Fairfield Police Department Town of Fairfield, Connecticut

Monthly Report December 2024



Chief Robert Kalamaras Fairfield Police Department

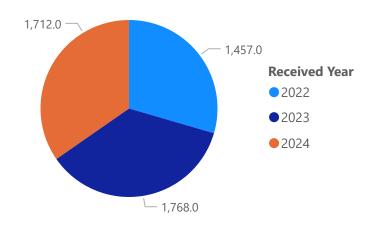
Call for Service Statistics - Year to Date

Actual Call Type	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	Total
911 HANG UP	11	13	7	12	11	10	6	8	15	14	9	17	133
ALARM	3	2	7	1	3	3	4	6	1			4	34
ALARM EXCUSED	1		2		6	2	2	1	3	1	3	4	25
ALARM FALSE	168	171	181	170	151	176	209	188	158	124	143	168	2,007
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	68	48	67	78	108	99	110	114	78	82	84	54	990
ASSAULT	6	1	2	7	5	4	3	1	4	2	5	8	48
ASSISTANCE	190	197	243	219	313	269	272	242	233	257	208	230	2,873
BANK ESCORT	19	11	15	16	14	14	21	14	12	14	13	14	177
BREACH OF PEACE	38	50	45	34	51	47	50	58	57	60	43	41	574
BURGLARY - RESIDENCE	3		1	1		4			1		3		13
BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL		1	3	2	5	1	3	1	2	1		1	20
BURGLARY - GARAGE	1				1	1	1	1	2				7
BURGLARY ATTEMPT	1				1		1		1				4
BUSINESS/LOCATION CHECK	1,539	1,340	1,273	1,007	1,315	988	825	988	1,301	1,482	1,235	1,300	14,593
DEAD ON ARRIVAL	3	. 1	2	. 4	. 1	1	2		4	2	. 1	3	24
DOOR UNLOCKED	3	2		3	1	1	6	4	4	3	5	1	33
EDP	14	13	15	15	15	14	14	14	21	11	14	10	170
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	241	191	189	210	338	353	332	379	396	339	342	378	3,688
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL (CODE 2)	120	113	112	115	6	200	1	2.0	220				467
FIREWORKS COMPLAINT		1	1		8	6	29	6	4	2	1	1	59
FUNERAL ESCORT	17	20	15	21	14	12	11	16	15	4	22	14	181
HARASSMENT	12	21	22	27	17	21	18	21	11	18	13	15	216
	2	7	4	7	9	9	6	5	8	2	3	6	68
INVESTIGATION	129	119	141	142	165	143	173	157	187	160	170	169	1,855
INVESTIGATION-WARRANT ARREST	15	13	20	142	105	2	23	5	14	8	6	6	139
LARCENY/THEFT	20	30	35	42	54	49	39	28	24	50	39	60	470
LARCENY-IDENTITY THEFT	12	14	13	13	15	10	14	14	15	12	7	00	139
MEDICAL ALARM	1	3	4	2	15	10	14	14	15	12	'		10
MISSING PERSON	1	3	2	3	7	6	3	2	7	5	3	2	44
NARCOTICS VIOLATION	1	5	4	1	1	0	5	2	1	5	3	1	10
NOISE COMPLAINT	16	27	33	37	55	57	34	35	69	53	49	23	488
PARKING VIOLATION	31	57	50	52	76	62	67	37	65	50		35	642
RECKLESS DRIVER	24	33	34	42	49	51	43	41	41	45	60 50	32	485
		12		42		24	20	23	16	24	16		
	9		10		23							18	216
ROAD HAZARD	29	15	31	28	29	41	44	48	29	18	22	26	360
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SEX VIOLATION	2	10	3	2	3	1 25	26	25	3	22	0	2	14
SHOPLIFTER	36	16	28	38	37	35	36	25	36	33	8	2	330
	8	8	13	6	5	15	9	9	9	7	6	4	99
STOLEN VEHICLE ATTEMPT		1	1	-		-				4		1	3
	-		1	1	2	1			2	1	2	1	5
	2	-	4	1	2	2	~	-	2	-	3	2	18
SUICIDE THREAT	1	2	2	5	6	1	6	5	2	5	3	2	40
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	28	30	35	36	41	27	47	31	39	37	31	32	414
	26	21	26	18	16	17	27	17	21	11	18	22	240
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	23	15	30	25	23	24	35	21	22	25	17	13	273
TRAFFIC CONTROL MALFUNCTION	12	12	14	8	10	12	13	10	10	10	21	23	155
TRESPASSER	14	4	12	15	11	11	12	10	10	14	11	10	134
VANDALISM MISCELLANEOUS	7	10	7	14	14	17	17	8	5	11	14	13	137
VANDALISM TO STRUCTURE		1					1						2
VANDALISM TO VEHICLE	1	1	1	1	1	2		1					8

