Fairfield Police Department Town of Fairfield, Connecticut

Monthly Report March 2025



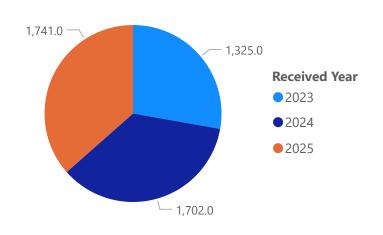
Chief Robert Kalamaras
Fairfield Police Department

Call for Service Statistics - Year to Date

Actual Call Type	01 - January	02 - February	03 - March	04 - April	Total
VANDALISM TO VEHICLE	1	1	1		3
VANDALISM TO STRUCTURE			2		2
VANDALISM MISCELLANEOUS	4	6	10		20
TRESPASSER	8	4	14		26
TRAFFIC CONTROL MALFUNCTION	15	18	20		53
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	13	5	13		31
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	23	18	15		56
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20	16	21		57
SUICIDE THREAT	1	1	2		4
SUICIDE ATTEMPT		2	3		5
SUICIDE			1		1
STOLEN VEHICLE	1	4	7		12
SHOPLIFTER	3	5	9		17
SEX VIOLATION	2	2	2		6
ROAD HAZARD	26	29	34		89
RECOVERED PROPERTY	9	12	12		33
RECKLESS DRIVER	28	23	34		85
PARKING VIOLATION	23	27	60		110
NOISE COMPLAINT	32	25	23		80
NARCOTICS VIOLATION	2	1	2		5
MISSING PERSON	4	4			8
LARCENY-IDENTITY THEFT	2	2			4
LARCENY/THEFT	50	46	42		138
INVESTIGATION-WARRANT ARREST	17	15	16		48
INVESTIGATION	146	112	151		409
INTOXICATED SUBJECT	7	5	7		19
HARASSMENT	13	7	12		32
FUNERAL ESCORT	15	23	13		51
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL (CODE 2)		1	1		2
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	351	337	386		1,074
EDP	13	16	21		50
DOOR UNLOCKED	4	1	3		8
DEAD ON ARRIVAL	2	1	2		5
BUSINESS/LOCATION CHECK	1,313	1,135	1,154	17	3,619
BURGLARY ATTEMPT		5			5
BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL	1		1		2
BURGLARY - RESIDENCE	1	5	1		7
BREACH OF PEACE	47	34	33	1	115
BANK ESCORT	15	19	20		54
ASSISTANCE	194	188	215		597
ASSAULT	1	1	1		3
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	60	51	82		193
ALARM FALSE	195	143	156	3	497
ALARM EXCUSED	3	1	1		5
ALARM	5	2	1		8
911 HANG UP	13	12	12		37

Call for Service Statistics - March

Actual Call Type	2023	2024	2025
911 HANG UP	15	7	12
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE	7	18	3
ALARM FALSE	154	181	156
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	104	67	82
ASSAULT	5	2	1
ASSISTANCE	201	243	215
BREACH OF PEACE	51	45	33
BURGLARY - RESIDENCE	1	1	1
BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL	1	3	1
DUMPSTER FIRE			1
EDP	8	15	21
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	228	189	386
HARASSMENT	31	22	12
HEADACHE		1	
INTOXICATED SUBJECT	3	4	7
INVESTIGATION	152	141	151
INVESTIGATION- SENIOR CITIZEN	1	3	
INVESTIGATION-ARREST	2	1	1
INVESTIGATION-BAD CHECK	1		1
INVESTIGATION-WARRANT ARREST	18	20	16
LARCENY/THEFT	34	35	42
LARCENY-EMPLOYEE THEFT			1
LARCENY-IDENTITY THEFT	10	13	
M.V. ACCIDENT	162	139	172
MISSING PERSON	6	2	
NARCOTICS VIOLATION	6	4	2
NOISE COMPLAINT	28	33	23
OFFICER NEEDS ASSISTANCE			1
PARKING VIOLATION	28	50	60
RECKLESS DRIVER	34	34	34
ROAD HAZARD	23	31	34
ROBBERY		2	
SHOPLIFTER	15	28	9
SICK PERSON		8	
STOLEN VEHICLE	3	13	7
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	36	35	21
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	26	26	15
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	21	30	13
TRAUMATIC INJURY		1	
TRESPASSER	9	12	14
UNKNOWN MEDICAL		1	
VANDALISM MISCELLANEOUS	17	7	10
VANDALISM TO STRUCTURE	1		2
VANDALISM TO VEHICLE	1	1	1
VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	24	17	23



Investigations, Burglaries, Larcenies & Vehicle Thefts

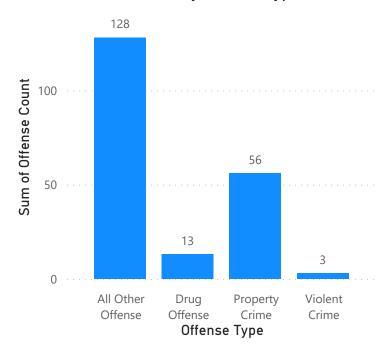
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BURGLARY - RESIDENCE	1	1	1
BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL	1	3	1
BURGLARY ATTEMPT - RESIDENCE	1		
INVESTIGATION	152	141	150
INVESTIGATION- SENIOR CITIZEN	1	3	
INVESTIGATION-ARREST	2	1	1
INVESTIGATION-BAD CHECK	1		1
INVESTIGATION-FINANCIAL CRIME	4		
INVESTIGATION-FORGERY	4		
INVESTIGATION-WARRANT ARREST	18	20	16
LARCENY/THEFT	34	35	42
LARCENY-EMPLOYEE THEFT			1
LARCENY-IDENTITY THEFT	10	13	
SHOPLIFTER	15	28	9
STOLEN VEHICLE	3	13	7
STOLEN VEHICLE ATTEMPT		1	
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	21	30	13

Not all Call Types are Included

Offense Statistics - March

Offense Type	2023	2024	2025
All Other Offense	36	59	34
Drug Offense	1	6	6
Property Crime	20	19	17
Violent Crime	2	1	
Total	56	85	51

