#### Fairfield Police Department Town of Fairfield, Connecticut

# **Monthly Report February 2025**



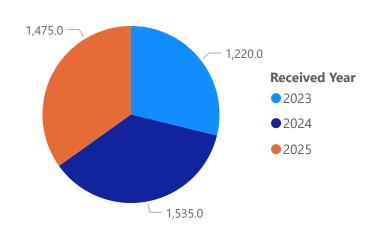
Chief Robert Kalamaras
Fairfield Police Department

# Call for Service Statistics - Year to Date

Actual Call Type	01 - January	02 - February	03 - March	Total
911 HANG UP	13	12	3	28
ALARM	5	2		7
ALARM EXCUSED	3	1		4
ALARM FALSE	195	143	45	383
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	60	51	11	122
ASSAULT	1	1		2
ASSISTANCE	194	188	46	428
BANK ESCORT	15	19	5	39
BREACH OF PEACE	47	34	5	86
BURGLARY - RESIDENCE	1	5		6
BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL	1			1
BURGLARY ATTEMPT		5		5
BUSINESS/LOCATION CHECK	1,313	1,135	220	2,668
DEAD ON ARRIVAL	2	1	1	4
DOOR UNLOCKED	4	1		5
EDP	13	16	3	32
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	351	337	68	756
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL (CODE 2)		1		1
FUNERAL ESCORT	15	23	2	40
HARASSMENT	13	7	2	22
INTOXICATED SUBJECT	7	5		12
INVESTIGATION	146	112	27	285
INVESTIGATION-WARRANT ARREST	17	15	1	33
LARCENY/THEFT	50	47	10	107
LARCENY-IDENTITY THEFT	2	2		4
MISSING PERSON	4	4		8
NARCOTICS VIOLATION	2	1		3
NOISE COMPLAINT	32	25	3	60
PARKING VIOLATION	23	27	8	58
RECKLESS DRIVER	28	23	2	53
RECOVERED PROPERTY	9	12	3	24
ROAD HAZARD	26	29	2	57
SEX VIOLATION	2	2		4
SHOPLIFTER	3	5	3	11
STOLEN VEHICLE	1	4	1	6
SUICIDE ATTEMPT		2		2
SUICIDE THREAT	1	1		2
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20	16	5	41
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	23	18	1	42
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	13	4		17
TRAFFIC CONTROL MALFUNCTION	15	18	4	37
TRESPASSER	8	4	3	15
VANDALISM MISCELLANEOUS	4	6	1	11
VANDALISM TO VEHICLE	1	1		2

# Call for Service Statistics - February

Actual Call Type	2023	2024	2025
911 HANG UP	13	13	12
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE	5	9	6
ALARM FALSE	153	171	143
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	85	48	51
ASSAULT		1	1
ASSISTANCE	160	197	188
BREACH OF PEACE	48	50	34
BURGLARY - RESIDENCE	3		5
BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL	1	1	
BURGLARY ATTEMPT			5
EDP	10	13	16
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	347	191	337
FIREWORKS COMPLAINT		1	
HARASSMENT	12	21	7
INTOXICATED SUBJECT	2	7	5
INVESTIGATION	168	119	112
INVESTIGATION- SENIOR CITIZEN	3		1
INVESTIGATION-ARREST	5	2	1
INVESTIGATION-BAD CHECK		1	1
INVESTIGATION-CREDIT CARD FRAUD	2		1
INVESTIGATION-FINANCIAL CRIME	6	1	
INVESTIGATION-INTERNET CRIME	2		
INVESTIGATION-WARRANT ARREST	13	13	15
LARCENY/THEFT	14	30	47
LARCENY-IDENTITY THEFT	1	14	2
M.V. ACCIDENT	144	153	134
MISSING PERSON	3	3	4
NARCOTICS VIOLATION	2		1
NOISE COMPLAINT	12	27	25
OFFICER NEEDS ASSISTANCE		2	
OUTDOOR MISCELLANEOUS FIRE	4	1	
PARKING VIOLATION	32	57	27
RECKLESS DRIVER	22	33	23
ROAD HAZARD	33	15	29
ROBBERY	1		
SHOPLIFTER	28	16	5
STOLEN VEHICLE	8	8	4
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	32	30	16
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	21	21	18
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	14	15	4
TRESPASSER	6	4	4
VANDALISM MISCELLANEOUS	3	10	6
VANDALISM TO STRUCTURE	1	1	
VANDALISM TO VEHICLE	1	1	1
VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	35	21	23