Not all Call Types are Included

Call for Service Statistics - December

Actual Call Type	2022	2023	2024
911 HANG UP	15	26	17
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE	2	4	9
ALARM FALSE	217	186	168
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	79	77	54
ASSAULT	4	6	8
ASSAULT IN PROGRESS		1	
ASSISTANCE	187	180	230
BREACH OF PEACE	53	42	41
BURGLARY - RESIDENCE	3	2	
BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL	2	1	1
BURGLARY - GARAGE	1		
EDP	5	21	10
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	435	248	378
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL (CODE 2)	112	124	
FIREWORKS COMPLAINT	3	3	1
HARASSMENT	14	15	15
INTOXICATED SUBJECT	7	2	6
INVESTIGATION	162	137	169
INVESTIGATION-ARREST	6	7	2
INVESTIGATION-FINANCIAL CRIME	6	3	2
INVESTIGATION-FORGERY	1		
INVESTIGATION-INTERNET CRIME	1		
INVESTIGATION-WARRANT ARREST	25	11	6
LARCENY/THEFT	31	39	60
LARCENY-IDENTITY THEFT		15	
M.V. ACCIDENT	207	201	172
MISSING PERSON	4	1	2
NARCOTICS VIOLATION	2	1	1
NOISE COMPLAINT	20	15	23
PARKING VIOLATION	38	40	35
RECKLESS DRIVER	27	32	32
ROAD HAZARD	33	43	26
ROBBERY			1
SHOPLIFTER	25	18	2
STOLEN VEHICLE	8	14	4
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	31	21	32
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	21	25	22
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	34	35	13
TRESPASSER	6	10	10
VANDALISM MISCELLANEOUS	3	9	13
VANDALISM TO STRUCTURE	3		
VANDALISM TO VEHICLE	2	2	
VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	31	26	17



Investigations, Burglaries, Larcenies & Vehicle Thefts

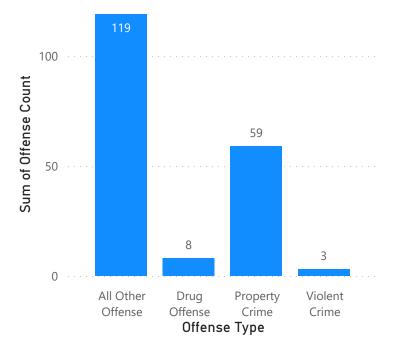
Actual Call Type	2022	2023	2024
BURGLARY - RESIDENCE	3	2	
BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL	2		1
BURGLARY - GARAGE	1		
BURGLARY ATTEMPT - RESIDENCE			1
INVESTIGATION	162	137	169
INVESTIGATION-ARREST	6	7	2
INVESTIGATION-FINANCIAL CRIME	6	3	2
INVESTIGATION-FORGERY	1		
INVESTIGATION-INTERNET CRIME	1		
INVESTIGATION-WARRANT ARREST	25	11	6
LARCENY/THEFT	31	39	60
LARCENY-IDENTITY THEFT		15	
SHOPLIFTER	25	18	2
STOLEN VEHICLE	8	14	4
STOLEN VEHICLE ATTEMPT		1	1
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	33	35	13

Not all Call Types are Included

Offense Statistics - December

Offense Type	2022	2023	2024
All Other Offense	45	44	34
Drug Offense	3	1	4
Property Crime	26	19	14
Violent Crime	1		2
Total	72	64	54

Sum of Offense Count by Offense Type



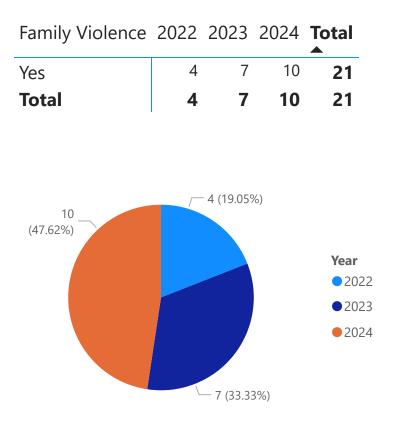
Offense Description	2022	2023	2024
Aggravated Assault	1		2
All Other Larceny			3
All Other Offenses	26	13	10
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	1	2	
Counterfeiting/Forgery		2	4
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	3	3	1
Disorderly Conduct	4	1	1
Driving Under the Influence	4	9	6
Drug Narcotic Violations	3	1	4
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	1	2	
Identity Theft	5		
Intimidation	3	9	8
Motor Vehicle Theft	1		
Shoplifting	13	10	6
Simple Assault	7	9	6
Theft From Building	1		
Theft From Motor Vehicle	2		
Trespass of Real Property		1	3
Weapon Law Violations		2	

The Fairfield Police Department participate in National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) which was implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement. NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident—as well as on separate offenses within the same incident—including information on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, and property involved in crimes.

Definitions for NIBRS Offenses can be found at:

https://ucr.fbi.gov/nibrs/2019/resource-pages/nibrs_offense_definitions-2019.pdf

Family Violence Offense Statistics - December



If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, there are CONFIDENTIAL, SAFE, and FREE services available throughout Connecticut 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

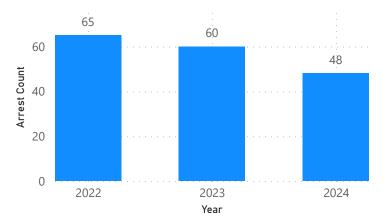
If you need help or just someone to talk to, please visit us at **CTSafeConnect.org** or call or text **(888) 774-2900**. Advocates are available 24/7. All languages are supported!

