

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

7:00pm

Council Chambers - City Hall

100 Broadway, Norwich, CT

Committee Members Present: President Pro Tem Joe DeLucia, Alderman Bill Nash and Alderwoman Jill Zuccardy.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Administration and Staff Present: Chief Patrick Daley, Norwich Police Department; Larry Sullivan, Norwich Public Utilities; and Operations Manager Colin Sayers, American Ambulance.

Volunteer/Central Fire Departments and Others: Norwich: Chief Sam Wilson; East Great Plain: Chief Rich Huntley; Laurel Hill: None; Occum: Chief Scott Eggert; Yantic: None; and Taftville: Chief Timothy Jencks.

Citizens Present: Polly Whitley-Miner, Jan Ackis, Tyler Booth, Peter Procko, Dayne Rugh, Jake Pendergast, Joanne Philbrick, Alex Woodward, James Connor and Autumn English.

- I. Call to Order and Quorum:** President Pro Tem Joe DeLucia called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There was a quorum present.
- II. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Alderman Bill Nash made a motion to accept the December 15, 2025 regular meeting minutes. President Pro Tem Joe DeLucia seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Citizen Comment:** Polly Whitley-Miner stated she had a growing concern with speeding in her neighborhood and vehicles causing damages to residents' properties and vehicles. Polly Whitley-Miner reported in the last couple years many cars in the Norwichtown Green area had been damaged or totaled. Polly Whitley-Miner stated a resident was verbally assaulted by a person involved in an incident on Washington Street Extension and another time a speeding car totaled her daughter's car which was parked in the rear of her home. Polly Whitley-Miner stated during any of these instances the historic buildings in the neighborhood could have been damaged, such as the Joseph Silversmith Shop. Polly Whitley-Miner suggested installing granite blocks in front of the property to prevent potential accidents. Polly Whitley-Miner stated she was aware speeding was an issue in residential neighborhoods throughout the city. Polly Whitley-Miner stated that road interventions such as narrowing roadways, adding chokepoints and sidewalks should be utilized. Polly Whitley-Miner stated she felt road controls would improve the quality of life in Norwich. Polly Whitley-Miner encouraged the creation of a citizen group to work alongside city officials to achieve these goals.

Jan Ackis stated that he and his wife had lived on Elm Avenue for many decades and since retiring have spent a lot of time walking. Jan Ackis stated he

had noticed a growing number of concerns for pedestrians and requested the city conduct a traffic study on Town Street, West Town Street, Elm Avenue, Scotland Road and the surrounding area. Jan Ackis stated these areas were initially developed to be suited for residential historic New England streets. Jan Ackis noted there were several improvement tools that could be utilized such as physical traffic calming measures for speed cushions that still allowed emergency access and staggered roadway designs. Jan Ackis stated that technology such as speed and traffic light cameras could be used to reinforce speed limits. Jan Ackis stated there was a lot of human activity in his neighborhood and the streets were not originally designed for through traffic.

Tyler Booth stated he was the current owner and resident of Lathrop Manor. Tyler Booth passed out a packet detailing areas of concern he and his wife had observed since moving into the area in October 2023. SEE ADDENDUM I. Tyler Booth stated they observed quite a few problems in this time specifically in regards to safety in the neighborhood for residents and children. Tyler Booth stated excessive speeding occurred all hours of the day and the average speed limit in the area seemed to be 35 miles-per-hour in the regulated 25 mile-per-hour zone, based on applications they used to determine this. Tyler Booth reported there had been multiple hit-and-run accidents and that the 'Walk Norwich' trails were not safe to traverse. Tyler Booth stated there was evidence of driving under the influence which he provided in the packet that was given to members, along with evidence of accidents that had occurred. Tyler Booth noted his packet also included a map of proposed locations for safety inclusions and listed off the proposed improvements detailed in his packet. Tyler Booth stated that since he moved to the area he had joined the Historic District Commission and felt the city had an opportunity to make areas like the Norwichtown Green neighborhood attractive to tourism. Tyler Booth understood the potential concerns from snow plows and emergency vehicles in regards to speed deterrents but noted that other municipalities utilize the same features and are able to make it work.

Peter Procko stated he was the chair of the Greeneville Watch and Revitalization Committee, to which he suggested a neighborhood watch group be developed for the Historic District. Peter Parko stated that the Greeneville group met with the police monthly and contacted the department the day of their meeting to see if an officer was available to attend. Peter Parko stated the neighborhood watch had been very successful and was a great vehicle for fighting crime and sharing ideas with officers. Peter Procko noted that in the Greeneville neighborhood they were working on making certain streets one-way as there were monthly complaints regarding wrong way parking, accessibility and hit-and-runs. Peter Parko stated that the streets in Greeneville were developed in the 1820's and were very narrow so the residents felt the best solution was to make them one-way.

Alderwoman Jill Zuccardy noted that at the last meeting Nancy Procko mentioned concerns with utility wires in the street, specifically on Asylum Street but she thought that may have been due to construction as she did not see them. Peter Procko stated they too noticed the Asylum Street area was cleaned up. Alderwoman Zuccardy got confirmation on the location of the down wires on 7th Street.

Dayne Rugh stated that since moving to the Norwichtown Green area in 2017 he regularly drove and walked the roads in the neighborhood. Dayne Rugh stated his concerns had only increased since living there. Dayne Rugh noted there were several documented accidents through East Town Street and Town Street Extension that have resulted in totaled vehicles and he was concerned for the likelihood of a fatality occurring. Dayne Rugh stated that the destruction of property created many problems to deal with and the frequency of accidents were increasing. Dayne Rugh stated that common sense solutions were presented by other residents and felt the city could collectively come forward to make the neighborhood safer. Dayne Rugh reiterated that streets in historic neighborhoods are very old and typically not constructed to accommodate automobiles. Dayne Rugh stated that the speedscales should be adapted to discourage speeding and reckless driving.