# Investigations, Burglaries, Larcenies & Vehicle Thefts

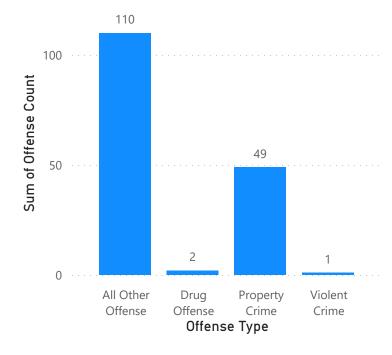
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BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL	1	1	
BURGLARY ATTEMPT - RESIDENCE			1
INVESTIGATION	167	119	112
INVESTIGATION- SENIOR CITIZEN	3		1
INVESTIGATION-ARREST	5	2	1
INVESTIGATION-BAD CHECK		1	1
INVESTIGATION-CREDIT CARD FRAUD	2		1
INVESTIGATION-FINANCIAL CRIME	6	1	
INVESTIGATION-INTERNET CRIME	2		
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LARCENY/THEFT	14	30	47
LARCENY-IDENTITY THEFT	1	14	2
SHOPLIFTER	28	16	5
STOLEN VEHICLE	8	8	4
STOLEN VEHICLE ATTEMPT		1	
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	14	15	4

#### \*Not all Call Types are Included\*

# Offense Statistics - February

Offense Type	2023	2024	2025
All Other Offense	36	48	27
Drug Offense	1	1	
Property Crime	17	22	10
Violent Crime	1		
Total	55	71	36

#### Sum of Offense Count by Offense Type



Offense Description	2023	2024	2025
Aggravated Assault	1		
All Other Larceny	1	8	
All Other Offenses	20	17	19
Burglary/Breaking and Entering			1
Counterfeiting/Forgery		1	
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	2	2	1
Disorderly Conduct	2		
Driving Under the Influence	9	13	2
Drug Equipment Violations		1	
Drug Narcotic Violations	1		
Fondling		1	
Intimidation	1	8	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	3	
Shoplifting	13	10	8
Simple Assault	2	5	2
Theft From Motor Vehicle	1		
Theft of MV Parts or Accessories		1	
Trespass of Real Property	1	1	2

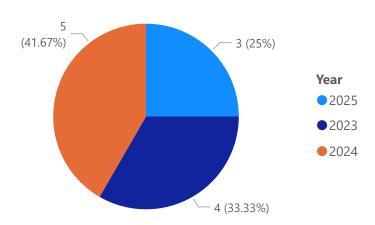
The Fairfield Police Department participate in National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) which was implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement. NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident—as well as on separate offenses within the same incident—including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

Family Violence	2023	2024	2025	Total ▲
Yes	4	5	3	12
Total	4	5	3	12



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.

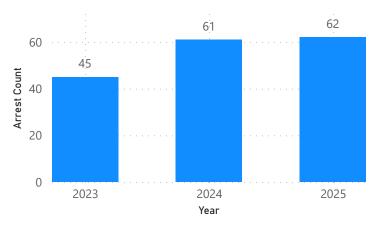
If you need help or just someone to talk to, please visit us at <a href="CTSafeConnect.org">CTSafeConnect.org</a> or call or text (888) 774-2900. Advocates are available 24/7. All languages are supported!

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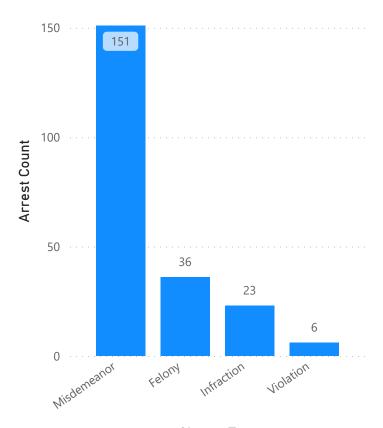
# Arrest Statistics - February Top Arrest Charges

Charge Type	2023	2024	2025
Felony	3	15	18
Infraction	10	10	3
Misdemeanor	41	55	55
Violation	3	2	1
Total	45	61	62