To learn more, visit www.ctcadv.org or www.CTSafeConnect.org

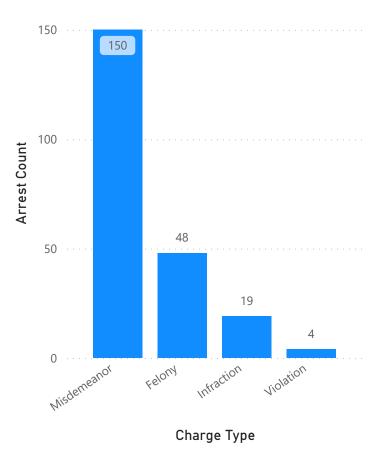
Arrest Statistics - December Top 40 Arrest Charges

Charge Type	2022	2023	2024
Felony	16	21	10
Infraction	7	7	5
Misdemeanor	55	50	45
Violation	1	2	1
Total	65	60	48

Arrest Count by Year



Arrest Count this Month Only

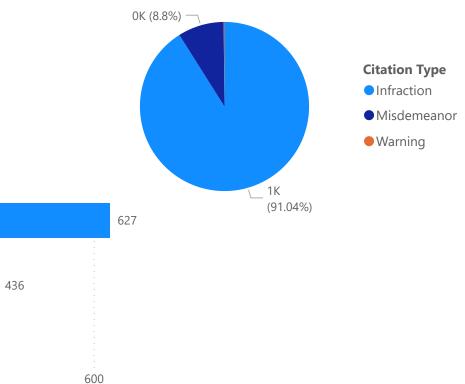


Description	2022	2023	2024
ASSAULT 3RD DEG	2	1	1
ASSLT 3- VCTM ELDERLY OR OTHER	2	1	0
ASSLT PB SFTY/EMT/TRANST/HLTH	0	0	2
BREACH OF PEACE 2ND DEG	7	9	8
BURGLARY 1ST DEG	3	2	0
BURGLARY 3RD DEG	2	2	0
CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION	2	1	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 2ND DEG	1	4	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 3RD DEG	2	0	0
CRIMINAL TRESPASS 1ST DEG	0	2	3
CRIMINAL TRESPASS 3RD DEG	2	0	0
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	6	8	6
DUI02 BAC LESS THAN 21 YRS	0	1	1
EVADE RESP-INJURY/PROP DAMAGE	1	0	2
EXTRADITION ARREST NO WARRANT	2	0	0
FAILURE TO APPEAR 1ST DEG	1	3	1
FAILURE TO APPEAR 2ND DEG	11	8	3
FAILURE TO DRIVE UPON RIGHT	0	3	1
FLR TO DRIVE IN PROPER LANE	2	0	0
FLR TO INSURE PRIVATE MTR VEH	2	0	0
FLR TO RESPOND TO INFRACTION	0	2	1
FOLLOW TOO CLOSELY-W/ACDNT	1	1	0
FORGERY 2ND DEG	2	2	0
HARASSMENT 2ND DEG	0	4	1
IDENTITY THEFT - 2ND DEGREE	1	0	1
IDENTITY THEFT - 3RD DEGREE	1	0	1
ILL OPN MV UNDER INFL ALC/DRUG	4	9	4
ILL OPN MV UNDER SUSPENSION	5	0	0
IMPROPER USE-MARKER/LIC/RGSTR	1	1	2
INTERFERE WITH OFFCR/RESISTING	7	4	6
INTERFERING W/AN EMERGNCY CALL	0	0	2
LARCENY 1ST DEG	4	2	0
LARCENY 2ND DEG	3	0	0
LARCENY 3RD DEG	0	4	1
LARCENY 4TH DEG	3	0	1
LARCENY 5TH DEG	4	2	0
LARCENY 6TH DEG	14	5	10
LARCENY OF MV - 1ST OFFENSE	0	2	0
OPERATE MV WITHOUT LICENSE	2	0	1
OPERATE/PARKS UNREGISTRD MV	3	0	2
ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT <\$10000	0	2	0
POS CONTROL SUBSTNCE 1ST OFFNS	1	1	3
RISK OF INJURY TO CHILD	0	2	1
THREATENING 2ND DEG	2	0	0
THREATENING 2-PHYSICAL THREAT	0	1	1
USE OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	2	0	1
VIOLATION OF PROBATION	9	2	3
VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER	1	6	4

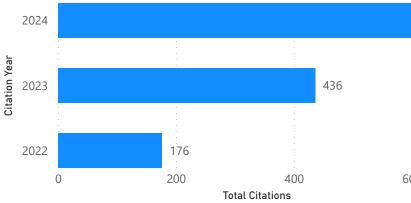
Citation Statistics - December

Citation Type	2022	2023	2024	Total ▼
Infraction	134	411	583	1,128
Misdemeanor	40	25	44	109
Warning	2			2
Total	176	436	627	1,239

