0.5 ANGLE POINT
ROUTE 32 (MOHEGAN
EXISTING 5 DEGREE ANGLE POINT
PROPOSED CURVE GOOD FOR DESIGN SPEED OF 30 MPH WITH 2% SUPERELEVATION

NOT ACTUAL SURVEY:
Drawn using aerial imagery and Traffic Signal Plan for Intersection #152-236.
Drainage Feature drawn using data from CTDOT Drainage Network Inspection Map Viewer.

PROPOSED PROJECT CONCEPT

REV.	DATE	REVISION DESCRIPTION	SHEET NO.

Plotted Date: 10/12/2022

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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PROJECT TITLE:
LANE RECONFIGURATION AT RT 32 (MOHEGAN AVE.) OLD NORWICH ROAD AND SR 693

TOWN:
TOWN OF WATERFORD

DRAWING TITLE:
ALT 2 - 80 SCALE SHIFTING LANES WEST

PROJECT NO. PP.152-004
DRAWING NO. PLN-03
SHEET NO.

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Plotted Date: 11/2/2022

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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PROJECT TITLE: LANE RECONFIGURATION AT RT 32 (MOHEGAN AVE.) AT OLD NORWICH ROAD AND I-395 RAMP

TOWN: TOWN OF WATERFORD

DRAWING TITLE: ROUTE 32 LANE RECONFIGURATION

PROJECT NO. PP. 152-004
DRAWING NO. PLN-01
SHEET NO.

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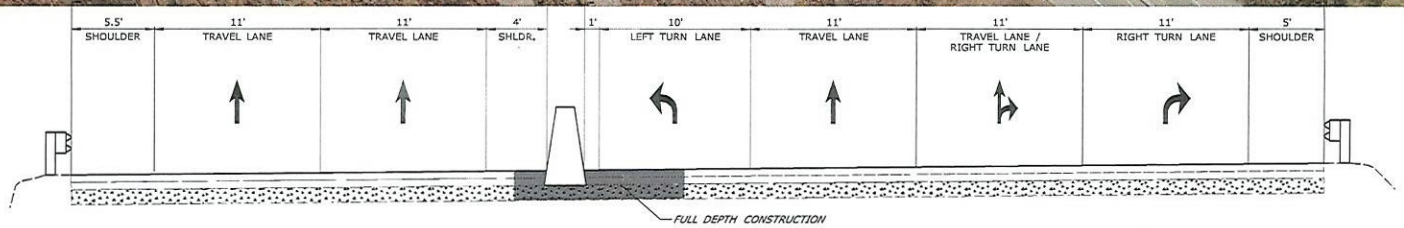

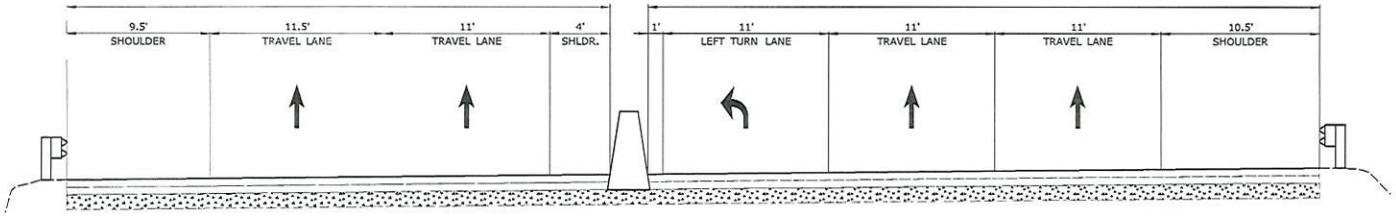

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PROJECT TITLE:
LANE RECONFIGURATION AT RT 32 (MOHEGAN AVE.) AT OLD NORWICH ROAD AND I-395 RAMP

TOWN:
TOWN OF WATERFORD

DRAWING TITLE:
ROUTE 32 LANE RECONFIGURATION

PROJECT NO. PP. 152-004
DRAWING NO. PLN-02
SHEET NO.

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The Waterford Police Department
Traffic Officer Report
December 2024

LINE OF SIGHT ISSUES:

- No new reports

DOT RELATED ISSUES.

