



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Training Room at the Waterford Police Department

4/10/2023 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Thank you email from Pat Fedor
- b. Thank you email from Thomas W. Giard, III
- c. Thank you email from Ryan Donlon
- d. Letter of Commendation for Troy Gelinas
- e. Letters of Acknowledgement from New London Chief of Police, Brian Wright

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's report:

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

Old Business:

- a. Police Chief Selection Process

New Business

- a. Budget Transfer Requests
- b. Zoom Access



**MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

March 13 at 5:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting ID: 830 4894 5710

PRESENT: Commissioner Brule, Commissioner C. Gamble, Commissioner J. Dimmock via Zoom, Chairperson T. Sheridan joined the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

ABSENT: Commissioner M. Gelinas

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input.

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Chairperson Gamble called the meeting to order at 5:05 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 January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic Commission Report was received.

- a. Review of the Traffic Investigation Report for the proposed residential development at 969 Hartford Turnpike.
- b. Review of the Traffic Control Signal Upgrades being developed by the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- a. K9 Reports for February
February report was received.
- b. Youth Reports for February
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- c. Investigative Services for February
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- i. Community Engagement Report for February
February report was received.
- j. Quarterly Peer Support and Officer Wellness Report
Quarterly report was received

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion of Police Chief Selection Process regarding wording of the policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The Mutual Police Assistance Compact was reviewed.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and Seconded by Commissioner Gamble to approve the Mutual Assistance Compact. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Chief Balestracci informed the Commission that the Town and the Waterford Police Union have an MOU in place allowing a Sergeant to fill in for LT Ferland while he is away attending the FBI National Academy.
- c. Chief Balestracci requested reaffirmation of authority to complete in series transfers, and to complete out of series transfers until the end of July 2023, with the understanding that he advises the Commission of the transfers.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to grant Chief Balestracci continued authorization to complete in series transfers with the understanding that he advises the Commission of the transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and Seconded by Commissioner Sheridan to grant Chief Balestracci authorization to complete out of series transfers until July 31, 2023 with the understanding that he advises the Commission of the transfers. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Officer of the Year Award was presented to Officer Fredricks.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and Seconded by Commissioner Gamble to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Diane Driscoll
Recording Secretary

Diane Driscoll

From: Marc Balestracci
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 7:45 AM
To: Diane Driscoll
Subject: FW: SRO presentation

Diane,

Please add this to the April BOPC meeting under correspondence.

Thank you,

Marc Balestracci
Chief of Police
Waterford Police Department
41 Avery Lane, Waterford, Connecticut
860-442-9451 Ext. 2282



From: Pat Fedor <patfedor@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 7:54 PM
To: Marc Balestracci <mbalestracci@waterfordct.org>
Subject: SRO presentation

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Marc,
I just attended a Waterford Parent Liaison presentation given by Officer Lane and Officer Malburn. They were fantastic - well prepared, professional, very informative and clearly love what they do each day in the schools. Their presentation was very well received by the parents in attendance representing each of the five schools. Throughout their presentation it was evident that knowing the students is one of their top priorities along with working as part of the school team to keep everyone safe and positively engaged.

We are very fortunate to have these two officers working each day in the schools. Thank you for supporting them in their SRO roles.

Pat Fedor

Diane Driscoll

From: Marc Balestracci
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:10 AM
To: Diane Driscoll
Subject: FW: Thank you

BOPC also please.

Thank you,

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From: Thomas Giard III <tgiard@waterfordschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:01 AM
To: Dan Lane <dlane@waterfordschools.org>; Daniel Lane <dlane@waterfordct.org>; Norm Malbourn <nmalbourn@waterfordschools.org>; Norman Malbourn <nmalbourn@waterfordct.org>
Cc: Marc Balestracci <mbalestracci@waterfordct.org>
Subject: Thank you

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Good morning Dan and Norm,
Thank you both for doing an outstanding job last evening speaking to my Parents Advisory Council. All were thoroughly impressed with your professionalism, dedication, and expertise. As I said last night, you aren't hanging out in the main office waiting for an emergency. You both are proactive with kids, families, and staff. With deep appreciation for you being on our team,
Tom

Thomas W. Giard III

Diane Driscoll

From: Marc Balestracci
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 7:40 AM
To: Diane Driscoll
Subject: FW: Gratitude

Diane,

Could you please add this to the April BOPC meeting.

