



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Training Room at the Waterford Police Department

10/11/2022 5:00 pm

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Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: September 12, 2022 Regular Meeting and
September 29, 2022 Special Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Thank you note from resident Susan Johnson to Sgt Firmin, Officer Zachary Caler & ACO Robert Yuchniuk
- b. Thank you note from the Reagans to Officers Barrows & Robinson
- c. Thank you note from Way Hedding, Director of the John & Jessie Kelley Half Marathon to the Waterford Police Department
- d. Email recognizing Officer Genung

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's report:

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

Old Business:

- a. Police Chief Selection Process
- b. Discussion of Interlocal Shoreline Traffic Accident Reconstruction Team

New Business:

- a. Discussion in reference to computer and radio systems
- b. Discussion on Annual Budget
- c. Discussion on Annual Report
- d. Review of 2023 Meeting Schedule



**MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

September 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting ID: 816 9220 0771

PRESENT: Chairperson T. Sheridan, Commissioner Brule, Commissioner C. Gamble,
Commissioner J. Dimmock

ABSENT: Commissioner M. Gelinis

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, LT T. Silva, LT N. VanOverloop, LT D. Ferland,
Sgt. A. Farrior, Officer J. Nickerson, Officer N. Surdo, Officer E.
Fredricks, Officer Z. Caler, CSO A. Reed

PUBLIC: Attorney Mark Kepple, Bill O'Donnell, Susan Driscoll

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input.

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Chairperson Sheridan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.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 Brule to accept the minutes from the August meeting. Commissioner Dimmock abstained. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic report received.

Chief Balestracci commended Officer Nickerson on his work to improve back to school traffic flow.

Traffic Officer Jake Nickerson presented a request from a resident for a sign to be placed near their home to inform drivers that a child with down syndrome lives in the area. Officer Nickerson did some research and found that no appropriate sign is available. He requested the sign be changed to a default "Children at Play" sign.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock to approve the sign being placed as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Gamble. Passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

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

- h. Community Engagement Report for August
August report was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The second draft of the Airbnb letter to Planning & Zoning was presented to the Commission.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble to approve the letter for presentation to Planning & Zoning. Seconded by Commissioner Dimmock. Commissioner Brule voted against. Passed 3-1.

- b. Commissioner Dimmock discussed policy on how future police Chiefs will be chosen. The draft will be reviewed by Commissioners for further discussion at the next meeting. This item will remain on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

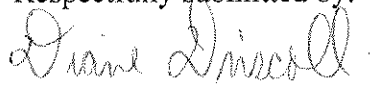
- a. Sergeant Farrior, on behalf of the Awards Committee, presented an award to Officer Caler for excellent police work conducting a routine traffic stop that resulted in significant additional charges.
- b. Attorney Mark Kepple addressed the Commission regarding a new issue associated with live outdoor music at Filomena's. The permit now allows outdoor music nightly throughout the year with a limit of 75 people for each event. Attorney Kepple requested that this limitation be enforced by the PD since it is after hours for Planning & Zoning, therefore they are not available to enforce their own regulations. Discussion ensued. Chief Balestracci explained that the PD can't enforce this regulation and that the neighbors would have to collect and submit complaints to Planning & Zoning during regular business hours.
- c. Discussion confirming that any major road project in Town should be presented to the Commission/Local Traffic Authority.
- d. Chief Balestracci presented the Shoreline Traffic Accident Reconstruction Team Agreement to the Commission for approval to send to the Town Attorney for review. Chief explained that it's an interlocal agreement with East Lyme, that would allow the two towns to work together to plan training and purchase equipment, saving money for both towns.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to approve forwarding the agreement to the Town attorney. Passed unanimously.

Intern Jenna Bennett, a student at Mitchell College, introduced herself to the Commission.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Diane Driscoll
Recording Secretary



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

September 29, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: **859 1104 6634**

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

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, Sgt. T. Gelinas, Off. Nicolas Surdo

CANDIDATES: Christopher Ewing, Ryan Kelly, Andrew Reed

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Commissioner Gamble called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. in the General Meeting Room of the Waterford Police Department. A Quorum was established.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to enter into Executive Session to conduct Police Officer Interviews at 5:07. Chief Balestracci was included in the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 5:54 p.m., no votes or actions were taken while in Executive Session.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Dimmock and Seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to extend offers to the top two candidates for the current vacancies, contingent on the candidates successfully completing the hiring process and background investigations. The order of the list shall be in effect for one year of this meeting. The list is as follows:

1. Andrew Reed
2. Christopher Ewing
3. Ryan Kelly

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and Seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

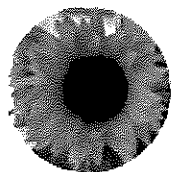
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Diane Driscoll
Recording Secretary

Officer Furhman, Officer Zac
& ACO Robert

Just a note to say thanks so much.
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
THE ASSISTANCE YOU
PROVIDED ME ON THE
PASSING OF MY DOG.
YOUR COMPASSION WAS
SO APPRECIATED. I ALSO
APPRECIATE YOU STAYING
WITH ME UNTIL ACO ROBERT
CAME TO CLAIM LEMMY.
YOUR PROFFESIONALISM
WAS OUTSTANDING

SINCERELY
SUSAN JOHNSON



Julie Clements-Reagan



A long overdue but no less heartfelt "thank you" for responding to our home alarm while we were out of town. July 22, I was notified by our alarm company about our primary bedroom window alarm stating that the window was open. It was not. Following up after our return we reviewed the videos and noted 2 officers responded and did a thorough walk around the house and checked on the specific windows, as well. Thank you! Although all was well (and a sensor was eventually replaced) we are very appreciative of the WPD's prompt response.