- DOT project 0152-0163 Proposed change to Route 32 at the Montville Connector, adding right turn lane and new traffic light system to accommodate the changes to the roadway. DOT has suggested "No Pedestrian Crossing" signs be added to the roadway, and are looking for the towns input.
- DOT has changed the speed limit on Rope Ferry Road from Boston Post to North Road.
- Complaint of traffic light from Fog Plain Rd to Route 1 not cycling for Fog Plain Rd traffic. Observed for several cycles and tested pulling up to the light multiple times and follow up. No issues observed. Additional calls in December with no timing issues observed.

PARKING COMPLAINTS:

- No new parking complaints at this time.

ENFORCEMENT RELATED COMPLAINTS:

- No new complaints at this time.

REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

- None at this time.

SPEED TRAFFIC SIGN DEPLOYMENT:

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

1. Niantic River Rd. in the area of Old Niantic River Rd, facing southbound traffic. The data shows that vehicle traffic during the month of December 2024 was at or below the speed limit approximately 12% of the time. Approximately 70% of the vehicles were traveling between 31 to 40 mph. Approximately 16% of vehicles were traveling between 41-45 mph. Approximately 2% were traveling between 46-50 mph and less than 1% were traveling greater than 51 mph.

2. Great Neck Road near Goshen Rd, in front of Great Neck School. The data shows that vehicle traffic during the month of December 2024 was at or below the speed limit approximately 33% of the time. Approximately 55% of the vehicles were traveling between 26 to 35. Vehicles were traveling between 36-45 mph approximately 12% of the time. Approximately .001% were traveling at a speed of 46 mph or greater, a total of 33 vehicles during the month of December.

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Traffic Officer Report
December 2024

Battery powered signs:

1. Fog Plain Road in the area of Devonshire Drive, facing westbound traffic. The data shows vehicle traffic from December 24, 2024 to December 31, 2024 was at or below the posted speed limit of 25 mph, 32% of the time. Vehicles were traveling between 26-35 mph approximately 55% of the time and 36-45 mph approximately 12% of the time. Approximately 1% of vehicles were traveling 46 mph or above during this time period.
2. Miner Lane entrance to Waterford High School had a speed feedback radar sign in place during part of November and December. Traffic was below 25 mph 86% of the time. Approximately 11% of the time vehicles were between 26-30 mph and 3% of the time they exceeded 31mph. This information was shared with SRO Malbaurn.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

No upcoming events

UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH CLOSURE:

No large projects anticipated

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:

Officer	Devine #88	Diogo #95	Reed #93
Infractions	4	7	35
warnings	8	5	19
misdemeanor	1	1	6

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K-9 Activity Report

December 2024

K-9 Ozzy

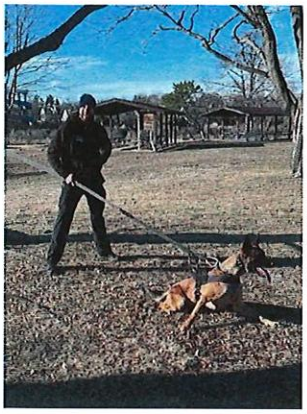
Monthly Uses: 2

2024 Uses: 38

K-9 Tico

Monthly Uses: 7

2024 Uses: 46



K-9 Usage

Ozzy

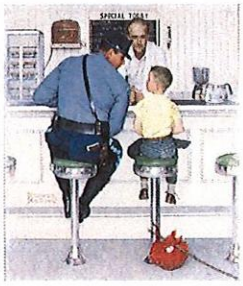
- K9 Ozzy and Off. Genung participated in two K9 demos for the Waterford High School Criminal Justice Class.

Tico

- K9 Tico and Off. Surdo participated in two K9 demos for the Waterford High School Criminal Justice Class.
- K9 Tico and Off. Surdo responded to a larceny in progress at Wal-Mart where the suspect had fled from the scene in a vehicle. The vehicle was located and the suspect was a known narcotics user who was currently under the influence. K9 Tico was deployed for an exterior and interior search of the vehicle and showed alert behavior. Narcotic paraphernalia was located inside the vehicle.
- K9 Tico and Off. Surdo assisted Groton Town Police in attempting to locate individuals that had fled from a stolen motor vehicle. During the track, K9 Tico located rubber gloves that were believed to be associated with the suspects.