Thank you,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Donlon, Ryan <rdonlon@learn.k12.ct.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 8:23 PM
To: Marc Balestracci <mbalestracci@waterfordct.org>
Subject: Gratitude

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Good evening Chief,

On behalf of the team at the Friendship School I wanted to express my gratitude for the professionalism, responsiveness, and partnership of the Waterford Police Department. The school leadership called me earlier this evening to consult as they navigated a difficult family situation. As has been the case on multiple occasions, an officer came to the school to help proactively defuse the situation and sort out the best next steps for the well-being of one of our children.

Collectively, we have been so appreciative and grateful for the support of you and the officers on your team - every individual we have encountered has been nothing short of stellar.

Hope you are well and - again, a heartfelt thank you from our team.

- Ryan Donlon



Marc Balestracci
Police Chief

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Letter of Recognition

Sgt. Troy Gelinas

As the law in Connecticut regarding police accountability outlines the requirements for every police organization in the State of Connecticut to achieve accreditation, the Waterford Police Department assigned the responsibilities of this process to Administrative Sergeant Troy Gelinas.

The State of Connecticut Police Officer Standards and Training Council is responsible for ensuring each department meets the state mandate and conducts reviews, works in partnership with and has final authority over the entire process. The first standard set for each department was to reach Tier I approval in the process in 2023, to which Waterford was selected for review in February of 2023, reducing the time available to make adjustments if needed.

In the months leading up to the Waterford Police Department's review and site visit, Sgt. Troy Gelinas worked tirelessly to understand the Power DMS policy platform, reviewed and adjusted department policies to satisfy accreditation standards and allowed our agency to be successful as we achieved Tier I status and are well positioned for achieving Tier II status.

Representatives from the State of Connecticut who worked with our agency during the Tier I review spoke highly of the work and knowledge that Sgt. Troy Gelinas demonstrated, to the point that several nearby agencies have reached out to him for assistance with the process.

Thomas A. Sheriden
Chairperson
Board of Police Commissioners

Marc Balestracci
Chief of Police



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Sergeant Richard Avdevich
Waterford Police Department
41 Avery Lane
Waterford, CT 06385

Re: Letter of Acknowledgment

Dear Sergeant Avdevich:

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Sincerely,

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Officer Patrick Epps
Waterford Police Department
41 Avery Lane
Waterford, CT 06385

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Dispatcher Shawn Finnigan
Waterford Police Department
41 Avery Lane
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Dispatcher Rachel McGuire
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Officer Christopher Robinson
Waterford Police Department
41 Avery Lane
Waterford, CT 06385

Re: Letter of Acknowledgment

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Officer Kylie Sangermano
Waterford Police Department
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Waterford, CT 06385

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Officer Nicholas Swarr
Waterford Police Department
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Dear Officer Swarr:

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Officer Robert Winters
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WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC REPORT

• March 2023 •

Traffic Complaints:

The Traffic Officer (TO) received 5 Complaints for speeding, traffic light malfunctions, school bus issues and crosswalk requests.

Trailer Display Signs

The display signs and battery powered speed display signs were used throughout the town according to complaints received and historical issues on roadways.

Construction Review

Preliminary review for the second phase of Willetts Ave housing was reviewed. No large issues observed with the plan aside from the traffic impact in which a fix has been discussed.

Roadway Changes

Proposed- Willetts Ave

Due to the recent housing developments on Willetts Ave and the pending second phase of additional housing, the intersection of Willetts and Route 1 was found to be inadequate during peak hours. After several discussions with the project's owner, engineers and town officials, a plan has been brought forward to fix the issue and allow for more expansion on Willetts Ave. (See attached plan)

Requests

FOG PLAIN ROAD-Attached you will see a proposed plan to help mitigate speeding on Fog Plain Road. The plan is very similar to the approved plan for Niantic River Road that I believe has helped alleviate some of the issues that roadway faced. Fog Plain Road consistently gets complaint of speed and accidents and I believe narrowing the travel lanes and using optical speed bars on the hard corner of the road will help. I request approval for this painting to be completed when fiscally achievable by Public Works.

OSWEGATCHIE ROAD- Another roadway with numerous complaints for residents. This complaint stems from a large amount of pedestrian traffic especially during the warmer months. The roadway is not wide enough to accommodate a proper bike or pedestrian lane and a sidewalk is not feasible at this time, but narrowing the roadway with fog lines will add a buffer for pedestrians and slow down speeds in the neighborhood. I am also requesting approval for this painting to be completed when fiscally achievable by Public Works.