Jake Pendergast stated he lived on East Town Street and noted that the Norwich Free Academy cross country team used the street for running during peak traffic hours. Jake Pendergast stated there was limited protection for them against vehicle traffic. Jake Pendergast stated there were walking trails in the Norwichtown Green neighborhood and residents also regularly utilized the roads for walking. Jake Pendergast stated that East Town Street specifically did not have adequate sidewalks for the entire walking trail, which is advertised on the city website. Jake Pendergast stated the lack of sidewalks in combination with the pedestrian usage and traffic presented a clear, preventable safety risk. Jake Pendergast stated he was aware that sidewalk installations and maintenance were typically left to property owners but that was not occurring to the level encouraged by the city. Jake Pendergast stated it was reported by the city that sidewalk installations cost approximately \$13 to \$16 per square foot for a 36-inch wide white sidewalk, and about \$38 to \$39 per linear square foot. Jake Pendergast stated he felt property taxes paid by residents would sufficiently cover sections of sidewalk installations that would serve students, residents and tourists alike. Jake Pendergast discussed the benefit of walkable neighborhoods and the benefit of sidewalks. Jake Pendergast stated that addressing safety concerns was not about assigning blame but about building a better Norwich for the future.

Joanne Philbrick stated she had been a resident of Elm Avenue for 21 years and over the last decade had approached the Public Safety Committee many times regarding concerns over traffic safety in Norwichtown. Joanne Philbrick recommended a subcommittee be formed to address such issues. Joanne Philbrick stated she was in favor of a neighborhood watch being formed in Norwichtown as there were many ongoing issues. Joanne Philbrick noted there was a speed camera at the Elm Avenue intersection but questioned what it accomplished as speeding was still occurring.

Alex Woodward stated that in his home country roadways were modified and engineered to deter inconsiderate drivers. Alex Woodward stated he felt the issue to support such engineering locally would come down to funding and encouraged the Public Safety Committee to find a way to work through that. Alex Woodward stated there were many concerned residents and all of the city would benefit from improved traffic measures.

James Connor stated he had lived on Washington Street Extension for over 50

years and traffic had changed considerably in that time. James Connor stated the police had attempted to keep track of the flow of traffic but he felt mild attempts to address the situation were not working. James Connor stated that between the traffic concerns, lack of sidewalks and inaccessible street parking action needed to be taken.

Autumn English stated that when they moved onto East Town Street they were advised by neighbors to never park on the road due to cars being totaled. Autumn English stated the Walktober events were concerning to attend due to traffic concerns. Autumn English stated that her neighbor was a Norwich Free Academy student who was required to walk to school but there were no sidewalks or safe walking paths for any residents in that area.

Aldерwoman Jill Zuccardy asked for a moment of personal privilege. Aldерwoman Zuccardy thanks all who came out to express their concerns and propose solutions. Aldерwoman Zuccardy stated that she often worked in the area and agreed with everything mentioned, although some things were regional issues.

Chief Patrick Daley asked the citizens in attendance, who were willing, to pass along their contact information in regards to a neighborhood watch so that he may follow up with them.

IV. On-going Business:

- a. CAD/RMS Update:** Chief Patrick Daley clarified for a point of record that RMS referred to the record management system computer program used to enter information for creating arrest and fire incident reports. Chief Patrick Daley stated that on the fire service side the departments recently switched their reporting management system vendor to First Due from Emergency Reporting, which was ready to go. Chief Daley stated the police department was transitioning from IRC Tri-Tech to Motorola. Chief Daley stated that CAD referred to the computer and dispatch system which was newly made by Motorola. Chief Daley stated that the CAD system is loaded with data from GPS, assessors maps and utilities. Chief Daley stated the police department was on the state radio system, and within that was the notification aspect such as alerting for the paid and volunteer fire departments. Chief Daley stated the CAD system should have been done by this point but there were still outstanding issues. Chief Daley stated he understood there was a push to move forward but that was a bad engineer practice as once the system was live certain payments would be pushed through by contract. Chief Daley stated they have worked to increase pressure on Motorola as much as possible, which has not been the easiest process. Chief Daley stated the most recent update was that they would “go dark” and stop putting data in the old system at the end of the month. Chief Daley stated the switch date was aimed for February 9, 2026. Chief Daley stated that the initial goal was to go live in January but it was not possible. President Pro Tem DeLucia asked how all of that related to the alert system for the fire departments. Chief Daley responded that aspect was part of the radio system and explained that the fire service utilized a console computer screen that would activate a tone. Chief Daley stated following that the fire department pagers would activate to notify them of

the call. President Pro Tem DeLucia stated that he is typically contacted when there is a failure with the alerting system and he believes it had occurred three times since the Otis Street fire. Chief Daley explained that the failure was not occurring in the same way as that issue was due to software when switching from Channel 1 to Channel 2, which had since been rectified. Chief Daley stated that the failure incident that occurred the other day was the system sent out a page that was heard by the Battalion Chief and on commercial sites, but the pagers were not activated. Chief Daley noted that the pagers were essentially small computers and if they were not programmed properly the potential for issues was increased. Chief Daley stated that ultimately the pagers, not the radio system, were what was not working properly and they were working to get them reprogrammed. Chief Daley noted that in regards to complaints for IM Responding or the scanner applications, those are owned by third parties and not operated by city agencies.

Chief Sam Wilson reiterated that the top level of issues was the pagers. Chief Wilson stated that the fire service communications system had improved but they were still investigating if the pagers were the ultimate issue. Chief Wilson explained that somewhere along the process the alerting system on the pagers was not upgraded to meet the level of technology put out by the police department. Chief Wilson stated he was working on a remedy and received proposals for three different vendors to upgrade the entire City of Norwich. Chief Wilson stated he was working with the city manager and Chief Daley to find funding options. Chief Wilson stated that the First Due program was working great and operated over 5G or wifi, but it still did not fix the station alerting issues.

V. New Business:

a. Department Updates: (SEE ADDENDUM II)

- i. NPU:** Waste Water Manager Larry Sullivan reported that the pond level was increasing from the summer and reservoirs were currently at 83% capacity. President Pro Tem DeLucia asked the status of the sewer treatment project. Larry Sullivan responded that it was on time and on schedule but there were some difficulties regarding impact. Larry Sullivan stated that considering the money and time being invested the project was going well.
- ii. American Ambulance:** Operations Manager Colin Sayers reported 615 total transports for December including 279 ALS calls and 336 BLS calls. Colin Sayers stated 185 calls were canceled.
- iii. Police Department:** Chief Patrick Daley reporting that staffing remained an issue although five officers were currently enrolled in the police academy. Chief Daley explained that it takes about 11 months for a hired officer to actually become active. Chief Daley reported that the police station building continued to be an issue and currently the heat did not always work along with a mouse problem. Chief Daley stated that interviews for the Deputy Chief position were scheduled for the following week.

iv. Emergency Management Update: Chief Samuel Wilson reported Chief Urban and himself were beginning to work on the city Local Emergency Operations Plan that was due to the state in 2027 and would continue to work on it monthly through the year. Chief Wilson stated that the city was due for a host community radiological drill in September 2026 which himself, Chief Urban and NPU were working on. Chief Wilson explained that Norwich is a host community for all radiological disasters so that state would be changing out the city's RAD gear to make sure it is up to satisfaction.

v. Fire Department Updates: (SEE ADDENDUM I)

Additional discussion occurred regarding what the committee members were looking for to be reported by the various departments each month.