Total Citations by Citation Type

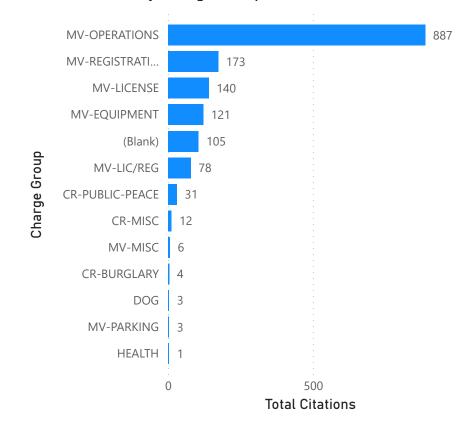


Total Citations by Citation Year



Charge Group	2022	2023	2024
	36	24	45
CR-BURGLARY	2		2
CR-MISC	1	9	2
CR-PUBLIC-PEACE	6	8	17
DOG	1	2	
HEALTH			1
MV-EQUIPMENT	1	39	81
MV-LIC/REG	23	19	36
MV-LICENSE	27	39	74
MV-MISC	3		3
MV-OPERATIONS	118	330	439
MV-PARKING	2		1
MV-REGISTRATION	38	48	87
Total	199	436	627

Total Citations by Charge Group

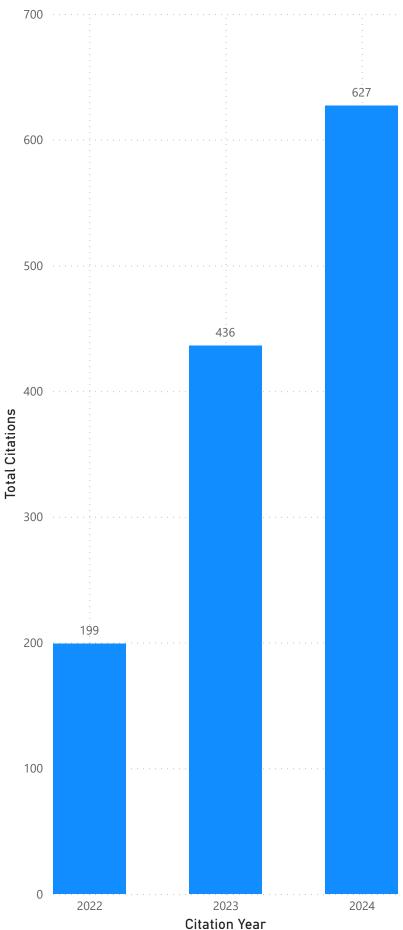


Citation Statistics - December

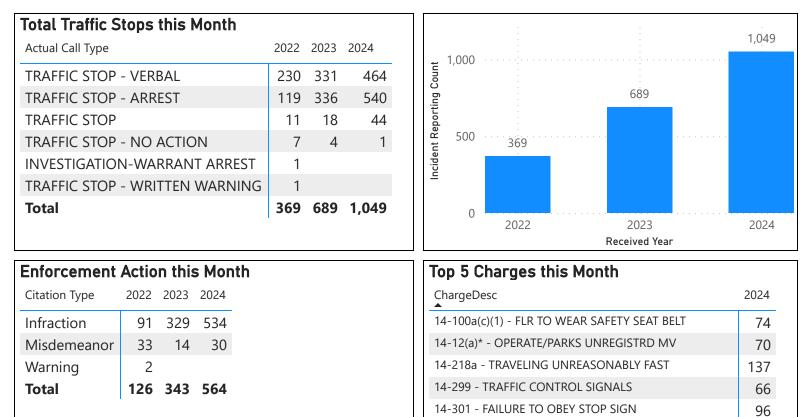
Top 40 Citation Charges

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ChargeDesc	2022	2023	2024
14-100a(c)(1) - FLR TO WEAR SAFETY SEAT BELT		36	74
14-100a(d(1(B - TRANS CH 2-<5YRS<40LB WO RSTRN		3	
14-12(a) - FAILURE TO RENEW REGISTRATION	6	3	3
14-12(a)* - OPERATE/PARKS UNREGISTRD MV	30	43	75
14-13 - FAILURE TO CARRY REG/INS CARD	2	4	6
14-147(a) - FALSIFY MARKER/LICENSE/RGSTRTN	6		
14-147(c) - IMPROPER USE-MARKER/LIC/RGSTR	23	19	36
14-147c - MISUSE OF PLATE		1	4
14-18(a) - FAIL TO DISPLAY PLATES/INSERTS	7	2	14
14-18(c) - VIO READABLE/LOST PLATES REQS	1		2
14-213 - FLR TO CARRY OPERATOR LICENSE		2	3
14-213b - ILL OPN MV WO MINIMUM INSURNCE	4	25	43
14-215 - ILL OPN MV UNDER SUSPENSION	5	11	18
14-215(a) - ILL OPN MV UNDER SUSPENSION	2	2	10
14-215a - IL OPN MV UNDER 14-140 SUSPNSN	1	3	2
14-218a - TRAVELING UNREASONABLY FAST	71	163	137
14-218a* - TRAVELING TOO FAST CONDITIONS	1	1	1
14-218aSZ - VIO 14-218A IN A SCHOOL ZONE			8
14-219(b) - SPEEDING INFRACTION-CARS ONLY	1	4	2
14-224b - EVADING RESPONSIBILITY	1	2	
14-230(a) - FAILURE TO DRIVE UPON RIGHT	6	3	5
