



Town of Waterford, Connecticut, Police Commission Meeting Agenda

Waterford Town Hall Auditorium

1/12/2026 5:00 pm

Call to order and establish quorum:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public input:

Acceptance of minutes: December 8, 2025 Regular Meeting

Correspondence:

- a. Thank you letter from Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics
- b. Thank you note from Recreation & Parks

Traffic Commission Review:

Chief's Report:

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

Old Business:

New Business:

- a. Request for a Standing Order Approving Out-of-Series Budget Transfers moving forward.



MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

December 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner R. Brule, Commissioner T. Sheridan

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, LT D. Ferland, LT N. VanOverloop, LT P. Flanagan, Traffic Officer M. Devine

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Commissioner Gelinas called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium. A Quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC INPUT:

Quaker Hill resident Helen Kwasniewski commented on the speeding problem on Bloomingdale Road and made positive remarks regarding the Police Department's FY27 budget.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to accept the November 10, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic report was received.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- a. K9 Reports for November
November report was received.
- b. Youth Reports for November
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OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. FY27 Budget Review. The commissioners agreed that no changes or corrections were needed and commented that the budget was well organized and presented.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to approve the FY27 budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to enter into Executive Session at 5:28 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. No votes or actions were taken while in Executive Session.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane E. Driscoll". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Diane" on the first line and "E. Driscoll" on the second line.

Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary



December 11, 2025

Dear Chief,

On behalf of the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics Connecticut, thank you for your unwavering dedication and support throughout 2025. Your commitment, enthusiasm, and leadership continue to make an extraordinary impact on the lives of our nearly 14,000 athletes, families, and communities across Connecticut. Because of your efforts our athletes were able to participate in 4 major yearly competitions, sports training across 26 sports and the Healthy Athletes program.

As we look ahead, we are excited to invite you to our 2026 CTLETR Kickoff, on Thursday, February 19, 2026. This gathering will celebrate the accomplishments of 2025, highlight the lives changed through your involvement, and set the stage for another outstanding year of partnership and purpose. Here are the event details:

- 2026 CTLETR Kickoff
- Thursday, February 19, 2026
- Foxwoods Resort Casino, Fox Tower
- Registration Opens: 9:00 a.m., Program: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Lunch provided)
- Register here: www.soc.org/ctletr-kickoff-2026



We hope you will join us as we honor the work you do share what is ahead for 2026. Your presence helps energize our movement and ensures our athletes know they have the full strength and support of Connecticut's law enforcement community behind them.

Thank you again for everything you do for Special Olympics Connecticut and the athletes we proudly serve. We look forward to seeing you at the 2026 Kickoff and embarking on another impactful year together.

With gratitude,

Amy Zdanowski

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State Torch Run Liaison
Special Olympics Connecticut

Chief Chris Chute

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CT State Community College
Co-Director, CTLETR

Sgt. Nikki Mordasiewicz

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Hartford Police Department
Co-Director, CTLETR



Dear Mark and Waterford Police,
We are extremely thankful
for your support and presence
at the Pearl Harbor Memorial
Road Race and our annual
tree lightings in town. You
keep our events safe and
we appreciate all you do for
our community. Sincerely,
The Recreation and Parks Team



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Traffic Officer Report

December 2025



LINE OF SIGHT ISSUES:

- None to report.

DOT RELATED ISSUES:

- None to report at this time

PARKING COMPLAINTS:

- No ongoing parking complaints at this time.

ENFORCEMENT RELATED COMPLAINTS:

- Additional enforcement was directed to the Route 85 and Cross road area for the holiday season. Route 1 was also a target area during December.

REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

- Request to move a "Side Street" warning sign on Vauxhall St., due to multiple people pulling into the residences driveway, believing it to be Old Barry Road. We are currently working with DPW to determine a location that gives proper distance from Old Barry Road and that is not causing motorists' confusion and causing them to pull into the residential driveway by accident.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- No upcoming events

UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH CLOSURE:

- No large new projects taking place in the near future have been brought to my attention.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: 187 Total Traffic Stops

Officer	Devine #88	Reed #93	Jordan #103	Colkos #91	TOTAL
Infractions	3	27	1	22	53
warnings	11	61	7	49	128
misdemeanor	0	3	0	3	6



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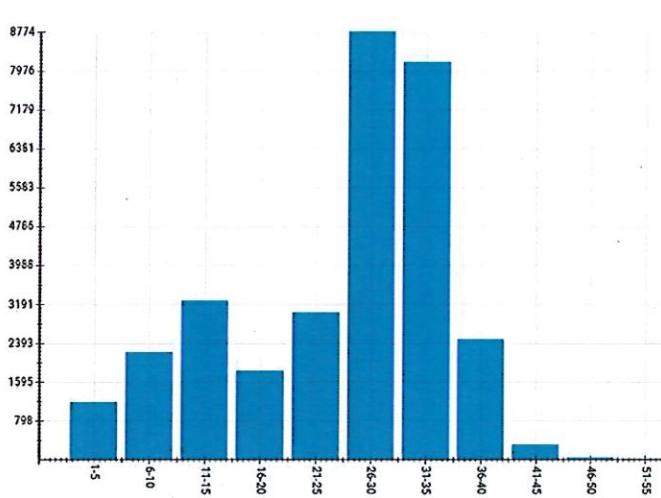
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SPEED TRAFFIC SIGN DEPLOYMENT:

Three solar powered speed signs are currently deployed around town at the below listed locations:

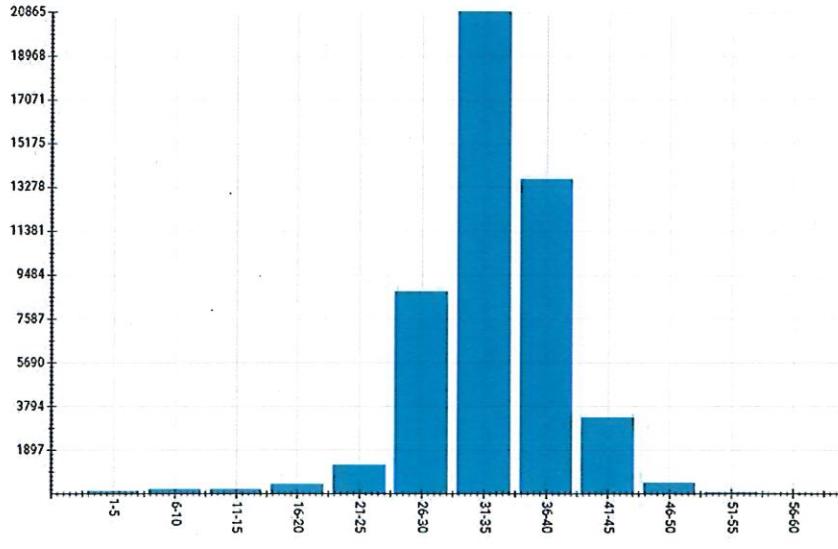
1. Great Neck Road (Route 213) southbound at Great Neck School. (25 mph zone)



Speed (mph)	Count
1-5	1185
6-10	2209
11-15	3258
16-20	1823
21-25	3014
26-30	8774
31-35	8163
36-40	2471
41-45	296
46-50	30
51-55	2

2. Clark Lane southbound at Clark Lane Middle School. (30 mph zone)

Speed (mph)	Count
1-5	75
6-10	161
11-15	175
16-20	390
21-25	1223
26-30	8754
31-35	20865
36-40	13609
41-45	3306
46-50	474
51-55	53
56-60	14
61-65	1





