

Fairfield Police Department
Town of Fairfield, Connecticut

Monthly Report

January 2025



Chief Robert Kalamaras
Fairfield Police Department

Call for Service Statistics - Year to Date

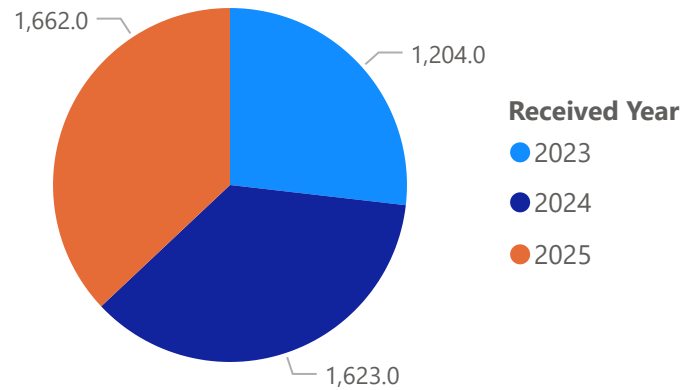
Actual Call Type ▲	01 - January	02 - February	Total
911 HANG UP	13	2	15
ALARM	5		5
ALARM EXCUSED	3		3
ALARM FALSE	195	18	213
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	60	10	70
ASSAULT	1		1
ASSISTANCE	194	12	206
BANK ESCORT	15	2	17
BREACH OF PEACE	47	4	51
BURGLARY - RESIDENCE	1	1	2
BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL	1		1
BUSINESS/LOCATION CHECK	1,313	173	1,486
DEAD ON ARRIVAL	2		2
DOOR UNLOCKED	4		4
EDP	13	1	14
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	351	55	406
FUNERAL ESCORT	15	1	16
HARASSMENT	13		13
INTOXICATED SUBJECT	7		7
INVESTIGATION	146	22	168
INVESTIGATION-WARRANT ARREST	17	2	19
LARCENY/THEFT	50	5	55
LARCENY-IDENTITY THEFT	2		2
MISSING PERSON	4		4
NARCOTICS VIOLATION	2		2
NOISE COMPLAINT	32	6	38
PARKING VIOLATION	23	4	27
RECKLESS DRIVER	28	5	33
RECOVERED PROPERTY	9		9
ROAD HAZARD	26	2	28
SEX VIOLATION	2		2
SHOPLIFTER	3		3
STOLEN VEHICLE	1		1
SUICIDE THREAT	1		1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	20	1	21
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	23	4	27
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	13	1	14
TRAFFIC CONTROL MALFUNCTION	15	1	16
TRESPASSER	8		8
VANDALISM MISCELLANEOUS	4		4
VANDALISM TO VEHICLE	1		1

Not all Call Types are Included

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Call for Service Statistics - January

Actual Call Type	2023	2024	2025
911 HANG UP	14	11	13
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE	4	7	6
ALARM FALSE	145	168	195
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	81	68	60
ASSAULT	5	6	1
ASSISTANCE	175	190	194
BREACH OF PEACE	36	38	47
BURGLARY - RESIDENCE	1	3	1
BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL			1
BURGLARY - GARAGE		1	
BURGLARY ATTEMPT	1	1	
EDP	15	14	13
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALL	389	241	351
FIREWORKS COMPLAINT	1		
HARASSMENT	14	12	13
HAZARDOUS MATERIAL	1		
INTOXICATED SUBJECT	4	2	7
INVESTIGATION	160	129	146
INVESTIGATION- SENIOR CITIZEN		2	
INVESTIGATION-ARREST		1	5
INVESTIGATION-COUNTERFEIT	1		
INVESTIGATION-FINANCIAL CRIME	3	5	
INVESTIGATION-FORGERY	1		1
INVESTIGATION-WARRANT ARREST	8	15	17
LARCENY/THEFT	27	20	50
LARCENY-EMPLOYEE THEFT	1		
LARCENY-IDENTITY THEFT		12	2
M.V. ACCIDENT	160	178	208
MISSING PERSON	2	1	4
NARCOTICS VIOLATION	1		2
NOISE COMPLAINT	16	16	32
PARKING VIOLATION	22	31	23
RECKLESS DRIVER	28	24	28
ROAD HAZARD	33	29	26
ROBBERY	2	2	
SHOPLIFTER	23	36	3
STOLEN VEHICLE	5	8	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	27	28	20
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	17	26	23
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	29	23	13
TRESPASSER	8	14	8
VANDALISM MISCELLANEOUS	8	7	4
VANDALISM TO STRUCTURE	2		
VANDALISM TO VEHICLE	3	1	1
VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	19	23	27



Investigations, Burglaries, Larcenies & Vehicle Thefts

Actual Call Type	2023	2024	2025
BURGLARY - RESIDENCE	1	3	1
BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL			1
BURGLARY - GARAGE		1	
BURGLARY ATTEMPT - RESIDENCE	2		
INVESTIGATION	160	128	146
INVESTIGATION- SENIOR CITIZEN		2	
INVESTIGATION-ARREST		1	5
INVESTIGATION-FINANCIAL CRIME	3	5	
INVESTIGATION-FORGERY	1		1
INVESTIGATION-WARRANT ARREST	8	14	17
LARCENY/THEFT	27	20	50
LARCENY-EMPLOYEE THEFT	1		
LARCENY-IDENTITY THEFT		12	2
SHOPLIFTER	23	36	3
STOLEN VEHICLE	5	8	1
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	29	23	13

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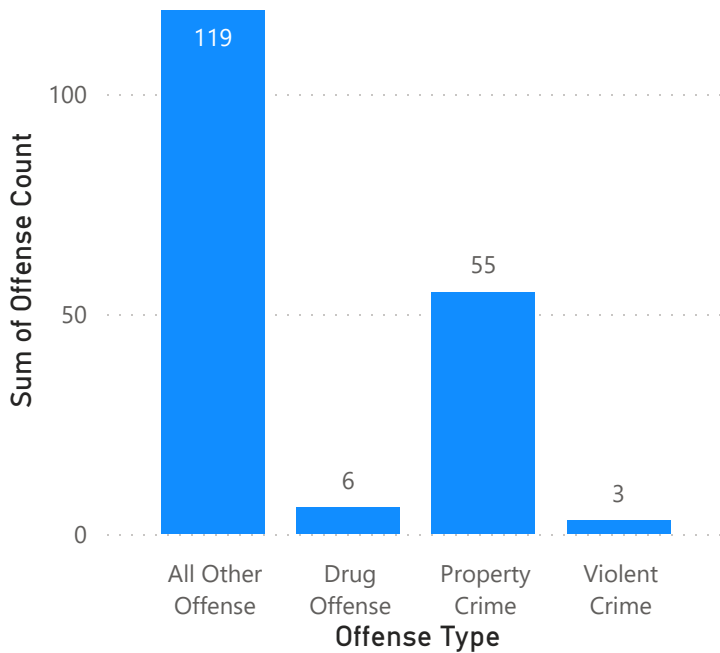
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Offense Statistics - January

Offense Type	2023	2024	2025
All Other Offense	31	51	37
Drug Offense		2	4
Property Crime	17	29	13
Violent Crime		3	
Total	48	83	51

Offense Description	2023	2024	2025
Aggravated Assault		1	
All Other Larceny		3	2
All Other Offenses	11	16	23
Counterfeiting/Forgery	4	4	
Credit Card/Automated Teller Machine Fraud		1	
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property		1	2
Disorderly Conduct	4	1	
Driving Under the Influence	4	8	4
Drug Narcotic Violations		2	4
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	1		
Identity Theft		2	
Intimidation	5	7	5
Pornography/Obscene Material		1	
Rape		1	
Robbery		1	
Shoplifting	8	18	7
Simple Assault	6	16	5
Theft From Building	2		
Theft From Motor Vehicle	2	1	
Trespass of Real Property	1	1	
Weapon Law Violations		1	
Wire Fraud			2