K-9 Activity Report

March 2023

K-9 Neo

Monthly Uses: 5

2023 Uses: 14

K-9 Ozzy

Monthly Uses: 5

2023 Uses: 14

Training

Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 03/14 & 03/28 in obedience, tracking, area search, and aggression.

K-9 Usage

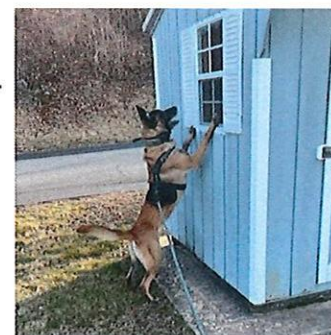
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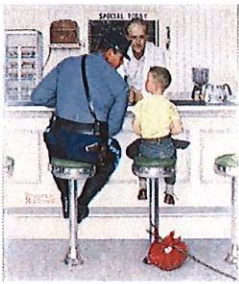
- ♦ On 03/10/2023 K-9 Neo was deployed to assist in locating a carjacking suspect who was possibly armed that fled from a motor vehicle accident. The suspect was apprehended, and then K-9 Neo conducted an article search in the area the suspect was in.
- ♦ On 03/15/2023 Officer Epps and K-9 Neo assisted New London Police with a track for a shots fired incident. The track went through many backyards on various streets before it was terminated.
- ♦ On 03/22/2023 K-9 Neo was deployed for an exterior open air sniff and interior search of a vehicle that was involved in a shoplifting. K-9 Neo showed a positive alert in the driver's area of the vehicle. Wax baggies and narcotics were located in a compartment near the steering wheel.



Ozzy

- ♦ On 03/09/2023 Officer Genung and K-9 Ozzy assisted New London Police with a search of a residence they acquired a search warrant for. K-9 Ozzy alerted where officers previously located narcotics and he also located several paraphernalia items.
- ♦ On 03/10/2023 K-9 Ozzy was utilized for an exterior open air sniff and an interior search of a vehicle. K-9 Ozzy showed a positive alert on a lock box and a bag on the floorboard. Several pill bottles were located inside the lock box as well as a powdery residue.
- ♦ On 03/20/2023 K-9 Ozzy was utilized for an article search regarding a suicidal male that had a rifle magazine located on his person. K-9 Ozzy located a rifle that had been buried under leaves about 30 yards from the males vehicle.





THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Youth Office Activity Report



March 2023

- ♦ SRO Malbourn escorted the Unified Sports Team with lights and sirens through campus to Miner Lane as a send off to their state basketball game.
- ♦ SRO Malbourn and SRO Lane continue to conduct numerous meetings with parents during the month involving various concerns including social media and mental health issues. These issues occur during and outside of school hours, but often carry into the school day.
- ♦ SRO Lane conducted a shelter in place at the Middle School for an incident that occurred near New London High School, but the suspects were last seen in the wooded area that goes behind the middle school.
- ♦ SRO Malbourn and SRO Lane met with the Waterford Country School to discuss issues with students and to meet with a student and their parent.
- ♦ SRO Lane taught numerous classes on the topic of social media to various grades.
- ♦ SRO Lane and SRO Malbourn continue to attend many school sporting events, to include unified sports games and volleyball games to show support for the students and develop relationships within the community.



Month at a Glance

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



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



March 2023

In the month of March 2023 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 25 active investigations.

Current Active Investigations (18 Cases):

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

Homicide—1

Fraud—1

Burglary—4

THC & Pills—1

Crypto Scam—1

Narcotics—1

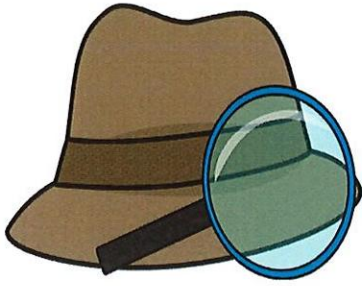
Pistol Permits—9

Investigative Services was recognized by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service for utilizing a Law Enforcement information sharing database that assisted in solving an interstate robbery spree.

(Invest. Zaldivar' s case from 2022.)

