



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Training Room at the Waterford Police Department

12/12/2022 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: November 14, 2022 Regular Meeting

Acceptance of minutes: December 5, 2022 Special Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Thank you note from The Clark Lane Explorers
- b. Thank you letter from Marian Brown, President of the Camp Harkness Foundation
- c. Thank you email from Mark Greczkowski, Director of Operations, Waterford Ambulance
- d. Thank you email form Captain Greg McCarthy, Town of Groton Police Department
- e. Thank you letters from Terry Wheeler, Assistant Director of Senior Services
- f. Thank you note from Linda & Wesley Kenyon
- g. Thank you note from Cynthia Lawrence

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's report:

- a. K9 Reports for November
- b. Youth Report for November
- c. Investigative Services Report for November
- d. Training Report for November

- e. Records Report for November
- f. Community Service Officer Report for November
- g. Patrol Report for November
- h. Animal Control Report for November
- i. Community Engagement Report for November

Old Business:

- a. Police Chief Selection Process

New Business:

- a. Appointment of Police Commissioner to Retirement Commission



**MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

November 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting ID: 861 1160 9361

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

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, LT T. Silva, LT D. Ferland, Sgt T. Gelinas, Traffic
Officer J. Nickerson, Training Officer N. Surdo, Officer Z. Caler, Officer
R. Scarpa

Town Labor Attorney Eileen Duggan, HR Director Christine Walters were also present.

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 Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to accept the minutes from the October 11 Regular Meeting. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

Chief Balestracci presented MADD awards to Officers Caler and Scarpa.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic report received. Traffic Officer Nickerson reported that changes to traffic pattern on Cross Road will be completed upon approval of the change order by the State of CT.

Chief Balestracci presented a Letter of Appreciation to the Dawleys.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- a. K9 Reports for October
October report was received.
- b. Investigative Services and Youth Reports for October
October report was received.
- c. Training Report for October
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- d. Records Report for October
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OLD BUSINESS:

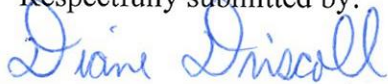
Attorney Duggan recommended completing the Chief of Police job description first, then working that information into the Interim and New Police Chief Appointment Processes Policy, whether the candidate is internal or external. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Dimmock stated that it's important to have a policy in writing available to internal officers who may be interested in the position. Commissioner Sheridan suggested changing wording from "required" to "preferred" to allow a larger number of qualified candidates to apply.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Balestracci announced a Special Meeting for budget approval on December 5, 2022 at 5:00pm.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinas and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Diane Driscoll
Recording Secretary



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

December 5, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting ID: 824 4923 7748

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

ABSENT: Chairman T. Sheridan

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, LT N. VanOverloop, LT D. Ferland

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

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

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinas and Seconded by Commissioner Brule to review and discuss the 2023-2024 Police Department Budget.

2023-2024 Budget Review: Chief Balestracci gave a brief overview of the proposed budget. Commissioner Gelinas suggested several clarifications be made in the budget summary with reference to gasoline and marine fuel costs and commented on items listed on the revenues page. Commissioner Brule asked questions regarding the SRO agreement with the BOE. Chief Balestracci answered questions and a brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinas and Seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to approve the proposed budget with the changes suggested by Commissioner Gelinas. Motion passed with three voting in favor. Commissioner Brule abstained.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinas and Seconded by Commissioner Brule to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Diane Driscoll". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Diane" and last name "Driscoll" clearly distinguishable.

Diane Driscoll
Recording Secretary

Dear Officer Lane and Officer Fredericks,
 Thank you for showing us around the police stations. We had a lot of fun. Thank you also for the
 goodies you gave to us we appreciate it.