Sum of Offense Count by Offense Type



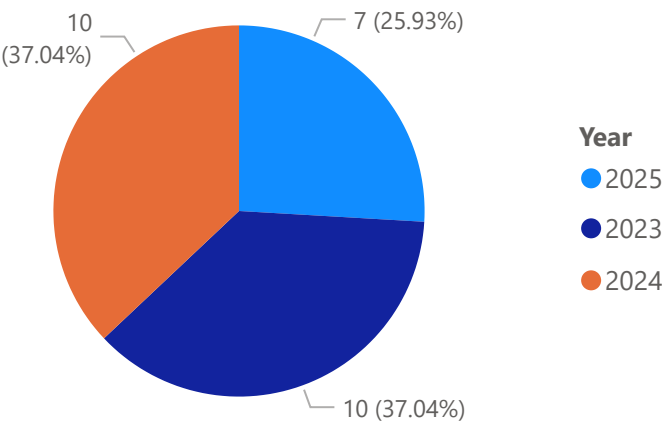
The Fairfield Police Department participate in National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) which was implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement. NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident—as well as on separate offenses within the same incident—including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

Family Violence	2023	2024	2025	Total
Yes	10	10	7	27
Total	10	10	7	27



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](https://www.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

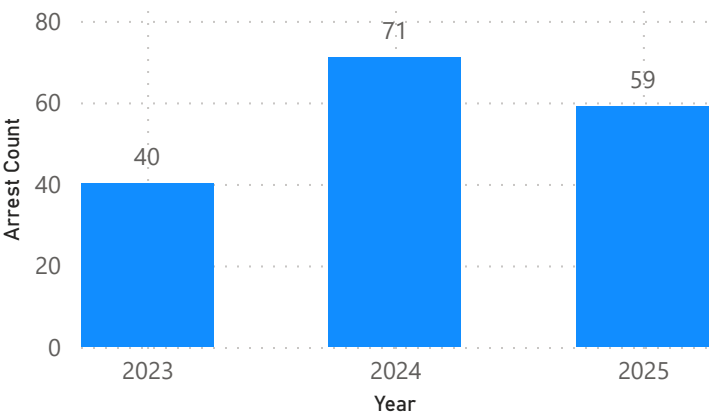
Arrest Statistics - January

Top Arrest Charges

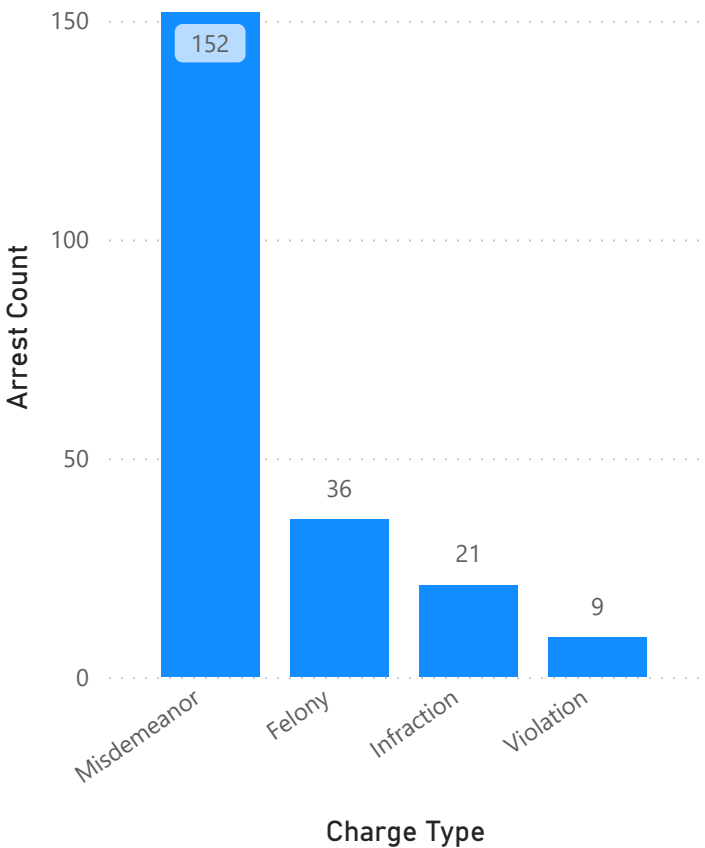
Charge Type	2023	2024	2025
Felony	7	11	18
Infraction	6	8	7
Misdemeanor	38	64	50
Violation	0	3	6
Total	40	71	59

Description	2023	2024	2025
ASSAULT 3RD DEG	3	5	2
BREACH OF PEACE 1ST DEG	0	0	2
BREACH OF PEACE 2ND DEG	3	1	4
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 3RD DEG	0	1	2
CRIMINAL TRESPASS 1ST DEG	2	1	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	6	15	7
EVADE RESP-INJURY/PROP DAMAGE	1	1	1
EXTRADITION ARREST NO WARRANT	0	0	2
FAIL TO DISPLAY PLATES/INSERTS	1	1	0
FAILURE TO APPEAR 1ST DEG	0	1	1
FAILURE TO APPEAR 2ND DEG	6	9	13
FAILURE TO DRIVE UPON RIGHT	1	2	2
FLR TO DRIVE IN PROPER LANE	0	1	3
FOLLOW TOO CLOSELY-W/ACDNT	0	3	0
FORGERY 1ST DEG	2	0	0
FORGERY 2ND DEG	1	1	0
HARASSMENT 2ND DEG	1	0	1
ILL OPN MV UNDER INFL ALC/DRUG	4	7	4
ILL OPN MV UNDER SUSPENSION	1	1	3
ILL OPN MV WO MINIMUM INSURNCE	0	0	4
ILL POSS OF SHOPLIFTING DEVICE	0	4	0
IMPROPER USE-MARKER/LIC/RGSTR	1	1	1
INTERFERE WITH OFFCR/RESISTING	3	4	3
LARCENY 3RD DEG	0	0	4
LARCENY 4TH DEG	1	5	2
LARCENY 5TH DEG	2	1	1
LARCENY 6TH DEG	11	16	8
OPERATE/PARKS UNREGISTRD MV	2	1	4
OPERATION OF DRUG FACTORY	0	0	2
POS CONTROL SUBSTNCE 1ST OFFNS	1	0	4
RECKLESS DRIVING	0	2	0
RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT 1ST DEG	0	0	2
RISK OF INJURY TO CHILD	0	1	1
THREATENING 2-PHYSICAL THREAT	0	1	2
TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS	0	2	0
VIOLATE COND OF RELEAS-2ND DEG	1	0	1
VIOLATION OF PROBATION	2	1	5
VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER	2	2	2

Arrest Count by Year



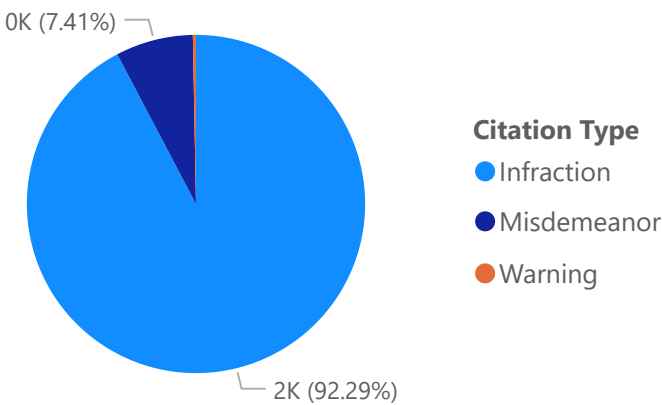
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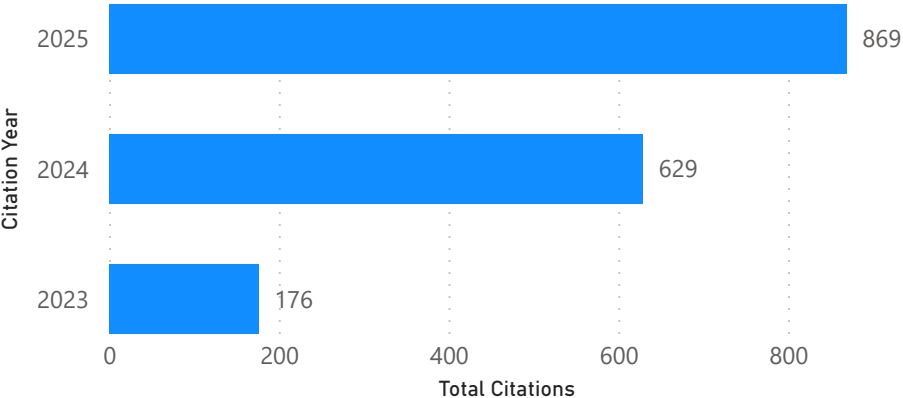
Citation Statistics - January