- **Norwich:** Chief Sam Wilson reported the first two joint standard operating guidelines through the fire chiefs' committee which were for the incident command system and accountability. Chief Wilson stated he would lead the charge on training and it was decided training would be provided to all levels of officers. Chief Wilson reported that the training completion date was the end of February. Chief Wilson reiterated that in regards to the alerting system issues it was pinpointed that the pagers were the issue and there was currently an alert appearing stating the pager was not operating as needed, which he did not feel was the appropriate method for alerting fire service members. Chief Wilson stated he brought several different options for funding to the city manager to cover all of the city fire service. Chief Wilson reported there was an ongoing roof issue at the Greeneville station and the leaking there was ruining the infrastructure of the building. Chief Wilson stated he reached out to Brian Long at Public Works to come up with a plan in order to preserve the city infrastructure as it was collapsing and either needed to be fixed or rebuilt, the latter of which was not possible. Chief Wilson reported that the implementation of the NERIS reporting system put out by the State of Connecticut was due by January 1, 2026 and that all departments would be enrolled by the end of the week.

- **Taftville:** Chief Tim Jencks reported that he anticipated that the firehouse roof replacement would have been completed but there was an antenna that needed to be moved. Chief Jencks stated he was working with a radio vendor and meeting with them the following week. Chief Jencks stated that the main roof was done but the sheeting and coping remained to be completed. Chief Jencks reported that the past month the Taftville DIVE team supported the New London Marine Group in the water light parade for the holidays and also supported Wreaths Across America. Chief Jencks stated that members helped transport Santa to a few different civic organizations and their monthly breakfast was that upcoming Sunday. Chief Jencks reported that Taftville hosted the December New London County Fire Chiefs' Meeting. Chief Jencks

stated that they were working with social services with the placement of a Narcan dispenser at the firehouse as well as a community food pantry that would be placed by Norwich Recreation Department.

- **Yantic:** None.
- **Occum:** Chief Scott Eggert reported the replacement of Engine 41 as a critical need. Chief Eggert stated he spoke to Chief Wilson regarding revisiting the discussion of apparatus as Occum had two of the oldest pumpers in the city. Chief Eggert reported that members were in training and the parking lot work was on hold until the spring for capital allotments.
- **East Great Plain:** Chief Rich Huntley reported that EGP conducted a tactical rope rescue off of Middle Street a few weeks prior behind a home. Chief Huntley stated the annual Christmas tree sale went well and they gave away leftover trees for free.
- **Laurel Hill:** None.

b. Discussion and Possible Action on City Council referral "Proposed Ordinance for On-Street parking."

Alderwoman Jill Zuccardy stated she spoke to Chief Patrick Daley, Officer Burrows and corporation counsel regarding the ordinance. Alderwoman Zuccardy stated that from that and reviewing statutes she felt the ordinance was wholly unenforceable and experiences throughout the state supported that. Alderwoman Zuccardy stated that the problem with the ordinance, which was based on a state statute, is that it is procedurally difficult as it requires documentation of a 30-day notice to the owner of the vehicle and publication of the notice in a newspaper of substantial circulation. Alderwoman Zuccardy stated that once the notice is received the vehicle owner could move their car and the clock would start again. Alderwoman Zuccardy stated she was unsure of what the outcomes would be with an inoperable vehicle and would investigate that further. Alderwoman Zuccardy stated she personally found that the existing laws that could be enforced by the police department were more expeditious than anything within the proposed ordinance. Alderwoman Zuccardy stated that the ordinance was also not fiscally budget neutral and would put an administrative burden on police resources. Alderwoman Zuccardy continued that if there were a way to document if the vehicle remained in the same location daily the town would then have to pay for the publication of legal notices. Alderwoman Zuccardy also noted the potential for legal challenges and appeals. Alderwoman Zuccardy stated that if the ordinance were to increase public safety she would find it worthwhile but did not feel it would address that issue. Alderwoman Zuccardy stated she did not recommend the ordinance proceed any further. Alderwoman Zuccardy noted she spoke to the petitioning resident who understood the issues she discussed.

Alderwoman Zuccardy made a motion to make a favorable recommendation to the City Council on the "Proposed Ordinance Submission Packet – On-street

Parking.” Alderman Nash seconded. All voted in opposition. The motion failed unanimously.

c. Traffic Cameras

President Pro Tem DeLucia reported that the Public Safety Committee received a letter from resident Larry Rice via the mayor and city council, which he read into the record: “Mr. Mayor, as a retired Norwich Police Officer and lifelong resident of Norwich I am well aware of the speeding that takes place on our local roads, and particularly in school zones. That’s why I am sending you this article from The Day paper regarding automated ticketing cameras. I believe this would be good for Norwich and I am asking you to have a public hearing to give residents a chance to speak on a proposed ordinance.” SEE ADDENDUM III.

Alderwoman Zuccardy questioned if the traffic cameras would only improve a few main streets while increasing danger on side streets. Alderwoman Zuccardy stated she would like to hear more regarding upfront costs, studies and the application of the cameras. Alderwoman Zuccardy asked Chief Patrick Daley if he could get data from the City of Middletown as an example and questioned if there was funds in the current budget to sustain the cost of the cameras. Alderwoman Zuccardy stated she was also curious of the time frame involved between the installation of the cameras and gaining revenue. Alderwoman Zuccardy stated it was her understanding that a portion of ticket fee goes to the camera vendor so she would like to know what that fee is and if Chief Daley had any feedback. Alderwoman Zuccardy stated it would be difficult for her to vote on an ordinance without knowing proposed locations. Discussion ensued. Alderman Nash reiterated that would not like to see cameras placed in areas that could be easily avoided and would like to catch out-of-city traffic that is utilizing city streets for speeding. Chief Daley stated he would not recommend the route of a public hearing at this time and felt the ordinance should stay with the Public Safety Committee to give members and himself time for research. Chief Daley stated the dialogue should remain open as the process moves along and noted any location he may pick for speed cameras would need to be approved by the state traffic authority. Discussion ensued.