14-232(a)(1) - IMP PASSING-UNSAFE DISTANCE	2	1	
14-236 - FLR TO DRIVE IN PROPER LANE	8	3	10
14-240(b* - FOLLOW TOO CLOSELY-W/ACDNT	2	9	5
14-241 - IMPROPER TURNS	1	1	2
14-242(e) - LFT TURN-FL TO YLD RT OF WAY	4	1	2
14-243(b) - UNSAFE BACKING	2	1	
14-245 - FLR GRANT RIGHT OF WAY-INTRSCT	1	1	2
14-247 - FLR GRANT RIGHT OF WAY-PRVT RD		1	2
14-279 - ILL PASS STANDING SCHOOL BUS			5
14-296aa(b1st - OP MV W/HNDHLD TEL/ELC DEV/TXT	3	38	60
14-298 - FLR COMPLY STATE TFC COMM REGS	1	21	26
14-299 - TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS	6	19	67
14-300(c) - FLR TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN	1		2
14-301 - FAILURE TO OBEY STOP SIGN	8	61	101
14-36(a) - OPERATE MV WITHOUT LICENSE	19	18	43
14-36a(c) - ILL OPN MV-VIO LICENSE CLASS	2	1	1
14-36g(a)(1) - VIO MV OP REQS BY 16/17 YR OLD	2	2	2
14-99g(b) - TINTED AUTO GLASS REQUIREMENTS			3
38a-371 - FLR TO INSURE PRIVATE MTR VEH	24	5	13
53a-110a - SIMPLE TRESPASS	2		2
53a-181a - CREATING A PUBLIC DISTURBANCE	6	8	17
7-148 - TOWN ORDINANCE \$90 OR LESS(CI)		6	1

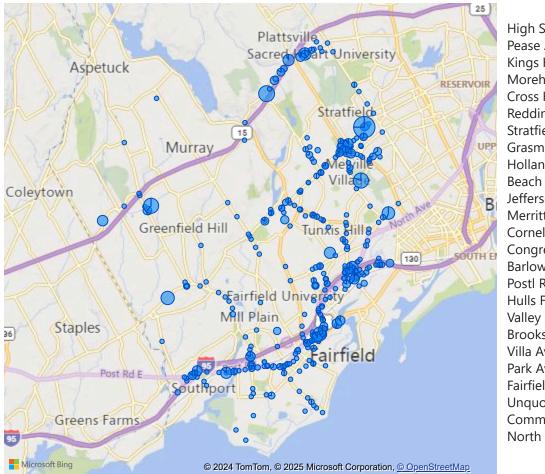
Citations by Year during this Month



Traffic Stop Statistics - December



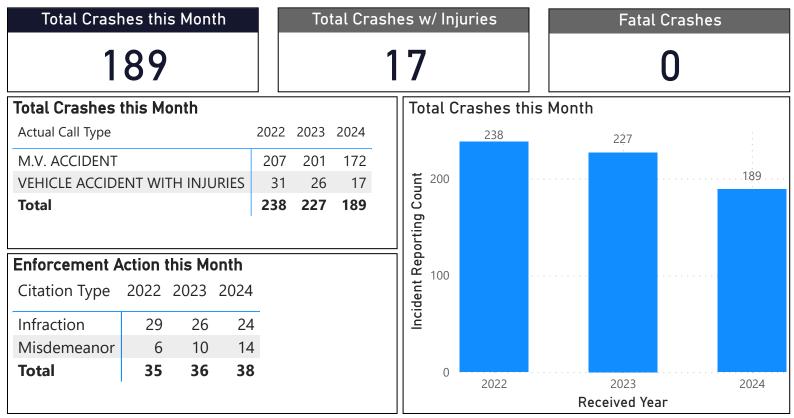
TRAFFIC STOPS THIS MONTH:



Targeted Areas this Month:

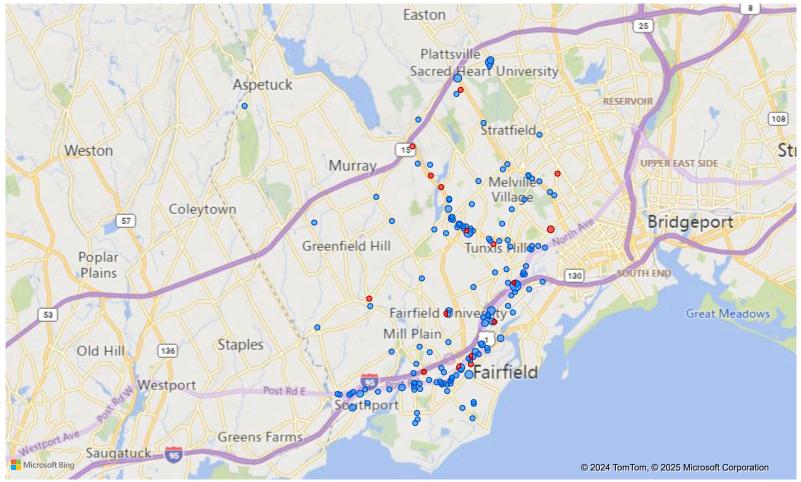
High St Pease Ave Kings Hwy C/O Morehouse Hwy Cross Hwy Redding Rd Stratfield Rd Grasmere Ave Holland Hill Rd Beach Rd Jefferson St Merritt St Cornell Rd Conaress St Barlow Rd Postl Rd Hulls Farm Rd Valley Rd Brookside Dr Villa Ave Park Ave Fairfield Woods Rd Unquowa Rd Commerce Dr North Pine Creek Rd