Monthly Training

- Monthly K-9 training was conducted on December 3, 2024 and December 17, 2024 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work.



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Youth Office Activity Report

December 2024

- On December 4, 2024 SRO Malbaurn attended a meeting with WHS administrators, students, and parents about a harassment issue in the school.
- SRO Lane held a candy cane event at CLMS on the last day of school prior to the holiday break,
- SRO Malbaurn conducted a home visit with Youth Services and School Councilors to address a truancy issue.
- SRO Lane and SRO Winters assisted Off. Fredericks in hosting the Christmas Tree decorating event with the Great Neck School first grade class at the WPD.
- SRO. Malbaurn investigated an incident in which a student got sick from a marijuana vape. The investigation determined that student was selling vape cartridges in school and he was subsequently arrested.
- SRO Winters investigated an issue with an elderly driver at the Quaker Hill School.
- SRO Malbaurn committed a student to the hospital for an emergency committal after the student had an emotional breakdown.

Month at a Glance

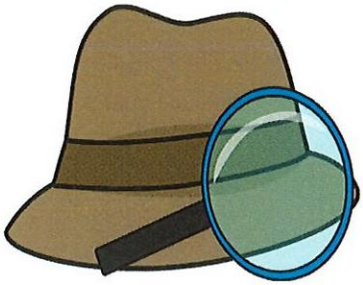
3 – Home Visits

4 - CAD Report

1– Case Reports

Arrests - 1 / JRB Referrals– 1

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

December 2024

In the month of December 2024 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 20 investigations.

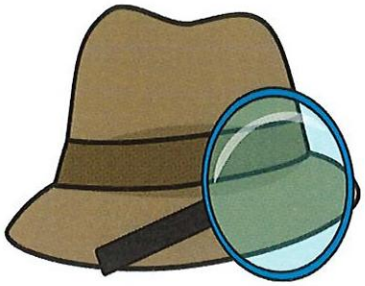
Current Active Investigations (28 Cases):

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

Homicide—1
Burglary—3
Larceny—2
ID Theft—2
Risk of Injury—1
Jewelry Store Grab—1
Dispatcher Background—2
Pistol Permits—8
JV Sex Assault—1
Weapons Compliance—1
Shots Fired—1
Untimely—3
Skimmer—1

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Search Warrants	Background Checks	Arrests	Sex Assaults
98	11	16	1	15
Ex-Parte's	**Auto Theft**	**Burglary**	**Unattended Deaths**	**Robbery**
0	0	2	19	1



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Investigative Services Division

December 2024

December 2024 Updates:

Investigative Services completed numerous undercover retail assignments in the month of December with the holiday month resulting in more shoppers. Investigative Services collaborated with the Connecticut State Police Retail Theft Task Force resulting in a high dollar arrest from Target of Kitchen Aide mixers.. After the suspect vehicle attempted to elude police it was later located in the Lawrence and Memorial Hospital parking lot occupied with the stolen items inside. An arrest of two males was made on scene.

Detective Bonkowski completed her first of two semesters at The University of Rhode Island: Scientific Evidence 1 program passing all classes. She will start up again for the spring semester at the end of January.

Detective Carroll and Lieutenant VanOverloop were interviewed by the national pod cast "The Deck" in the hopes of bringing more leads to follow in the murder investigation of Kyle Seidel. This podcast episode is reportedly scheduled to be released at the end of the winter.

Sergeant Avdevich attended a Critical Incident Management training hosted by Bowmac at the Law Enforcement Council in Norwich, CT. This was a three (3) day training.

December 2024 Investigations:

Detective O'Connell and Detective Carroll were assigned two (2) dispatcher background investigations. One of the investigations has been completed while the other will be concluded soon.

Investigator Zaldivar continues to assist patrol on two (2) larcenies from Eversource utility trucks that occurred during the overnight hours on separate dates. A suspect has been identified and the case will be under further investigation

After patrol received a call of an elderly woman located on the ground of her residence for an extended period of time with injury and not able to effectively communicate the Investigative Services Division assisted. It was determined after some length of time that the incident was not suspicious in nature and that the woman had fallen accidentally and was then unable to get herself up resulting in a prolonged situation of being incapacitated.