#### Arrest Count by Year



#### Arrest Count this Month Only



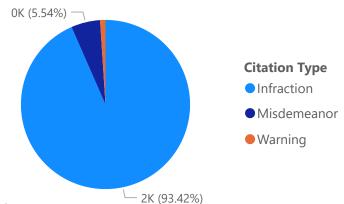
Description	2023	2024	2025
<\$500 ON REVOKED PAYMENT CARD	0	1	1
ARSON 3RD DEG	0	0	2
ASSAULT 3RD DEG	0	1	2
ASSLT PB SFTY/EMT/TRANST/HLTH	0	0	2
BREACH OF PEACE 2ND DEG	2	3	2
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 2ND DEG	1	3	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 3RD DEG	0	1	2
CRIMINAL TRESPASS 1ST DEG	1	2	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	2	10	4
EVADE RESP-INJURY/PROP DAMAGE	3	0	0
EXTRADITION ARREST NO WARRANT	0	1	1
FAILURE TO APPEAR 1ST DEG	1	3	0
FAILURE TO APPEAR 2ND DEG	9	6	16
FAILURE TO DRIVE UPON RIGHT	2	2	1
FLR TO DRIVE IN PROPER LANE	3	1	0
HARASSMENT 2ND DEG	1	1	0
IDENTITY THEFT - 3RD DEGREE	0	0	2
ILL OPN MV UNDER INFL ALC/DRUG	7	13	4
ILL OPN MV UNDER SUSPENSION	1	1	4
ILL OPN MV WO MINIMUM INSURNCE	1	0	1
IMPROPER USE-MARKER/LIC/RGSTR	1	1	2
INTERFERE WITH OFFCR/RESISTING	4	4	7
LARCENY 4TH DEG	1	3	2
LARCENY 5TH DEG	2	2	1
LARCENY 6TH DEG	10	7	19
LARCENY OF MV - 1ST OFFENSE	2	1	3
OPERATE MV WITHOUT LICENSE	2	2	0
OPERATE/PARKS UNREGISTRD MV	2	3	1
OUI MV W/CHILD<18 PASSENGER	0	2	0
PUBLIC INDECENCY	2	0	0
RECKLESS DRIVING	2	3	0
RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT 2ND DEG	0	0	3
RISK OF INJURY TO CHILD	0	5	1
SEXUAL ASSAULT 4TH DEG	0	1	1
THREATENING 2-PHYSICAL THREAT	0	1	1
VIOLATION OF PROBATION	4	0	6
VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER	0	2	3

Charge Type

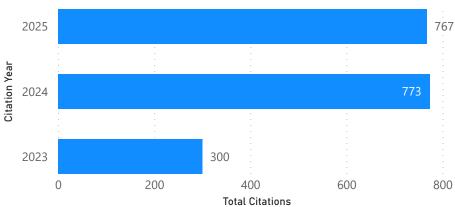
# Citation Statistics - February



#### Total Citations by Citation Type

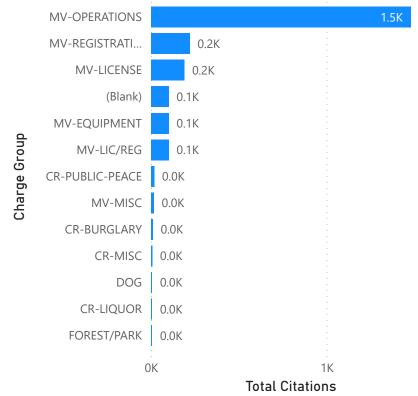


#### Total Citations by Citation Year



Total Citations	by	Charge	Group

Charge Group	2023	2024	2025
	48	21	31
CR-BURGLARY	7	3	
CR-LIQUOR	1		
CR-MISC	3	1	2
CR-PUBLIC-PEACE	6	6	6
DOG	1		1
FOREST/PARK			1
MV-EQUIPMENT	2	15	83
MV-LIC/REG	19	24	57
MV-LICENSE	31	79	79
MV-MISC	4	7	5
MV-OPERATIONS	220	682	578
MV-REGISTRATION	48	65	107
Total	332	773	767

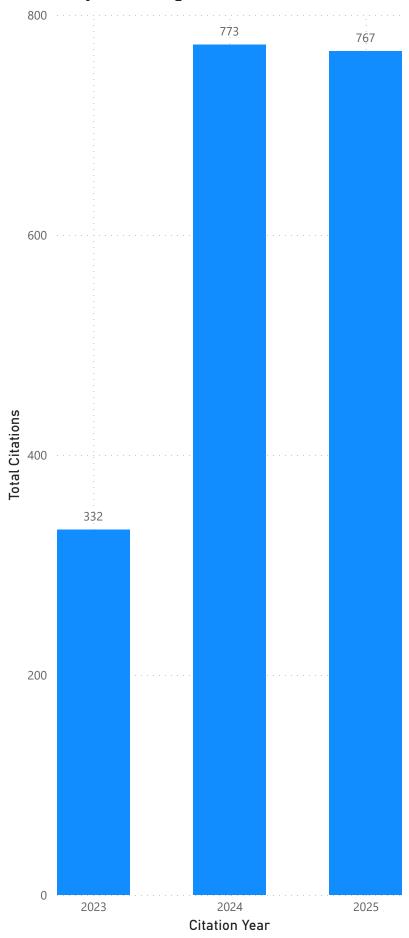


# Citation Statistics - February

#### **Top 40 Citation Charges**

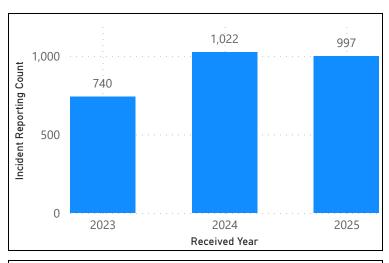
#### Citations by Year during this Month