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Amount Investigated	Recovered - Seized	Search Warrants	Sex Assaults	Arrests
26	\$141,739.00	\$94,387.00	11	7	13
Ex-Parte's	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery	Background Checks
0	0	4	1	0	0



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



March 2023

March 2023 Arrests:

- Leroy McDaniel 65-years-old of West Haven — Engaging in Pursuit, Reckless Driving, Failure to Maintain Lane
- Edwin Conception 40-years-old of East Haven — Failure to Appear Second Degree
- Richard Ortiz 56-years-old of Windsor — Possession of Controlled Substance, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny, Larceny in Sixth Degree, Possession of drug paraphernalia
- Kayleigh Arias 36-years-old of New London — Conspiracy to Commit Larceny and Larceny in Sixth Degree
- Stephanie Eoanou 32-years-old of Waterford — Burglary Third Degree
- Steven Wisniewski 38-years-old of Jacksonville, NC — Burglary Third Degree

March 2023 Investigations:

Investigative Services conducted multiple undercover details that targeted organized retail thefts in Waterford during March. Investigative Service members utilized undercover vehicles, assisted by patrol, to monitor and observe various businesses. During one operation, a suspicious vehicle was observed by Det. Bonkowski and Det. Carroll. They coordinated the vehicle's movements with other team members to monitor the vehicle and its occupants. During the surveillance patrol was tasked with performing a traffic stop on the vehicle, which did not stop and operated recklessly to avoid apprehension. No pursuit was initiated by the officer and the vehicle description was broadcast to local police. The vehicle was stopped a short time later on I-95 in Madison with the help of the Connecticut State Police. Detectives arrested the operator and passenger. In addition to the case detailed above, these targeted assignments resulted in 4 arrests, a fentanyl seizure, and 2 suspects identified in fraud crimes for other law enforcement agencies.

Det. O'Connell began a burglary investigation in February of 2023. As a result of this investigation 2 arrest warrants were authorized and ultimately both suspects were arrested. Merchandise was not recovered as local pawn shops refused the suspects when they attempted to pawn (sell) the stolen items.

Investigative Services obtained 6 search warrants for on-going investigations.

Task Force Report:

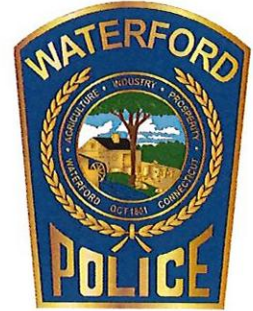
During March the New London Police had a shooting in the area of the New London High School. This incident impacted the Clark Lane School due to proximity to the shooting and the direction the suspects fled. No one was injured in the shooting. The VCTF and Investigative Services assisted and a suspect was developed and later arrested by NLPD and VCTF officers.

In the month of March, the VCTF assisted in the Hartford area with 5 federal search warrants and 2 state warrants resulting in the recovery of approximately 1 million dollars in cash as well as several pounds of narcotics and over 15 firearms. The task force executed 4 search warrants resulting in the recovery of 2 handguns and narcotics in New London & Groton. VCTF had approximately 10 other narcotics and warrant related arrests.



TRAINING REPORT

MARCH 2023



New Officer Updates

Hiring Process: Waterford Police Department has opened up the hiring process for both entry level and certified officers through March 31, 2023. Training Officer Nicolas Surdo continues his efforts in recruiting by attending the monthly Law Enforcement Council (LEC) written examination. This is a good opportunity to engage with the candidates, inform them of the opportunities at the police department and provide information on the next steps and what to expect going forward in the hiring process.

Recruit Andrew Reed is continuing his training at the Law Enforcement Council (LEC) Eastern Regional Police Academy. Recruit Andrew Reed has conducted practical's to include motor vehicle stop techniques and search and seizure.

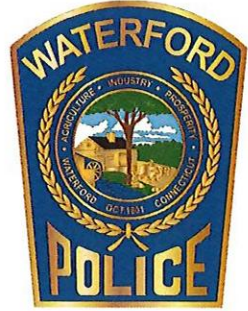
In-House Trainings: Waterford Police Department hosted a Crime Scene Procedure training put on by The Spector Criminal Justice Training Network. This three-day course provides officers with proper procedures from initial arrival on scene, to determining which evidence to process and which evidence to collect. Waterford PD received two free seats for hosting the course.



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



TRAINING REPORT MARCH 2023



Sergeant Richard Avdevich and Officer Christopher Ewing attended a five-day EMT-Refresher course in Montville. The course gave instruction on CPR, AED, Human Trafficking for EMS, among many others. The State certification is good for two years.

Officer Raymond Rodriguez attended a five-day Interview and Interrogation course at POSTC, Meriden. The course instructed officers on the various techniques on preparing for the interrogation, legal aspects and admissibility in court, developing rapport and physiological responses.