Citation Type	2023	2024	2025	Total
Infraction	122	593	830	1,545
Misdemeanor	49	36	39	124
Warning	5			5
Total	176	629	869	1,674

Total Citations by Citation Type

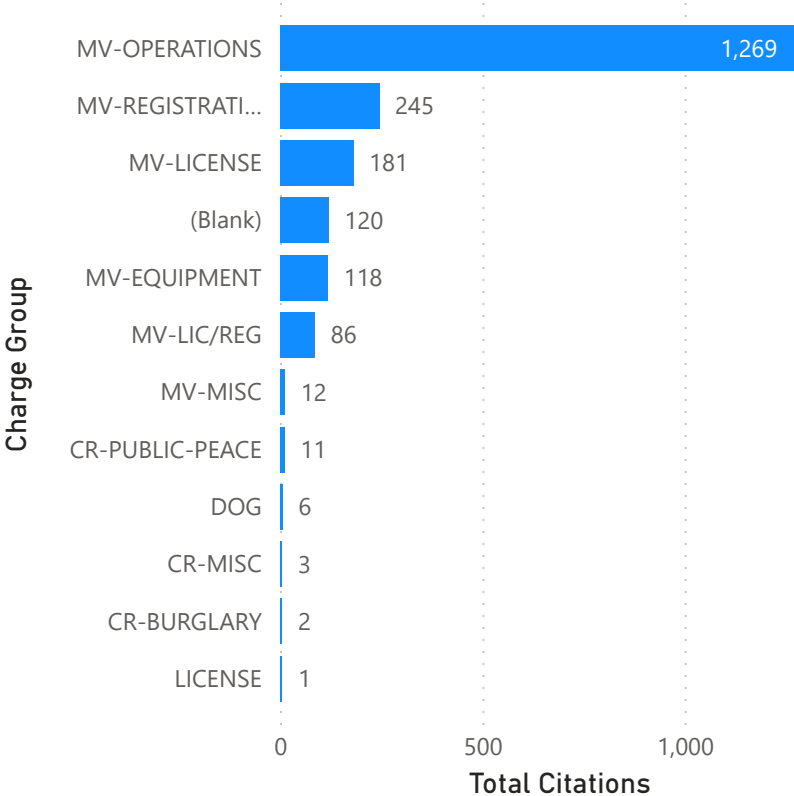


Total Citations by Citation Year



Charge Group	2023	2024	2025
	44	37	39
CR-BURGLARY		1	1
CR-MISC	2		1
CR-PUBLIC-PEACE	3	7	1
DOG	4	1	1
LICENSE			1
MV-EQUIPMENT	3	47	68
MV-LIC/REG	19	26	41
MV-LICENSE	28	75	78
MV-MISC	1	5	6
MV-OPERATIONS	104	471	694
MV-REGISTRATION	49	91	105
Total	189	629	869

Total Citations by Charge Group



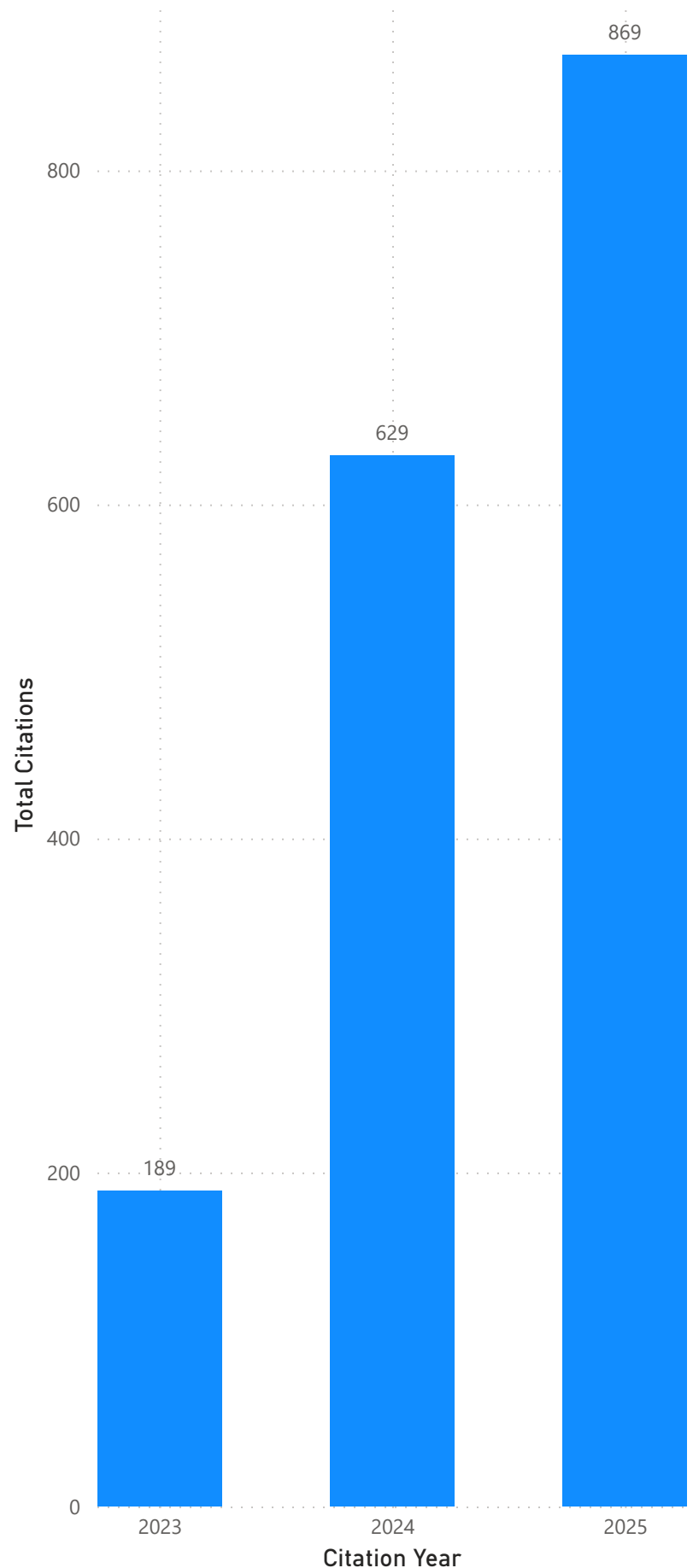
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Citation Statistics - January