From,

The Clark Lane Explorers



Brill N

Thank you!
 -Kissila

Thank you!
 -Lily

Thank you!
 -Nora

Thank you!
 -Lily

Thank you!
 -Taylor

Thank you!
 -Miss Sullivan

Thank you!
 -Violet

Thank you!
 -Kenny

Thank you!
 -Aldin

Thank you!
 -Carmin

Thank you!
 -Casay



October 29, 2022

Waterford Police Department
41 Avery Ln
Waterford, CT 06385

Dear Officer Fredricks, Officer Genung, and Officer Epps,

Camp Harkness and The Camp Harkness Foundation are truly appreciative for your participation and time spent at our Fall Festival 2022. The day was a huge success and we loved seeing the park full of people having so much fun! The weather made for a picture perfect New England Fall day and the K9 demonstration was a great addition to the event. Everyone loved meeting Hodges and seeing Ozzy and Neo in action.

Without you, this very special day would not have been as successful as it was! Camp Harkness is so grateful to have the support from the Waterford Police Department. Magic happens when people come together for a great cause. The fundraising campaign for the new accessible playground is just beginning. Thank you for contributing your time and we hope to see you at future events at Camp Harkness.

Sincerely,

Elisa Marcoux, RTS1
Camp Director

Marian Brown
President of the Camp Harkness Foundation

Camp Harkness Foundation is a non-profit organization under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Your donation may be tax deductible. For your benefit and as required by law, we state that Camp Harkness Foundation did not provide any goods or services in consideration, in whole or in part, for this contribution.

Camp Harkness And Camp Harkness Foundation
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301 Great Neck Road, Waterford, CT 06385
e-mail: DDS.CampHarkness@CT.Org

Diane Driscoll

From: Marc Balestracci
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 3:15 PM
To: Diane Driscoll
Subject: FW: Thank You

Diane,

Please include in next month's BOPC packet.

Thank you,

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



From: Mark Greczkowski <operations@waterfordambulance.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 1:06 PM
To: Michael Howley <mhowley@waterfordct.org>; Marc Balestracci <mbalestracci@waterfordct.org>; Steven Sinagra <ssinagra@waterfordct.org>
Cc: Robert Brule <rbrule@waterfordct.org>; Thomas Martin <TMartin@waterfordct.org>; Shawn Finnigan <sfinnigan@waterfordct.org>
Subject: Thank You

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Chief and Directors, I want to acknowledge several members of the Waterford Police (WPD), Waterford Fire Departments (WFD), and the Waterford Communications Center for their involvement in a recent incident. On 11-8-22, WPD, WFD, and WAS were dispatched to a two (2) car MVA with injuries. Upon my arrival at the scene, I realized we had at least one (1) critical pt, who was being tended to by WPD and bystanders. Due to the size of the scene, this complicated the standard face-to-face communication that usually is present.

As the first WFD apparatus arrived at the scene, I requested them to check on the status of the other vehicle involved in the accident. Without hesitation, WFD proceeded to the other vehicle, finding another pt who was also Critical. As we all worked on neutralizing the incident, it was realized that one (1) of the pt's was well-known by all responders on the scene. As you are all aware, this personal connection can complicate any scene, but I am pleased to say that was not the case in this call! We all worked together, ensuring that the pts were appropriately treated and proper notifications were made to the relevant people.

Thank you to all of your organizations on this and every call we handle together; the Town of Waterford is fortunate enough to have a fantastic group of dedicated men and women ensuring the safety and well-being of all in Waterford, Connecticut!

Please pass along to those involved the appreciation of WAS for their roles in this incident!

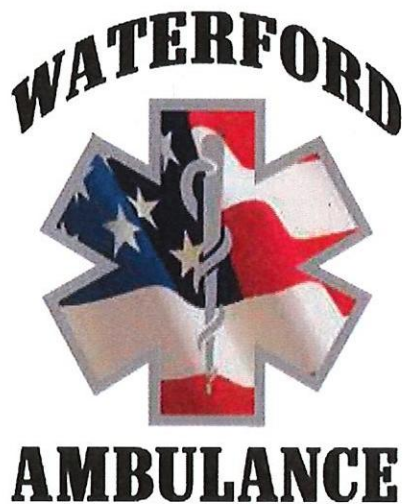
Regards,

Mark Greczkowski NRP, EMSI
Director of Operations

Waterford Ambulance Service, Inc. (WAS)
204 Boston Post Road, Waterford, CT 06385

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Email - Operations@WaterfordAmbulance.org



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Diane Driscoll

From: Marc Balestracci
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 8:30 AM
To: Diane Driscoll
Cc: David Ferland
Subject: FW: Thank you!