Vehicle Crash Statistics - December



VEHICLE CRASHES THIS MONTH

M.V. ACCIDENT VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES



Special Services Bureau - December

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The following is a summary of the proactive work completed during this month by the respective units noted below. Additional details and/or statistics may be found on other pages of this report. This page is intended to serves as a summary and to recognize the dedication of each units personnel.

Traffic Safety & Crash Investigation Units

Traffic Unit Officers conducted a total of 831 traffic stops during the reporting period, leading to the issuance of 476 infractions, 10 misdemeanor summonses for various violations, and 2 DUI arrests. In light of the holiday season, the Traffic Unit Officers opted to issue a higher number of warnings compared to previous months, while also observing an increase in the overall number of traffic stops. Additionally, the Traffic/Crash Units successfully implemented HSO grants for the "Click It or Ticket" and DUI enforcement campaigns throughout the month. Crash Unit Officers responded to a total of 77 MV Crashes, 3 with injuries resulting in 10 issued infractions, 4 Misdemeanor Summons' and 1 executed Search Warrant for DUI.

Crash Investigation December Monthly Report

SERGEANT M. KOMM / OFFICER M. LETSCH / OFFICER K. WELLS						
MV. Accidents	MV. Accidents Injuries	Search Warrants	Arrest Warrants			
77	3	*1	0			
Infractions	Misdemeanors	Fatalities	Serious MVA			
10	4	0				
Details						
*Search warrant for DUI 24-00087297						

Traffic Unit Report:

Total Traffic Stops by Traffic Officers: 831 Total Infractions Issued: 476 Total Misdemeanor Summons Issued: 10 DUI Arrests: 2

Marine Unit:

The required financial documentation for the replacement of the engines for the 23' SafeBoat has been approved by the Town. A special thank you to Marine Unit Officer Edward Terifay for compiling the necessary specifications for the engine replacement, and to Lieutenant James Wiltsie for assisting. The SafeBoat engine replacement will be partially funded through ARPA funds (\$23,800.00) and the PSG Grant (\$23,217.12).







School Safety Division - December

The School Safety Division is responsible for creating a physical presence at assigned school(s) and school related events. School Safety Officers serve as an informational resource to staff, students, and parents on safety information and interpretation of law. The division is also responsible for the implementation of new safety and law curriculum and to serve as an educator to the student population at assigned schools. It further aides in enhancing physical security and security procedures at assigned schools and periodically assessing, identifying and reporting vulnerabilities at assigned schools.

The School Safety Unit Officers responded to a total of 509 calls for service, which included school checks, assistance and EMS calls, investigations, community events, and reports of suspicious persons and vehicles during the month of December 2024.

Business Checks (Schools)	437
Assistance Calls	21
Community Events	30
Emergency Medical Calls	6
Investigations	4
Suspicious Persons	1
Suspicious Vehicle	1
Alarm	1
911 Hang Up	5
Parking Violation	1
Traffic Control Malfunction	1
Animal Complaint	1

Events/Updates:

• No additional updates for December 2024.



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Parking Enforcement Statistics - December

Findings 12/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

908 Parking Citations Issued

(760 prior year – December 2023) YEAR END TOTAL: 7,750 (vs. 7,045 in 2023)

\$23,899.97 Funds Collected

(\$19,435.95 prior year - December 2023)

Year End Total = \$301,626.97 (vs. \$250,336.50 in 2023)

Parking Ticket Summary:



Parking Financials

2024 FINANCIALS	Funds Collected (Paid/Partial)	Total Reduced (Adjusted)		
January	\$23,260.59	\$100 – Two (2) Beach Late Fees (\$50 each) removed		
February	\$20,737.64			
March	\$21,863.02	\$75 – Three (3) Late Fees (\$25 each) removed		
April	\$22,089.40			
May	\$22,194.48	\$410 Four (4) Late Fees (\$25 each) removed & \$310 reduced for <u>Two (2) Beach Violations and charged for Day Fees per P&R as</u> <u>IPADS were not working.</u>		
June	\$34,043.03	\$385.00 <u>\$320 reduced for Two (2) Beach Violations & charged for</u> Day Fees as P&R IPADS down & Two (2) Late Fees removed		
July	\$39,569.65			
August	\$32,443.76			
September	\$20,747.79	\$125 – Two (2) Tickets Reduced by Hearing Officer in amount of \$50 each and one (1) Late Fee removed in amount of \$25.		
October	\$19,075.33			
November	\$21, 702.31			
December	<u>\$23,899.97</u>			
TOTAL	\$301,626.97	(\$1,095.00)		

Animal Control & Shelter - December

Complaints: 64 *Roaming, barking, animal bites, nuisance, wildlife, cruelty, dead animals*

Wildlife related complaints: 21 Animals tested for rabies: 0 Animals testing positive for rabies: 0 Animals impounded: 11 (6 dogs, 1 cat, 4 kittens) Animal bites: 0 dog bites

Enforcement: 3 written warnings, 1 infractions issued (roaming cow)

Dead animals picked up: 16

Beach/Open Space/Other:

Less wildlife activity due to cold weather.