Sum of Offense Count by Offense Type



Offense Description	2023	2024	2025
Aggravated Assault	1		
All Other Larceny	4	3	
All Other Offenses	17	23	18
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	1		
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1		
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property		3	
Disorderly Conduct	3		1
Driving Under the Influence	5	10	3
Drug Narcotic Violations	1	6	6
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	1		
Impersonation			2
Intimidation	6	8	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	1	
Pornography/Obscene Material		1	
Rape	1		
Robbery		1	
Shoplifting	12	13	15
Simple Assault	2	6	2
Theft of MV Parts or Accessories	1		
Trespass of Real Property	2	9	1
Weapon Law Violations		1	5

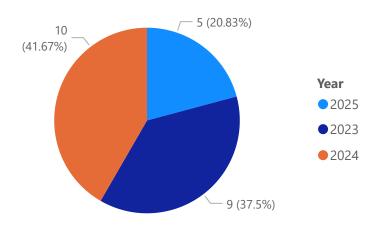
The Fairfield Police Department participate in National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) which was implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement. NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident—as well as on separate offenses within the same incident—including 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 - March

Family Violence	2023	2024	2025	Total ▲
Yes	9	10	5	24
Total	9	10	5	24



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.

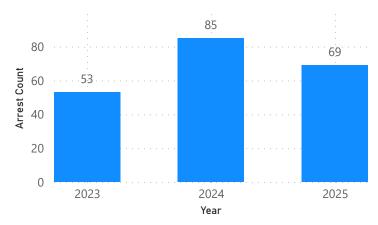
If you need help or just someone to talk to, please visit us at CTSafeConnect.org or call or text (888) 774-2900. Advocates are available 24/7. All languages are supported!

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

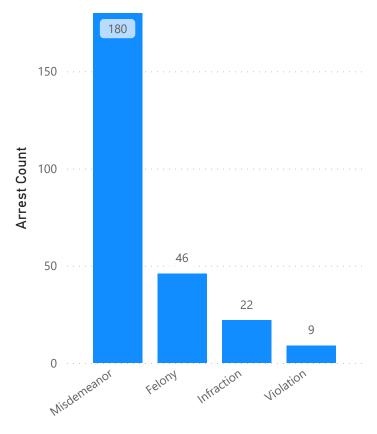
Arrest Statistics - March Top Arrest Charges

Charge Type	2023	2024	2025
Felony	9	23	14
Infraction	6	13	3
Misdemeanor	48	72	60
Violation	3	5	1
Total	53	85	69

Arrest Count by Year



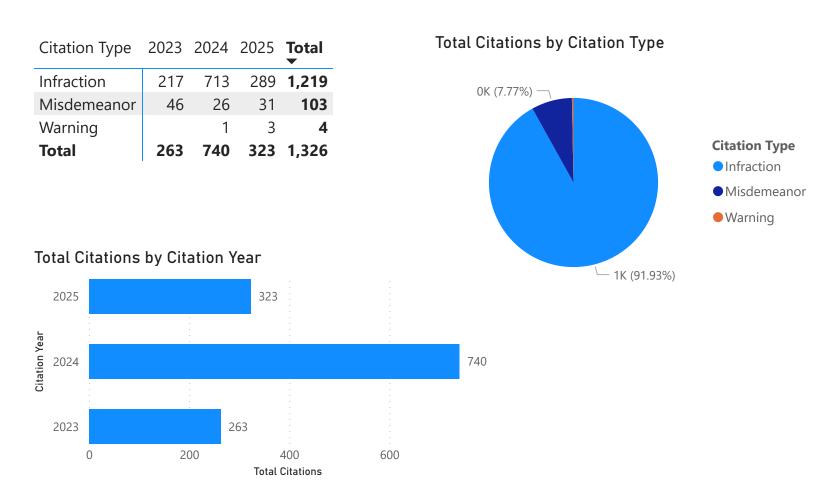
Arrest Count this Month Only



Description	2023	2024	2025
ASSAULT 3RD DEG	3	3	0
BREACH OF PEACE 2ND DEG	6	8	5
BURGLARY 3RD DEG	3	2	0
CARRYING PISTOL W/O PERMIT	0	2	0
CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION	1	1	3
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 1ST DEG	2	2	0
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 3RD DEG	0	2	1
CRIMINAL TRESPASS 1ST DEG	1	3	1
CRIMINAL TRESPASS 2ND DEG	2	1	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	5	3	3
EVADE RESP-INJURY/PROP DAMAGE	1	3	1
FAILURE TO APPEAR 1ST DEG	0	6	0
FAILURE TO APPEAR 2ND DEG	13	15	16
FAILURE TO DRIVE UPON RIGHT	0	2	0
FAILURE TO OBEY STOP SIGN	1	2	0
FAILURE TO RENEW REGISTRATION	2	0	0
FLR TO DRIVE IN PROPER LANE	2	3	1
FLR TO INSURE PRIVATE MTR VEH	1	2	0
FORGERY 2ND DEG	0	1	1
HARASSMENT 2ND DEG	2	2	2
ILL DUMPING BULKY/HZRDS WASTE	0	2	0
ILL OPN MV UNDER INFL ALC/DRUG	4	12	4
ILL OPN MV UNDER SUSPENSION	2	4	1
ILL OPN MV WO MINIMUM INSURNCE	2	4	0
IMPROPER USE-MARKER/LIC/RGSTR	3	5	0
INTERFERE WITH OFFCR/RESISTING	6	8	4
LARCENY 3RD DEG	1	0	3
LARCENY 4TH DEG	2	2	0
LARCENY 5TH DEG	3	3	2
LARCENY 6TH DEG	11	13	17
LARCENY OF MV - 1ST OFFENSE	1	3	3
OPERATE MV WITHOUT LICENSE	2	1	0
OPERATE/PARKS UNREGISTRD MV	1	5	0
ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT <\$10000	0	1	2
POS CONTROL SUBSTN 3RD/SBS OFF	0	2	0
POS CONTROL SUBSTNCE 1ST OFFNS	2	2	5
RECKLESS DRIVING	1	1	0
RISK OF INJURY TO CHILD	0	2	0
THREATENING 2ND DEG	2	0	0
THREATENING 2-PHYSICAL THREAT	0	0	2
UNSAFE BACKING	1	1	0
USE OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	0	3	2
VIOLATION OF PROBATION	5	1	2
VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER	2	1	1