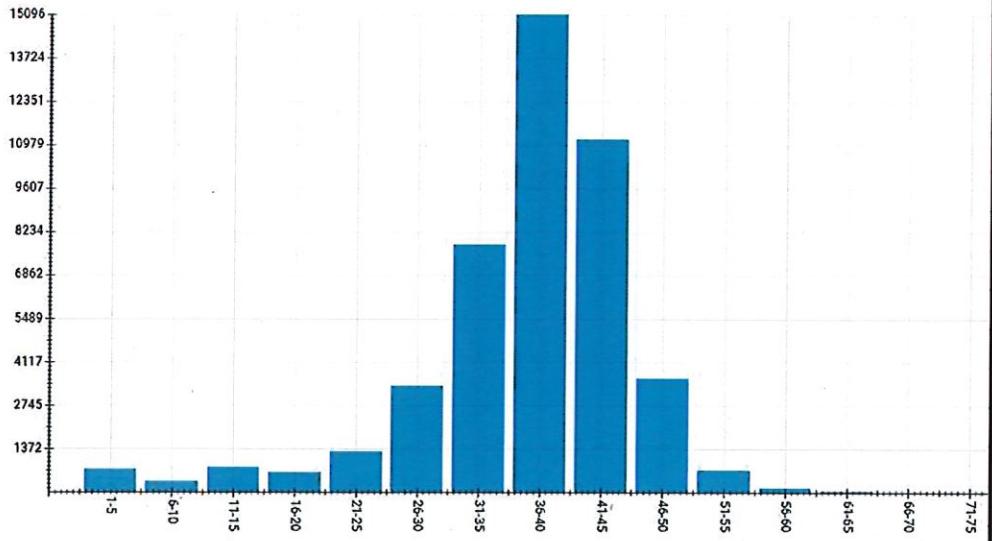
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3. Vauxhall St. southbound south of Hickory Lane. (35 mph zone)



4. A fourth sign is set up on Old Norwich Road, southbound prior to Totoket Rd. The sign is giving visual feedback, but the data cannot be accessed at this time.



THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



K-9 Activity Report

December 2025

K-9 Ozzy

Monthly Uses: 2

2025 Uses: 31

K-9 Tico

Monthly Uses: 2

2025 Uses: 31



K-9 Usage

Ozzy

- On December 14th, 2025, members of the Waterford Police Department located a vehicle that was involved in a road rage incident where an occupant displayed a firearm in East Lyme. A high risk felony stop was conducted and K9 Ozzy was deployed as a less lethal option if any of the occupants failed to comply. The occupants were taken into custody without incident and a firearm was later located inside the vehicle.
- K9 Ozzy was deployed for an open air sniff of the vehicle involved in the incident listed above. K9 Ozzy displayed alert behavior on the exterior of the vehicle. No measurable amounts of narcotics were located.



Tico

- On December 10, 2025, Officer Surdo and K9 Tico responded to assist with a motor vehicle stop where the passenger ran from the vehicle. K9 Tico was deployed for a track and located the passenger. Officer Surdo gave the passenger verbal commands to which the passenger complied and the passenger was taken into custody.
- On December 20, 2025, Officer Surdo and K9 Tico assisted the East Lyme Police Department in a narcotics search of a vehicle. K9 Tico displayed alert behavior on multiple areas of the vehicle. An occupant of the vehicle was found to be in possession of "crack" cocaine and was taken into custody.

Monthly Training

- Monthly K-9 training was conducted on 12/2/2025 and 12/16/2025 in obedience, tracking, article search, building search, area search, narcotics detections, and apprehension work.



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Youth Office Activity Report



December 2025

- ♦ SRO Malbaurn assisted the WHS administrative team with an investigation after two nicotine vapes were located in school. After reviewing the cameras the incident was handled at the administrative school level.
- ♦ On December 12th SRO Winters and SRO Lane took part in the annual tree decorating event at the WPD. This year a first grade class from QH Elementary School made the decorations and visited Santa.
- ♦ SRO Lane and SRO Malbaurn both attended several boys and girls CLMS / WHS basketball games throughout December.
- ♦ On December 18, 2025 SRO Lane took the two Lapkowski boys to school in a police cruiser. This is an ongoing tradition.
- ♦ SRO Lane assisted the Vernon PD, FBI, and Department of Homeland Security with a child pornography case.
- ♦ On December 23, 2025 SRO Malbaurn investigated a fight involving two female students in the lunchroom. One juvenile summons was issued and the case has been referred to the juvenile review board.
- ♦ SRO Lane and SRO Winters collaborated with the administrative team to host a Christmas Winter Break send-off on December 23, 2025. Members of the Patrol Division also attended.



Month at a Glance

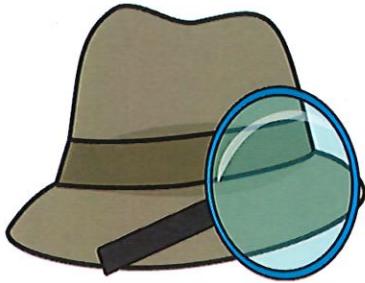
Home Visits: 0

CAD Report: 1

Case Reports: 1

Arrests: 1 / JRB Referrals: 1

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



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Investigative Services Division

December 2025

In the month of December 2025 the Investigative Services Division worked or assisted with 29 investigations.