Top 40 Citation Charges

ChargeDesc	2023	2024	2025
14-100a(c)(1) - FLR TO WEAR SAFETY SEAT BELT	47	62	
14-100a(d)(1)(A - VI REAR FACE SEAT-CH<2 OR<30LB		3	
14-12(a) - FAILURE TO RENEW REGISTRATION	14	4	4
14-12(a)* - OPERATE/PARKS UNREGISTRD MV	31	76	84
14-13 - FAILURE TO CARRY REG/INS CARD	6	14	10
14-147(a) - FALSIFY MARKER/LICENSE/RGSTRTN	11	2	
14-147(c) - IMPROPER USE-MARKER/LIC/RGSTR	19	26	41
14-147c - MISUSE OF PLATE	1	3	3
14-18(a) - FAIL TO DISPLAY PLATES/INSERTS	10	23	
14-18(c) - VIO READABLE/LOST PLATES REQS	2	6	
14-213b - ILL OPN MV WO MINIMUM INSURNCE	3	43	44
14-215 - ILL OPN MV UNDER SUSPENSION	8	16	19
14-215(a) - ILL OPN MV UNDER SUSPENSION	2	5	5
14-215a - IL OPN MV UNDER 14-140 SUSPNSN	3	8	
14-218a - TRAVELING UNREASONABLY FAST	52	150	251
14-218a* - TRAVELING TOO FAST CONDITIONS	1	4	1
14-218aSZ - VIO 14-218A IN A SCHOOL ZONE		7	
14-219(b) - SPEEDING INFRACTION-CARS ONLY	1	6	4
14-224(b)(3) - EVADE RESP-INJURY/PROP DAMAGE	1	1	3
14-224b - EVADING RESPONSIBILITY	1	1	1
14-230(a) - FAILURE TO DRIVE UPON RIGHT	1	3	2
14-234 - NO PASSING ZONE	1	3	1
14-236 - FLR TO DRIVE IN PROPER LANE	6	2	8
14-240(b - FOLLOW TOO CLOSELY		1	2
14-240(b* - FOLLOW TOO CLOSELY-W/ACDNT	3	7	6
14-242 - IMPROPER TURN/STOP-NO SIGNAL	1	2	
14-242(e) - LFT TURN-FL TO YLD RT OF WAY	3	2	
14-243(b) - UNSAFE BACKING		3	3
14-245 - FLR GRANT RIGHT OF WAY-INTRSCT		2	1
14-247 - FLR GRANT RIGHT OF WAY-PRVT RD	3	3	3
14-279 - ILL PASS STANDING SCHOOL BUS		3	
14-296aa(b1st - OP MV W/HNDHLD TEL/ELC DEV/TXT	4	42	63
14-298 - FLR COMPLY STATE TFC COMM REGS	1	58	176
14-299 - TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS	10	10	60
14-301 - FAILURE TO OBEY STOP SIGN	15	173	98
14-36(a) - OPERATE MV WITHOUT LICENSE	26	39	46
14-36(b)(1)++ - OP MV >=18 VI LIC/PERMIT REQS	1	6	
14-36a(c) - ILL OPN MV-VIO LICENSE CLASS		2	1
14-96b - FAILURE TO HAVE HEADLAMPS	2	1	
22-349 - FLR COMPLY DOG OWNERSHIP REQS	3		
22-363 - POSSESS VICIOUS/BARKING DOG	3	1	1
22-364(a) - PERMIT DOG/LIVESTK TO ROAM	2	1	
38a-371 - FLR TO INSURE PRIVATE MTR VEH	31	8	5
53a-181a - CREATING A PUBLIC DISTURBANCE	3	7	1

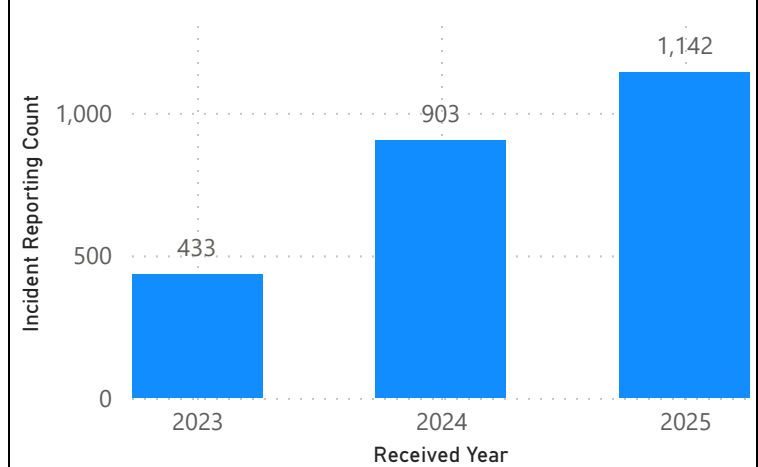
Citations by Year during this Month



Traffic Stop Statistics - January

Total Traffic Stops this Month

Actual Call Type	2023	2024	2025
TRAFFIC STOP - ARREST	133	556	804
TRAFFIC STOP - VERBAL	252	299	268
TRAFFIC STOP	29	44	70
TRAFFIC STOP - NO ACTION	15	4	
TRAFFIC STOP - WRITTEN WARNING	4		
Total	433	903	1,142



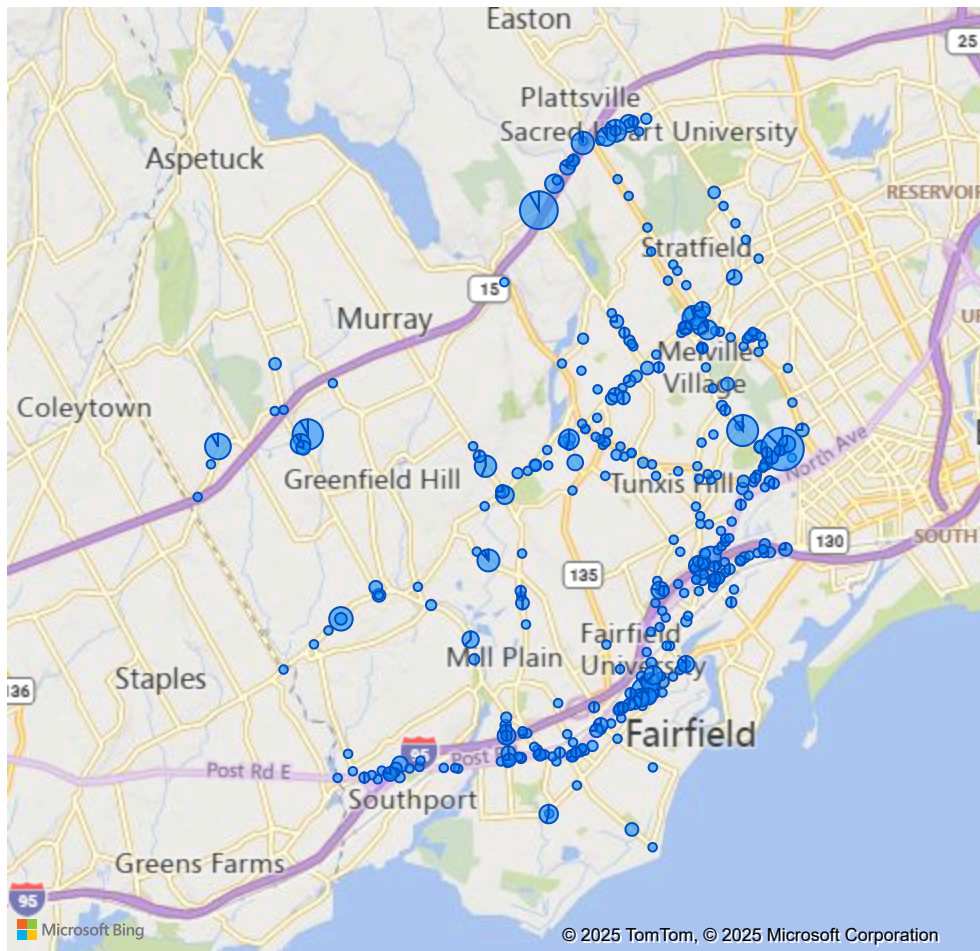
Enforcement Action this Month

Citation Type	2023	2024	2025
Infraction	90	542	806
Misdemeanor	44	24	27
Warning	5		
Total	139	566	833