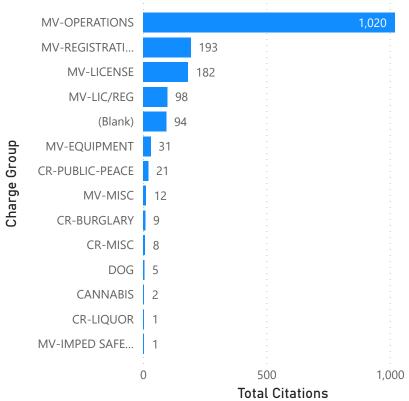
Charge Type

Citation Statistics - March



Charge Group	2023	2024	2025
	36	26	32
CANNABIS			2
CR-BURGLARY		6	3
CR-LIQUOR			1
CR-MISC	2	2	4
CR-PUBLIC-PEACE	4	6	11
DOG	2		3
MV-EQUIPMENT	2	16	13
MV-IMPED SAFETY		1	
MV-LIC/REG	20	19	59
MV-LICENSE	38	58	86
MV-MISC	1	6	5
MV-OPERATIONS	199	640	181
MV-REGISTRATION	39	68	86
Total	263	740	323

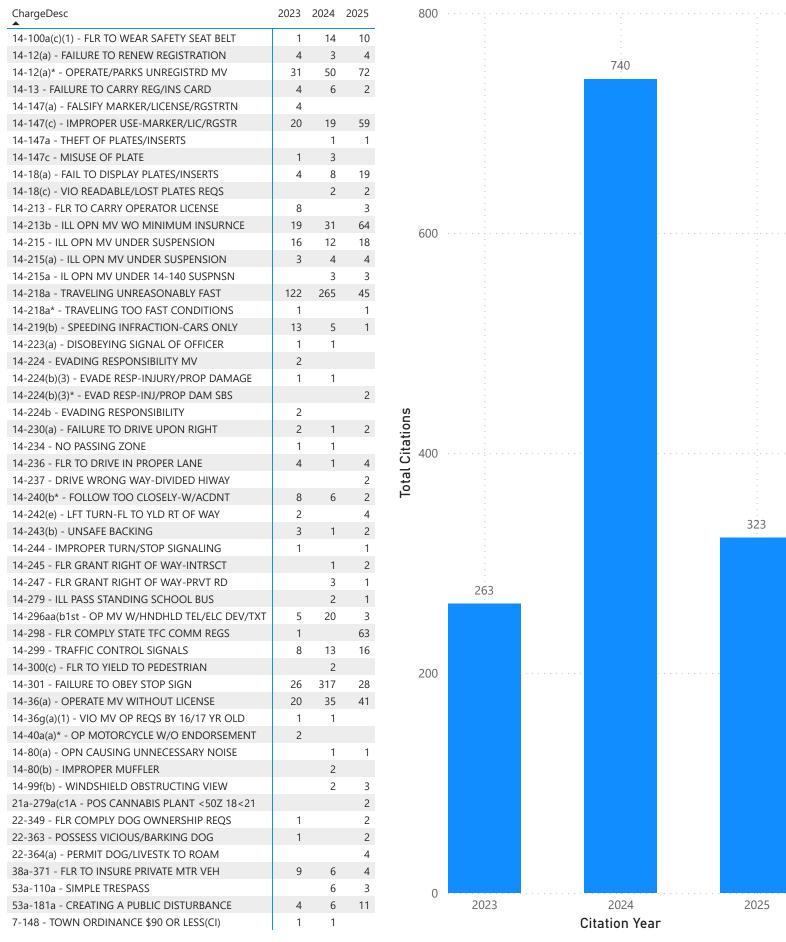
Total Citations by Charge Group



Citation Statistics - March

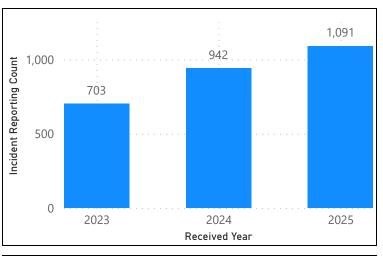
Top 40 Citation Charges

Citations by Year during this Month



Traffic Stop Statistics - March

Total Traffic Stops this Month			
Actual Call Type	2023	2024	2025
TRAFFIC STOP - VERBAL	286	256	795
TRAFFIC STOP - ARREST	161	649	254
TRAFFIC STOP	250	31	38
TRAFFIC STOP - NO ACTION	6	4	2
TRAFFIC STOP - WRITTEN WARNING		1	1
NARCOTICS VIOLATION			1
Total	703	941	1,091



Enforcement	Actio	n this	s Mor
Citation Type	2023	2024	2025
Infraction	183	654	248
Misdemeanor	34	18	25
Warning		1	3
Total	217	673	276

Top 5 Charges this Month	
ChargeDesc	2025
14-12(a)* - OPERATE/PARKS UNREGISTRD MV	69
14-147(c) - IMPROPER USE-MARKER/LIC/RGSTR	56
14-213b - ILL OPN MV WO MINIMUM INSURNCE	62
14-218a - TRAVELING UNREASONABLY FAST	44
14-298 - FLR COMPLY STATE TFC COMM REGS	63

TRAFFIC STOPS THIS MONTH:

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Targeted Areas this Month:

Fairfield Beach Road Marlborough Terrace King Highway Cutoff **Burr Street** Reef Road Redding Road Stratfield Road Kings Lane Pease Avenue **Bronson Road** Jefferson Street Morehouse Highway Toilsome Hill Road **Congress Street** Melville Avenue Cornell Road Hulls Farm Road Valley Road **Brookside Drive** Villa Avenue South Benson Road Fairfieldwoods Road Commerce Circle Post Road