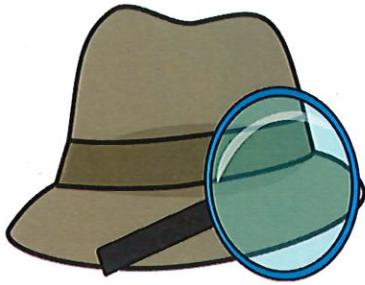
Current Active Investigations (28 Cases):

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

Homicide-1	Pistol Permits-9
Burglary-4	Skimmer—1
Robbery-0	Fraud—2
ID Theft—1	Larceny —2
Untimely—4	Stolen Vehicle—1
Child Abuse/Neglect —1	

Year to Date Statistical Report

Case Numbers	Search Warrants	Background Checks	Arrests	Sex Assaults
90	28	12	10	13
Phone Extract	Auto Theft	Burglary	Unattended Deaths	Robbery
9	2	7	12	1



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Investigative Services Division



December 2025 Updates:

Investigative Services assisted the Department of Homeland security along with State of Connecticut Major Crime with a child pornography case that stemmed from a residence in Waterford. Though the suspect is in custody and resides in a different town, it was learned that potential victims were residing in Waterford at the time.

Investigative Services completed numerous undercover retail assignments in the month of December with the holiday month resulting in more shoppers. Though Investigative Services conducts many undercover retail patrols throughout the year, the holiday season is always a focus with the increase of people in our community.

Detective Carroll attended a NLCFMA Battery Fire Training. This was a one day training that is a requirement in order for Detective Carroll to retain his certification as a Fire Investigator.

December 2025 Investigations:

Detective Carroll, while conducting an undercover retail assignment, observed a male and female subject taking part in a larceny from Home Depot. After a motor vehicle stop in which the female subject ran from the vehicle and was later apprehended, additional drug charges were added.

Detective Bonkowski was assigned three untimely death investigations. These cases are still under investigation awaiting Medical Examiner results but all are not suspicious in nature.

Investigator Bushwack was assigned two weapons compliance cases in the month of December. Both cases stemmed from Domestic Violence arrests in which the state then mandates all firearms be retained away from the residence for safe keeping.

Investigative Services assisted patrol in completing a Risk Warrant and a Risk Protection Warrant on a male who legally possessed firearms after being transported to the hospital after having a medical episode in which his suitability to retain his firearms was deemed inappropriate. These warrants were successfully obtained by the court and the firearms were willingly handed over by the subject and his family.

Detective O'Connell assisted patrol with a \$10,000 larceny from F.W. Webb in which fake invoices were created from a business in Danbury and then a "taxi" service was hired to acquire the merchandise from the fake invoices resulting in the fraud. This case is still under investigation.

Detective Bonkowski was assigned a child abuse case from a residence in Waterford. This originated from a Department of Children and Families report of suspected child abuse. This case will most likely result in an arrest warrant being applied for. The children are no longer residing in the home at this time.

Investigative Services assisted patrol with an elderly scam of approximately \$30,000. The victim purchased numerous Apple gift cards over an extended period of time for a scammer posing as an ex girlfriend. This case is still under investigation.

Investigative Services assisted patrol with car breaks into vehicles parked outside Pure Barre on RTE 85. This case has become more complex with victims information being used throughout numerous jurisdictions.

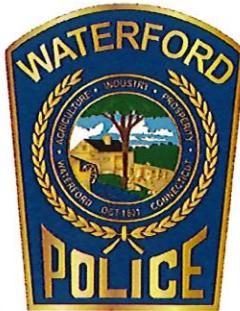
Investigative Services assisted Montville with a report of a juvenile sexual assault that was believed to have occurred in Waterford but was later determined to have occurred in Montville.

December 2025



TRAINING REPORT

DECEMBER 2025



New Officer Updates

Hiring Process: The Waterford Police Department continues its efforts in recruiting and hiring. The agency is holding a physical agility for applicants in January.