Top 5 Charges this Month

ChargeDesc	2025
14-100a(c)(1) - FLR TO WEAR SAFETY SEAT BELT	62
14-12(a)* - OPERATE/PARKS UNREGISTRD MV	82
14-218a - TRAVELING UNREASONABLY FAST	251
14-296aa(b1st - OP MV W/HNDHLD TEL/ELC DEV/TXT	62
14-298 - FLR COMPLY STATE TFC COMM REGS	175
14-301 - FAILURE TO OBEY STOP SIGN	98

TRAFFIC STOPS THIS MONTH:



Targeted Areas this Month:

Burr St
Marlborough Terr
Kings Hwy C/O
Morehouse Hwy
Cross Hwy
Redding Rd
Stratfield Rd
Duck Farm Rd
Holland Hill Rd
Bronson Rd
Jefferson St
Mill Plain Rd
Cornell Rd
Congress St
Melville Ave
Old Field Rd
Hulls Farm Rd
Valley Rd
Brookside Dr
Villa Ave
Pansy Rd
Fairfieldwoods Rd
Pease Ave
Commerce Dr
No Pine Creek Rd

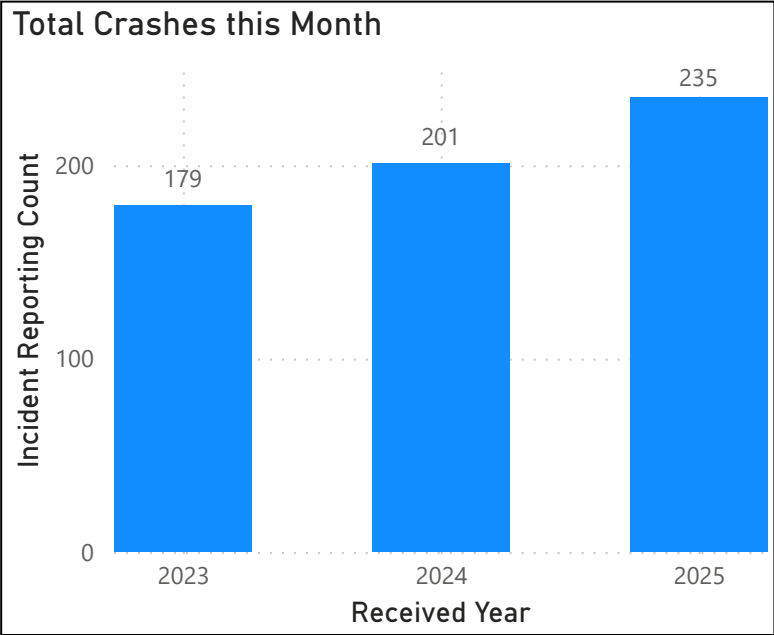
Vehicle Crash Statistics - January

Total Crashes this Month
235

Total Crashes w/ Injuries
27

Fatal Crashes
0

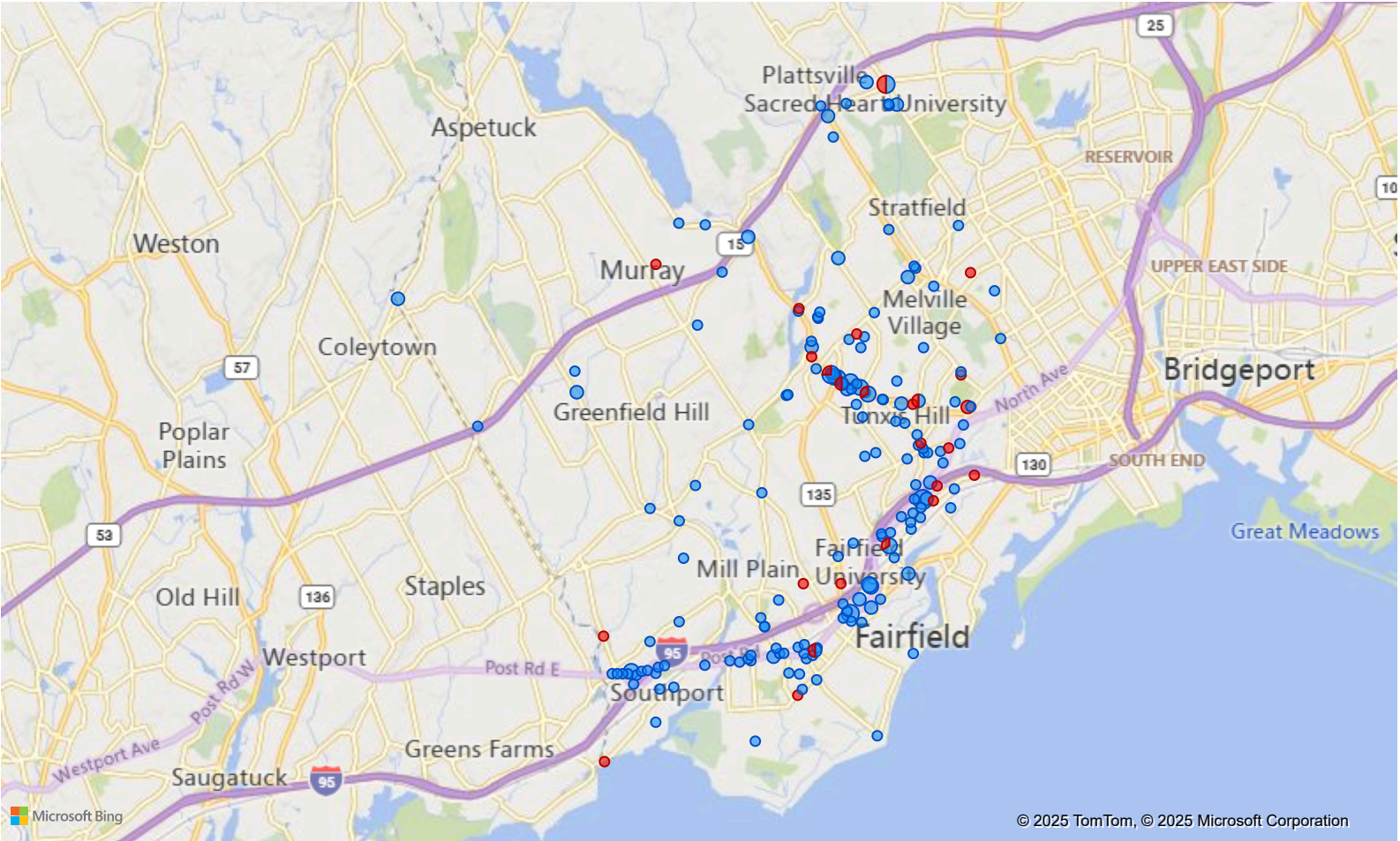
Total Crashes this Month			
Actual Call Type	2023	2024	2025
M.V. ACCIDENT	160	178	208
VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	19	23	27
Total	179	201	235



Enforcement Action this Month			
Citation Type	2023	2024	2025
Infraction	23	23	21
Misdemeanor	3	11	12
Total	26	34	33

VEHICLE CRASHES THIS MONTH

● M.V. ACCIDENT ● VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES



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Special Services Bureau - January

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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 serve 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 January Monthly Report			
SERGEANT M. KOMM / OFFICER M. LETSCH / OFFICER K. WELLS			
MV. Accidents	MV. Accidents Injuries	Search Warrants	Arrest Warrants
119	18	2	2
Infractions	Misdemeanors	Fatalities	Serious MVA
10	4	0	*1
Details			
*1/10/2025 - 2500002366 - Serious MVA Fairfieldwoods Rd (SW/AW for the MVA)			
1/23/2025 - 2500005102 - MVA Brooklawn Terr (SW/AW for the MVA)			
**Special Services handled 132 MVAs in January as a unit (Ice storm and a increase in parking lot accidents elevated #'s)			

Traffic Unit Report:

Total Traffic Stops by Traffic Officers:

910

Total Infractions Issued:

730

Total Misdemeanor Summonses Issued:

11

DUI Arrests:

2

Marine Unit:

There is no update for the Marine Unit for the month of January.