Officer Barrows
+
Officer Robinson

Thank you again,
The Reagans,
37 Shawandassee Rd.



OCEAN BEACH PARK

860-447-3031 • 800-510-SAND • Fax: 860-442-1117

Waterford Police Department
41 Avery Lane
Waterford, Ct. 06385
Attn; Traffic Control Officer, Jake Nickerson,

Dear Race Friends, Traffic Control Officer,

The 60th Annual Ocean Beach / John & Jessie Kelley Half Marathon was held on Saturday, August 6th, 2022. The success of the race was due in part to great sponsors like you. This year's race drew a record field (over 1,000 runners). The safety of the runners on the course is always the primary concern. The Race Committee would like to thank you, the Waterford Police Department, and the Town of Waterford for all your contributions to the race. You and your excellent staff are always there to make sure everything goes smoothly. This is a great event, and we hope to have your support again next year. Without contributions like yours this FREE race would not have existed for the past 60 years.

Thanks Again,

Way Hedding
Race Director

I recently received a letter from the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center thanking the runners, race volunteers, and the community. "Our Food Center is truly blessed to receive this tremendous amount of food; five very full pallet boxes were collected providing 2,437 nutritious meals for those in need! Gemma and the Staff at United Way really appreciate this most generous donation."

1225 Ocean Avenue • New London, Connecticut 06320
email: bcgobp@aol.com • www.ocean-beach-park.com

Marc Balestracci

From: David Ferland
Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 8:24 AM
To: Marc Balestracci
Subject: Fwd: Panhandler at Bestway Gas Station

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Andrew Farrior <AFarrior@waterfordct.org>
Date: September 7, 2022 at 7:50:15 PM EDT
To: David Ferland <dferland@waterfordct.org>
Cc: Nicholas Genung <ngenung@waterfordct.org>
Subject: Panhandler at Bestway Gas Station

LT,

I took a call in the sergeants office this evening from a female that advised she was a social worker in New London for many years. She stated that she had just witnessed Officer Genung speaking with a panhandler at the Bestway Gas Station on Route 1 and she felt compelled to speak with his supervisor. The good news is she was overwhelmingly amazed with how Officer Genung dealt with the man. She went so far as to say that the level of compassion and concern displayed by Officer Genung nearly brought her to tears. I just wanted to make you aware of this so that Officer Genung could be recognized for a job well done.

Sergeant Andrew Farrior #S18
Waterford Police Department
41 Avery Lane, Waterford, CT
Office- (860) 442-9451 ext 2392
Fax- (860) 443-3953

WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC REPORT

• September 2022 •

Traffic Complaints:

The Traffic Officer (TO) received numerous complaints for speeding, parking and other traffic violations notably in the Summer Street and East Neck areas. Our battery speed signs were placed in the areas of complaints to aid in notifying drivers of their elevated speeds along with numerous traffic stops being recorded.

Construction Projects:

Plans for a new gas station (replacement) were reviewed. The gas station is located at 118 Boston Post Road (Old Hess Station) and will have a new building and revamped parking lot.

Road Permits

The TO received and submitted permits for the annual "Jack O'Keefe" 5k and a motorcycle "gift run". The Jack O'Keefe run was a last minute request but was completed and the race was conducted on October 2nd. The Motorcycle gift run will be in November and will be a motorcycle ride through the town with toys being donated to charities in the area.

Training

T.O. attended a 1-week intensive Patrol Rifle Instructor School at the POST Academy and is now certified to teach patrol rifle to new recruits and annual qualifications.



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



K-9 Activity Report

September 2022

K-9 Neo

Monthly Uses: 2

2022 Uses: 35

K-9 Ozzy

Monthly Uses: 3

2022 Uses: 41



K-9 Usage

Neo

- ♦ K-9 Neo conducted a track for a suspect that fled on foot from a stolen vehicle. After a significant distance the track was terminated. Shortly after the suspect was located and arrested
- ♦ An article search was conducted for clothing discarded by the suspect of the stolen motor vehicle.

Ozzy

- ♦ The Investigative Services Division received information regarding discarded firearms near a major intersection in Waterford. K-9 Ozzy was deployed for multiple article searches in the area.
- ♦ K-9 Ozzy was requested to the scene of a motor vehicle stop after Officer Rogers developed reasonable suspicion of narcotics activity. K-9 Ozzy was deployed for a vehicle search and showed alert behavior for narcotics. A search of the vehicle resulted locating additional narcotics.

Training

- ♦ Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 9/13 & 9/27 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, and aggression.