Diane,

Can you please make sure this makes it to the next BOPC meeting.

Thank you,

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



From: McCarthy, Gregory <GMccarthy@groton-ct.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 3:52 PM
To: Marc Balestracci <mbalestracci@waterfordct.org>
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Good afternoon Chief,

Just wanted to reach and let you know your Waterford Officers did a great job assisting us today with the funeral procession for Retired Police Chief Dave Vanasse's dear wife Donna. Your officers were on post and ready to help us as we traversed Waterford en route St Mary's Cemetery in New London. Your officers ensured the procession traveled unencumbered to St Mary's Cemetery in New London. I'd especially like to note LT Dave Ferlund's role in this process. Dave was extremely easy to work with and ensured the procession flowed smoothly. Thanks again for all your help!

V/r
Capt Greg McCarthy

Captain Gregory J. McCarthy, #102
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FIFTEEN ROPE FERRY ROAD



WATERFORD, CT 06385-2886

November 14, 2022

Marc Balestracci, Chief of Police
15 Rope Ferry Rd.
Waterford, CT 06385

Dear Chief Balestracci,

On behalf of Waterford Senior Services we would like to thank you for coming to our Veterans Day Luncheon. This was one our largest attended luncheons with over 80 attendants, 30 being retired veterans from all branches of the military. We would also like to thank you in helping in organizing the Waterford Police Department's Color Guard to come and participate in the event. We know that is was meaningful for the veterans to have you all attend and participate.

We hope to see you again at the Senior Services soon and hope that you and the entire Waterford Police Department have a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Terry Wheeler
Assistant Director, Waterford Senior Services

FIFTEEN ROPE FERRY ROAD



WATERFORD, CT 06385-2886

November 14, 2022

The Waterford Police Department Color Guard
15 Rope Ferry Rd.
Waterford, CT 06385

Dear Sargent Firman, Officer Rogers, Officer Barrows, Officer Robinson,

On behalf of Waterford Senior Services we would like to thank you for coming and participating in our Veterans Day Luncheon. This was one of our largest attended luncheons with over 80 attendants, 30 being retired veterans from all branches of the military. We know that it was meaningful for the veterans to have you all attend and participate.

We hope to see you again at the Senior Services soon and hope that you and your families have a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Terry Wheeler
Assistant Director, Waterford Senior Services

Sunday, Nov. 27th

To The Waterford Police Officers,

Many, many thanks for
your prompt response to 17 NewShore
Rd. on Sat., Nov. 19th from the
Alarm Company to check our home
while we were traveling.

Your time, efforts and
patience did not go unnoticed.

We appreciate All that you

(over)

do in keeping our community
and Families Safe!

Sincerely,
Linda & Wesley Kenyon
17 New Shore Rd.
Waterford, CT
06385

Dear Chief Balestracci,

I am writing to you to tell you about Officer Norman Malbourn and the other officers that came to our home on 18 Center Road on May 16, 2022 to try to save my husband, T. Wayne Lawrence's life. They were here so quickly upon my 911 call, Norman Malbourn

was so kind to my daughter and myself, and helped us with the heartbreaking events of that day.

He stayed until the funeral parlor came to take Wayne which was two hours later, and this was such a comfort to us. You have a very special officer working for you and for the people of Watford. We are blessed, thank you again.



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Cynthia
Lawrence

WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC REPORT

• November 2022 •

Traffic Complaints:

The Traffic Officer (TO) received 3 complaints for speeding and traffic light issues. The complaints were of already known issue locations and are continuously under watch by patrol.