Officer Peter Barrows attended a one-day Search & Seizure Review course through the Spector Criminal Justice Training Network at UCONN PD. The course spoke about the 4th, 5th & 6th Amendment protections, Due Process, Exceptions to the search warrant requirement, among many more.

Officer Jake Nickerson attended a one-day GLOCK Armorers course at Meriden PD. The one-day course instructs attendees how to breakdown, reassemble, diagnose issues and replace parts on the GLOCK firearm.

Chief Marc Balestracci, Sergeant Richard Avdevich, Officer Peter Barrows and Officer Mark Devine attended a one-day Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement course in Plantsville. The course focused on dealing with employees having difficulties in their personal and professional lives and intervention strategies.

Detective Raymond Carroll attended a five-day Patrol Rifle Instructor Course through the Capitol Region Firearms Training Unit at the Manchester PD Range.

Officer Zachary Caler, Officer Stephen Rogers, Officer Peter Barrows and Officer Christopher Robinson attended a two-day National Honor Guard Academy workshop at the Plainville FD. The workshop included drill movement, flag etiquette, color guard commands and casket watch procedures.

Sergeant Troy Gelinas and Sergeant Patrick Flanagan attended the three-day FBI Regional Command College CT Chapter in Uncasville. The course focused on crisis communications and command leadership.

The Waterford Police Department Records Department Activity for March 2023

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

Ticket/Written Warning Entries	Freedom of Information Requests	Motor Vehicle Accident Entries	Warrants (Entering or clearing)	Phone calls	Walk in Lobby Window	Background Check Requests
225	164	76	52	164	105	9

Protective Order Entries	Officer Tasking Requests	Case Erasures	State/Federal Report Entries	Supervisor Tasking Requests	DCF Requests
57	32	198	0	18	8

Court Request	Case Copies	Abstracts
29	3	172



CSO Monthly Statistical Report March 2023



Waterford Arrests

#

Adult	25
Juvenile	0
Total Processed	25

Fingerprints

#

Pistol Permits	21
Employment	14
Miscellaneous	4
Peddler / Precious Permits	0
Total Fingerprints	39

Firearms

#

Firearms Transfer	52
Pistol Permits Issued	2

Initial Complaints (3A's)

#

Total	40
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- CSO's covered 77 shifts during the month.
- CSO Madison Nott has resigned effective March 31, 2023 after accepting a position as a police officer in the City of Norwich.



Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report

March 2023



Carjacking/Vehicle Pursuit

On March 10, 2023 an armed carjacking occurred in New London where a firearm was displayed. The New London Police advised over the hotline of the vehicle and suspect description. Officer Epps located the vehicle and suspect on Broad Street in our town. The suspect engaged Officer Epps in a pursuit that continued for approximately seven miles on and off the highway that ended on RTE 85 near I-395 in our town. The suspect caused an accident and then fled from the scene into a wooded area. The suspect was apprehended a short time later. An unloaded firearm was located inside the vehicle and the magazine for that firearm was located by K9 Neo in the wooded area where the suspect had been. The suspect was charged with Engaging Police In a Pursuit and Interfering with an Officer.



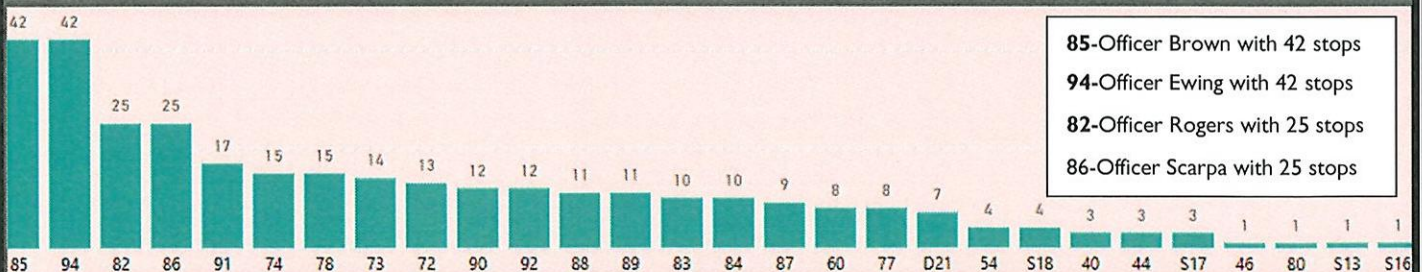
Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2226
Case Numbers	171
Arrests	86
Juvenile Arrests	3
Larcenies	17
Arrest Warrants	12
Domestic Violence Investigations	2
Traffic Crash	66
DUI Investigations	5
EDP/Welfare Check	38
School Checks	67
Motor Vehicle Stops	326
Written Warnings	83
Infractions	47
Verbal Warnings	170
Misdemeanor	26