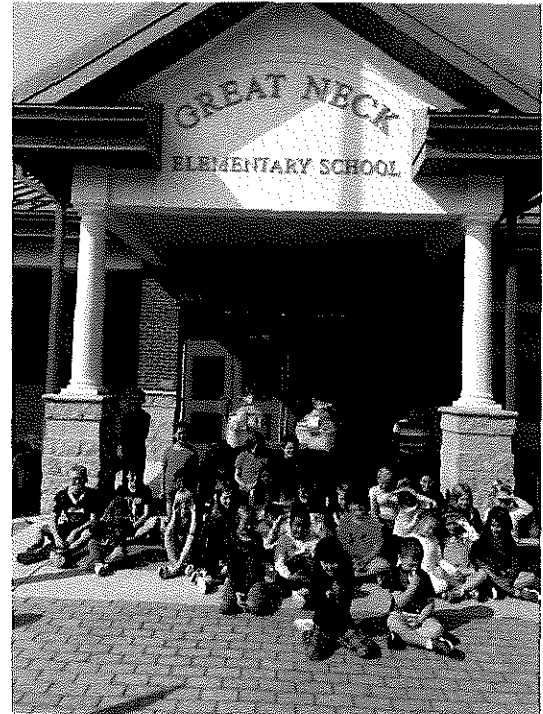
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Youth Office Activity Report



September 2022

- ♦ SRO Malbaurn assisted with an investigation alleging a WHS student sharing of images and videos of students, including nude photographs, with friends.
- ♦ Conducted fire drills and lockdown drills at multiple schools.
- ♦ SRO Lane began the Youth Promise program at Great Neck School and Quaker Hill School
- ♦ An alleged incident of hair pulling at the football game lead to reports of ongoing bullying at WHS, which was previously dealt with by the school last year. SRO Malbaurn coordinated with WHS Administration to investigate.
- ♦ Multiple "Gaggle" alerts and social media complaints were reported to the SROs in an administrative fashion
- ♦ SRO Malbaurn attended "Dungeon and Dragon" club after school at the request of some students and Youth Services
- ♦ Both SROs attended "Back to School" night at CLMS and WHS
- ♦ SRO Lane began Monday meetings with the CLMS mental health team. The team meets to discuss recent events in the lives of students or those that may need a little extra attention and support.



Month at a Glance

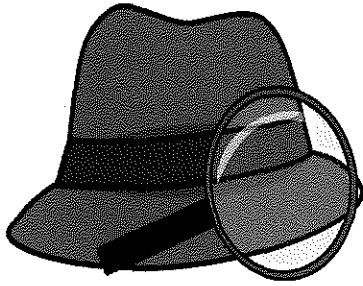
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6- CAD Report

1- Case Reports

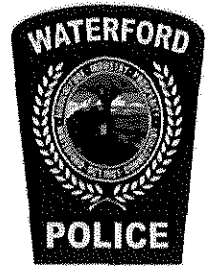
0- Arrests

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.



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Investigative Services Division



September 2022

During the month of September 2022 Investigative Services Division was assigned or assisted with 27 new cases.

Current Active Investigations (28 Cases):

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

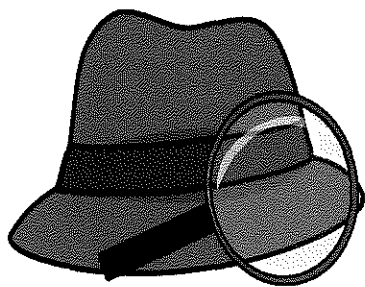
Homicide—1	Sex Assault—1	Sex Offender Registry Violation— 1
Burglary—3	Larceny—2	Untimely—5
Pistol Permits—7	Fraud—1	Background Checks—1
Narcotics—2	Suicide—1	Harassment —1
Weapons Compliance—1	Spa Investigation—1	

Neighborhood Watch

Regular monthly correspondence with no new topics to present

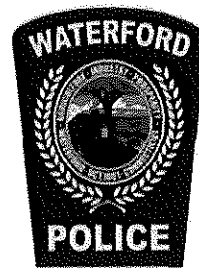
Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Amount Investigated	Recovered - Seized	Search Warrants	Sex Assaults	Arrests
117	\$94,892.00	\$24,185.00	23	15	16
Ex-Parte's	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery	Background Checks
7	1	7	12	1	15



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Investigative Services Division



September 2022

September 2022 Arrests:

Umair Manzoor (40-years) arrested on Sept. 8, 2022— Three (3) counts of Unauthorized Sale of Controlled Substance (21a-277) and three (3) counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance (21a-279a). He was processed and held on a \$150,000.00 bond (Det. Carroll)

Yamil Burgos (26-years) arrested on Sept. 6, 2022—Conspiracy to Commit Larceny, Larceny in the Third Degree, and Criminal Mischief in the First Degree held on a \$25,000.00. (Det. Bonkowski)

Dean Cronkite (64-years) arrested on Sept. 15 for Failure to Maintain Sex Offender Registration held on a \$30,000.00 (Invst. Zaldivar)

Miguel Hernandez (36) arrested on Sept. 29, 2022 - Larceny in the Second Degree, held on a \$15,000.00 bond (Det. O'Connell)

September 2022 Investigations:

A new case was developed as a result of a partnership with the Postal Inspector's involving medication and synthetic marijuana being sold. The Department of Consumer Protection is assisting.