Vehicle Crash Statistics - March

Total Crashes this Month

195

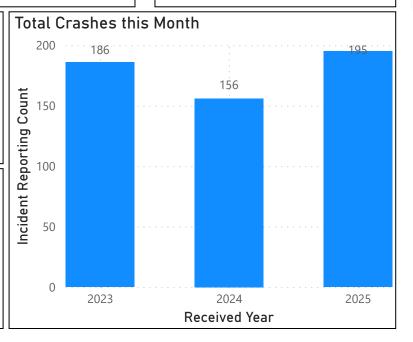
Total Crashes w/ Injuries

23

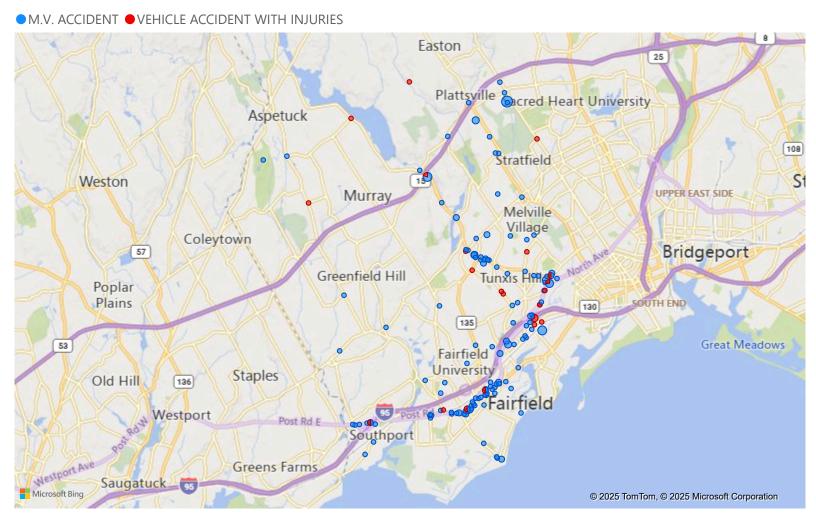
Fatal Crashes

Total Crashes this Month									
Actual Call Type	2023	2024	2025						
M.V. ACCIDENT	162	139	172						
VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	24	17	23						
Total	186	156	195						

Enforcement Action this Month							
Citation Type	2023	2024	2025				
Infraction	23	30	20				
Misdemeanor	9	6	6				
Total	32	36	26				



VEHICLE CRASHES THIS MONTH



Special Services Bureau - March

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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 872 traffic stops during the reporting period, leading to the issuance of 172 infractions, 11 misdemeanor summonses for various violations. The issuance of citations decreased as Traffic Officers implemented an educational flyer as a part of the majority of enforcement efforts.

Citation numbers are expected to rise in April 2025 due to the activation of the DD-HVE Grant (Distracted Driving), which will be in effect throughout the entire month.

	Crash Investig	ation March Monthly Rep	ort			
SERGEANT M. KOMM/OFFICER M. LETSCH / OFFICER K. WELLS						
MV. Accidents	dents MV. Accidents Injuries Search Warrants Arrest Warrants					
87	9	2	*1			
Infractions	Misdemeanors	Fatalities	Serious MVA			
12	5	0	0			
Details						
	*Arrest Warra	nt - 3/27/25 Prepared by Off DeAngelis				
	Search w	varrant By OfF Letsch 2400007740				
Search Warrant by Off Wells/Off DeAngelis 2500020218						
Assist - 3/7/2025- Shelton PD,Download						
Assist - 3/28/2025- Shelton PD, EDR Removal						

Traffic Unit Report:

Total Traffic Stops by Traffic Officers:

827

Total Infractions Issued:

172

Total Misdemeanor Summons Issued:

11

DUI Arrests:

2

Marine Unit:

No updates for the Marine Unit for March 2025.







School Safety Division - March

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 576 calls for service, which included school checks, assistance, community events, EMS calls, and investigations for February 2025. In addition to the calls, 27 Shape Classes were taught; all while actively participating in numerous special events, training sessions, professional development opportunities and school activities.

Incidents Investigated by School Safety Personnel:

Call/Incident Type	Count
BUSINESS/LOCATION CHECK	465
COMMUNITY EVENT	44
ASSISTANCE	32
INVESTIGATION	15
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	4
911 HANG UP	3
M.V. ACCIDENT	3
PARKING VIOLATION	2
ALARM FALSE	1
BREACH OF PEACE	1
EDP	1
RECKLESS DRIVER	1
TRAFFIC CONTROL MALFUNCTION	1
TRAFFIC STOP	1
TRAFFIC STOP - ARREST	1
TRESPASSER	1
Total Incidents/Calls for Service	576

Initial Reports Written
24
Supplemental Reports Written
2
Accident MMUCC Reports Written
1

SHAPE Cla Taugh		Presentations & Instruction		Incident Notifications Made	Assistance or Consult Requests
27	5	8	11	2	24

Events/Updates:

- 3/10 Crisis Response for a Mass Casulaty Incident
- 3/19 Enhancing School Safety Using Behavioral Threat Assessment
- 3/26 Artificial Intelligence and School Safety Conference
- Several officers participated in Read Across America and appeared as guest readers within our school
- Officers judged several Invention Convention competitions (Jennings, Osborn Hill, McKinley)
- Officer McPadden attended the Big Fish Musical at Fairfield Ludlowe High School
- Officer Nicholas Bay was selected for reassignment to the School Safety Division. He will begin on April 1, 2025



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Parking Enforcement Statistics - March

Findings 3/1/2025 - 3/31/2025

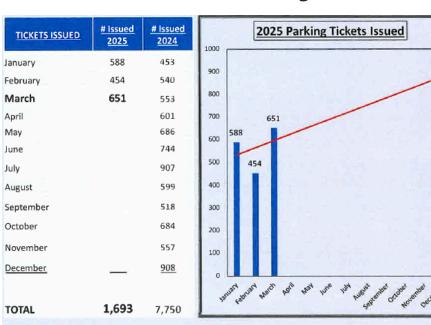
651 Parking Citations Issued

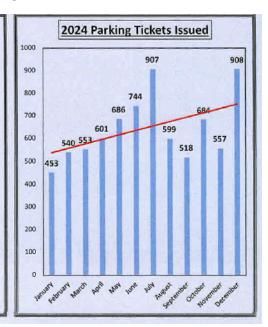
(98 prior year – March 2024)

\$24,472.00 Funds Collected

(\$21,863.02 prior year - March 2024)

Parking Ticket Summary:





Parking Financials

2025 FINANCIALS	Funds Collected (Paid/Partial)	Total Reduced (Adjusted)		
January	\$24,814.71	(\$18.09) - Officer issued Day Fee Parking-\$6.91 on Old Post Road instead of No Parking-\$25 and customer paid the \$6.91 via check.		
February	\$19,632.95	\$0.00 for PD Adjustments * System shows \$10 adjustment for PA / RR Late fee removal		
March	\$24,472.00	(\$50.00) – One (1) Late Fee removed for Beach Citation * System shows \$80 adjustment (\$30 is for PA/RR Late fees removed)		
April				
Мау				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
TOTAL	\$68,919.66	(\$68.09)		

Animal Control & Shelter - March

Complaints: 89

Roaming, barking, animal bites, nuisance, wildlife, cruelty, dead animals

Wildlife related complaints: 22

Animals tested for rabies: 3 (1 bat, 2 coyote pups)

Animals testing positive for rabies: 0

Animals impounded: 9 (7 dogs, 1 cat, 1 guinea pig)

Animal bites: 3

Enforcement: 5 written warnings, 5 infractions issued

Dead animals picked up:21

Beach/Open Space/Other: Increased activity in wildlife due to

warmer weather

Euthanized: 1 (Stray with mortal injuries, hit by a car)

Sold as pet: 2 dogs

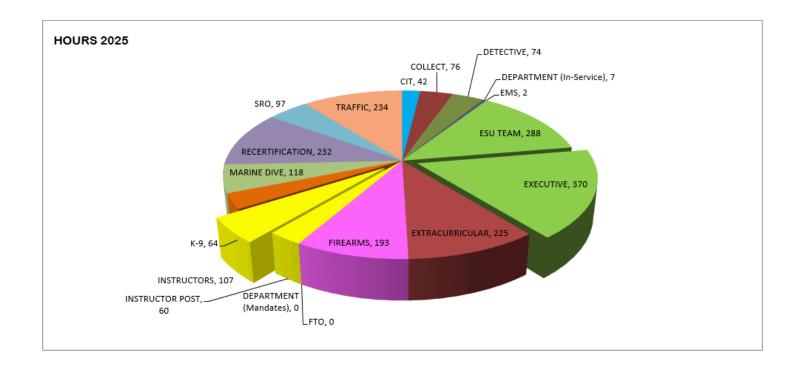
Animals housed at shelter: 6 dogs, 3 cats, 1 guinea pig



Department Training Report - March

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Class Attendance	120	659	980	1298	929	995	1289	1789	2028	390
Officers With Classes	54	109	104	109	109	114	112	114	118	106
Officers No Classes	54	-1	0	0	0	3	13	11	5	17
Total Officers	105	102	107	107	106	117	125	125	123	123
Officers/Class Average	2.14	3.14	3.26	3.10	3.14	2.88	3.05	3.06	3.41	3.10
Amount of Class Days	88	335	453	636	450	543	684	741	829	182
Segments	56	210	301	419	296	346	423	585	594	126
Average Days/ Class	1.57	1.60	1.50	1.52	1.52	1.57	1.62	1.27	1.40	1.44

	Students	Instructors		Month	YTD
ESU	80	Monthly	Training Hours Outside	611	949
Detectives	31	Detective School	Training Hours Inside	526	1240
SRO Certification	20				
Marine Division Training	32				
Instructor POST	24	Recruits			
NCIC/Collect	24	Annual Recertification	on		





Community Service Award: Presented by former Fairfield Police Cadet and current Police Commissioner Jaime Millington, this award recognizes the program's dedication to community service and law enforcement education.

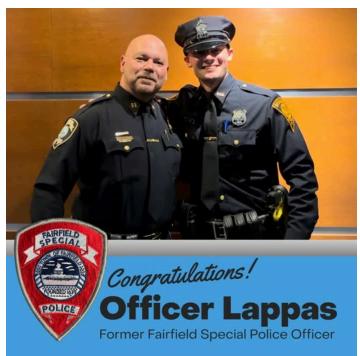
Our Cadet Program Police Advisors (all former cadets) are committed to mentoring and guiding youth interested in law enforcement while making a meaningful impact through service. In 2024 alone, cadets collectively contributed over 4,600 community service hours, assisting the Town of Fairfield through various initiatives, events, and public safety efforts.

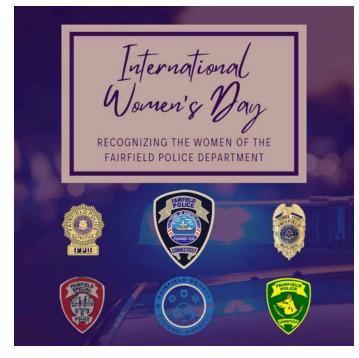
This recognition highlights the hard work, leadership, and dedication of our cadets and advisors in building strong connections between law enforcement and the community.

On March 8th, the Fairfield Police Department celebrated International Women's Day.

The Fairfield Police Department celebrated the incredible women who serve our community with dedication, strength and compassion. A special thank you to the women of the Fairfield Police Department, Fairfield County Regional Dispatchers, Fairfield Special Police Officers, and Fairfield Animal Control Officers for your tireless efforts in keeping our community safe, supported and protected every day.

Your commitment to excellence and service is an inspiration, and we are proud to have you as leaders in our community. Thank you for your hard work, courage and unwavering dedication.





Fairfield Police Department is proud to share that Andrew Lappas, who began his law enforcement career with the Fairfield Police Department as a Special Police Officer, has officially achieved his dream of becoming a full-time police officer with the Bridgeport Police Department.

Andrew's journey highlights how Fairfield's PD Special Police Officer program helps aspiring officers gain real world experience, build connections and take the next step in their careers. By supporting and developing future officers, we are creating a professional network within our community that strengthens law enforcement across the region.

Captain Irizarry, who oversees our Special Police Officers, attended Andrew's graduation to show his support and celebrate this milestone.



On March 13th, National Good Samaritan Day, Fairfield Police recognize and appreciate those who selflessly step up to help others in times of need. Their actions embody the true spirit of community and compassion.

Fairfield Police want to give a special shout out to Erik Rahner, who recently earned the Fairfield Police Department Life Saving Award for saving Alicja Rydza from downing in Lake Mohegan.

The week of March 14th, the members of Fairfield Police Department, along with other law enforcement agencies from across the state, participated in a special training session focused on Crisis Response.