Road Permits

No new Road Permits were received. This is the normal lull in road permits which will pick back up in early spring.

Trailer Display Signs

The Signs were deployed on Route 85 and Route 156 prior to the holiday weekend to implore drivers to be safe on the roadways. (They will be used throughout the holiday season)

Proposed Building Projects

Plans were reviewed for an upgrade to the "Hess" station on Route 1. Possible projects from the State DOT for State Roadways were reviewed. The projects are for more signage in an attempt to reduce wrong way driving on Limited Access Highways.

Training

The Traffic Officer aided fellow Firearms Instructors in our annual Blue Line Trailer firearms training, participated in a Millstone Emergency Drill, taught at the LEC recert program and attended a 3-day Use of Force Summit.



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



K-9 Activity Report

November 2022

K-9 Neo

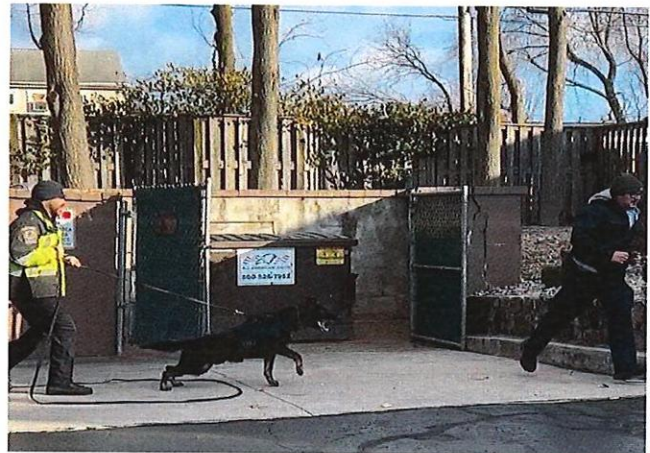
Monthly Uses: 4

2022 Uses: 42

K-9 Ozzy

Monthly Uses: 4

2022 Uses: 51



K-9 Usage

Neo

- ♦ On November 3, 2022 Officer Epps conducted a motor vehicle stop and after observing narcotics paraphernalia, K-9 Neo was utilized for an exterior and interior search and indicated a positive alert. Multiple empty glassine baggies were located with residue.
- ♦ On November 14, 2022 K-9 Neo was utilized to assist the New London Police Department with a motor vehicle search for narcotics. K-9 Neo showed alert behavior, however no narcotics were located.
- ♦ On November 25, 2022 Officers were alerted to a possible armed robbery in New London. The suspect vehicle was located in Waterford and officers conducted a felony stop. K-9 Neo was kept on-leash down and ready in the event he was needed for a track or criminal apprehension.

Ozzy

- ♦ On November 18, 2022 Officer Genung and K-9 Ozzy assisted the Ledyard Police Department with locating a suicidal male. K-9 Ozzy was deployed for an on-leash track and the subject was ultimately located in a nearby park

Training

- ♦ Officer Epps and Neo attended a 4-day Hard Surface Tactical Training in New Haven
- ♦ Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 11/8 & 11/22 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, and aggression.



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Youth Office Activity Report



November 2022

- ◆ Lockdown Drills were conducted at QH Elementary and Clark Lane Middle School, as well as a Fire Drill at Waterford High School.
- ◆ SRO's conducted a School Safety Presentation for school district staff during their professional development day.
- ◆ A student at the high school was found with a vape and marijuana. SRO Lane issued a JV warning for the marijuana and the school administration handled discipline.
- ◆ SRO Lane continued various instructional opportunities throughout the month including Youth Promise, Pathfinders After School Program, Sexting, and the dangers of DUI/alcohol use.
- ◆ SRO Malbourn began coordinating officers to teach various topics in Mr. Gamble's Criminal Justice classes. SRO Malbourn also conducted a Police Department tour with students from the classes.
- ◆ SRO Lane handled a fight between students at the middle school which was referred for school discipline.
- ◆ Both SROs assisted with Waterford Youth and Family Services annual Stuff the Bus event to collect food donations to distribute to families in need during the holidays.
- ◆ SRO Malbourn discussed numerous social media posts with both students and parents.
- ◆ SRO Malbourn assisted with a fight between 2 students, which was ultimately handled with school discipline