In August of 2021, members of the Patrol Division responded to a series of catalytic converter thefts. Detectives responded. The investigation connected the suspects to an active Milford, CT case involving similar crimes. The joint investigation led to arrest in both jurisdictions through a collaborative effort and sharing of evidence. Additional arrests are expected.

On September 5, 2022 Kay Jeweler's reported a distraction style theft. Members of the Patrol Division and a Detective responded. Det. O'Connell processed the scene for fingerprints, DNA evidence, and obtained various images from surveillance camera footage. The investigation, with assistance from the public and the Office of Adult Probation in New London, led to Hernandez. Detective O'Connell was able to locate where some of the stolen items were sold, but had been unable to recover them. They had been resold by the time he located them. The suspect was identified, an arrest warrant obtained and the suspect located and arrested within the same month.

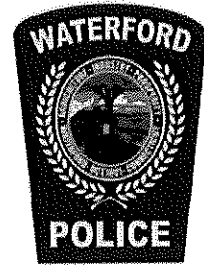
Detectives received information that a particular area in Waterford may have had 2 firearms discarded in it. A check of the location using various line searches, metal detectors, and K9's found a single pellet gun and no actual firearms.

The Detective Division was also assigned three (3) new sexual assault investigations.



Training Report

September 2022



New Officer Updates

Hiring Process: The Waterford Police Commission has selected two (2) police officer candidates to move forward in the hiring process. Candidate Andrew Reed (entry level) and Candidate Christopher Ewing (certified officer) were given a conditional offer of employment.

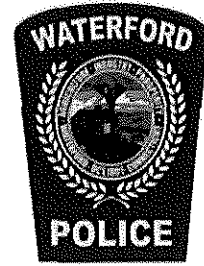
Recruit(s): Recruit McComic continues his field training and is currently with his third phase Field Training Officer, K9 Officer Patrick Epps.

In-house training: The Waterford Police Department conducted annual rifle qualification. Firearms instructors work hard to ensure all patrol rifle operators are qualified to carry a rifle and not only meet the standard but exceed it with training.





Training Report September 2022



Chief Balestracci, Lieutenant Silva, & Sergeant Michael Fedor attended the virtual one-day John M. Bailey Seminar. The session focused on new public acts, and the latest decisions from the U.S. Supreme Court and other courts regarding police policies and practices in Connecticut.

Officer Jake Nickerson attended a five-day Patrol Rifle Instructor course. The course was held at the Police Officers Standards Training Council (POSTC) and focused on patrol rifle functions, nomenclature, considerations, operational techniques, tactical drills among many more.

Officer Ryan Scarpa attended a one-day Connecticut Case Law course hosted by Street Cop Training in Uncasville. This course explained and broke down Connecticut case law and what is acceptable procedure. The course gave a comprehensive understanding of cases that affect law enforcement daily and raises confidence in their abilities.

Lieutenant Timothy Silva, Detective Todd O'Connell and Detective Leigh Bonkowski attended a one-day Geofence Investigations training in Wethersfield. The class is designed to teach law enforcement how to legally utilize electronic data, advanced cellular tower dumps, and touched on current case studies.

Sergeant Troy Gelinas started a four-day online Accreditation Manager Certification hosted by the Daigle Law Group. This four part course explains policy development, written directives, accreditation standards, time sensitive standards among many more.

Lieutenant David Ferland started a 4.5 day online Internal Affairs Training hosted by the Daigle Law Group. This class explains administration of the internal affairs process, ethics and integrity, agency policies and procedures, administrative law among many more.

The Waterford Police Department Records Department

Activity for SEPTEMBER 2022

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
233	183	94	79	217	144	12

Protective Order Entries	Officer Tasking Requests	Case Erasures	State/Federal Report Entries	Supervisor Tasking Requests	DCF Requests
50	61	207		37	13

Court Request	Case Copies	Abstracts
24		383



CSO Monthly Statistical Report September 2022



Waterford Arrests

#

Adult	30
Juvenile	0
Total Processed	30

Fingerprints

#

Pistol Permits	6
Employment	49
Miscellaneous	2
Peddler / Precious Permits	0
Total Fingerprints	57

Firearms

#

Firearms Transfer	29
Pistol Permits Issued	4

Initial Complaints (3A's)

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Total	47
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- Aizhane Glenn was hired and has started her training.
- CSO's covered 75 shifts during the month
- CSO Bertrand assisted with the Millstone drill