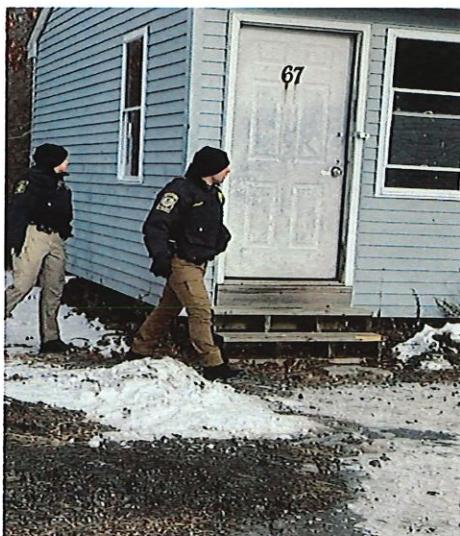
Recruit Status: Recruit Mack is currently in Phase 4 doing 100% of the work. Recruit is scheduled to complete FTO Training the first week of January 2026.

Recruit Holman completed her twenty first week at the Eastern Regional Police Academy hosted by the Law Enforcement Council of Connecticut.

Recruit Morgan completed his twelfth week at the Connecticut Police Academy at POST-C in Meriden, CT.

Trainings: Officer Donovan, Officer McComic, and Officer Jordan attended a 3-day Use of Force Summit hosted by The Daigle Law Group at Mohegan Sun Casino. The Summit consisted of nationally recognized instructors educating law enforcement from around the country on legal updates, best reporting processes, and hands on applications in the matter.

Officer Arpin and Officer Gorman attended a week long Basic Interview and Interrogation hosted by BowMac Educational Services at the Hartford Police Department. This training gives officers various methods for interview and interrogation techniques to conduct non-verbal and behavioral analysis as well as verbal indicators that denote truth or deception.





Support Services Report



December 2025

Records Activity

FOI Requests	118	22%
Warrants	44	42%
Phone Calls	155	-14%
Walk in Assists	113	-7%
Background Checks	7	33%
Protective Orders	41	-7%
Officer Tasking Requests	84	105%
Case Erasures	573	25%
DCF Requests	4	33%
Court Requests	17	31%
Abstracts	288	1%
Video Requests	17	13%
Reports Accepted	237	31%
CISS Arrest Packets	39	3%

- * The CSOs covered 61 shifts during the month, equating to 493 hours of shift coverage.
- * CSO Carlie Robinson presented in a WHS class explaining the responsibilities of the CSO position, and assisted with a department tour.
- * Jenna Hancock attended training on report redaction as part of the FOI process
- * Our department received a large deposit of Clean Slate Erasures, in excess of 2,000, in which Records personnel have begun to process
- * Ashley Kuvent worked with IT to secure a program for redacting audio files, to include 911 calls and other recordings.

CSO Activity

Fingerprints

Adult Arrests	14	Pistol Permits	9
Juvenile Arrests	0	Employment	5
Firearms Transfers	41	Miscellaneous	2
Pistol Permits Issued	5	Peddler/Precious Permits	0
Walk In Complaints	34	Warrant Follow Ups	0



Patrol Report

Commissioners Activity Report

December 2025



BOLO: Leads to Felony Traffic Stop

On December 14, 2025 the East Lyme PD sent out a police broadcast to surrounding agencies looking for a vehicle involved in a road rage incident in which a firearm was displayed. Three minutes after the broadcast Off. McComic, Off. Donovan, and Off. Mack located the vehicle on RTE 85. It turned onto I-395 south where a felony stop was conducted. All occupants were safely taken into custody and probable cause was developed to search the vehicle. An illegal firearm (ghost gun) was located with a high capacity magazine (30 rounds). The passenger faced firearms related charges as he did not possess a pistol permit.

Off. McComic, Off. Donovan, and Off. Mack conduct a felony stop in I-395 after an incident involving a firearm.