Month at a Glance

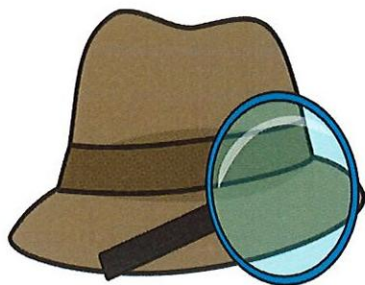
5- Home Visits

6- CAD Report

2- Case Reports

0- Arrests

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 WATERFORAD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



November 2022

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

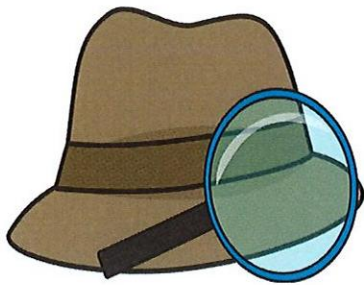
Current Active Investigations (35 Cases):

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

Homicide—1	Sex Assault—1	Robbery—1
Burglary—5	Larceny—2	Untimely—5
Pistol Permits—14	Fraud—1	Crypto Scam—1
Narcotics—2	Suspicious Death—1	Weapons Compliance—1
Precious Metals Permit—1		

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Amount Investigated	Recovered - Seized	Search Warrants	Sex Assaults	Arrests
143	\$317,625.90	\$51,083.00	26	21	18
Ex-Parte's	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery	Background Checks
7	2	8	16	2	17



THE WATERFOROARD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



November 2022

November 2022 Arrests:

Lonny Cross Jr. (43-years-old) - Indicted federally Conspiracy to Commit Robbery

Rebecca Barbera— (40-years-old) - Indicted federally Conspiracy to Commit Robbery

November 2022 Investigations:

The Price Cutter robbery that occurred in October 2022 was one of the first to be charged in a parallel federal investigation. The Waterford investigation developed information that tied together several other crimes. This investigation was organized and presented to the Assistant United States Attorney bringing forward the criminal charge.

Motor Sports Nation Burglary — The business was found with smashed out window and the transmission of a company vehicle disengaged and moved, which allowed stolen motorcycles to be removed through a doorway. One motorcycle was immediately recovered a short distance from the scene. The second was located in Derby, Connecticut during the investigation of a fatal crash. Information from the Derby Police identified a juvenile suspect.

Cold Case Homicide — A previously unidentified potential witness to the investigation was located in a nearby state. Detectives worked with local law enforcement and coordinated an interview.

Serious Motor Vehicle Accident— The Investigative Services Unit assisted the Accident Investigation Team with photographs and follow up interviews, as well as evidence collection. Certain skillsets, such as photography, are common place with the detective job function and are therefore used in other investigations.



THE WATERFOROARD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Investigative Services Division



November 2022

Neighborhood Watch:

The monthly Neighborhood Watch Meeting was held on Thursday November 3, 2022 in person in the Waterford Police Department Training Room. This was the first meeting since the start of Covid that has been open for persons other than just the coordinators to attend. The following neighborhoods were present: Pleasure Beach, North Road, Myrock Avenue and several residents of Pleasure Beach. I received emailed updates from Roxwood, Trumbull and Windy Ridge but they were unable to attend in person.