Patrol Report

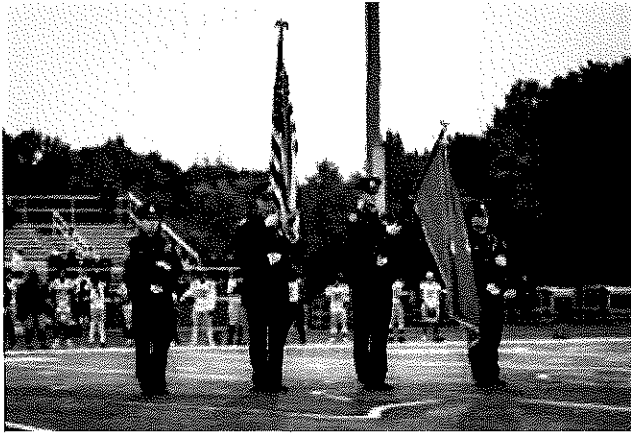
Commissioners Activity Report

September 2022



Stolen Motor Vehicle Arrest

On September 20, 2022 at approximately 5:30am officers received a report of a vehicle stolen from a gas station in town. Responding officers located the vehicle near by, in which the suspect fled on foot prior to officer's arrival. Patrol established a perimeter while Officer Epps and K-9 Neo were called to the scene for a track. The suspect was located by perimeter officers a short time later and arrested for Larceny 2nd Degree



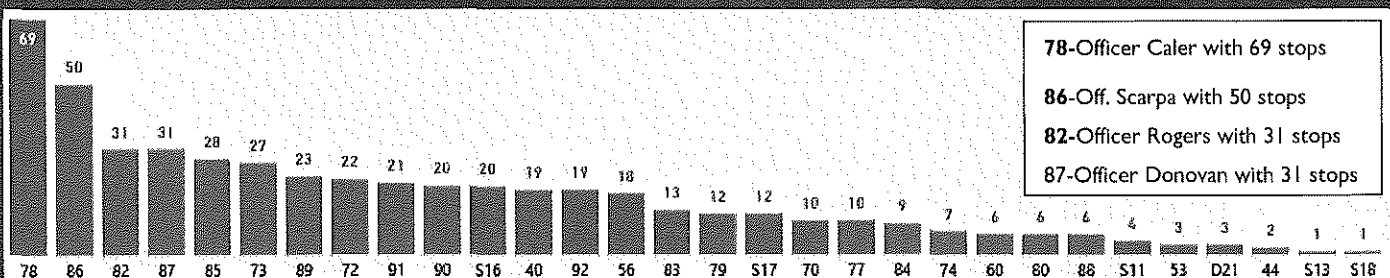
Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2390
Case Numbers	221
Arrests	98
Juvenile Arrests	1
Larcenies	30
Arrest Warrants	16
Domestic Violence Investigations	16
Traffic Crash	72
DUI Investigations	6
Emotionally Disturbed Persons	36
School Checks	103
Motor Vehicle Stops	503
Written Warnings	100
Infractions	43
Verbal Warnings	336
Misdemeanor	24

Increased Motor Vehicle Enforcement

With schools back in session, patrol was focused on traffic safety in school zones and around common bus stop locations. These efforts were not only to enforce traffic laws, but also to serve as a reminder for those traveling in our town that many more children were near the roads. The effort resulted in an increase of approximately 100% of traffic stops over the previous month.

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER





Home Health Aid Fraud

Officer Lapkowski conducted a lengthy investigation resulting in the arrest of an individual for Fraud, Identity Theft, and Forgery. At the time of the incident the suspect was employed as a home health aid for the elderly victim. The investigation determined that the suspect made multiple attempts to open credit cards in the victims name, forged a personal check, and made unauthorized purchases using the victims identity.

Disturbance at Crystal Mall

On September 2, 2022 at approximately 7:15pm officers responded to a store in the Crystal Mall for report of 4 females fighting, one with a knife. Officers responded and located all of the involve individuals, with many of them fleeing the scene prior to arrival. Officers determined through witnesses and video that one of the females was attacked by 2 others and no knife was involved. The 2 suspects were subsequently arrested.

MV Stop Leads to Weapons and Drugs

On September 9, 2022 at approximately 2:45am Officer Caler attempted to conduct a motor vehicle stop. The vehicle initially sped up in an attempt to flee, but stopped a short distance later. The operator and passenger were both 18 years-old and investigation lead to the discovery of a bag of marijuana, and a facsimile firearm in the possession of the passenger. The passenger was arrested and the operator was cited for motor vehicle violations.

Regional Marine Patrol Boat

- ♦ Members of the Marine patrol continued scheduled patrols throughout the month, focusing on boating safety in the surrounding waters and security of the Millstone Security Zone. Regularly scheduled patrols have concluded for the season, but the boat remains ready for any emergency situation that may arise.
- ♦ Seasonal maintenance and repairs were performed by Sgt Firmin and Det. Bonkowski to prepare the boat for the winter season



In the Community Interest





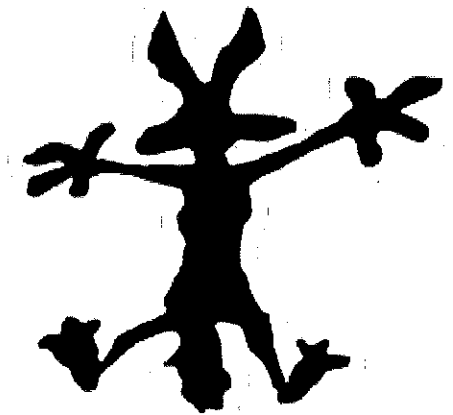
Monthly Report September 2022

	WATERFORD	EAST LYME
CALLS FOR SERVICE	67	30
AFTER HOURS CALL OUTS	1	3
DOG BITES	2	2
INFRACTIONS	2	0
WRITTEN WARNINGS	2	0
ANIMALS REDEEMED	6	4
ANIMALS ADOPTED	1	2
ANIMALS DOA	0	0
EUTHANIZED	0	2
ANIMALS PROCESSED TOTAL	7	8
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	\$ 165.00	\$ 440.00
DONATIONS TAKEN IN	\$ 60.00	\$ 355.00

- 1) On 09/15/2022 your Animal Control Officers participated in a training class on warrant writing, ACO's are statutorily mandated to complete a certain number of hours of training each year.