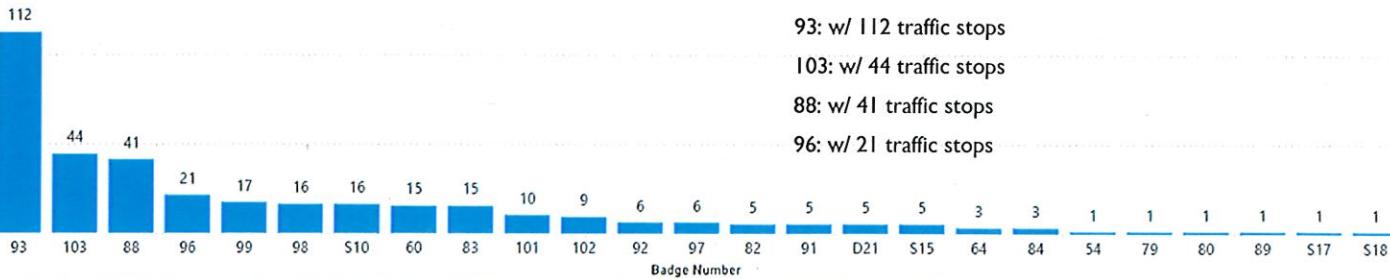
Missing Person Located on Mamacoke Island

On 12/20/25 at 2137 evening shift was sent to Benham AVE for a missing person that had suicidal ideations. A lengthy search commenced which lasted 12 hours and involved the USCG, K-9 teams, the WPD drone, ATV's, and over 12 members of the patrol division. An emergency request was sent into Apple and an accurate GPS location of the subject's last known location on Mamacoke island was obtained. The subject was located deceased. The efforts of the WPD brought closure to the family in locating the missing person.

Patrol Calls for Service Monthly Snap Shot:

Total Service Calls	2827
Case Numbers	136
Arrests	46
Juvenile Arrests	1
Larcenies	25
Arrest Warrants	8
Domestic Violence Investigations	10
Traffic Crash	57
DUI Investigations	3
EDP/Welfare Check	48
School Checks	73
Motor Vehicle	497
Written Warnings	280
Infractions	75
Verbal Warnings	123
Misdemeanor	16
Other	3

SELF INITIATED MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY BY BADGE NUMBER





Officers Use Narcan at Overdose

On December 13, 2025 Off. Donovan and Off. McComic were dispatched to an address in Waterford for a possible drug overdose. Upon arrival officers located a 34 year old unconscious male that was taking shallow agonal breaths. After ensuring that his airway was free from obstruction, officers on scene recognized this was a possible overdose and administered 4mg of naloxone in the subject's right nostril. After several minutes of conducting sternum rubs the subject regained consciousness and was transported to Lawrence and Memorial Hospital for further evaluation.

DV Call Leads to Arrest

December 8, 2025 Off. Sabilia and Off. Colkos were dispatched to an apartment complex in Waterford, CT for an active domestic violence dispute. Upon arrival officers located a pregnant female who advised the father of her three children (who were present) had punched her in the stomach and possibly broken her arm. The female fled into a neighboring apartment and the male suspect attempted to break into the apartment through the window. Officers searched the immediate area and found the suspect in an adjacent unit. He was taken into custody for Assault 2nd Degree of a Pregnant Person, Risk of Injury, and Disorderly Conduct. The victim was provided domestic violence services.

Risk Order Protection / Risk Warrant Completed

On December 30, 2025 Off. Krajewski received a tip from a hospital social worker that a subject with dementia and alcohol dependence was in possession of firearms at a residence in Waterford. After an initial investigation Off. Krajewski applied for a Risk Order Protection as well as a Risk Warrant with co-affiant Bushwack. Both were signed and numerous firearms were seized from the residence. A DPS-2 (revocation of pistol permit) was also completed and submitted to the State of Connecticut.



In the Community Interest





THE WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Animal Control Report



December 2025

- ♦ The ACO's continued to take care of Pixie and her new puppies throughout the month. Pixie was spayed thanks to the donation of funds and became available for adoption. Her puppies will be ready for adoption in early January
- ♦ The ACOs and Percy participated in several community events including shop with a cop, stuff a cruiser event, the stroller parade, and several other holiday events
- ♦ Animal Control hosted a Photos with Santa fundraiser event in which residents brought their pets and made donations to the Non-Emergency Vet Fund, raising over \$1,100
- ♦ Animal Control hosted a "Puppy Snuggle Party" at Sweet Serenity Farm in Salem, raising over \$1,000.