Euthanized: 0

Sold as pet: 1 dog, 1 cat, 2 kittens

Animals housed at shelter: 10 dogs, 2 cats, 2 kittens

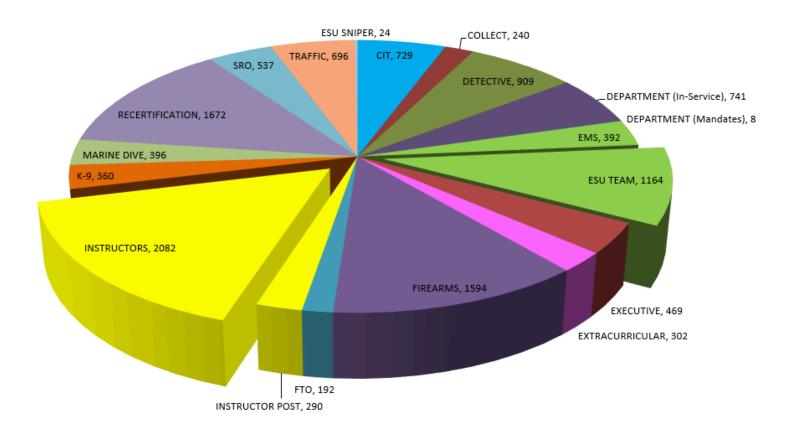


Department Training Report - December

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Class Attendance	120	659	980	1298	929	995	1289	1789	2028
Officers With Classes	54	109	104	109	109	114	112	114	118
Officers No Classes	54	-1	0	0	0	3	13	11	5
Total Officers	105	102	107	107	106	117	125	125	123
Officers/Class Average	2.14	3.14	3.26	3.10	3.14	2.88	3.05	3.06	3.41
Amount of Class Days	88	335	453	636	450	543	684	741	829
Segments	56	210	301	419	296	346	423	585	594
Average Days/ Class	1.57	1.60	1.50	1.52	1.52	1.57	1.62	1.27	1.40

	Students	Instructor	s
FTO Instructor Certification	192	48	Certification
ESU	96		Monthly
Instructor POST	84		Recruits
Department Training	70		Stop Sticks
Marine Division Training	40		
NCIC/Collect	36		Annual Recertification
Firearms TASER	36		Annual Recertification
К-9	32		

	Month	YTD
Training Hours Outside	396	4649
Training Hours Inside	272	8148



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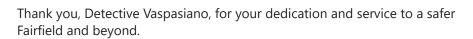
Our K9s had the chance to meet the big guy himself, Santa Claus! This festive moment was part of a wonderful fundraiser hosted by the Norwalk Veterinary Hospital. We are grateful to our community partners for including us in this paws-itively cheerful event!



We are proud to recognize Detective Anthony Vaspasiano for his outstanding work as a Task Force Officer with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service's Connecticut Organized Financial Fraud Task Force.

Since joining the Task Force in February 2024, Detective Vaspasiano has demonstrated exceptional commitment to protecting the citizens of Connecticut. His investigative skills, local partnerships, dedication, and work ethic have been instrumental in solving major cases, including the investigation of a Postal Service vehicle break-in and a high-volume stolen check operation. These efforts have already resulted in multiple arrests and further collaboration with the U.S. Attorney's Office.

This commendation reflects not only Detective Vaspasiano's hard work and professionalism but also the strong partnership between the Fairfield Police Department and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.







The Fairfield Police Union hosted their annual Holiday Luncheon at the Bigelow Center for Senior Activities, marking another successful year of this cherished tradition. Each year, we look forward to this special event where Fairfield police officers and support staff come together to serve and connect with our wonderful senior community.

The holiday season is a time for togetherness and giving, and this luncheon is a reflection of the commitment our officers have to fostering community relationships. We always enjoy the opportunity to share a meal, engage in meaningful conversations, and spread holiday cheer with the incredible members of the Bigelow Center.

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Congratulations to Officers Evan Strausser and Michael Toth who were awarded the prestigious Samuel J. Luciano Award, presented by the Connecticut Police Chiefs' Association. This esteemed honor is conferred upon academy recruits who attain the highest academic average in their respective classes.

~Officer Evan Strausser distinguished himself in CT Police Academy Class #379. ~Officer Michael Toth demonstrated excellence in CT Police Academy Class #380.

Since graduating, both officers have successfully completed their field training programs and are excelling as valued members of our department. Their dedication to excellence and professionalism continues to positively impact our community.

The Samuel J. Luciano Award underscores a commitment to academic rigor, discipline, and the pursuit of excellence during Basic Recruit Training. These officers exemplify the dedication and professionalism that are hallmarks of Connecticut's law enforcement.



Spreading Holiday Cheer!