Detective Bonkowski responded to an untimely death of a forty four (44) year old male on Scotch Cap Road. The death appears to be drug related and non suspicious. The case will be ongoing.

Detective O'Connell was assigned to investigate a robbery from Best Way on RTE 1. The suspect threated the use of a weapon and left with an undisclosed amount of money. No one was injured and the case remains open.

Investigative Services continues to investigate a report of drug activity from an address in town.

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TRAINING REPORT DECEMBER 2024

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

Sergeant Avdevich attended a three-day Critical Incident Initial Response and Management Simulation Based Training hosted by the Law Enforcement Council. This training guided officers through every aspect of a critical incident. Some of these topics included taking command at a scene, managing the response and resources, to the resolution, and the recovery and mitigation from the incident.

Sergeant Caler and Officer Bushwack attended a three-day Use of Force Summit at the Mohegan Sun Casino put on by the Daigle Law Group. The Use of Force Summit provided attendees with presentations from top industry expert instructors, live keynote presentations and panels from experts across the country regarding the hottest use of force topics in our country.

Officer Rodriguez 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.

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TRAINING REPORT DECEMBER 2024

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 two current vacancies, and a third vacancy next month.

Recruit Status: Recruit Boxley completed Phase 1 of her Field Training and is currently in Phase 2. During Phase 2, Recruit Boxley is doing 50% of the work.

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

Support Services Report

December 2024

Records Activity

FOI Requests	179	-6%
Warrants	32	88%
Phone Calls	173	10%
Walk in Assists	163	11%
Background Checks	1	-80%
Protective Orders	18	-50%
Officer Tasking Requests	66	3%
Case Erasures	289	-4%
DCF Requests	14	-26%
Court Requests	16	7%
Abstracts	368	10%
Video Requests	13	18%

* The CSOs covered 78 shifts during the month, equating to 624 hours of shift coverage.
* The CSOs covered a total of 888 shifts in 2024.

2024 Annual Statistics

Adult Arrests	270
Juvenile Arrests	4
Firearms Transfers	400
Pistol Permits Issued	64
Walk In Complaints	398
Fingerprints	451

CSO Activity		Fingerprints	
Adult Arrests	34	Pistol Permits	10
Juvenile Arrests	0	Employment	24
Firearms Transfers	30	Miscellaneous	2
Pistol Permits Issued	10	Peddler/Precious Permits	0
Walk In Complaints	42	Total Fingerprints	36

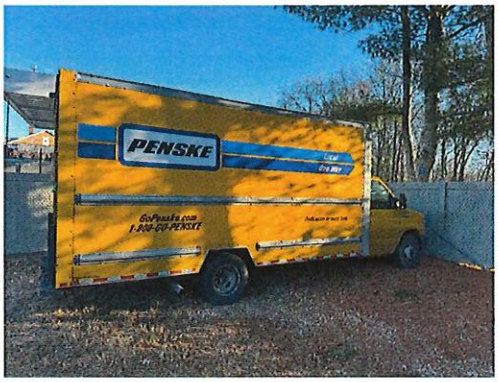
Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report

December 2024

Two Arrested Attempting to Steal Cooking Oil

On December 3rd at 0650 hours the midnight shift was sent to Filomena's for a reported burglary in progress. It was reported by an employee that two males were observed climbing over the rear fence and then fleeing when confronted in a yellow Penske truck. Off. Arpin and Off. Gorman promptly located the vehicle and initiated a motor vehicle stop. An investigation determined the suspects were attempting to steal used cooking oil from the rear of the business. Both occupants were taken into custody and charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Larceny 6th Degree and Criminal Trespass.



DV Arrest / FLOCK Alert

On 12/4/24 at approximately 0100 hours Off. Winakor received a FLOCK alert for a felony Domestic Violence warrant. He responded to the area and located the suspect at a residence on Ferri DR where he was not permitted to be. The subject was arrested for a Violation of a Protective Order. The warrant was also served. Off Fredericks subsequently responded to the address and conducted a Domestic Violence follow-up offering services to assist the victim.

Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	*2493*
Case Numbers	139
Arrests	*74*
Juvenile Arrests	*7*
Larcenies	*53*
Arrest Warrants	*5*
Domestic Violence Investigations	*12*
Traffic Crash	*56*
DUI Investigations	*2*
EDP/Welfare Check	*54*
School Checks	*49*
Motor Vehicle	*363*
Written Warnings	*168*
Infractions	*87*
Verbal Warnings	*87*
Misdemeanor	*13*
Other	*8*

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER

93- Off. Reed with 60 stops

103- Off. Jordan with 45 stops

82- Off. Rogers with 29 stops

94- Off. Ewing with 28 stops

Wal-Mart: Theft of Legos

On December 1, 2024 Wal-Mart loss prevention advised a two females had just stolen approximately $1,111.96 worth of Legos. It was reported that they fled in a silver Nissan Cube. Off. Rogers located the vehicle a short time later and initiated a Motor Vehicle stop on Cross RD. The vehicle contained, in plain sight, a large quantity of Legos. The operator was taken into custody for the larceny. The passenger, who entered Wal-Mart, was also arrested for Criminal Trespass as she had previously been trespassed from all Wal-Mart stores. Some of the merchandise recovered in the vehicle was determined to be stolen from Target. An arrest was subsequently made in that case.

Stop and Shop Larceny: Leads to Drug Arrest and Use of Force

On December 10, 2024 Off. Robinson and Sgt. Epps responded to Stop and Shop for a larceny in progress. It was reported that a female suspect had attempted to push out a carriage, failing to render payment, containing $1,800.00 worth of stolen merchandise. Off. Robinson stopped the suspect exiting the building as she attempted to flee and then fight. Off. Robinson used the minimal amount of force necessary to detain the suspect. She was taken into custody and later found to have on her possession narcotics (fentanyl) as well as drug paraphernalia. A use of force (take down) report was completed for the incident.

Bicyclist Flees Home Depot w/ Stolen Merchandise

On 12/28/24 Officers assigned to day shift were conducting proactive patrol checks of Home Depot. At this time officers observed a male that was known to them from numerous previous police contacts enter the store. The suspect left a short time later carrying numerous items inside of a Wal-Mart bag. Contact was attempted to be made on RTE 85 and the subject fled onto the I-95 South off ramp. While checking Harvey Avenue Off. Surdo located the fleeing suspect who was found to be in possession of numerous stolen power tools. The fleeing suspect was arrested and charged with Larceny 6th Degree and Interfering w/ an Officer. The merchandise was seized, photographed, and returned to Home Depot.

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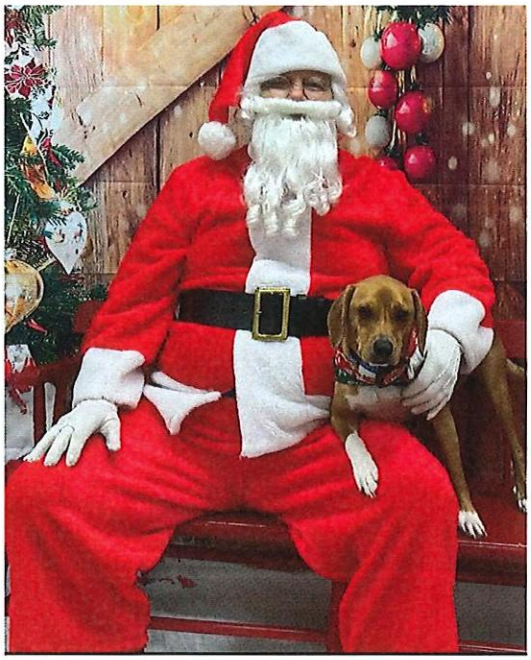
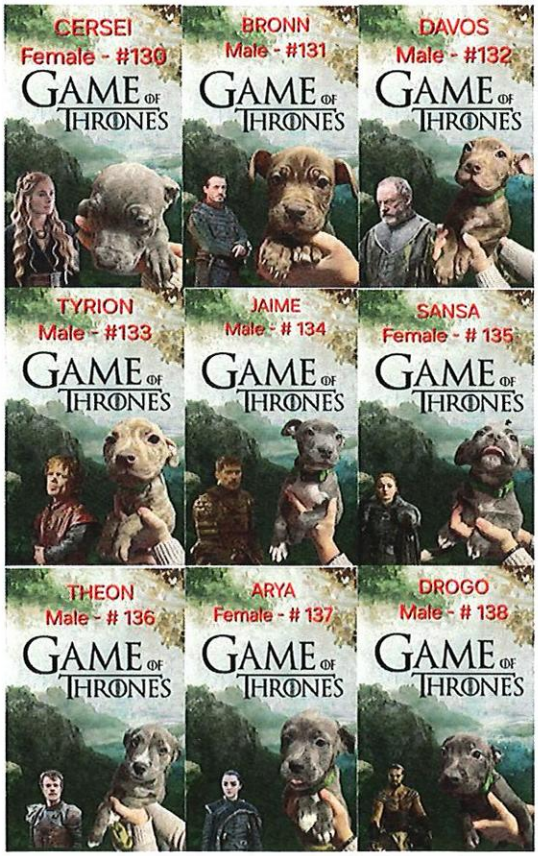
Animal Control Report