VI. Other Items: None.

VII. Public Safety items for future discussion: CAD/RMS Update, Traffic Cameras

VIII. Next Meeting: February 11, 2026 at Emergency Operations Center

IX. Adjournment: Upon a motion by Alderman Bill Nash, seconded by Alderwoman Jill Zuccardy, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Katherine Rose*

Safety Concerns

Current Problems

- The area is extremely unsafe for pedestrians, particularly neighborhood residents and children.
- Frequent speeding and traffic accidents make the neighborhood less safe and less desirable to live in.
- Repeated hit-and-run incidents and accidents have resulted in property damage and loss.
- "Walk Norwich" is effectively unwalkable in this area, as long stretches of Historic Norwichtown and the Benedict Arnold Trail lack sidewalks, forcing residents to walk in the roadway.

Necessary Safety Improvements

- Install speed tables on Washington Street Extension at the following locations:
 - Near Butts Lane
 - Just after Lathrop Lane at the meadow entrance
 - At the far end of the meadow near the four-way intersection
- Add clearly marked crosswalks at the four-way intersection of Canterbury Road, East Town Street, Scotland Road, and Washington Street.
- Install a crosswalk across Huntington Lane, aligned with East Town Street.
- Add a crosswalk across East Town Street at the entrance to the Old Cemetery, directly across from Huntington Lane.
- Construct continuous sidewalks along East Town Street and Scotland Road into Historic Norwichtown, allowing residents to safely access historic areas and the meadow.
- Install speed tables on East Town Street both before the historic Schoolhouse and after Mediterranean Restaurant.
- Add speed tables and sidewalks along Mediterranean Road.
- Construct a sidewalk along Scotland Road.

Drunk or reckless driving

-17 new pints (sitting on top of leaves) of Smirnoff and countless nips along Washington Street up Scotland Road counted from November 25 to December 23



-Car veered off road one night along Washington between Lathrop Lane November 2025



-Car veered off Scotland Road (see video below) along same path of the vodka bottles in early December 2025



Speed/ Failing to Stop at Stop Signs

-Average Speed of cars is 35mph with some cars reaching 55mph

-Street racing-witnessed by Norwichtown Residents on multiple occasions, one leading to an accident

-When I am working from home, my office directly faces the Lathrop Lane and Washington Street Intersection. From data taken over a period of 2 months, I have heard an average of 2 car horns a day at that intersection in relation to people running stop sign or pulling out and not seeing other cars approaching

- Went for a walk on December 23 at 2:30pm and when we got to four way stop between Washington, East Town Street, Canterbury, and Scotland Rd. My husband, dog, and I stood on side of road waiting for cars to yield to us to cross. One car stopped at the sign and then went through not allowing to cross. We stepped into the street and another car sped through the stop sign and swerved around us.

Accidents- 10 (that have impacted Washington Street Neighbors) in the past two years on this ~.25 mile extension of Washington Street

- 1. Greg and Jessica's car hit in driveway and Lathrop Manor stone wall hit**



2. Jakes Jeep- parked on side of street, car coming down Washington hit and totaled it as well as ripped a 250 lb stone from their retaining wall



3. **Fall 2024-** Stone wall at corner of Washington Street and East Town Street hit from car racing when cars went through stop sign almost hitting pedestrian walking dog
4. **Hannah's car parked on street next to her home hit- December 2, 2024**



5. **December 2024-** car coming down Lathrop Lane to Washington Street, ran off road and hit a tree totaling car at night.
6. **1:00am January 1, 2025-** John's friend's car wrecked in drunk driving accident - A car was stolen and being driven by drunk drivers down Washington street at 1:00am on New Years Eve. It hit a parked car in front of John's home and totaled the car. The drivers abandoned the vehicle and ran into the yards of the neighbors and police dogs were released on local properties to find them.
7. **SPRING-2025-** Hit and run right off of Lathrop Lane and Washington Street- car coming down Lathrop lane sideswiped a car on Washington and drove off. Car wheel-well was damaged and car not drivable. Tow truck and police came and asked if we had cameras on our home to find the driver but we did not.
8. **September 2025-** accident at intersection of East Town Street and Washington Street with motorcycle.
9. **October 23, 2025-** Car speeding down Washington hit a parked car, flipped, and was totaled. The car that was parked in the road and hit was unregistered and parked with no known owner; and additional safety concern. It was also totaled and towed.