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ChargeDesc	2023	2024	2025
14-100a(a) - FLR TO HAVE SEATBELTS IN MV	1	2	
14-100a(c)(1) - FLR TO WEAR SAFETY SEAT BELT		15	79
14-12(a) - FAILURE TO RENEW REGISTRATION	6	1	5
14-12(a)* - OPERATE/PARKS UNREGISTRD MV	35	54	87
14-12a(f) - FLR TO REGISTER COMMERCIAL MV	2	1	1
14-13 - FAILURE TO CARRY REG/INS CARD	5	6	10
14-147(a) - FALSIFY MARKER/LICENSE/RGSTRTN	3		1
14-147(c) - IMPROPER USE-MARKER/LIC/RGSTR	19	24	57
14-147a - THEFT OF PLATES/INSERTS	1	1	2
14-147c - MISUSE OF PLATE	5	2	
14-18(a) - FAIL TO DISPLAY PLATES/INSERTS	10	3	20
14-18(c) - VIO READABLE/LOST PLATES REQS		3	5
14-213 - FLR TO CARRY OPERATOR LICENSE	2	2	2
14-213b - ILL OPN MV WO MINIMUM INSURNCE		37	53
14-215 - ILL OPN MV UNDER SUSPENSION	13	12	18
14-215(a) - ILL OPN MV UNDER SUSPENSION	1	2	7
14-215a - IL OPN MV UNDER 14-140 SUSPNSN	2	3	2
14-218a - TRAVELING UNREASONABLY FAST	133	327	175
14-218a* - TRAVELING TOO FAST CONDITIONS	2	3	6
14-219(b) - SPEEDING INFRACTION-CARS ONLY	5	3	
14-224b - EVADING RESPONSIBILITY	2	1	
14-230(a) - FAILURE TO DRIVE UPON RIGHT	1	4	4
14-232(a)(1) - IMP PASSING-UNSAFE DISTANCE		1	2
14-236 - FLR TO DRIVE IN PROPER LANE	6	4	3
14-240(b - FOLLOW TOO CLOSELY	1	1	1
14-240(b* - FOLLOW TOO CLOSELY-W/ACDNT	2	1	1
14-242(e) - LFT TURN-FL TO YLD RT OF WAY	7	5	2
14-244 - IMPROPER TURN/STOP SIGNALING	1	1	1
14-245 - FLR GRANT RIGHT OF WAY-INTRSCT	1	1	1
14-247 - FLR GRANT RIGHT OF WAY-PRVT RD	5	1	
14-296aa(b1st - OP MV W/HNDHLD TEL/ELC DEV/TXT	6	45	61
14-298 - FLR COMPLY STATE TFC COMM REGS	6	5	189
14-299 - TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS	7	22	48
14-301 - FAILURE TO OBEY STOP SIGN	34	253	80
14-36(a) - OPERATE MV WITHOUT LICENSE	27	47	45
14-41(d) - FAILURE TO RENEW LICENSE	2		1
14-96a(a) - FAILURE TO DISPLAY LIGHTS		1	2
38a-371 - FLR TO INSURE PRIVATE MTR VEH	33	2	3
53a-110a - SIMPLE TRESPASS	7	3	
53a-181a - CREATING A PUBLIC DISTURBANCE	6	6	6
7-148 - TOWN ORDINANCE \$90 OR LESS(CI)	3		



# Traffic Stop Statistics - February

Total Traffic Stops this Month			
Actual Call Type	2023	2024	2025
TRAFFIC STOP - ARREST	229	672	701
TRAFFIC STOP - VERBAL	457	303	249
TRAFFIC STOP	35	46	47
TRAFFIC STOP - WRITTEN WARNING	14		
TRAFFIC STOP - NO ACTION	5	1	
Total	740	1,022	997



Enforcement	Actio	n this	s Mor
Citation Type	2023	2024	2025
Infraction	188	690	704
Misdemeanor	43	16	28
Warning	16		
Total	247	706	732

	Top 5 Charges this Month
2025	ChargeDesc
BELT 79	14-100a(c)(1) - FLR TO WEAR SAFETY SEA
MV 85	14-12(a)* - OPERATE/PARKS UNREGISTRE
T 172	14-218a - TRAVELING UNREASONABLY F
GS 189	14-298 - FLR COMPLY STATE TFC COMM
78	14-301 - FAILURE TO OBEY STOP SIGN
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#### TRAFFIC STOPS THIS MONTH:

# Aspetuck Plattsville Sacred Gart University Aspetuck Stratfield Murray Greenfield Hill Fairfield University Greens Farms © 2025 TomTom, © 2025 Microsoft Corporation, © OpenStreetMap

#### Targeted Areas this Month:

Beach Road Marlborough Terrace Kings Highway Cutoff **Burr Street** Cross Highway Redding Road Stratfield Road Kings Lane Holland Hill Road Roundhill Road Jefferson Street Westport Turnpike Toilsome Hill Road **Congress Street** Melville Ave Old Field Road Hulls Farm Road Valley Road **Brookside Drive** Villa Ave Edgewood Road Fairfieldwoods Road Commerce Drive Park Ave

# Vehicle Crash Statistics - February

Total Crashes this Month

157

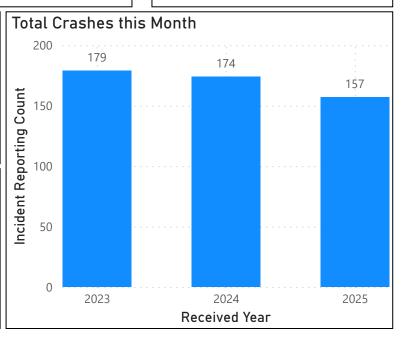
Total Crashes w/ Injuries

23

Fatal Crashes

Total Crashes this Month			
Actual Call Type	2023	2024	2025
M.V. ACCIDENT	144	153	134
VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	35	21	23
Total	179	174	157
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Enforcement A	Enforcement Action this Month							
Citation Type	2023	2024	2025					
Infraction	25	25	16					
Misdemeanor	6	2	2					
Warning	1							
Total	32	27	18					



#### **VEHICLE CRASHES THIS MONTH**

M.V. ACCIDENT • VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES Easton Plattsville Sacred Heart Iniversity Aspetuck RESERVOIR Stratfield Weston UPPER EAST SIDE Murray Coleytown Bridgeport 57 Greenfield Hill Poplar Plains OUTH END **Great Meadows** 53 Staples Old Hill 136 Westport Post Rd E Southport Westport Ave Greens Farms Saugatuck Microsoft Bing © 2025 TomTom, © 2025 Microsoft Corporation

# Special Services Bureau - February

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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 910 traffic stops during the reporting period, leading to the issuance of 730 infractions, 11 misdemeanor summonses for various violations, and 2 DUI arrests. During the month of January, DUI Grant was active. The application for Distracted Driving Grant was submitted for approval during the month of January.

Crash Investigation February Monthly Report								
	SERGEANT M. KOMM/	Officer M. Letsch / Officer I	K. WELLS					
MV. Accidents	MV. Accidents Injuries	Search Warrants	Arrest Warrants					
71	6	6	0					
Infractions	Misdemeanors	Fatalities	Serious MVA					
10	3	0	*1					
		Details						
	*2/24/205- 2500012651	- No Benson @ Barlow Rd- Vehicle into a	house					
	6 search warrants prepare	d for serious SHU accident on Jefferson S	t 9/29/23					
**Assist** - 2/21/2025- Shelton PD, 108 Huntington St- Serious MVA Scene Reconstruction								

#### **Traffic Unit Report:**

**Total Traffic Stops by Traffic Officers:** 

827

**Total Infractions Issued:** 

660

**Total Misdemeanor Summons Issued:** 

5

**DUI Arrests:** 

3

#### **Marine Unit:**

The Safeboat 23 is currently undergoing the installation of two new engines, which were acquired through the utilization of ARPA funds and PSG Sustainability resources.







# School Safety Division - February

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 578 calls for service, which included school checks, assistance, community events, EMS calls, and investigations for February 2025. In addition to the calls, 53 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	458
COMMUNITY EVENT	67
ASSISTANCE	20
INVESTIGATION	14
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	5
911 HANG UP	4
RECKLESS DRIVER	2
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	2
TRAFFIC STOP	2
EDP	1
M.V. ACCIDENT	1
RECOVERED PROPERTY	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1
Total Incidents/Calls for Service	578

Initial Reports Written
20
Supplemental Reports Written
9
Accident MMUCC Reports Written
0

SHAPE Classes	Safety Drills	Presentations & Instruction	Events	Incident	Assistance or
Taught	Conducted		Attended	Notifications Made	Consult Requests
53	3	24	11	6	25