We had the joy of distributing toys to local children in need once again this year, with a little help from Santa himself!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated, donated, and supported this year's Annual Holiday Toy Drive. Your generosity made this possible!

A special shoutout to Officer Mark Letsch for his dedication in organizing this wonderful initiative each year.

Together, we've made the season brighter for so many in and around our community. Thank you for making it unforgettable!

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Supervisory Recognition of Personnel

The following personnel were recognized this month for exemplary actions or achievements, regardless of when the incident or effort occurred. This section highlights outstanding contributions by team members who have demonstrated exceptional commitment and professionalism. The content below provides summaries of the actual commendations to emphasize the impactful work that earned these recognitions. Supervisor recognition is essential in building a culture of excellence, encouraging continued dedication, and acknowledging the exceptional efforts of our personnel.

Lieutenant Matthew Riendeau, Sergeant Christopher Ioli, Detectives Michael Zerella, Alex Fucci, Virgil Procaccini, Michael Mazzocchi, Justin Young, and Officer Anthony Falbo:

On December 3, 2024, Captain Granata commended the Fairfield Police Department for their exemplary performance during the investigation of homemade explosive devices over the December 1, 2024, weekend. This high-stakes case involved the discovery of a homemade explosive device detonation that injured an individual.

Key personnel included Lt. Matthew Riendeau, Sgt. Christopher Ioli, Detectives Michael Zerella, Alex Fucci, Virgil Procaccini, Michael Mazzocchi, Justin Young, and Officer Anthony Falbo. Their swift response and meticulous investigation led to search warrants for two residences and a vehicle, the evacuation of nearby homes, and collaboration with the Stamford Police Department Bomb Squad, the FBI New Haven Field Office, and other agencies.

The team demonstrated exceptional skill in managing evolving challenges and resolving the situation safely. The Stamford Police Department Bomb Squad's expertise was pivotal in securing undetonated devices and ensuring public safety, while the FBI contributed to cross-jurisdictional efforts and interviews.

This case highlights the department's professionalism, adaptability, and dedication to community safety, reflecting great credit upon all involved.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Granata

Sergeant Michael Stahl

On December 4, 2024, Captain Granata commended Sergeant Michael Stahl for his innovative redesign of the Fairfield Police Department's presence on the PoliceApp platform. His efforts have significantly enhanced the department's ability to attract top-tier law enforcement candidates amidst stiff competition in Connecticut.

Sergeant Stahl's design effectively highlights Fairfield PD's professionalism, focus on community-centered policing, and emphasis on officer development and technological innovation. It showcases diverse career opportunities, including specialized units such as the K9 Unit, Marine Unit, Drone/UAS Unit, and Community Outreach, while also emphasizing leadership development and training.

Beyond representing the department, Sergeant Stahl's work positions Fairfield as a desirable New England community, emphasizing its quality of life, top-rated schools, cultural offerings, and proximity to New York City. This comprehensive and transparent approach has strengthened the department's recruitment narrative, aligning it with future strategic goals.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Granata

Traffic Authority Restructuring

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §14-298, as outlined in Connecticut House Bill HB 5330, Sections 7 and 8, **the Town of Fairfield has implemented a restructuring of its traffic governance**. This legislative change allows municipalities to create a distinct entity to serve as their Local Traffic Authority, independent of the Police Board of Commissioners, which has traditionally held this role in many towns.

On December 16, 2024, the Fairfield Representative Town Meeting (RTM) voted to appoint members to the newly established Fairfield Traffic Authority, officially transferring the responsibilities previously managed by the Fairfield Police Board of Police Commissioners. These responsibilities include **oversight of traffic signals, signage, road markings, and traffic calming measures.**

The formation of the Fairfield Traffic Authority is expected to streamline processes and provide focused expertise in managing traffic operations.

Transition Period:

To ensure a seamless transition, a 60-day transition period began on December 16, 2024, during which the Fairfield Police Department will work closely with the new authority to hand over all relevant responsibilities. This **transitional period will conclude on February 14, 2025, at which point the Fairfield Traffic Authority will fully assume its duties.**

Public Guidance During the Transition:

During the transition, the Fairfield Police Department will no longer accept requests for traffic surveys or traffic calming measures. Residents are encouraged to direct such inquiries to the Fairfield Traffic Authority after February 14, 2025. However, **the Fairfield Police Department will continue to handle traffic enforcement complaints, such as those related to speeding or parking violations**. Residents can submit enforcement requests via the Citizen Service Request portal via <u>fpdct.com/traffic</u> or directly at <u>fairfieldct.org/311</u>.

Effective February 14, 2025, all new requests related to traffic signals, signage, road markings, and traffic calming measures will fall under the jurisdiction of the Fairfield Traffic Authority. This change represents a collaborative effort to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Fairfield's traffic management systems.

Additional Information:

Details about the Fairfield Traffic Authority, including contact information, will be communicated to the public prior to the end of the transition period.



The Fairfield Police Department remains dedicated to maintaining a safe community, protecting life and property, reducing crime and the fear of crime and to performing its function in a manner which promotes public trust and confidence. The Department strives to achieve its mission through the core values of Professionalism, Honor and Excellence.

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