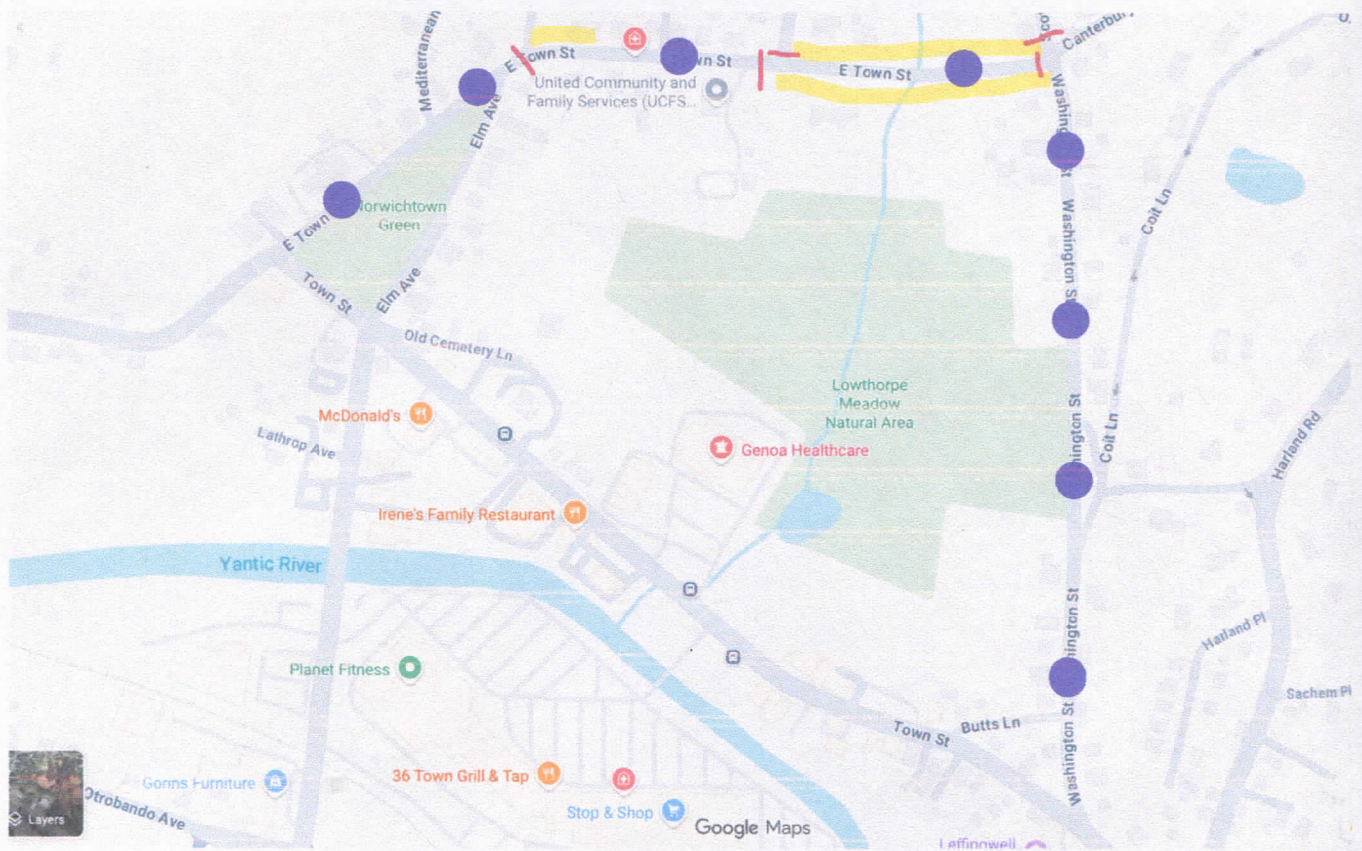
10. Tyler's fence hit and run November 2025

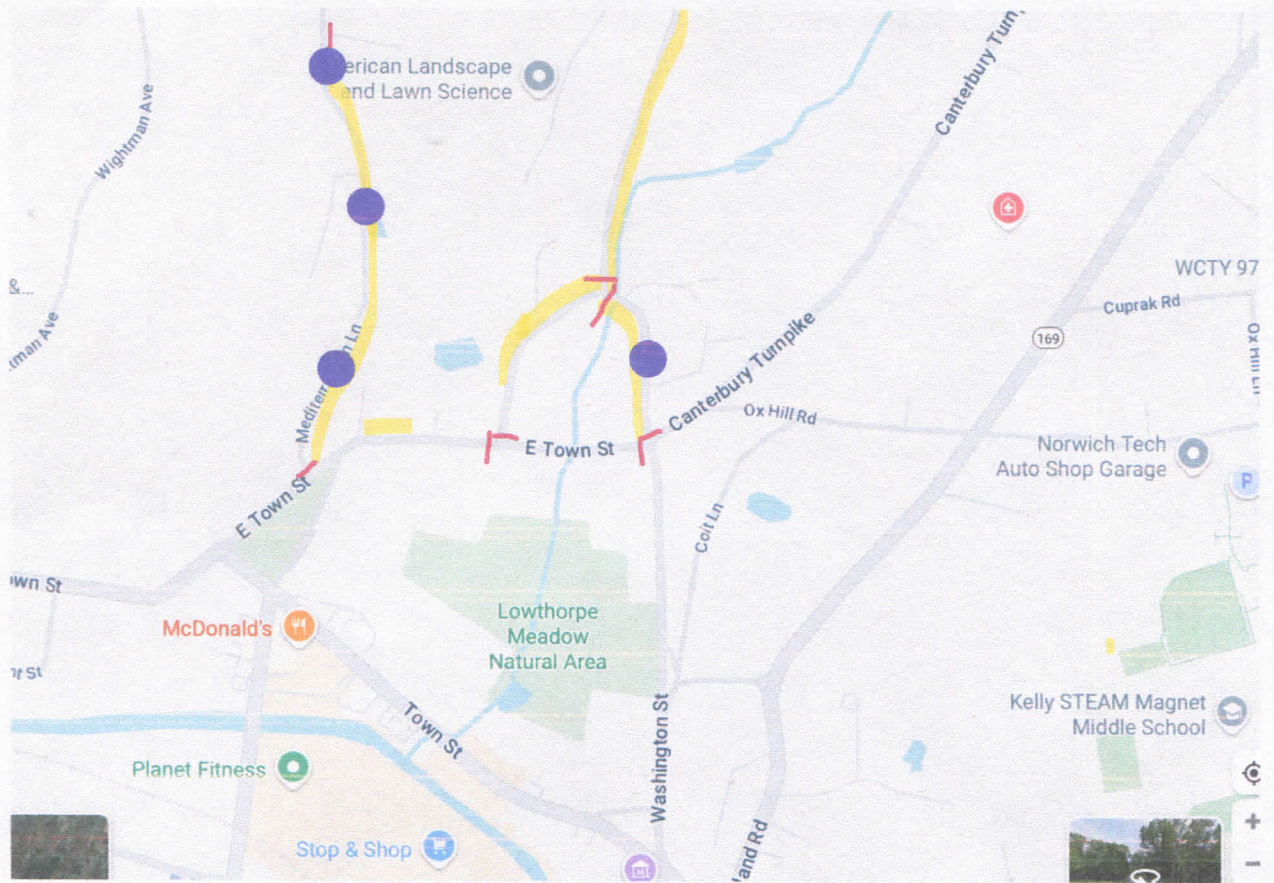


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Highlighted in red are the areas needing cross walks

Highlighted in purple are the speed humps





AMERICAN AMBULANCE

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ALS Transports: 279

BLS Transports: 336

Total Transports: 615

Canceled or No Transport Responses:

Unfounded 10

Canceled by NPD 16

Canceled by NFD 6

On Scene / No Transport 144

Lift Assist 9

Total Canceled / No Transport: 185 (23% of response volume)

Most Common Incident Types

Sick Person 126

Falls 51

Psychiatric 49

Breathing Problems 45

Chest Pain 28

Unconscious/Fainting 23

Abdominal Pain 23

Heart Problems 20

Traffic Accidents 17

Hemorrhage/Lacerations 14

Patient Demographics:

Average Age 54

Male 49% Female 51%



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Statistics for Month

Calls for Service	3,920
Incident Reports generated	209
Arrests made	92
Accidents investigated	103

Significant incidents for the month

December 2025 Detective Division Monthly Report

Burglary

12/6/2025

25-49046-OF

On December 6, 2025, officers responded to a reported burglary at a convenience store on Franklin Street after business owners observed a suspect on live interior surveillance footage accessing cash registers. Officers secured the building and conducted a search with the assistance of a state police K-9 unit but did not locate the suspect. Surveillance footage showed a tall male entering through an unsecured basement door, moving throughout the store, and removing cash from a cabinet beneath a register. Approximately \$4,000 in U.S. currency was reported stolen.

The investigation is ongoing.

Kidnapping / Assault

12/16/2025

25-50405-OF

On December 16, 2025, officers responded to a domestic violence incident at a gas station on Laurel Hill Avenue, where witnesses reported an assault, threats involving a firearm, and the forcible removal of the victim into the suspect's vehicle. The suspect fled the scene and attempted to evade police before being taken into custody during a felony motor vehicle stop. A .22 caliber handgun was recovered along the suspect's route of travel, and the victim was later



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found injured at the suspect's residence and transported to a local hospital. The suspect was arrested for the assault, and additional firearm-related charges are pending.

Detectives assisted with this investigation.

Narcotics Arrest

12/23/2025

25-51228-AR

On December 23, 2025, detectives and patrol officers conducted a motor vehicle stop on North Main Street. Officers observed drug paraphernalia in plain view, and a search of the vehicle was conducted. Officers discovered a large quantity and variety of controlled substances, packaging materials, scales, and cash consistent with street-level narcotics trafficking. The operator was arrested on multiple drug-related charges, the vehicle was seized, and the individual was released on a \$25,000 non-surety bond.

Missing Person

12/30/2025

25-52034-OF

On December 30, 2025, officers responded to a report of a missing person after a 62-year-old woman left her residence following a domestic dispute and was believed to be at risk due to ongoing mental health concerns. Officers and detectives conducted extensive follow-up efforts, including interviews with family members, hospital checks, license plate reader reviews, and coordination with surrounding law enforcement agencies. The individual's vehicle was tracked to the Waterford area, and she was entered into national and state missing person databases and issued a Silver Alert. On January 2, 2026, she was located deceased inside her vehicle in a retail parking lot in Waterford by local police.

The investigation is ongoing.



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JOINT TASK FORCE / FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

- A task force officer is assisting a federal prosecutor with trial preparation for a federal criminal case scheduled to begin in late January.
 - A task force officer assisted an out-of-state police department and the FBI with a university-area shooting investigation.
 - A long-term narcotics trafficking investigation remains ongoing and active.
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EXTRACURRICULAR DETECTIVE EVENTS

- A community youth soccer initiative hosted at a local high school has concluded.
- Detectives attended the departmental retiree luncheon.
- A pending homicide trial is scheduled to begin on January 6, 2026, with detectives involved in extensive pre-trial preparation alongside the regional State's Attorney's Office.

OVERDOSE INVESTIGATIONS

Fatal: 0 Non-Fatal: 4

1. 12/04/2025 – Case #25-48666-OF
 2. 12/18/2025 – Case #25-50606-OF
 3. 12/18/2025 – Case #25-50669-OF
 4. 12/31/2025 – Case #25-52153-OF
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TRAINING

- No trainings attended during this reporting period.
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MISCELLANEOUS

- Arrest warrants signed: 13
- Arrests made: 5
- Search warrants signed: 6
- Forensic interviews attended: 3
- Narcotics controlled purchases: 3
- Total detective call-ins: 1

Staffing/Hiring/Training matters

Training Classes:

December 1-12, 2025 – First Line Supervisor at Roger Williams University (Sgt. Nott)



December 2-3, 2025 – Use of Force Summit (Lt. Schmidt, Lt. Meikle)

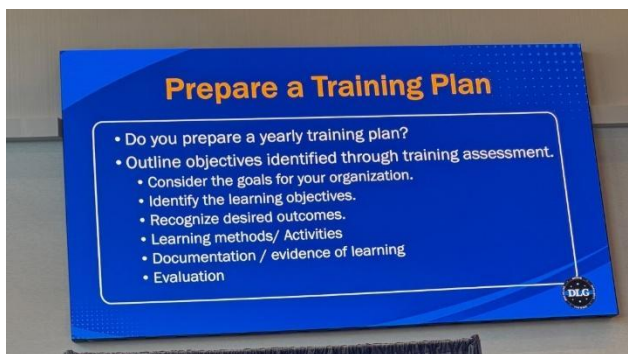


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December 8-12, 2025 – FBI LEEDA Executive Leadership Institute (Capt. Lazzaro, Lt. Rankin, Lt. Schmidt)

December 9, 2025 – CPCA Winter Expo, Bristol, CT – Daigle Law presented Training Liability and Planning (Chief Daley, Sgt. Chastang, Sgt. Marsh, Investigator Dupointe)



December 10-11, 2025– Domestic Violence GPS Notification Training for Dispatch (Dispatchers Gabor, Concepcion, Colon, Labbe, O'Brien, Vontish)

December 22, 2025– Rifle Training/Make-up Day (Multiple Officers Attended)



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Misc. Information:

December 4, 2025 – Recruits at the Eastern Region Police Academy (ERPA) in Norwich participated in practical skill DUI investigations. Recruits were assisted by officers from departments throughout the region on proper Standard Field Sobriety Testing.

December 5, 2025 – Annual Field Training Officer meeting. During the meeting, officers discussed improvements to the program, critical tasks for recruits and suggestions on future FTOs.