December 2024

- On 12/17/2024 ACOs recovered a deceased cat wrapped in a bag and taped in a box. It appeared someone tried to give the cat a "burial at sea".
- ACOs assisted a citizen who was entering rehab by temporarily taking custody and caring for his dog.
- On 12/21/2024 the ACOs joined with New London ACO to hold a pet photos with Santa fundraiser, raising $700 to non-emergency vet funds.
- A citizen surrendered 9 pit bull mix puppies that they could not care for. The puppies will be vetted before suitable homes are found.





	Waterford	East Lyme
Calls for Service	51	29
After Hour Call Outs	3	3
Tickets Issued	0	0
Warnings Issued	0	0
Dog Bites	7	4
Animals Redeemed	5	0
Animals Adopted	3	2
Animals DOA	0	0
Euthanized	0	0
Total Processed	8	2
Money Taken In	$175	$55
Donations	$55	$5

"Speaking for those who have no voice"

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Community Engagement Report
December 2024

Officer Wellness: Taught Gracie Survival Tactics at LEC Police Academy. Took the children of a fallen Waterford Police officer on a ride along to school with SRO Lane.

Seasonal Events: Attended Addy's Toy Drive, the Waterford Tree Lighting, the Quaker Hill Tree Lighting, St Paul's Church Toy Drive, the Niantic Light Parade, and Waterford ACO's Santa Picture Day. Organized for Great Neck First Graders to decorate the Waterford Police Department holiday tree and visit with Santa.

Stuff-a-Crusier: Organized event where Waterford Police and Waterford Fire held a toy drive at Walmart. Twelve large boxes of donations and $850 in gift cards were collected.

Domestic Violence Follow-ups: Conducted 10 follow-ups with DV victims.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Spoke at the Waterford High School's Criminal Justice Class. Spoke about traffic stop safety at Rae's Driving School. Discussed social media safety at Youth Promise. Assisted the WHS Keys Club with a CT Human Society Fundraiser. Attended the CLMS Holiday Drop-off Celebration and the Quaker Hill School Singalong.

Interaction with Youth Services: Visited Franklin Elementary/Middle School to talk about social media safety and have Hodges interact with students. Visited the Holiday Present Pickup.

K-9 Officer Hodges: Visited the Groton National Guard AVCRAD. Interacted with a domestic violence victim at Groton Town Police. Visited New London High School after the untimely death of a teacher. Visited the WFSB Channel 3 News to be on the Hello, Connecticut and Amazing K-9 Duos Programs. Spoke about police facility dogs at the Groton Town Police Citizen's Academy.

Recruiting: Participating in the Mentorship New Hire Program.

Interaction with Senior Services: Organized officers to serve meals at the Holiday Luncheon. Held a crime prevention class at the AHEPA Apartments. Attended the Great Neck Student and Senior singalong.

Internships: Conducted interviews for our Spring Semester College Intern. Gavin Lermayer, a Central Connecticut State University student, was selected.

Shop with a First Responder: Organized an event where 13 children from families in need were matched up with a First Responder (WTFD Police and 7 other first responder agencies) to buy presents for their families at Target.