We want to extend our gratitude to Chief Kalamaras, Chief Macnamara from Sacred Heart University and The Secure Community Network for organizing and hosting this valuable training. A special thank you to retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Brad Orsini, who led the session and shared his expertise. This training helps ensure we are better prepared to respond to critical situations and continue keeping our community safe.



Most people see police work on the streets, but behind the scenes, officers like Seth Jenkins play a crucial role in fighting crime.

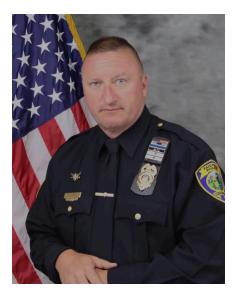


After every report is written, our Investigative Services Bureau Officer Seth Jenkins ensures accurate data entry into the National Incident-Based Reporting System - helping track crime trends and support intelligence-led policing, which better allows for the allocation of police resources throughout the state.

With over 40,000 calls for service each year in Fairfield alone, this is a monumental and essential task which ensures our department operates with precision, accountability, and effectiveness. Accurate crime data is the foundation of proactive policing, resource allocation, and public safety strategies.

Thanks to his flawless attention to detail, teh State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection has recognized Officer Jenkins in his accuracy with data compliance and awarded him in a certificate memorializing 2024 as an error free year for both Office Jenkins and the Fairfield Police Department.

Congratulations Officer Jenkins; your work keeps our department transparent, accountable and ahead of the curve.



We are incredibly proud of Officer Mark Letsch, the 2025 Rotary Pillar of the Community Award recipient.

A 26 year veteran of the Fairfield Police Department, Officer Letsch has dedicated his career to service, from crash reconstruction and emergency response to leading the department's Honor Guard and annual Christmas Toy Drive. His unwavering commitment to public safety and the Fairfield community has made a lasting impact.

Fairfield Police Department is proud to announce that the officers of the Special Services Division Traffic Unit and Crash Unit have been awarded the prestigious Unit Citation Medal for their exceptional teamwork, professionalism, and dedication to public safety.

Officers Anthony Renaldi, Nicholas Ardizzone, Eamonn Monks, and Franck Deangelis, along with Crash Unit Officers Kevin Wells and Mark Letsch, led by Lt. Jeremy Zdru and Sgt. Michael Komm, have gone above and beyond in their mission to improve traffic safety in Fairfield.

Their relentless efforts have resulted in a 252% increase in proactive traffic enforcement from 2023 to 2025, making a significant impact on road safety. Traffic safety is a top priority for the Fairfield community, as it helps prevent accidents, reduces injuries, and enhances the overall quality of life for residents and visitors. Through their dedication and collaboration, these officers have set the standard for proactive policing and community protection.

Congratulations to these dedicated officers for their well-earned recognition! Thank you for your hard work and unwavering commitment to keeping Fairfield's roads safe.





Members of the Fairfield Police Department were recently contacted by Pastor Susan Williamson of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church regarding an attempted scam targeting several members of her congregation. Recognizing the importance of awareness and education, Pastor Williamson turned this concerning situation into an opportunity for learning and prevention by inviting the police to speak with her community.

Sergeant Wellington and Detective Griffin met with the congregation to discuss common internet and phone scams, offering valuable insights and practical strategies to help prevent fraud. Their discussion empowered attendees with the knowledge needed to recognize scams, protect their personal information, and stay vigilant against cyber threats.



On March 26th, Jersey Mike's in Fairfield donated 100% of sales to Make-A-Wish Connecticut as part of their annual Day of Giving.

It was a great opportunity to enjoy a meal while helping make lifechanging wishes come true for children with critical illnesses,

While officers have been stopping in throughout the day, a special thank you to a member of the community, Sonja, who generously purchased and delivered 50 subs to the department for officers to enjoy.

Please join us in congratulating Officer Seth Dyess, who has officially graduated from the Connecticut Police Academy after completing rigorous training in law enforcement fundamentals, physical fitness, criminal law, de-escalation, emergency response, and more. With the academy behind him, Officer Dyess now begins his next phase of three months of field training. He will work side by side with experienced Fairfield Field Training Officers to apply his skills and gain hands-on experience in serving our community.

We're proud to welcome Officer Dyess to the Fairfield Community and are excited to watch him grow in his role with the Fairfield Police Department.



On March 28th, after 8.5 years of dedicated service, we congratulate and thank John Sabito on his retirement from the Fairfield Police Department!



John's contributions have been invaluable in streamlining our operations within the Training Division. He was instrumental in implementing over 17 projects that helped optimize officer training scheduling and ensure that all officers were up-to-date with their required training.

John's attention to detail and unwavering commitment played a vital role in improving department efficiency and supporting our officers. His behind-the-scenes work ensured that our department functioned smoothly and that our officers had the necessary resources to succeed in their roles.

His service to the community goes beyond the Fairfield Police Department. John was recently recognized by the State of Connecticut with a certificate for his 10 years of service assisting with Connecticut elections at polling places, a testament to his commitment to public service.

We are truly grateful for John's service and wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement. Thank you, John, for all you've done for the Fairfield Police Department. You will be missed!



On March 31, we celebrate National Property and Evidence Professionals Appreciation Week and recognize a dedicated team that plays a vital role in the Fairfield Police Department's daily operations.

When evidence or property comes into police custody, it goes through a detailed and secure process designed to maintain the integrity of investigations and protect the rights of property owners. Each item, whether it's evidence, found property, or seized belongings, is carefully logged, labeled, and stored by our Property and Evidence team to ensure it remains intact and properly documented.

Each year, thousands of items move through this process at the Fairfield Police Department, requiring constant attention to detail, organization, and accountability. This behind-the-scenes work is essential to both the justice system and the trust our community places in us.

The work of Officer Paul Medvegy, Detective Kevin McKeon, Officer Seth Jenkins, and civilian staff William Gumpper and Louisa Jones is essential to our success. From managing property and reports to assisting the public, they do it all with professionalism, accuracy, and care,

When residents visit the department to retrieve property or obtain a report, these individuals are often the face of the department, providing respectful, knowledgeable service that reflects the highest standards of our agency.

The Fairfield Police Department simply could not function without the dedication of this division. Thank you for everything you do!

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.