#### **Events/Updates:**

- 2/1 Notre Dame Lancers Family Event at SHU Martire Family Arena
- 2/5 FWHS Future Mustang Event
- 2/7 Internet Safety Presentation for Osborne Hill OTA
- 2/10 Beyond Compliance Workshop Series: Social Media Trends and Digital Threat Awareness
- 2/11 NTAC Behavioral Threat Assessment Training
- 2/11 Attended Region 1 ESFS Meeting with School Security Workgroup
- 2/12 Responding to & Investigating Hoax Bomb Threats & Swatting
- 2/20 & 2/27 Restorative Practices
- 2/28 School Safety & Traffic Safety join meeting to begin planning for and collaborating on "Bike Bus" to school events in May



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# Parking Enforcement Statistics - February

Findings 2/1/2025 - 2/28/2025

#### **454 Parking Citations Issued**

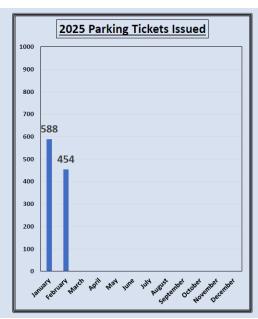
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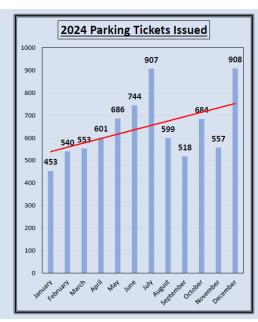
#### \$19,632.95 Funds Collected

(\$20,737.64 prior year - February 2024)

#### **Parking Ticket Summary:**

TICKETS ISSUED	# Issued 2025	# Issued 2024
January	588	453
February	454	540
March		553
April		601
May		686
June		744
July		907
August		599
September		518
October		684
November		557
<u>December</u>	_	908
TOTAL	1,042	7,750





#### **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		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December	<u></u>	
TOTAL	\$44,447.66	(\$18.09)

## Animal Control & Shelter - February

Complaints: 64

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

Wildlife related complaints: 13 Animals tested for rabies: 1 (Bat) Animals testing positive for rabies: 0 Animals impounded: 12 (10 dogs, 2 cats)

**Animal bites**: 3

**Enforcement**: 3 written warnings, 2 infractions issued

Dead animals picked up: 14

#### Beach/Open Space/Other:

Received caution notices from state concerning precautions with dead birds due to Avian Influenza

**Euthanized**: 0

Sold as pet: 1 dog

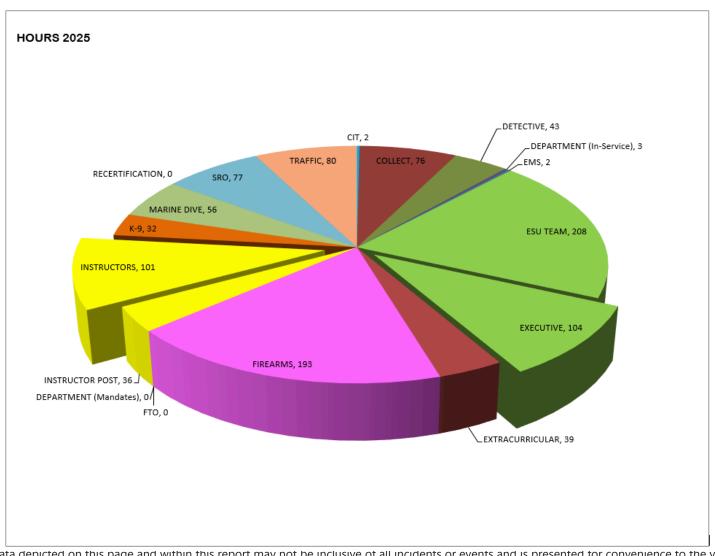
Animals housed at shelter: 6 dogs, 2 cats



# Department Training Report - February

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Class Attendance	120	659	980	1298	929	995	1289	1789	2028	241
Officers With Classes	54	109	104	109	109	114	112	114	118	103
Officers No Classes	54	-1	0	0	0	3	13	11	5	20
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	3.30
Amount of Class Days	88	335	453	636	450	543	684	741	829	100
Segments	56	210	301	419	296	346	423	585	594	73
Average Days/ Class	1.57	1.60	1.50	1.52	1.52	1.57	1.62	1.27	1.40	1.37

	Students	Instructors		Month	YTD
ESU	72	Monthly	Training Hours Outside	164	338
Detectives	43	Detective School	Training Hours Inside	147	714
SRO Certification	34				
Marine Division Training	32				
Instructor POST	16	Recruits			
NCIC/Collect	8	Annual Recertificatio	n		





On February 15th, we recognized and celebrated the dedication of our Fairfield Police School Safety Unit, who work tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of students, teachers and staff in our schools. SRO do more than just protect, they mentor, guide and build strong relationships with students, fostering a safe and supportive learning environment. Their presence makes a lasting impact, helping shape the future of our community.