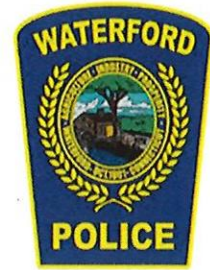
The following topics were discussed during the meeting:

- Myrock Avenue stated there has been turnover on the street over the last few months. The road is quiet and more families are spending time outside, walking up and down the street.
- Myrock Avenue is requesting an inquiry be made regarding the placement of a no parking sign near the entrance to the road.
- North Road reports the resident of 34 North Road is operating a dirt bike on town land located behind their homes (east of North Road). I have reached out to the property owner to discuss the complaint.
- Pleasure Beach resident stated she had spoken with First Selectman Rob Brule and the town might install solar powered STC stop signs at the intersection of Palmer and Shore Road.
- Residents in the area of 165 Shore Road have made 3 complaints to public works regarding a dead tree that they report looks like it could fall over. I spoke with public works and according to their records, the tree was near power lines. They were going to follow up with Eversource and get back to me.
- Complaint from Pleasure Beach group regarding a large personally owned Ford truck that they report has illegal colored lights and very loud exhaust. Operator was identified and an informal resolution was met.
- Trumbull Road had nothing to report.
- Roxwood reported two specific early morning speeders. Descriptions and time frame offenders are routinely observed and was passed along to the midnight shift patrol officers/supervisors.
- Windy Ridge had nothing to report, but thanked officers for frequent patrol checks during the morning bus pickups.



Training Report

November 2022



Detective Leigh Bonkowski attended a five-day Fundamentals of Crisis Negotiation course at POSTC. The course focused on crisis negotiation concepts, a practical overview of negotiations, active listening techniques among many more topics.

Officer Bushwack and Officer Rogers attended a three-day Crime Scene Procedure /Investigation training put on by Spector Training at the Wethersfield PD. The course gave participants a better understanding of protecting crime scenes, identify and process a crime scene from start to finish.

Officer Devine attended a five-day Blue Courage: The Heart and Mind of the Guardian training at POSTC. The course focused on preparing officers to face physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual challenges of a police career.

LT. Nicole VanOverloop attended a five-day SWAT Command Decision Making and Leadership I training in Coventry, RI by the National Tactical Officers Association. The training is designed to expose SWAT team commanders and supervisors to contemporary SWAT issues, tactics, and procedures.

Sergeant Farrior and Officer Fredricks attended a four-day Crisis Negotiations Conference held in Scottsdale, AZ put on by the National Tactical Officers Association. The conference spoke about emotional intelligence, negotiator wellness and resiliency, response to non-criminal barricade, negotiating with protestors and case studies and debriefs.

Sergeant Spearrin, Sergeant Firmin, Officer Nickerson and Officer Bunce attended a three-day Use of Force Summit at 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.

THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



Training Report November 2022



New Officer Updates

Hiring Process: Officer Christopher Ewing has started the Field Training Evaluation Program and is currently assigned to Field Training Officer Mark Devine.

Police Candidate Andrew Reed has also successfully passed the background investigation and is scheduled to attend the first Law Enforcement Council (LEC) police academy in January, 2023 in Norwich, CT.

In-house training: Members of the Waterford Police Department attended a mandatory decision shooting and low light training. The Blue Line Trailer puts officers into scenarios that require officers to work together, communicate, and make a decision based on what scenario is presented to them on a screen.



The Waterford Police Department Records Department

Activity for NOVEMBER 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
100	169	76	56	203	133	6

Protective Order Entries	Officer Tasking Requests	Case Erasures	State/Federal Report Entries	Supervisor Tasking Requests	DCF Requests
22	53	207	0	26	16

Court Request	Case Copies	Abstracts
23	4	242



CSO Monthly Statistical Report November 2022



Waterford Arrests

#

Adult	23
Juvenile	0
Total Processed	23

Fingerprints

#

Pistol Permits	15
Employment	21
Miscellaneous	1
Peddler / Precious Permits	1
Total Fingerprints	38

Firearms

#

Firearms Transfer	40
Pistol Permits Issued	5

Initial Complaints (3A's)

#

Total	40
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- CSO Bertrand assisted with the Millstone Drill.
- CSO's covered 72 shifts during the month



Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report
November 2022



Serious Motor Vehicle Collision

On November 8, 2022 patrol officers responded to a serious 2-car motor vehicle collision on Rte 85. Due to the extent of injuries sustained by the operators the Accident Investigation Team (AIT) responded to further investigate. The unusually large scene took numerous hours to process and an extensive investigation ensued during the following weeks.