Detectives Virgil Procaccini and Michael Colwell:

Detectives Virgil Procaccini and Michael Colwell demonstrated exceptional investigative skills and determination in solving a series of complex overnight ATM and safe burglaries that spanned multiple towns throughout Connecticut. Beginning in Southport, Connecticut on February 2, 2025, their dedication, thoroughness and strategic use of investigative techniques directly led to the successful identification and arrest of the suspects responsible for these crimes.

Throughout the course of this investigation, Detective Procaccini meticulously analyzed video surveillance from multiple sources, conducted both physical and electronic surveillance, and seamlessly merged traditional investigative methods with modern practices of digital forensics and technology. He executed a search warrant on the suspect vehicle, as well as on three cellular phones, forensically extracting crucial evidence from the devices. Additionally, Detective Procaccini coordinated efforts with the affected towns and worked closely with Bridgeport Auto Theft Task Force detectives and the Bridgeport Fusion Center, who were instrumental in many phases of this investigation.

Detective Michael Colwell, who is assigned to the Bridgeport Auto Theft Task Force, was instrumental in several investigative and operational aspects of this case. His extensive knowledge of criminal behavior, surveillance expertise, and coordination with local and regional law enforcement agencies significantly enhanced the investigation's effectiveness. His contributions were vital in tracking the suspect vehicle, gathering actionable intelligence, and supporting the operation that led to the suspect's arrests.

On February 19, 2025, after weeks of surveillance and evidence collection, Detectives Procaccini and Colwell, along with Fairfield Detectives and local task force officers, executed a targeted operation, resulting in the arrest of the suspects. The operation yielded incriminating evidence directly linking the suspects to the burglaries, and during post-arrest interviews, one of the suspects confessed to multiple burglaries across several towns. This confession, coupled with the recovered evidenced, provided probably cause for additional arrest warrants in connection with other incidents.

Their exceptional investigative abilities and seamless collaboration with surrounding agencies were instrumental in bringing this burglary crew to justice. Their efforts not only solved a series of significant crimes, but also enhanced public safety by preventing further victimization.

Their professionalism and exemplary performance throughout this investigation reflect great credit upon themselves, the Fairfield Police Department, and the law enforcement profession as a whole. It is with great respect that we recognize their dedication and commend them for a job exceptionally well done.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Antonio Granata

Detective Matthew Bok:

Detective Matthew Bok is assigned to the DEA New Haven Tactical Diversion Squad and played an integral role in the investigation against Angel Benitez, who was being investigated by their unit for drug trafficking and firearms possession.

Detective Bok's unwavering dedication, sharp investigative skills and collaborative efforts were instrumental in bringing this case to a successful conclusion. His commitment to combating drug-related crime and removing dangerous firearms from the streets reflects the highest standards of professionalism and service. His contributions not only strengthen public safety but also highlight the exceptional work being done by the Fairfield Police Department in partnership with federal agencies.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Antonio Granata

Supervisory Recognition of Personnel

Officer Seth Jenkins:

Often, officers are recognized for their actions in the field for solving crimes, apprehending fleeing suspects and making split-second decisions that keep our community safe. While these duties are fundamental to policing and occur throughout an officer's career, what Officer Seth Jenkins accomplished behind the scenes is a momentous taskm and something that has never been done before in the history of the Fairfield Police Department.

Over the past several years, Office Jenkins took on the immense mission of organizing the department's mezzanine storage area. This space housed decades of uncategorized case files and property, some dating back to the 1970's. With diligence, patience and an unwavering commitment to excellence, Officer Jenkins spent countless extra hours combing through thousands upon thousands of records, meticulously organizing, categorizing and purging files and records that were long overdue for destruction.

To put this into perspective, the Fairfield Police Department handles approximately 50,000 cases each year. Office Jenkins' work spanned decades of backlogged records, reducing what once amounted to hundreds of boxes down to just two or three per year that future record officers will now need to manage manage for destruction.

Thanks to his dedication, the records mezzanine is no longer an overwhelming or unsecured place, but a clean, organized and efficient storage area, setting a new standard for how records should be handled within the department.

Officer Jenkin's quiet yet transformative contribution demonstrates that not all heroic work happens on the streets. His efforts reflect a deep sense of responsibility, pride in his department, and a lasting legacy of professionalism that will benefit Fairfield Police for years to come.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Antonio Granata

Detective Michael Zerella:

On June 23, 2024, a shooting occurred on Fiske Street, where several shots were fired into an occupied vehicle. The occupant of the vehicle managed to drive themselves to Bridgeport Hospital, where police were called to investigate. Detective Michael Zerella was assigned as the lead investigator in this case.

Detective Zerella immediately responded to the scene, where he gathered critical evidence, and then proceeded to the hospital to speak with the victim. During his investigation at the hospital, Detective Zerella located the vehicle, which had sustained five bullet holes.

The investigation quickly grew in complexity, leading Detective Zerella to gather and piece together a variety of evidence. This included video surveillance footage, witness statements, cell phone evidence, suspect interviews, and intelligence from other police departments. The case also required collaboration with multiple law enforcement agencies, including the FBI Task Force, Norwalk Police Department, and Stratford Police Department, as information emerged that the shooting was part of an ongoing, potentially gang-related dispute between rival individuals spanning several towns in Connecticut.

Through meticulous work and a thorough investigation, Detective Zerella's dedication and analytical skills ultimately led to the successful resolution of this case, where arrest warrants for three suspects were granted. The identified shooter was charged with Criminal Attempt to Murder, Assault in the First Degree, Criminal Possession of a Firearm, and Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree. Two other individuals involved in the incident were charged with narcotics-related offenses.