Motor Vehicle Accident/Drug/Firearm Arrest

On March 20, 2023 an arrest was made in regards to a motor vehicle accident that occurred on January 22, 2023 on RTE 85. The suspect was located by the Middletown Police Department and was charged with numerous drug charges (crack cocaine, crystal meth, a pound of marijuana, & illegal pills), Weapons in a Vehicle, Possession of a Firearm, Operation of a Vehicle While Under the Influence of Drugs and/or Alcohol, Carrying a Firearm While Under the Influence, as well as Unauthorized Manufacturing/Sale of Narcotics.

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER





Weapon in a Motor Vehicle Arrest

On March 16, 2023 Officer Scarpa located a suspicious vehicle in the Home Depot parking lot. Officer Scarpa determined the vehicle was a misuse and did not have a valid registration. A traffic stop was conducted a short time later. After a brief investigation officers on scene located narcotics not in its original container and an electronic control weapon inside the vehicle, and determined the vehicle was not insured. Officers also verified that the suspect was a convicted felon and was restricted from possessing dangerous weapons. The operator was arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of an Electronic Control Weapon, Weapon in a Vehicle, Misuse of Plates, Possession of Narcotics Not In It's Original Container, Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, and No Insurance.

EDP / Assault on Police Officer Arrest

On March 4, 2023 officers were dispatched to an address in town for the report of a male punching holes in his walls and arguing with his mother. When officers arrived on scene the male was still agitated and officers attempted to deescalate him for a while. Officers determined the male needed to be committed to the hospital for a psychological evaluation. The male eventually agreed to go, then once in the ambulance he said he was not going to go. The male ended up punching an officer in the face causing him to bleed, and then after a struggle officers were able to handcuff the male. The male was ultimately transported to the hospital and arrested. The male was charged with Assault on a Public Safety Officer, Interfering with an Officer, and Breach of Peace.

Driving Under the Influence Accident / Arrest

On March 14, 2023 at approximately 10:20 pm officers were dispatched to Bloomingdale Road in Quaker Hill for the report of an accident that had just occurred. It was reported that the accident involved one car into a telephone pole and that wires were down across the road. Officers arrived and determined the operator was the only occupant and did not have any injuries. During the course of their investigation they believed the operator was under the influence of alcohol. Officers conducted field sobriety tests and ultimately arrested the operator for being under the influence of alcohol. This accident caused the road to be shut down for several hours.

Larceny / Drug Arrest

On March 20, 2023 officers were dispatched to Home Depot for the report of a shoplifting that just occurred. Officers located a female matching the description of the suspect in the Mobile Gas Station on RTE 85. During the course of their investigation officers located crack cocaine and a glass smoking pipe in her possession. The female was subsequently arrested and charged with Larceny 5th Degree, Possession of Narcotics, and Use of Drug Paraphernalia.