December 11, 2025 – Inv. Dupointe, Officer B. Santiago and Sgt. Marsh met with Norwich Free Academy's Career Exploration Program Coordinators to discuss/finalize the Spring 2026 NPD Law Enforcement Career Exploration Program.

December 15, 2025 – Investigator Dupointe and Sgt. Marsh attended the Norwich Free Academy's 9th grade Career Expo. Students were educated about a career at the Norwich Police Department while participating in simulated distracting/impaired driving scenarios.



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December 17, 2025 – Officer Sara Donahue officially

completed her Field Training Evaluation Program and was assigned to the midnight shift. She started her first patrol shift on Saturday *December 20, 2025*.

Community Outreach/events attended or facilitated

The following are events that we took part in as an agency in the month of December:

Dec 4th - : Sandy Hook Remembrance Vigil. Attended by Chief Daley, Sgt. Cannata, Officer Santos, and Officer Bates

Dec 4th - 5th : Tommy Toy Fund Collection. Attended by Sgt. Cannata, Officer McKinney, Officer Homand, Kaylee Manfredi and the Records Division staff. Officer McKinney organized and planned the entire event. He and Officer Homand delivered the collected toys the following Monday.

Dec 5th : Light Up City Hall / Mohegan Striders Fun Run: Attended by Sergeant Marsh

Dec 6th : Winterfest Parade

Due to the holiday season there were community meetings (NEO or Chase Manor Community Watch).

Traffic Stop Breakdown

Total Traffic Stops	126
Arrests Made	8
Summons	5
Infractions	7
Written Warnings	32
Verbal Warnings	62
Other/Investigation	12



Norwich Police Department

Public Safety Committee Report

DECEMBER 2025

Rank

	Roadway	Approx. Number of Stops*
1	Franklin Street	15
2	West Main Street	14
3	North Main Street	12
4	Washington Street	11
5	Boswell Avenue	10
6	New London Turnpike	9
7	Westside Boulevard	8
8	Norwich Avenue	7
9	Salem Turnpike	6
10	Taftville—Occum Road	5

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Executive Summary

Norwich Fire Department Fourth Quarter Report (October 1 – December 31, 2025)

During the fourth quarter of 2025, the Norwich Fire Department (NFD) continued to deliver comprehensive emergency response services while advancing department-wide training, compliance, prevention, and regional coordination efforts. Over the reporting period, the department responded to a total of 684 emergency incidents, reflecting sustained operational demand across fire, EMS, and related service categories.

Operations & Emergency Response

NFD personnel responded to 684 incidents during the quarter, maintaining effective coverage and service delivery while simultaneously meeting extensive training and administrative requirements. The department also conducted multiple fire investigations, including 9 structure fires, 1 vehicle fire, 2 outside fires, and 2 other incidents, supporting both operational readiness and post-incident accountability.

Training & Education

The Training Division completed 393 classes, totaling 567 class hours and 2,616 student hours, supported by 754 instructor hours. Training focused heavily on safety, certification, and regulatory compliance, with OSHA-related instruction accounting for approximately 40% of total category hours and certification programs representing 25%.

Key accomplishments included:

- 13 members certified in Fire Officer I
- Completion of Fire Officer III and IV certifications
- Ongoing probationary firefighter training with structured monthly evaluations
- Confined space refresher and practical training in OSHA compliance
- EMS in-person fourth-quarter training for all platoons

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- Hazardous Materials Operations refresher and technician-level certifications
- Expanded use and training on NERIS, CAD, and MDT platforms

Training activities were conducted across multiple venues, including Headquarters, Greenville, city streets, and district target hazards, emphasizing realistic, operationally relevant instruction.

Emergency Management & Regional Coordination

All Emergency Management deliverables were completed for the quarter. Activities included:

- Quarterly radiological inspections and radio system testing
- Active participation in ESF-9, RESF-5, and Region 4 planning meetings
- Host community and steering committee meetings
- JHAT staffing for the submarine christening
- Continued coordination and planning for future regional and hoist-based exercises

Public Collaboration & Grants

The department strengthened interagency collaboration through:

- Coordination with HHC American Ambulance, HHC Medical Control, and MTFD to deploy Cyanokits in Battalion Chief vehicles
- Ongoing training and mutual aid discussions with Subbase Fire Department

Grant efforts were constrained by an October 2025 portal shutdown and the denial of 2024 AFG grants. However, ARPA-funded Lucas devices were successfully serviced and returned to operational readiness, and additional grant-supported training is scheduled for early 2026.

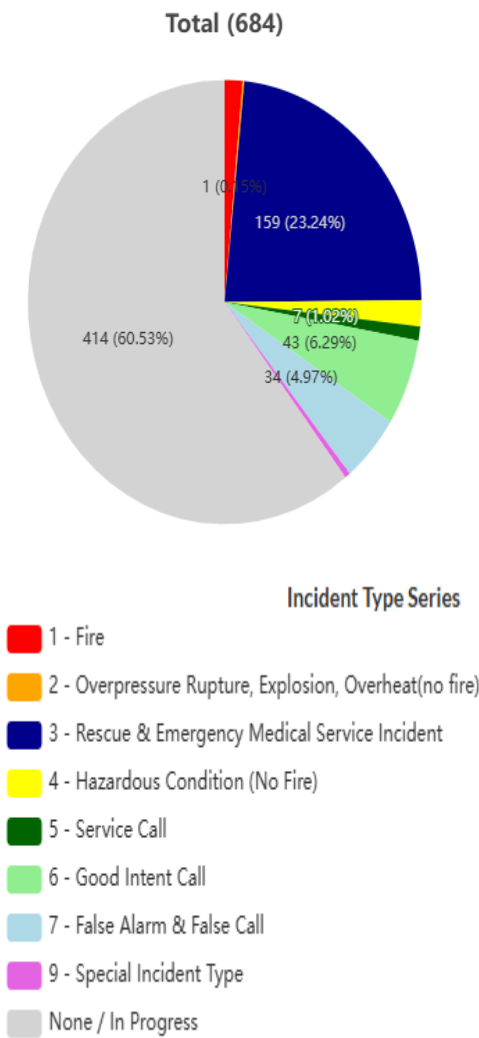
Fire Marshal's Office & Fire Prevention

The Fire Marshal's Office remained actively engaged in inspections, investigations, and large-scale development oversight. Numerous residential, commercial, industrial, and school construction projects progressed through plan review and inspection phases, ensuring continued compliance with fire and life safety codes. Fire prevention outreach included a recurring public radio program to enhance community awareness and education.