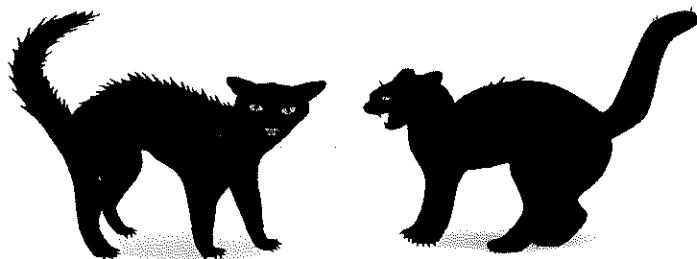
- 2) DEEP officers completed their investigation into the alleged "poisoning" of coyotes in East Lyme, as reported on social media by a citizen. Their investigation found NO EVIDENCE of any poison in the system of the single deceased coyote they found.



- 3) Sadly, after 11 years and over 14000 facebook followers, our Waterford-East Lyme Animal Control facebook page had to be shut down due to facebook automatic updates and requirements our old page was listed as a business page and as such, facebook wanted us to “prove” we were authorized to post on the page. We could not provide them with documentation acceptable to their computerized responses. We could not actually speak to a human and could not even reply to their automated emails, we have started a new page set as a government organization.

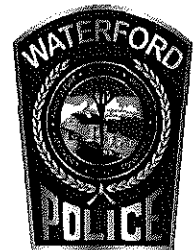


- 4) On 09/12/22 a citizen of East Lyme passed away, leaving behind two cats, the remaining family was unable to care for the cats. Sadly, these two senior cats had been living in a garage with very little human interaction other than being fed. They were overweight, extremely matted and un socialized to the point that they had become feral, they were not utilizing a litter box. We were unable to safely put our hands on the cats without them attempting to attack. As it would have been unsafe and irresponsible to adopt these cats back into the public, these cats were humanely euthanized.





THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



Community Engagement Report September 2022

Recruiting/Internships: Intern Jenna Bennett had her orientation and tour of the police department. She attended a Police Commission Meeting and the 5K Foot Pursuit. She shadowed dispatch, day shift patrol, CSO Hunt, the records department, evening shift patrol and Traffic Officer Nickerson.

Domestic Violence Follow-ups: Conducted 9 follow-ups with DV victims. Reviewed DV reports with LT Silva to make sure they were completed properly. Attended the Quarterly DV Update Meeting. Attended a SafeFutures meeting for an introduction with their staff.

K-9 Officer Hodges: Visited multiple offices at Town Hall, the Waterford Library and the Jordan Fire Department. Spoke about facility K-9s at CIT training. Visited Bacon Academy High School due to the untimely death of a student. Attended the September 11th Remembrance Ceremony and the Scouts Bike Ride with Officer Devine.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Attended CLMS's Open House Night. Spoke about traffic stop safety to teen drivers at Rae's Driving School. Waterford Walmart donated lunchboxes and they were given to schools for them to provide to students in need.



Officer Wellness: Worked evening shift for Hodges to interact with evening and midnight officers. Attended a funeral for a family member of a Waterford Police Officer and had Hodges interact with the family. Organized a ju-jitsu class where Officer Bunce taught self-defense tactics. Organized a meeting for the Peer Support Team to meet with a representative of the town's employee assistance program.

Interaction with Senior Services: Attended a Senior Health Fair, Coffee with a Vet, National Senior Services Luncheon and two Senior Services day programs.

Rotary Club: Joined the Waterford Rotary Club and attended the monthly meeting. Assisted members in donating dictionaries to Great Neck School students.

5K Foot Pursuit: Organized a 5K race for community members and officers. \$3,393 was raised for the Waterford Police Union's fund to donate to WHS scholarships.

Interaction with Youth Services: Attended three Youth Services after school programs.

Autism/Cognitive Issues Programs: Completed follow-up telephone calls for all registered participants of both programs.

coSMILE Conference: Made a presentation about Hodges's role in our agency at a community policing conference to officers from around the United States and Canada.