In the Community Interest

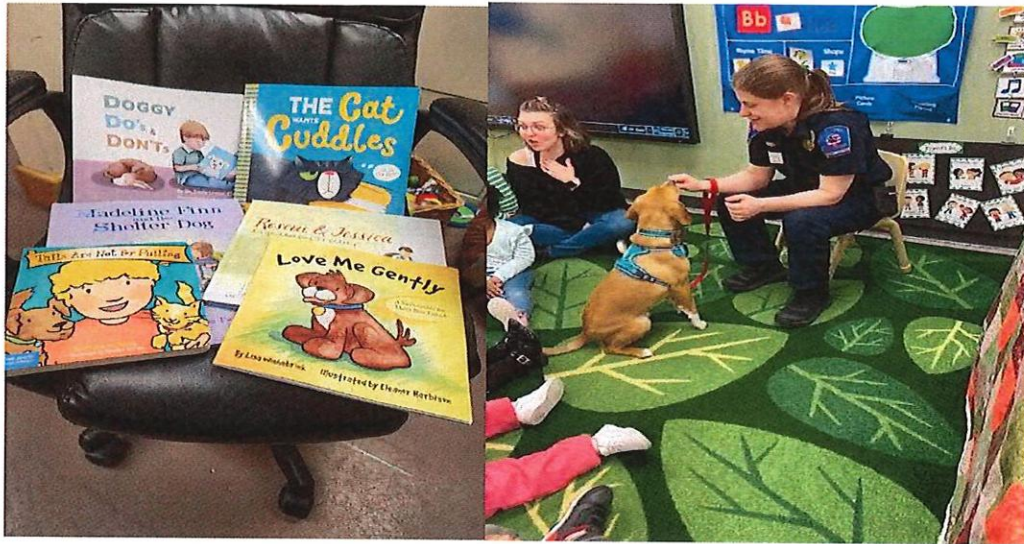




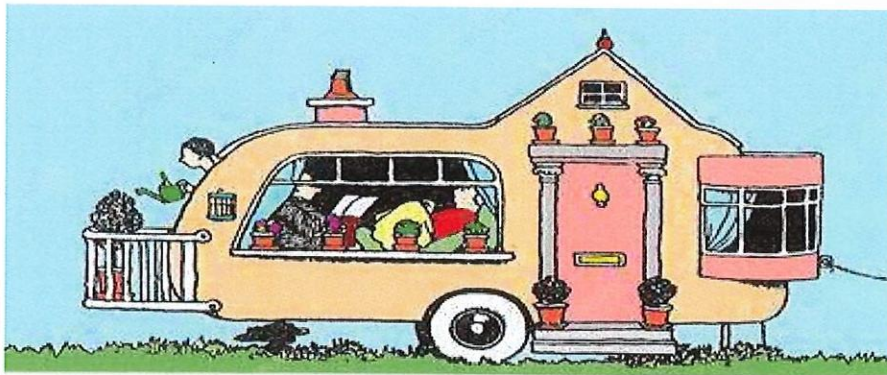
Monthly Report March 2023

	WATERFORD	EAST LYME
CALLS FOR SERVICE	73	23
AFTER HOURS CALL OUTS	3	1
DOG BITES	2	0
INFRACTIONS	0	0
WRITTEN WARNINGS	0	1
ANIMALS REDEEMED	6	2
ANIMALS ADOPTED	5	0
ANIMALS DOA	0	0
EUTHANIZED	0	0
ANIMALS PROCESSED TOTAL	11	2
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	\$ 320.00	\$ 70.00
DONATIONS TAKEN IN	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00

- 1) 3/9/23 + 3/15/23+ 3/24/23 AACO Ryan helped celebrate literacy week by visiting several area schools and speaking to the children about animals and reading them a story. This was such a great hit, using our own money, we purchased some books that are animal related so we can do more of this in the future.



- 2) 3/17/23 Assisted homeless citizen, living in RV getting her 2 cats to a vet to be neutered, shots ect. No cost to town, done with donations from rescue group.



"The Home-From-Home Caravan."

- 3) 3/20/23 The pregnant cat that survived the distemper outbreak had four kittens, this month they came of age and each were adopted out to good homes.



- 4) 3/24/23 Assisted an elderly citizen in town who was going into an assisted living program rehome 2 fish tanks full of fish, 2 turtles, 6 chickens and 4 dogs

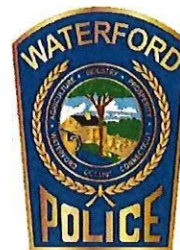


- 5) 2/25/23 It is spring time, we have several black bears in the area, they are waking up and are hungry, citizens are reporting bears getting into bird feeders and trash cans. This is perfectly normal behavior and nothing to be concerned about. Social media posts made about interactions with bears and how to deter them from visiting your home.





THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



Community Engagement Report March 2023

Internships: Intern Brian Dec shadowed SRO Malbourn, Traffic Officer Nickerson, day shift patrol, and Investigative Services. Intern Anthony Jessuck shadowed Dispatch, day shift patrol, Evidence Officer Maffeo, the Records Department, and Investigative Services.

Citizen's Academy: 26 participants attended classes about the WPD's History, a WPD Tour, Motor Vehicle Enforcement, Patrol, Recruiting, Training, Search & Seizure, Accident Investigation, DUI, and DRE.

Special Olympics Efforts: Attended CT Law Enforcement Torch Run Council meeting. Raised \$2,259.00 with other police facility K-9 handlers for the Shoreline Penguin Plunge.

Domestic Violence Follow-ups: Conducted 9 follow-ups with DV victims.