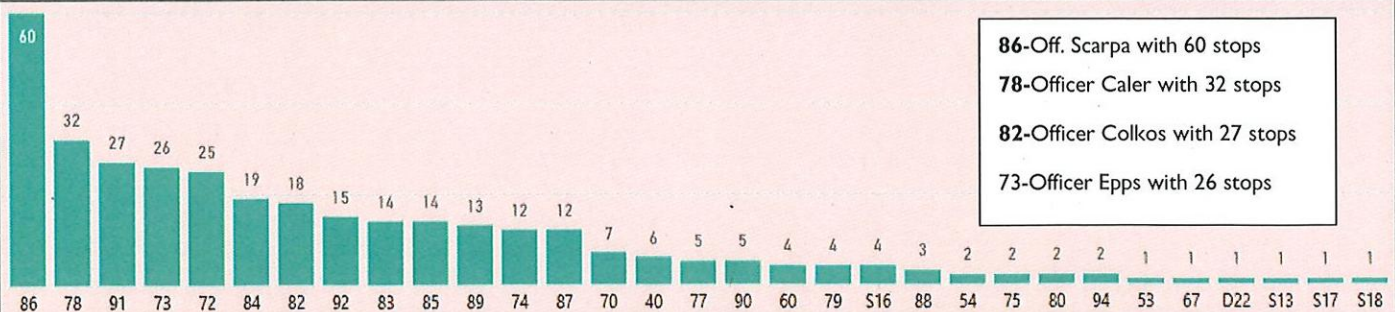
Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2194
Case Numbers	211
Arrests	75
Juvenile Arrests	2
Larcenies	23
Arrest Warrants	7
Domestic Violence Investigations	7
Traffic Crash	73
DUI Investigations	7
EDPI/Welfare Check	29
School Checks	88
Motor Vehicle Stops	339
Written Warnings	40
Infractions	37
Verbal Warnings	242
Misdemeanor	20

Holiday Patrols

During the month of November, officers began focused Holiday Patrols of the various retail establishments throughout town. As part of these patrols officer walk through stores, make contact with managers and employees, and create an enhanced police presence for the safety and security of shoppers and employees, while also discouraging theft.

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER





Motor Vehicle Accident & DUI

On November 30, 2022 Officers responded to Willetts Ave for a 1-car motor vehicle collision with a utility pole and stone wall. The investigation determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol and had her 2 infants and one toddler unrestrained in their car seats prior to the collision. The driver was arrested and charged with numerous offenses while the children were transported to the hospital as a precaution until other family members could be notified.

Drug Arrest

On November 27, 2022 Officer Caler conducted a motor vehicle stop and during the interaction developed information that led to a search of the vehicle. The search uncovered numerous bindles of heroin, fentanyl, crack cocaine, prescription pills, and drug paraphernalia. Two of the occupants of the vehicle were arrested, one which had seven outstanding warrants as well.

Domestic Arrest

On November 9, 2022 a subject was arrested by warrant for a domestic violence incident that occurred in September. Officer Winters conducted the investigation involving the suspect's girlfriend and 4 juvenile children. The suspect was charged with Assault, Disorderly Conduct, 4 counts of Risk of Injury to a minor, 5 counts of Violation of a Protective Order, and Interfering with a 911 call.

Assist to New London Police

On November 4, 2022 the New London Police Department put out a BOLO for a vehicle that had just struck a bicyclist in their town and fled the scene. Officer Caler quickly located the vehicle in a parking lot in our town and remained with the vehicle and operator until a New London Police Officer arrived to take over.

Child Safety Seat Installs

Officer Stephen Rogers and Officer Stephen Colkos recently became certified as Child Passenger Safety Technicians. With this training, the department began offering a service to the community in which they educate, train, and assist parents and guardians with the installation of car seats. The officers also ensure that the car seats do not have any defects or recalls prior to installation and offer resources to replace defective car seats. Officer Rogers and Officer Colkos conducted 4 installations during November and have many more scheduled in the near future.