SHORELINE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION TEAM

WHEREAS, Section 7-148 cc of the Statutes of the State of Connecticut authorizes municipalities to enter into interlocal agreements; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned municipalities find that the prevention, detection and enforcement of motor vehicle moving violations, driving under the influence violations and other violations can best be served by the creation of a regional approach to law enforcement, resulting in better coordination and less duplication in law enforcement efforts and resources; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned municipalities recognize that investigation of a serious injury or fatal motor vehicle crashes normally requires an investigator to have specialized training and that the trained investigator is a resource, which may be shared and utilized by other members of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned municipalities find that an interlocal agreement is beneficial in order to protect the safety and well-being of the citizens of the respective municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned municipalities wish to cooperate on providing police services and in pursuing grants and raising monies to obtain capital resources in furtherance of these goals under the terms of this agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned municipalities, acting by their respective chief executive officers, duly authorized, mutually agree, pursuant to this Interlocal agreement (hereafter, "Agreement") to establish the Shoreline TRAFFIC Accident Reconstruction Team (hereafter "START") in accordance with the following:

ARTICLE ONE: PROVISION OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

1. *The chief executive officers of the undersigned municipalities hereby delegate to the chiefs of police of their respective municipalities the authority to determine when the provision of police personnel and equipment best serves the purposes of this agreement.*
2. *The participating chiefs, hereinafter collectively designated and referred to as the "Board", shall meet periodically as determined by the needs of the Unit, but at least once per year, and each Chief of Police shall have an equal vote on decisions affecting the administration of the START.*
3. *The chiefs of police, collectively, as the decision-making authority, have the responsibility for the coordination of grant applications and the administration of funding awards and other initiatives.*

4. The Board anticipates and agrees to make resources available for at least one full or partial deployment per quarter of personnel and equipment pursuant to this agreement for the duration of this agreement. Additional deployments are authorized, without further action, by the mutual consent of the participating municipalities.
5. During the deployment of personnel and equipment pursuant to this agreement, the officers so deployed shall be deemed members of their respective departments acting to further the goals of this agreement and each shall have the same powers, duties, privileges and immunities as are conferred on the police officers of the municipality in whose jurisdiction the Unit or any of its officers is operating.
6. During an START enforcement deployment, it is expected that the undersigned municipalities shall provide at a minimum the following quantity of personnel and equipment:

One or more police officers and one or more marked and/or unmarked police vehicles.

7. During a START crash investigation deployment, it is expected that the undersigned municipalities shall provide at a minimum the following quantity of personnel and equipment:

One or more police officers trained in advanced crash investigation and/or reconstruction and one or more marked and/or unmarked police vehicles.

8. A municipality may elect not to participate in a deployment if it has a good faith reason to do so. However, each municipality, in its discretion, may determine the extent of its participation in any deployment through the specific assignment of personnel and equipment.
9. The Board shall appoint collectively a supervisor from one of the participating departments to function as the START Unit Commander. The Unit Commander must at least hold the rank of sergeant in his/her department. The Board acknowledges appointment of a Unit Commander is necessary to maintain continuity of the unit and its members especially in the area of serious injury and fatal crash investigation. It will be preferable that the Unit Commander have experience and training in the area of advanced crash investigation and/or reconstruction. An administrative supervisor will be assigned to oversee each of the START teams. The administrative supervisor will also act as the START Unit Commander when the Unit Commander is not present. The team supervisors must meet the same conditions as set forth for the START Unit Commander.
10. The START Unit Commander will act as the liaison between the departments for all activities of the unit.

11. During each full deployment, the host municipality, which is the municipality requesting the services, shall make every effort to provide a sergeant or higher-ranking officer to coordinate operations with the START Unit Commander while in the field.
12. It is understood that smaller scale deployments or partial deployments between two or more agreement members may take place under this agreement.

ARTICLE TWO: DUTIES OF PERSONNEL

1. All personnel assigned to a deployment shall be subordinate to the host department's supervising officer.
2. Each officer assigned to START shall wear the officer's regular department uniform or the unit's approved uniform.
3. All non-custodial citations issued pursuant to this agreement shall be processed through the issuing officer's department. All custodial arrests or investigations shall be processed in a manner designated by the host agency.
4. The host agency shall prepare and distribute to all participating departments an operations plan for each planned deployment of a non-emergency nature.

ARTICLE THREE: REIMBURSEMENT AND LIABILITY

1. Each participating municipality agrees that it shall be responsible for its respective police department expenses incurred while participating in each deployment, whether that municipality's equipment and personnel was operating within or without its own jurisdiction. Any entitlement to reimbursement, except as stated herein, is hereby waived by the chief executive officer of each municipality that is a party to this agreement. Such expenses may include, but are not limited to:
 - a) The actual payroll (including overtime) cost to the municipalities of all personnel assigned;
 - b) The replacement cost of all equipment lost, destroyed or made unavailable for further service as a result of proper use in a START deployment. Nothing in this section waives a municipality's right to seek reimbursement for equipment lost or destroyed negligently, recklessly, willfully, or purposefully.
 - c) Fuel and maintenance for police cars;
 - d) The cost of repairing damaged equipment;

- e) Awards for death, disability or injury to personnel arising as a result of services provided pursuant to this agreement to the extent that such awards exceed Worker's Compensation coverage;
 - f) Worker's Compensation claims as set forth in C.G.S. 31-275, et seq.;
 - g) Survivor's benefits as set forth in C.G.S. 7-323.
2. In the event outside funding becomes available to pay for the expenses of the municipalities operating under this agreement such funds shall be allocated among the participating municipalities on a proportional cost basis agreed to in advance. This does not include subrogation. The proportional cost basis may be adjusted to each deployment or initiative depending on the location of the host, number of personnel assigned to the deployment by each agency, etc.
 3. The services performed under this agreement shall be deemed for public and governmental purposes, and all immunities from liability enjoyed by the local government within its boundaries shall extend to its participation under this agreement outside its boundaries.
 4. Each municipality shall indemnify and hold harmless the other municipalities to this agreement from all claims, including, but not limited to, third party claims, for property damage or personal injury (including death) which may arise out of and be attributable to a municipality or to the actions of those acting on behalf of each municipality. Each town shall be liable only for their own percentage of negligence as determined by the courts or a jury.