School Safety Division - January

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 643 calls for service, which included school checks, assistance, community events, EMS calls, investigations and investigations for January 2025.

911 Hang Up	4
Animal Complaint	1
Assistance	16
Business Check (Schools)	570
Community Event	35
Emergency Medical Call	2
Investigation	8
M.V. Accident	4
Parking Violation	1
Traffic Stop	1
Wires Down	1
TOTAL	643

Events/Updates:

- 1/8 Internet Safety Presentation for Parents at McKinley Elementary
- 1/9 Law Enforcement Appreciation meet & Greet at Wakeman Boys & Girls Club
- 1/15-1/16 Fairfield Woods Middle School Winter Concert
- 1/23 Holland Hill Elementary Winter Concert
- Officer Kovac attended additional NASRO Training (National Association of School Resource Officers) as he works to obtain NASRO Instructor Certification
- Tabletop crisis exercise was conducted for paraprofessionals at Roger Ludlowe Middle School
- Officers attended Physical Management Training (PMT)



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Parking Enforcement Statistics - January

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

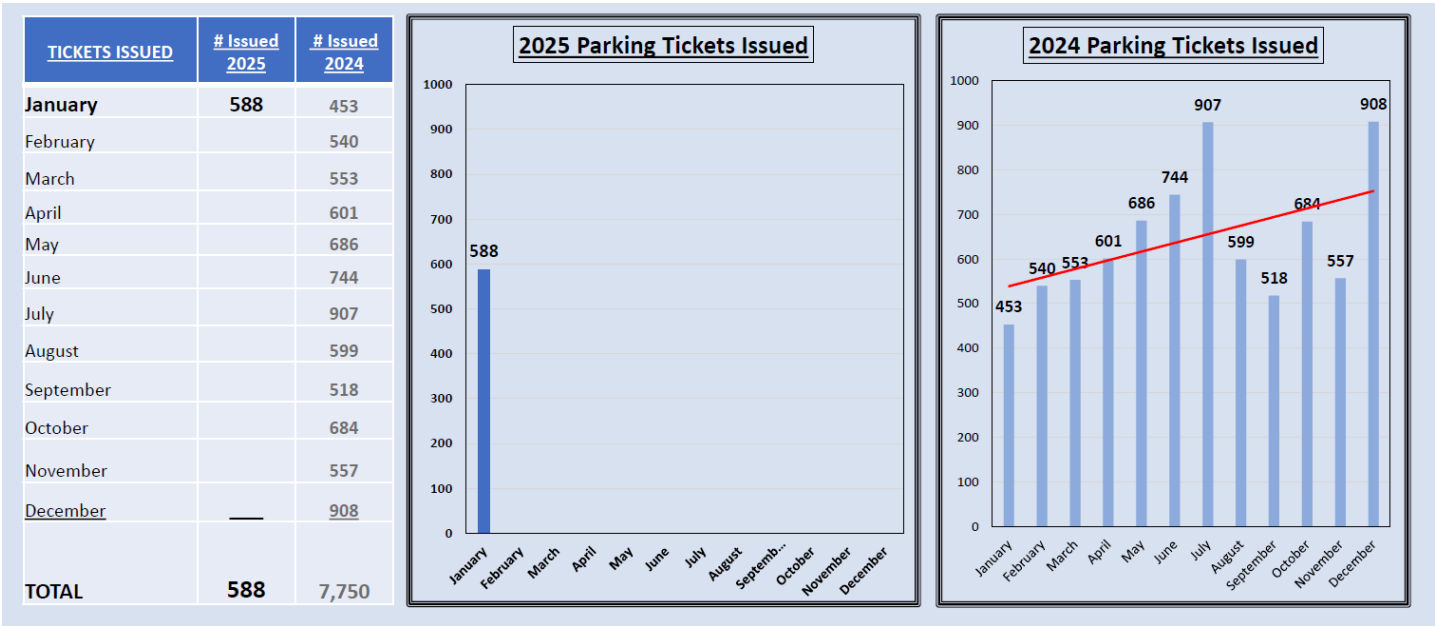
588 Parking Citations Issued

(456 prior year – January 2024)

\$24,814.71 Funds Collected

(\$23,260.59 prior year - January 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		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
TOTAL	\$24,814.71	(\$18.09)

Animal Control & Shelter - January

Complaints: 49

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

Wildlife related complaints: 24

Animals tested for rabies: 1 (Bat)

Animals testing positive for rabies: 0

Animals impounded: 8 (8 dogs)

Animal bites: 2 dog bites

Enforcement: 8 written warnings, 1 infractions issued

Dead animals picked up: 9

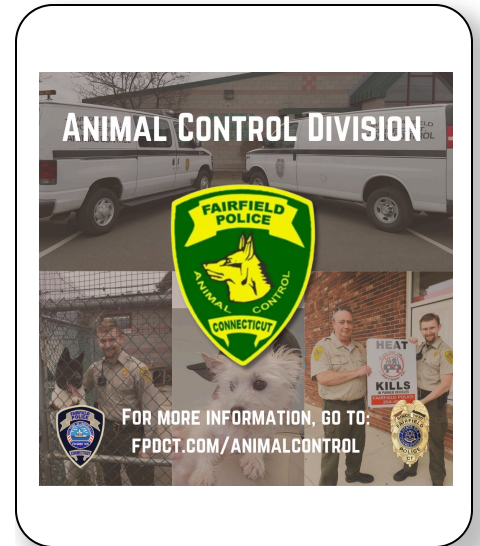
Beach/Open Space/Other:

Low volume of complaints for the month of January

Euthanized: 0

Sold as pet: 4 cats

Animals housed at shelter: 12 dogs, 1 cat

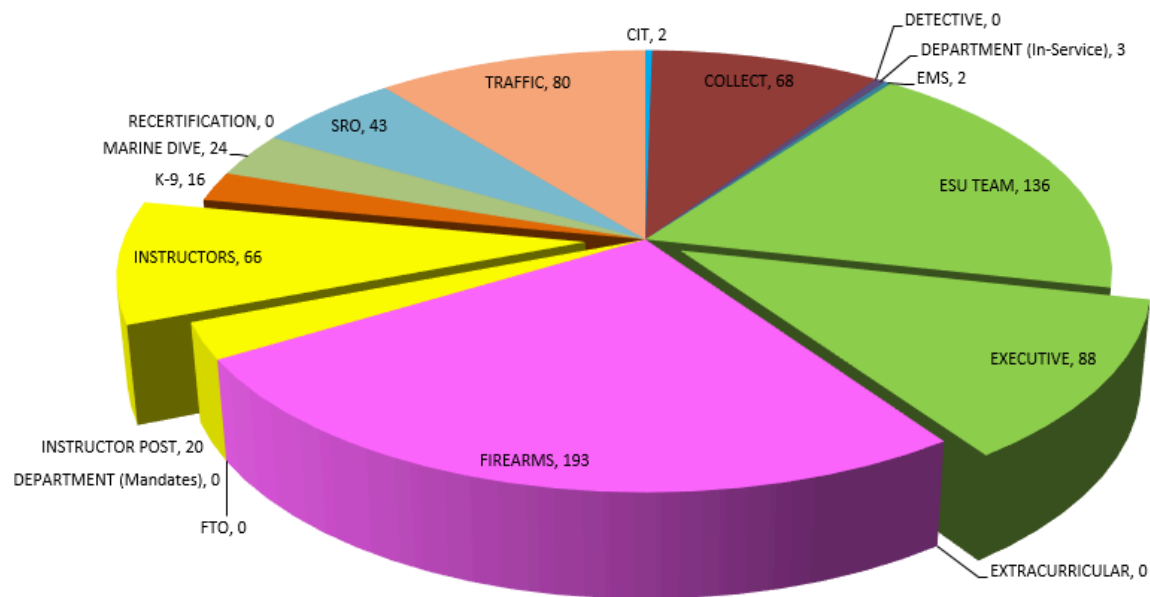


Department Training Report - January

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Class Attendance	120	659	980	1298	929	995	1289	1789	2028	185
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	3.49
Amount of Class Days	88	335	453	636	450	543	684	741	829	73
Segments	56	210	301	419	296	346	423	585	594	53
Average Days/ Class	1.57	1.60	1.50	1.52	1.52	1.57	1.62	1.27	1.40	1.38