On February 17th, during the Police Commissioner Meeting, the Fairfield Police Department was able to recognize the bravery and selfless act of Erik Rahner.

On January 7th, 2025 Mr. Rahner was walking his dogs on the trails near Lake Mohegan, when he heard the desperate cries for help coming from the water in the Cascades. Without hesitation, he ran toward the source of the calls, and found Alicja Rydza submerged up to her neck, clinging to the ice, unable to escape the freezing water. Realizing that time was critical, Mr. Rahner did not wait for help. He became the help. Mr. Rahner jumped into the icy water, swam to Ms. Rydza and pulled her to safety. His quick thinking and decisive actions saved her life.

Mr. Rahner was honored with the Fairfield Police Department Life Saving Award for his bravery, selflessness, and willingness to put another's life before his own. His actions exemplify the very best of our community an a reminder that true heroism is not measured by words, but the willingness to act when it matters most.





On February 22nd, the Fairfield Police Behavioral Health Network hosted the second Fairfield' Father's Forum was hosted at Saugatuck Sweets. This is a supportive space is designed for dads at all stages of fatherhood to come together, collaborate, and discuss the unique challenges of raising children. Fathers were able to share experiences, gain insights and connect with a community that understands the journey of fatherhood.



On February 25th, members of the Fairfield Police Department spoke at Fairfield University's Campus Connect Series, "Cybersecurity: Protecting Yourself in a Digital World" to explain the investigative process of cyber crime, and what the public can do to stay safe from internet scams.

At a recent Police Commission Meeting, Chief Kalamaras proudly accepted a plaque on behalf of the Fairfield Police Department, recognizing the dedication and support of the #PinkPledge this past October. This honor was presented by the Norma Pfriem Breast Center in appreciation of the Fairfield Police Department's commitment to raising awareness and supporting those affected by breast cancer.

The Pink Pledge is an annual campaign benefitting the Norma Pfriem Breast Center, which provides essential medical care, support services and financial assistance to individuals battling breast cancer. Through community involvement and fundraising, the initiative ensures that patients receive the care they need, regardless of their ability to pay.





On February 25th, School Resource Officer Cassandra Fusco visited Stratfield School to speak with 5th graders about making smart choices, handling peer pressure and strategies to deal with challenging situations. This was part of the SHAPE Program (Safety Health and Positive Environment). These core classes are taught to 5th graders across the district and include interactive discussion, video, written activities, scenarios and role playing.

### 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.

#### Officer Seth Jenkins:

It is with great pride that we recognize Records Officer Seth Jenkins for his outstanding commitment to excellence in data accuracy and reporting. Office Jenkins has been awarded the Special Recognition - Error-Free Year certificate from the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for his dedication to ensuring timely and accurate submissions to the National Incident-Based Reporting System.

This recognition reflects Officer Jenkins' meticulous attention to detail and professionalism in maintaining the integrity of our agency's records. His efforts not only support our department's transparency and accountability but also contribute to the accuracy of our statewide and national crime data. His hard work and dedication are truly commendable, and we are proud to have his contributions acknowledged at this level.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Antonio Granata

#### Officer Paul Medvegy:

On January 8, 2025, during the course of an investigation, Joseph Soracco's firearms were seized (FPD File #25-1748). Mr. Saraco had an extensive collection, and in total, 28 firearms and various amounts of ammunition were taken into evidence. According to Mr. Soracco, Officer Medvegy meticulously organized everything, a total of 46 pieces of evidence, with care and respect.

On February 12, 2025, Mr. Soracco called the Fairfield Police Department to personally thank Officer Medvegy for his hard work and to express his "very high respect" for him. Mr. Soracco successfully navigated the legal process and was granted permission to possess his firearms again. During this process, Officer Medvegy went above and beyond by proactive working with the FFL holding Mr. Soracco's firearms to ensure their timely return before his upcoming surgery.

In his voicemail, Mr. Soracco emphasized how professional and polite Officer Medvegy was throughout their interactions, stating that he was always treated with respect, never judged or spoken down to, and Officer Medvegy never made any derogatory remarks.

This is just one example of Officer Medvegy's commitment to excellence. On a regular basis, he consistently demonstrates professionalism, attention to detail and a strong sense of integrity in everything he does. He is a dedicated officer who takes pride in his work and treats every individual with fairness and respect. His actions in this case reflect the same level of diligence and character he brings to his job each and every day.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Antonio Granata

#### Detective Michael Mazzocchi, Detective Anthony Falbo and Sergeant Chris Ioli:

Detectives Mike Mazzocchi, Anthony Falbo and Sergeant Chris Ioli are formally recognized for their outstanding investigative work in solving the overnight residential burglary that occurred at 186 Old Spring Road on February 22, 2025. During this incident, the suspect entered the home while the residents were asleep upstairs and ransacked multiple areas of the house, stealing credit cards and personal belongings.