In the Community Interest





Monthly Report November 2022

	WATERFORD	EAST LYME
CALLS FOR SERVICE	55	29
AFTER HOURS CALL OUTS	3	3
DOG BITES	1	4
INFRACTIONS	0	0
WRITTEN WARNINGS	0	0
ANIMALS REDEEMED	5	5
ANIMALS ADOPTED	1	1
ANIMALS DOA	0	0
EUTHANIZED	0	0
ANIMALS PROCESSED TOTAL	6	6
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	\$ 90.00	\$ 810.00
DONATIONS TAKEN IN	\$ 10.00	\$ 805.00

- 1) On 11/01/2022, Officer Allison Ryan was officially hired as the second full time employee of the Animal Control division. Her work schedule will be Wednesdays and Thursdays noon to 8PM and Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 9 AM to 5 PM. These hours will allow the public sometime in the evenings and weekends to come to the shelter to adopt animals. It will reduce overtime costs due to call outs and will free up Police Officers who may be dispatched to animal related calls. It will also allow the ACO's more time to work with the animals making them better suited for adoption.



- 2) ACO's participated in a training class put on by Freedom First Wildlife regarding owls, this is Clyde, he is a one winged bard owl, Aco's learned how to properly handle injured owls to get them to rehabilitators. Learned that the great horned owl has a talon grip strength at around 300 pounds per square inch, if handled improperly, even with gloves, they can cause broken bones on your hand. Also learned that these owls are responsible for more missing cats than foxes and coyotes combined. Who knew?



- 3) Last month the ACO's teamed up with the ELPD and participated in the pink patch project, selling pink patches to raise money to fight cancer. We donated 1,430.00 to the Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Center.





THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



Community Engagement Report November 2022

Recruiting/Internships: Intern Bennett shadowed YO Malburn, Investigative Services, the records department, day shift patrol and evening shift patrol twice. Intern Bennett participated in firearms training. Held recruitment sessions at Eastern CT University, Three Rivers and Mitchell College.

Interaction with Youth Services: Attended two after school programs. Accepted a donation from Lillie B. Haynes students for the food pantry.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Visited WHS Special Education class twice. Gave the CLMS Special Education class a tour of the station. Gave safety talks to students at WHS and QH School. Attended the Veteran's Day Celebration at CLMS. Spoke about traffic stop safety to teen drivers at Rae's Driving School. Taught a forensic class at WCS with Det Bonkowski.

Neighborhood Watch: Attended monthly meeting.



Autism/Cognitive Issues Programs: Bloom BCS donated sensory bags to assist officers with calls that involve people with processing disorders. Sent recognition letters to family members of program participants for National Family Caregiver Month.

Domestic Violence Follow-ups: Conducted 6 follow-ups with DV victims. Reviewed DV reports to make sure they were completed properly. Attended a DV Update Meeting.

K-9 Officer Hodges: Visited students at Lillie B. Haynes School with Officer Surdo. Hodges and K-9 Chase had a K-9 Demo for a Oswegatchie School 5th grade class due to them winning the Laps with Lance fundraiser. Visited multiple offices at WTFD Town Hall due to a recent employee injury. Visited WTFD Dispatch Center and Montville High students during their field trip to WCS. Interviewed by CT Public Media about Hodges' role.

Rotary Club: Attended monthly meeting. Participated in the Rotary Club Roses fundraiser. Attended a fundraiser for the WTFD food pantry.

Interaction with Senior Services: Attended the Veteran's Day Luncheon.

Special Olympics Efforts: Seven officers participated in Tip-A-Cop at LongHorn Steakhouse. \$2,797 was fundraised for the CT Special Olympics.

Officer Wellness: Attended a funeral for a family member of a Waterford Police Officer and had Hodges interact with the family. Accepted a donation from Dunkin Donuts and gift cards were provided to patrol shifts.