	Waterford	East Lyme
Calls for Service	63	39
After Hour Call Outs	0	4
Tickets Issued	1	0
Warnings Issued	1	0
Dog Bites	0	0
Animals Redeemed	6	2
Animals Adopted	2	1
Animals DOA	0	1
Euthanized	0	0
Total Processed	8	4
Money Taken In	\$135	\$1210
Donations	\$20	\$1210

"Speaking for those who have no voice"



WATERFORD~EAST LYME ANIMAL CONTROL YEARLY REPORT

2025

	WATERFORD	EAST LYME	TOTAL
CALLS FOR SERVICE	979	591	1570
AFTER HOURS CALL OUTS	38	36	74
TICKETS ISSUED	4	5	9
WARNINGS ISSUED	5	4	9
ARRESTS	0	0	0
DOG BITES	40	10	57
ANIMALS REDEEMED	65	47	112
ANIMALS ADOPTED	48	17	65
ANIMALS DOA	9	8	17
EUTHANIZED	3	3	6
ANIMALS PROCESSED TOTAL	134	75	209
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	\$ 2795.00	\$ 4845.00	\$ 7640.00
DONATIONS TAKEN IN	\$ 730.00	\$ 4205.00	\$ 4935.00

The above numbers reflect the activity of the Waterford East Lyme Animal Control for the year of 2025.

The total number of animals processed through the shelter was 209, of that number only six (6) required euthanization, due to injury, illness or aggression issues. (3 aggressive dogs, 1 sick/injured dog, 2 sick/injured cats) This comes out to a 97.12% live release rate.

Last year (2024) the total number of domestic animals handled was 239, this year's number of 209 represents a 12.55% decrease.

Last year (2024) the total number of complaints/calls for service was 1533, this year's number of 1571 represents a 2.4% increase.

Last year (2024) the total number of animal bites handled was 64, this year's number of 57 represents a 10.9% decrease.

Last year (2024) after hours call outs were 69, this years call outs were 74, and this represents a 7.25% increase.

Animal Control Officer Robert Yuchniuk #950

Assistant Animal Control officer Allison Ryan #951



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Community Engagement Report

December 2025

Internship: Jacob Molloy shadowed Day Shift Patrol. Intern Molloy attended DUI Investigation Training at the Law Enforcement Council Police Academy. Intern Molloy had his exit interview with Chief Balestracci and Officer Fredricks. After multiple interviews, Caleb Cobb was selected to be the Spring Semester College Intern and Kian Gordy was selected to be the High School Intern.

Interaction with Youth Services: Spoke about Drug Resistance at Youth Promise.

Assistance to Youth Officers: Spoke about traffic stop safety at Rae's Driving School. Spoke about police profiling with the Waterford High School Criminal Justice Class. Attended the Clark Lane Middle School Holiday Pep Rally and Holiday Concerts at Great Neck School and Quaker Hill School.



K-9 Officer Hodges: Attended New London Regional Multicultural Magnet School's Curriculum Night and the Waterford and Quaker Hill Tree Lightings. Visited Connecticut College and Three Rivers Community College for Wellness Days. Visited the New London Superior Court and Lowe's Improvement. Passed the Public Access Test with Puppies Behind Bars. Held Read to Hodges at the Waterford Library. Brought a donation to the Homeless Hospitality Center

Stuff-a-Cruiser: Organized event where Waterford Police and Waterford Fire held a toy, clothing and food drive at Walmart. Multiple boxes of donations and \$750 in gift cards were collected.

Special Olympics Efforts: Working with the Waterford High School to plan a Mobile Polar Plunge in the upcoming months with their students.

Interaction with Senior Services: Attended Coffee with a Vet. Organized officers to help serve at the Holiday Senior Luncheon.

Officer Wellness: Organized a Wellness Day for Midnight Shift. Taught Gracie Survival Tactics at the LEC Police Academy.

Shop with a First Responder: Organized event where 12 children from families in need were matched up with a First Responder (WTFD Police and 5 other first responder agencies) to buy presents for their families at Target.

Domestic Violence Follow-ups: Conducted 7 follow-ups with a DV victims.

Advance Services Programs: One new registrant added to the program.