	Students	Instructors		Month	YTD
Firearms (Range)	193	Firearms			
ESU	136	Qualifications	Training Hours Outside	174	174
Executive	88	Monthly	Training Hours Inside	567	567
Traffic Unit	80	Supervisor FBI-LEEDA			
NCIC/Collect	68	Crash Reconstruction			
SRO Certification	43	Annual Recertification			
Marine Division Training	24				
Instructor POST	20	Recruits			

HOURS 2025



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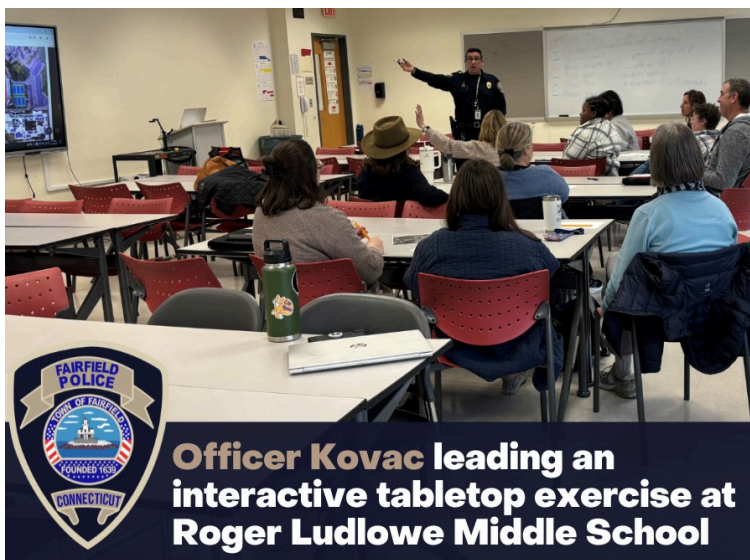
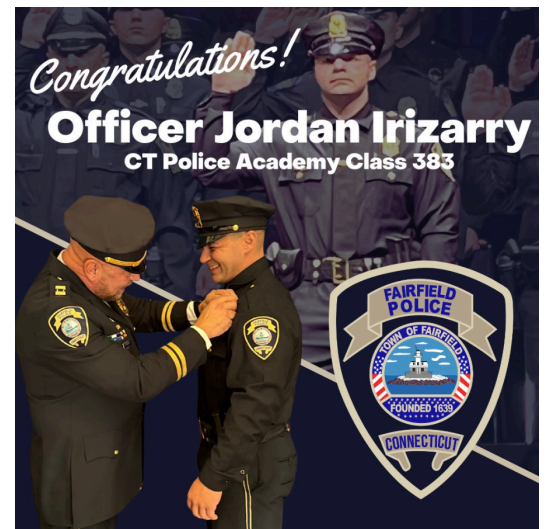
On January 9th, Fairfield Police Department honored the dedicated men and women who serve our community with integrity, courage and professionalism every day on Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.



Officer Jordan Irizarry graduated from the CT Police Academy Class 383.

Officer Irizarry distinguished himself as a squad leader and maintained an outstanding record throughout his training. His dedication and hard work were evident every step of the way. A proud moment was when Officer Irizarry's father, Captain Hector Irizarry, had the honor of pinning his badge. Officer Irizarry will honor his father's legacy by wearing Badge 44, the same number Captain Irizarry wore as an officer. It's a wonderful testament to their family's commitment to service.

We're excited to have Officer Irizarry join our ranks and look forward to his future accomplishments. Please join us in welcoming him and celebrating this great achievement!



Fairfield Police Department is proud to team up with Fairfield Public Schools during professional development half days. Office Kovac, from the School Safety Division, led an interactive tabletop exercise and discussion with paraprofessionals at Roger Ludlowe Middle School. This engaging session focused on responding to and securing schools during actual or perceived threats. The result? Dynamic conversations and shared ideas on enhancing school safety. This initiative was inspired by Officer Kovac's recent attendance at a national conference hosted by the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO). He brought back fresh ideas to Fairfield, and put them into action to benefit our community.

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On January 15, Fairfield Police Department was excited to welcome the newest members, recruits John Serricchio and Zach Barry. They will be starting their journey at the Police Academy; where over the next 6 months they will be immersed in rigorous training to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to serve and protect our community.



On January 27, Fairfield Police celebrated the retirement of Lieutenant James Wiltsie, a distinguished leader whose dedication and contributions have profoundly impacted the Fairfield Police Department and our community. Lieutenant Wiltsie's commitment to service began long before his law enforcement career as a proud United States Marine Corps veteran. He joined the Fairfield Police Department in 2000, starting in the Patrol Division before quickly advancing to roles of increasing responsibility. Lieutenant Wiltsie has always put the needs of others first. In 2001, he volunteered to assist with recovery efforts at Ground Zero after the 9/11 attacks, a humbling experience that he will never forget. In 2001, Lieutenant Wiltsie became a member of the Fairfield Police Dive Team, where he brought his vast knowledge and experience from the commercial salvage sector to advancing the team in the public safety sector. In 2003, he joined the Marine Unit. Over his tenure with the Marine Unit, Lieutenant Wiltsie secured over \$1 million in federal funding through FEMA's Port Security Grant Program, modernizing and enhancing the department's fleet and securing renewable sustainability grant funding to maintain the fleet, reducing the financial burden to the town. A natural teacher and mentor, Lieutenant Wiltsie became a POSTC-certified instructor in 2006, specializing in Firearms, Use of Force, Taser, and Active Aggressor training. His commitment to excellence extended to his peers, as he served with distinction as a member of the Fairfield Police Honor Guard since 2015. In 2017, Lieutenant Wiltsie brought innovation and precision to the Property and Evidence Officer role, ensuring compliance with state retention regulations and streamlining operations. His exceptional leadership led to his promotion to Sergeant in 2020 and he was assigned to Patrol supervisor. In 2022, Lieutenant Wiltsie was assigned as the Division Commander for the School Safety Division. In this role, he set high standards with his comprehensive understanding of the unique security needs of educational settings to ensure a unified approach to school safety. Throughout his time in this position, Lieutenant Wiltsie worked with School Resource Officers to foster critical relationships with students and their families. His continued collaboration with key stakeholders, including Board of Education members, school administrators, and town officials, is a testament to his unwavering dedication to the department and community. Lieutenant Wiltsie's accomplishments have been recognized throughout his career with numerous accolades, including the Chief's Recognition Award, Life Saving Award, Hurricane Sandy Medal, World Trade Center Recognition, and the prestigious FBI Leadership Trilogy, underscoring his exceptional administrative and leadership skills. A proud Connecticut native, Lieutenant Wiltsie balances his professional achievements with a deep commitment to his family. He values time with his wife, Amy, and their children, Ryann, Raegan, and Jack. His passion for service extends beyond his badge, serving as the Event Director of the Vicki Soto 5K and as a Public Safety Advisory Board member for the Town of Stratford.

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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.

Officer Chanse Wilkie:

On January 27, 2025, Officer Wilkie responded without hesitation to a potential child abuse concern at the Early Childhood Center at Fairfield Warde High School, despite being at the end of his shift. Throughout the inquiry, he demonstrated professionalism, compassion, and attentiveness, ensuring the situation was handled with care. His calm demeanor helped de-escalate tensions, earning praise from school staff.

After clearing the scene, Officer Wilkie continued his commitment to service by assisting the child's parent, who was stranded due to a dead car battery. He voluntarily returned to help restart the vehicle, further showcasing his dedication to the community.