Through swift investigative efforts, including tracking fraudulent transactions on the stolen credit cards, canvassing the neighborhood and obtaining surveillance footage, Detectives Mazzocchi and Falbo, along with Sergeant Ioli, were able to identify and locate the suspect, Tyrone Doby. This case was investigated, and the suspect was identified and arrested within several hours of the burglary. Their coordinated efforts led to Doby's arrest and the recovery of stolen property. Their diligent fieldwork, including interviewing witnesses, collecting evidence and conducting surveillance, placed a critical role in swiftly resolving this case.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Antonio Granata

#### Supervisory Recognition of Personnel

#### **Detective Brian Griffin and Sergeant Jenna Wellington:**

Take a moment to recognize the outstanding participation of Public Affairs Sergeant Jenna Wellington and Detective Brian Griffin in Fairfield University's latest Campus Connect Series event, Cybersecurity: Protecting Yourself in a Digital World, which took place on February 25, 2025.

Sergeant Wellington and Detective Griffin represented the department with the highest level of professionalism, showcasing their extensive knowledge of cybersecurity in an engaging and insightful discussion. Alongside Fairfield University's School of Engineering & Computing Associate Dean, Dr. Mirco Speretta, they provided attendees with valuable information on protecting themselves in the digital space.

The conversation was relevant, informative and incredibly well-received by those in attendance. Their ability to articulate complex cybersecurity topics in a way that resonated with the audience was commendable and reinforced the strong partnership between the Fairfield Police Department and Fairfield University.

The Campus Connect speaker series continues to be an excellent platform for collaboration between the University and the broader community, and the contributions of Sergeant Wellington and Detective Griffin exemplify our department's commitment to partnerships, public education and outreach. They should be recognized for doing such an outstanding job.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Antonio Granata

#### Officers Bridget VanSlyke and Tiffany Robledo:

Officers VanSlyke and Robledo should be commended for their outstanding proactive efforts in the apprehension of Domestic Violence Arrestee Brianna Pickens, who had an active PRAWN Warrant for failing to appear in court on her domestic violence charges.

Recognizing the importance of ensuring that individuals with outstanding warrants are held accountable, Officers VanSlyke Robledo demonstrated exceptional initiative by leveraging their knowledge of the subject's whereabouts, conducting surveillance at the Trevi Lounge, and successfully apprehending her without incident on 2/5/2025. Their dedication to tracking and arresting individuals who evade the judicial process is a testament to their commitment to public safety and victim protection. Domestic violence cases require swift enforcement and accountability, as failures to appear in court can delay justice for victims and increase the risk of further harm. By proactively seeking out and apprehending Pickens, these officers not only upheld the integrity of the legal process, but also reinforced our department's commitment to ensuring that those accused of domestic violence face the consequences of their actions. Their vigilance and initiative exemplify proactive policing at its best and they should be recognized for their dedication to ensuring the safety of our community.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Hector Irizarry

## Lieutenant Jeremy Zdru, Sergeant Michael Komm, Officers Anthony Renaldi, Nicholas Ardizzone, Eamonn Monks and Franck DeAngelis, Kevin Wells and Mark Letsch:

I am proud to nominate the officers of the Special Services Division Traffic Unit Officers - Anthony Renaldi, Nicholas Ardizzone, Eamonn Monks and Franck DeAngelis, along with Crash Unit Officers Kevin Wells and Mark Letsch led by Lieutenant Jeremy Zdru and Sergeant Michael Komm for the prestigious Unit Citation Medal. This distinguished recognition is granted to those whose collective efforts bring exceptional credit to the law enforcement profession, demonstrating outstanding teamwork and professionalism.

The members of this unit have consistently gone above and beyond the expectations of their roles, exhibiting diligent sustained effort in the performance of their duties. Their actions have had a profound impact on traffic safety in the town of Fairfield, as evidenced by a remarkable 252% increase in proactive traffic enforcement from the year 2023 to the current date 2025.

Through their cohesive and effective teamwork, these officers have set the standards for excellence in traffic enforcement, tackling critical issues with precision and dedication. Their enhanced focus on traffic safety has led to a significant and noticeable increase in public awareness, ultimately contributing to a safer community.

The tireless efforts of the Traffic and Crash Units have not only improved public safety but have also served as a model of professionalism and commitment to the core values of law enforcement. Their coordinated efforts reflect the true spirit of a traffic unit, marked by dedication, collaboration, and an unwavering commitment to the safety of the citizens they serve.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Hector Irizarry



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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