K-9 Officer Hodges: Visited the NLPD Youth Academy. Interacted with students and community members at Hodges's birthday parties at the WTFD Library and SCSU. A CT Public Media journalist shadowed Hodges to document his interaction with our community. Interacted with attendees at Mystic Aquarium Member Night and QH School Orchestra Night. Assisted CT State Capitol Police in starting a facility K-9 program. Visited with a victim's family during a homicide trial.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Two QH School students won rides in a police cruiser to school for a school fundraiser. Spoke about traffic stop safety at Rae's Driving School. Hodges visited GN School to calm a student and have students read to him. Spoke to students at two Youth Promise classes.

Recruiting: Held a recruitment session at CCSU.

Interaction with Senior Services: Discussed crime prevention tips to Beechwood Estate residents. Visited New London Rehab Center.

Rotary Club: Obtained a \$700 donation for the WPD Citizen's Academy.

Officer Wellness: Participated in the WTFD Employee Health Fair. Investigative Services, Support Services, and Dispatch were provided coffee for their Officer Wellness Day.

Autism/Cognitive Issues Programs: Completed follow-up telephone calls for all registrants. 1 new registrant for the Autism Awareness Program.

PATH: Organized a regional police recruitment event at the LEC Academy. 23 attendees learned about the hiring process and had mock interviews with officers.

TOWN OF WATERFORD TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

In Series (Over \$1000)

Police Department
DEPARTMENT

Line No.	Org. Code	Object Code	Object Description	APPROVED Budget Amount	CURRENT Available Budget	Budget Transfer INCREASE	Budget Transfer DECREASE	REVISED Available Budget
1	10129	51421	Marine Patrol	\$ 23,914	\$ 3,082	3,800.00		\$ 6,882
2	10129	51420	Patrol	\$ 3,437,122	\$ 1,290,881		3,800.00	\$ 1,287,081
3								\$ -
4								\$ -
5								\$ -
8								\$ -
9								\$ -
10								\$ -
TOTAL						3,800.00	3,800.00	

Explanation:

Request is to cover additional shifts through June 30, 2023.


Department Head

2/27/2023
Date

Director of Finance

Date

First Selectman

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Commission/Board Approval

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TOWN OF WATERFORD

TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

In Series (Over \$1000)

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Police Department

DEPARTMENT

Line No.	Org. Code	Object Code	Object Description	APPROVED Budget Amount	CURRENT Available Budget	Budget Transfer INCREASE	Budget Transfer DECREASE	REVISED Available Budget
1	10129	52080	Telephone	\$30,846.00	-\$3,061.33	\$4,700.00		\$1,638.67
2	10129	52040	Service Contracts & Repairs	\$26,269.00	\$13,792.88		\$4,700.00	\$9,092.88
3	10129	51810	Overtime	\$150,075.00	\$12,167.22	\$15,000.00		\$27,167.22
4	10129	51420	Patrol	\$3,437,122.00	\$987,477.69		\$15,000.00	\$972,477.69
5	10129	51820	Replacement Overtime	\$360,508.00	\$62,001.98	\$37,500.00		\$99,501.98
8	10129	51830	Training & Education	\$135,202.00	\$71,345.78		\$37,500.00	\$33,845.78
9	10129	51110	Administrative	\$497,883.00	\$126,729.86	\$13,000.00		\$139,729.86
10	10129	51420	Patrol	\$3,437,122.00	\$972,477.69		\$13,000.00	\$959,477.69
11	10129	51210	Clerical	\$247,200.00	\$65,488.78	\$3,000.00		\$68,488.78
12	10129	51420	Patrol	\$3,437,122.00	\$959,477.69		\$3,000.00	\$956,477.69
13	10129	51430	Detective	\$500,643.00	\$129,225.44	\$4,000.00		\$133,225.44
14	10129	51420	Patrol	\$3,437,122.00	\$956,477.69		\$4,000.00	\$952,477.69
15	10129	53070	Auto Repairs	\$32,000.00	\$2,680.08	\$8,000.00		\$10,680.08
14	10129	53180	Police Equip. & Supplies	\$44,664.00	\$10,838.24		\$8,000.00	\$2,838.24
Total						\$85,200.00	\$85,200.00	

The transfer from Service Contracts to Telephone is to cover expected costs through June 30, 2023. The negative amount in current balance is due to Purchase Orders being created, however there is still funding in this line. (Approx. \$5,800 as of March 27, 2023). The transfer from Training and Education is a portion of the BOE funding provided each year to assist with overtime costs. The transfer from Patrol to Administrative, Clerical and Detective is to cover costs associated with out of budget cycle collective bargaining agreements approved by the RTM. The transfer to Auto Repairs is to cover increased repairs and maintenance for the police fleet.


 Department Head

3/28/23
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