School staff, including Program Director Kristen Bruno and the school psychologist, commended Officer Wilkie's exemplary conduct, emphasizing his positive impact. His actions reflect his strong character and unwavering commitment to both his role as a School Resource Officer and the Fairfield community.

For his outstanding professionalism and dedication, Officer Wilkie is deserving of formal recognition. A letter from Kristen Bruno further expressing her gratitude is expected and will be added to this entry upon receipt.

Officer Edward Kovac:

Officer Kovac was recently recognized by a paraprofessional at Roger Ludlowe Middle School for his impactful professional development session. After attending a NASRO conference, he introduced a tabletop emergency scenario exercise that was well received by staff.

The exercise helped participants feel more confident in handling emergencies by reducing fear of following a rigid script and reinforcing the importance of sound judgment in critical situations. Paraprofessional Abbey Flink expressed her gratitude, stating that the training made her feel more prepared for situations she hopes never occur.

Officer Kovac's dedication to enhancing school safety through innovative training demonstrates his commitment to the well-being of staff and students alike.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Hector Irizarry

Detective Virgil Procaccini:

On 10/12/24 an elderly female fell victim to a distraction theft at ShopRite. Two suspects working in unison: one distracted the victim while the other stole her wallet from the shopping cart. The suspects then went to multiple stores in Fairfield attempting to purchase thousands of dollars in gift cards with the victim's credit cards.

We have seen an increase in this type of distraction theft and in most cases the suspects involved are career criminals, committing multi state crime sprees using the same M.O. This is a low risk/ high reward crime and is very difficult to identify the suspects once they leave the store. The solvability rate for these types of thefts is low.

Detective Procaccini was assigned the follow-up investigation and not only was he able to identify the two suspects in this case but he was able to secure two arrest warrants charging them with multiple counts of identity theft, illegal use of payment cards, and conspiracy charges. The two suspects have a long criminal history of thefts in multiple states throughout the country. One suspect has been arrested over 66 times in PA alone.

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Detective Procaccini conducted a methodical and thorough investigation. His attention to detail and his commitment to tracking down every lead is what allowed him to successfully close out this case with two arrests. Detective Procaccini's investigation included numerous video and witness canvases, CDR search warrants, collaboration with multiple in and out of state law enforcement agencies. Of particular note, Detective Procaccini broke the case open by using a date of birth (that was the only identifying info from the fraudulent gift card purchase) to run an in-house record check that identified a suspect out of 29 possible matches. That suspect has an active warrant out of Fairfield for larceny and payment card theft from 2022.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Antonio Granata

Detective Michael Zerella:

Detective Zerella is to be commended for his continued efforts to investigate and arrest drug dealers that are operating in the town of Fairfield and Fairfield county. He has been the lead detective in numerous drug investigations that have led to arrests and seizures. This most recent drug case is a perfect example of Detective Zerella relentless hard work and dedication to combatting the ever-growing drug problem.

Detective Zerella while conducting surveillance on an unrelated case observed a hand to hand transaction in a commercial parking lot and turned that proactive police work into a successful arrest with multiple felony charges for: 21a-278(b) Illegal Possession of Marijuana WITS OVER 1 KG, 21a-279a Possession of Marijuana Over 8 ounces, 21a-277(a)1A Possession of Narcotics WITS, 21a-279(a)(1) Possession of Narcotics and 21a-277(c) Possession of Drug Paraphernalia in a Drug Factory. In addition, a seizure of 10 pounds of marijuana, 100 THC cartridges and THC vape, 2 mini zips containing crack cocaine, scales and packaging material for sales.

This investigation took three months with many hours of physical surveillance done by detectives in the Quality of life unit, Bravo squad, and the BPT Auto theft task force. The case involved SW for house, vehicle, phones, and persons. All involved should be commended for their hard work and efforts that helped bring about the successful outcome. Detective Zerella's investigation led to the arrest of a drug dealer that was going out everyday making dozens of drug sales to residents of Fairfield and surrounding towns. The department will recover \$35,500 in cash and a 2013 Mercedes Benz E350 through asset forfeiture.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Antonio Granata

Officer Anthony Renaldi:

On January 29, 2025, at 1920 hours, while conducting traffic enforcement in the area of the I-95 Exit 25 north off-ramp, Officer Tony Renaldi observed a vehicle exiting the off-ramp. The vehicle was not displaying a front license plate, had heavily tinted windows, and came back through DMV records as having been cancelled/sold. Officer Renaldi initiated a traffic stop, and the vehicle initially pulled over. However, as Officer Renaldi approached, the vehicle accelerated rapidly and fled the scene at a high rate of speed. Per department policy, Officer Renaldi did not pursue the vehicle but promptly radioed a description of the vehicle, operator, and direction of travel.

Officer Renaldi then responded to the registered owner's address and made contact with the vehicle owner, who provided information about the identity of the driver and passenger. The owner also informed Officer Renaldi that the suspect driver had been previously arrested on gun and drug charges and had recently crashed his vehicle while attempting to elude police in another jurisdiction.

With this new information, Officer Renaldi collaborated with members of the Fairfield County Auto Theft Task Force. They located the vehicle in a neighboring city, unoccupied. Officer Renaldi responded to the scene and assisted in apprehending the suspected driver and passenger after a brief foot pursuit. During the pursuit, the suspect operator was observed attempting to discard a firearm.

Officer Renaldi's commitment to enhancing public safety through keen observation and thorough investigation led to the recovery of a firearm from a dangerous individual and resulted in multiple arrests for motor vehicle and criminal charges. Officer Renaldi is to be commended for his outstanding work

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Officer Eamonn Monks:

While working an Outside Job - Construction Detail, TSU Monks heard an audible alert from within his police vehicle about a vehicle that passed his location. TSU Monks checked the alert and determined that a black Mazda CX3 that had been flagged as a stolen vehicle had recently passed his location. TSU Monks immediately conducted an investigation and was able to relocate the vehicle, initiate appropriate actions during the encounter, and safely detain the suspect. It is clear that TSU Monks' knowledge of local traffic and stolen vehicle reporting systems, including the COLLECT search and follow-up, played a vital role in ensuring a positive outcome for this case.

TSU Monks' approach to handling the suspect, was professional and consistent with departmental procedures, from your communication with him during the stop to your methodical processing of the vehicle's ownership status. Moreover, your collaboration with the Stratford Police Department and Budget Car Rental was instrumental in confirming the stolen vehicle's status and proceeding with the arrest. This arrest is an excellent example of your commitment to duty and your skillful approach in the field. It also exemplifies the highest standards of law enforcement, ensuring both the safety of the community and proper justice through your careful investigation. Thank you for your service and dedication to keeping Fairfield safe. Your contributions do not go unnoticed, and the department is fortunate to have officers like you upholding the law and protecting the public.

Supervisor Issuing Commendation: Captain Hector Irizarry

Officers Felicia Clark and Jon Chlebowski:

Officers Felicia Clark and Jon Chlebowski deserve recognition for their outstanding work in delivering Internet Safety presentations to parents in our school community. Their expertise, dedication, and ability to communicate critical safety information have made these presentations an increasingly requested and valued resource from the School Safety Division.

A recent email from a parent who attended the program at McKinley Elementary highlights the significant impact of their work. The parent expressed deep gratitude for the knowledge and guidance provided, noting how the presentation equipped her with the necessary tools to make informed decisions regarding her child's online safety. She emphasized how the officers' insights helped her establish appropriate digital boundaries, recognize potential risks, and engage in meaningful conversations with other parents about internet safety.

The continued success and demand for these presentations reflect the exemplary skills and knowledge of Officers Clark and Chlebowski. Their commitment to the goals, values, and mission of our division—ensuring the safety of our students and fostering a positive environment in which they can thrive—is evident in their proactive approach to educating parents on emerging digital challenges.

Their dedication to this initiative not only strengthens our relationships within the community but also reinforces our role in providing essential safety education. I commend Officers Clark and Chlebowski for their efforts and their ongoing commitment to keeping our students and families informed and protected.

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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