Detective Michael Zerella's outstanding work on this investigation reflects his exceptional professionalism, determination, and commitment to public safety. His efforts in uncovering the complexities of this case have significantly contributed to the safety and well-being of the community.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Antonio Granata

Supervisory Recognition of Personnel

Officer Eamonn Monks:

While on patrol, Officer Monks observed an elderly man being attacked and punched by his adult son in the front yard of a residence on North Benson Road. Officer Monks immediately stopped, ended the confrontation by himself and radioed for back up. This incident was captured on a witness's phone camera. I observed the footage, which showed the song punching the elderly father in the head multiple times, grab him and violently shove him against a vehicle. This incident continued until Officer Monks arrived and ordered the two to separate. The son is a known subject to the department, who has assaulted multiple members of his family and police officers. It was later determined that the son was in violation of a protective order by being on the property and assaulting his father. On scene, the father denied anything happened. I believe that without Office Monk's observing the incident, the father would not have have reported the altercation. Furthermore, I believe that if Office Monks did not step in when he did, the father could have been subject to serious physical injury due to the son's size and history with aggressive behavior. Thanks to Officer Monks pro-activity, the father was not injured and a felony arrest was completed without incident.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Hector Irizarry

Officer Eamonn Monks:

On this day, while working a traffic enforcement detail on the Post Rd near the traffic circle, Office Monks observed a red Toyota Camry traveling Westbound. A DMV check on the vehicle's registration came back as a file 01 out of Bridgeport. Officer Monks searched the area and located the vehicle parked in the lot of 700 Post Rd in front of DSW Shoe Warehouse. Upon approaching the vehicle, Office Monks observed a female exit the Toyota while a male remained inside the passenger seat.

After quickly detaining the female, she proceeded to provide false identification using her sister's name as an alias. It was later determined the female had 3 active Failure to Appear Warrants, all stemming from Larceny 6 arrests in Milford and Stratford.

After requesting the male to exit the vehicle, a glass pipe was immediately observed in the passenger door handle well. Utilizing K-9 Bolt, additional glass pipes and two small baggies of cocaine were discovered in the passenger area of the vehicle.

Officer Monk's proactivity led to the recovery of a stolen motor vehicle and the arrest of the two subjects with lengthy criminal histories.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Hector Irizarry

Officer Chanse Wilkie:

On Friday, March 21, 2025, while Officer Chanse Wilkie was assisting with entry-level officer interviews as part of our department's hiring panel, he was temporarily away from him post at Fairfield Warde High School. During that time, a student at the school experienced a mental health crisis. Several of the student's close friends, understanding the seriousness of the situation, instinctively sough help - and their first thought was go to to Office Wilkie. They later connected with the administrators who provided support, but what stood out, and was later shared with me by those same administrators, was that Officer Wilkie was the first person they thought to turn to in a moment of urgency and concern. That alone speaks volumes about the deep trust and connection Officer Wilkie has built with the student he serves.

Officer Wilkie has been assigned to Fairfield Warde for the past 5 years and has consistently gone above and beyond his responsibilities. HIs role as a School Resource Officer extends well beyond school safety. He is a mentor, a steady presence and a source of support for students, faculty and administrators alike. His approachable and compassionate demeanor; couple with a strong sense of professionalism, makes him an invaluable member of both the police department and school community.

He regularly participates in school events, from chaperoning dances to attending sports events and providing classroom presentations. he leads drills, educates students on safety, and perhaps most importantly, builds meaningful relationships rooted in trust and respect. Whether it's helping a student navigate a difficult personal situation, collaborating with faculty on safety protocols, or simply walking the halls and checking in with students, Officer Wilkie represents the very best of what community policing can be.

Supervisory Recognition of Personnel

Officer Chanse Wilkie (Continued):

Numerous faculty and school leaders have written in recent months to commend Officer Wilkie's work, calling him the best School Resource Officer they've worked with. They describe him as reliable, communicative, and deeply connected to the school community. His impact has extended beyond Fairfield Warde as well - supporting students in other schools when needed and offering guidance with care professionalism.

I want to sincerely commend Officer Wilkie for his unwavering dedication to the students and staff at Fairfield Warde High School and setting a standard of excellence for what it means to serve in a school-based policing role. His work reflects the mission and values of our department, and we are fortunate to have him on our team.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Hector Irizarry

Officer Brian McPadden:

Officer Brian McPadden has consistently demonstrated outstanding performance in his role as the training officer assigned to the Training Unit within the Administrative Services Bureau. Since I assumed the supervisory position within this unit, I have observed firsthand that Officer McPadden not only fulfills his responsibilities but consistently goes above and beyond. His dedication has been instrumental in ensuring the smooth operation and overall success of our agency's training initiatives.

Over the past several months, he has meticulously coordinated and managed a wide range of essential training programs, including in-service training for officers with expiring certifications—ensuring that our department remains fully compliant with POST-C requirements. He has also taken the lead in coordinating mental health and wellness checks for sworn personnel, demonstrating a strong commitment to supporting the psychological well-being of our officers. His proactive approach has significantly contributed to fostering a healthier and more resilient workforce.

Officer McPadden has also facilitated specialized training such as low-light firearms instruction, which directly enhances officer safety and tactical effectiveness during high-risk encounters. In addition, he has overseen the scheduling and administration of mandatory urinalysis testing, maintaining the department's standards of accountability and integrity. These responsibilities require precision, constant communication with external vendors and agencies, and the flexibility to adapt to changing schedules, all of which Officer McPadden handles with consistent professionalism and efficiency.

Beyond his core duties, Officer McPadden has played a vital role in assisting numerous new officers throughout various stages of the onboarding process. Whether it be coordinating their initial training schedules, providing mentorship, or serving as a knowledgeable resource, his involvement has ensured that new personnel are set up for success from the start.

He also continues to contribute to countless other training-related objectives, often stepping up voluntarily to take on additional responsibilities and deliver high-quality outcomes. His unwavering commitment to excellence, reliability, and forward-thinking mindset have made him an invaluable asset to our bureau. His performance, dedication, and impact on the department should be formally recognized and commended.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Peter Koval

Supervisory Recognition of Personnel

Officer Krystian Wierzgacz:

On March 31, 2025, Officer Wiergacz demonstrated exceptional proactive police work while conducting routine patrol in the area of Villa Avenue and Tunxis Hill Cutoff. Acting on intelligence from Fairfield's in-town camera system, Officer Wiergacz located a vehicle associated with an individual wanted for Sexual Assault in the 3rd degree. Through coordination with Officer Robledo and careful verification, Officer Wierzgacz safely apprehended the suspect, Joseph Kolenda, without incident. His vigilance and attention to detail directly led to the successful execution of a custodial arrest and the transfer of the suspect to the Easton Police Department. Officer Wierzgacz's dedication and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the Fairfield Police Department.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Michael Paris



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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