ARTICLE FOUR: APPOINTMENT OF A DEPOSITORY MUNICIPALITY, PURSUIT OF REGIONAL GRANT INITIATIVES, AND REVENUE SHARING/USAGE

1. Appointment of a Depository Municipality; Functions of Depository Municipality
 - a) The Board of START shall mutually select a depository municipality from one of the members of START which shall receive and hold in trust for START all monies obtained by START from grants or other sources. Said monies shall be held in a special revenue account (hereafter, the "START Joint Account") or an account with like budgetary permissions that will allow the convenient use of said funds as needed by START. The depository municipality agrees, in furtherance of the goals of this agreement, to pass any ordinance or resolution required by its own municipal Charter in order to effectuate the creation of said START Joint Account.
 - b) Upon a request from any member municipality, the depository municipality shall provide an accounting of all funds contained in the START Joint Account.

- c) Upon affirmative vote of two-thirds of the member municipalities, the depository municipality may be changed. Upon a vote to change the depository municipality, the prior depository municipality shall, within 60 days of said vote, turn over all funds and provide a full accounting to the successor depository municipality.
- d) In the event that a depository municipality withdraws from START or no longer wishes to serve in said capacity, a successor depository municipality shall be appointed by the members of START. At such time, the prior depository municipality shall, within 60 days of said appointment, turn over all funds and equipment purchased with funds from the Shared Revenue Account to the successor municipality. The prior depository municipality shall, within 60 days, provide a full accounting, and an itemized list of transferred equipment to the successor depository municipality.

2. Pursuit of Regional Grant Initiatives, Development of Capital Goals

- a) It shall be an essential function and purpose of START to pursue grants and other initiatives to raise monies in order to purchase capital resources to further the purposes of this agreement.
- b) From time to time, and as necessary, START shall meet to develop a short-term (1 year) and long term (5-year) capital plan for the START. The monies raised pursuant to this agreement shall be utilized to further the capital goals set by START.

3. Revenue Sharing

- a) All revenue raised and remitted to the START Joint Account shall be shared and used for the collaborative and joint purposes of the START. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to conflict with or alter the reimbursement or funding provisions of Article III regarding deployments.
- b) *Expenditures from the START Joint Account of \$500 or less can be made by the Unit Commander, without prior approval. All expenditures greater than \$500 from the START Joint Account shall require the unanimous vote of all START member municipalities in writing via electronic mail (e-mail).*
- c) Any property obtained with funds from the START Joint Account shall be considered property of the depository municipality, held for the benefit of itself and all other START municipalities. *No property obtained with monies from the START Joint Account or with funds attributable to said account shall be sold, modified, gifted, or otherwise transferred without the unanimous vote of all member municipalities in writing.*
- d) Any depository municipality which misappropriates funds from the START Joint Account or otherwise disposes of property obtained with START funds in violation of

this section shall be liable to all of the other member municipalities for the loss to START and any and all costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, incurred in recovering said funds or property from the depository municipality or any other third party.

- e) Funds from the START Joint Account are intended for equipment and services for the unit and shall not be used to pay salary or overtime to START members.

ARTICLE FIVE: MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Chief of Police of the municipality providing assistance may, if necessary to protect the safety and well-being of said municipality, recall any personnel or equipment provided pursuant to this agreement.
2. Withdrawal from this agreement by any municipality hereto shall be made by thirty (30) days' written notice to all other municipalities but shall not terminate the agreement among the remaining municipalities.
3. If any provision of this agreement shall be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.
4. This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties hereto and supersedes any and all prior understandings, negotiations, and agreements whether written or oral, between them respecting the written subject matter, hereof.
5. This Agreement, to the extent permitted herein, shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and any and all successors and assigns.
6. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and relevant ordinances and regulations of the State of Connecticut and the participating municipalities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as follows:

TOWN OF EAST LYME:

BY: _____
First Selectman Kevin Seery

Dated:

TOWN OF WATERFORD:

BY: _____
First Selectman Robert Brule

Dated:

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October 13, 2022

Mr. David Campo, Town Clerk
Waterford Town Hall
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Re: Police Commission meeting dates for calendar year 2023

Dear Mr. Campo:

The following is a list of regular scheduled meeting dates for the Board of Police Commission Meetings for the year 2023 as approved at the October 11, 2022 Police Commission Meeting.

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

JANUARY 9, 2023
FEBRUARY 13, 2023
MARCH 13, 2023
APRIL 10, 2023
MAY 8, 2022
JUNE 12, 2022

JULY 10, 2023
AUGUST 14, 2023
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023
OCTOBER 10, 2023
NOVEMBER 13, 2023
DECEMBER 11, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Driscoll
Recording Secretary