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NORWICH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total classes	393
Total class hours	567
Total student hours	2616
Total NFD Instructor hours	754
Total training hours by objective	4207
Total training hours personnel by category	1940
October student hours	2023
November student hours	1130
December student hours	593

TRAINING LOCATION

LOCATION	CLASSES
City streets	43
Connecticut Fire Academy	1
District target hazard	13
EM Facility	9
Greeneville	92
Marina	0
Headquarters	190
Other	45
Thames river	0

AC OF TRAINING AND SAFETY

Category of Instruction	Hours
Arizona Vortex	1
Automobile extrication-patient care	4
Confined Space lecture	56
Confined space practical	16

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EMS	16
Engine Company Ops	1
Fit test	13
Hazmat Ops refresher lecture	68
High angle rope training	15
Highway response	4
Lucas training	1
MDT	2.5
NERIS	6
November SQ A	3
Radiological meter	1
Rope	4
Victim drill	2
Total instructor hours	198

TRAINING CATEGORY HOURS/PERCENTAGE

Administration	30	4
Apparatus	38	5
Certification Programs	214	25
Community Risk Reduction	0	0
Driver Operator	5	1
Emergency Management	8	1
EMS	21	3
Firefighting Operations	24	3
FMO	68	8
Hazardous materials	19	2
Leadership	25	3
Marine Operations	0	0
OSHA	337	40
Pre Plan	11	1
Probationary Firefighter Training	52	6

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Training Division Deliverables

- Fire Officer 1 program completed 13 members certified
- Confined space refresher PowerPoint
- MDT training for EGPFD, LHFD and Yantic FD
- Acting LT testing process completed with one member moving forward in process
- MTFD utilized bailout prop
- Collaborative truck operations training with EGP
- SCBA cylinder bands for fireground accountability in service
- New impalement prop built at EM
- Probationary FF training continues with monthly evaluations
- One member in GNACC leadership
- 3 members completed Fire Officer 4
- NERIS, CAD, MDT integration and training continue
- 2 personnel completed HAZMAT technician class
- EMS in person 4th quarter for all platoons
- Confined space practical training in compliance with OSHA
- Extrication training for APES EMT students
- On boarding for new fire rescue online platform
- NERIS class for EGPFD
- Preplan class for EGPFD
- Live on NERIS platform 11/7/2025
- Lucas demo for EMT students
- One member certified as Fire Officer III
- CT OSHA checklist completed for NFD
- Onboarded one new firefighter
- Hazardous Materials Operations level refresher in compliance with OSHA
- Assets training for apparatus checks. January 1 rollout
- Aerial training collaboration with EGPFD
- Operating in moving traffic/highway safety class
- 2026 Training Schedule completed and disseminated
- 2 members attended propane emergencies training
- Developed department-wide guidance for Rapid Recall 1st due

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- Updated OSHA exposure, hazardous communication & respiratory protection documentation

Emergency Management

- Quarterly radiological inspection completed
- Collaborating with ESF-9 for training opportunities
- Attended host community meeting in West Hartford
- RESF-5 meeting
- Steering committee meeting for ESF
- JHAT staffing for submarine christening
- Coordinating future training with ESF 9
- Continued planning for hoist community drill
- Annual Region 4 meeting and Oath of Office
- All deliverables completed
- REPT Steering committee meeting
- Quarterly radio test with Region 4

Public Collaboration

- Oral interview panel for HHC American Ambulance
- Collaboration with HHC American, HHC medical control and MTFD to rollout Cyanokit placed in BC vehicle for structure fire responses
- Meeting with Subbase FD to discuss training and mutual aid response

Grants

- Fire Officer 1 certification written 11/3/2025 completed
- Incident Safety Officer booked for February 3,4,5 2026
- Unable to access grant portal due to shutdown in October 2025
- Denied 2024 AFG Grants
- Lucas devices funded via ARPA monies serviced with new batteries

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- Awaiting licensing for new AVTEC dispatch laptop

Fire Marshal's Office

Inspections

Hood/Ansul inspections: 3	Mercantile: (In the business category)
Residential (includes Hotel): 82	Storage Tanks: 4
Re-inspection: 43	Board & Care: 1
Assembly: 2	C of O: 9
Business: 14	Knox Box: 9
Business Reinspection: 9	No Show to Inspection: 1
Mixed Use: 9	DNE/Vacant Inspections: 2
Consultations: 16	Construction Insp: 8
Complaints: 15	Other On-Site: 6
Daycare: 0	General FMO Activity: 8
Educational: 10	Other/Case Management: 4
Fire Drills: 7	<u>Occupant Load</u> : 3
Fire Protection Systems: 5	Fireworks Vendors: 0
Controlled Burn Inspection: 4	Fireworks <u>shows</u> : 1
Plan Review: 16	Events: 1
Health Care: (In the business category)	Pub Ed: 1
Reviews/Approvals for other departments: 174	Blasting Permits: 15
Housing Prosecutor Referral/Warrants: 0	Blasting Site Inspections: 5
Open Status: 1	Blasting Complaints: 3

Fire Investigations

1 Vehicle Fires
9 Structure fires
2 Outside Fire
2 Other

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AC Gilot Annual fire prevention 1 hour radio show on WICH with Stu Byrer
and Paul O Connel from Yantic VFD.

Projects :

1. 5- 8th St. Cannabis Cultivator – Construction started. Slow going, the developer is completing a building in another area and when it is completed he will finish this building. NO CHANGE as of 12/30/25
2. Backus OR and Cath lab still under construction.
3. 555 Norwich Ave. Ponemah 114 Units – Work still progressing. Cabinets and finish work almost complete. Site work is almost complete. Looking for CO sometime this summer.
4. 345 Main St.- Mattern office and apartments work is progressing.
5. 458 East Main St.- new owner working on converting the first floor into a takeout restaurant and office area with apartments above.
6. These Guys- Brew Facility Church St. C/O issued for basement production area. Discussion still ongoing on the upper floor. NO CHANGES AS Of 12/30/25.
7. 285 Taftville Occum Rd. -66 apartments. Site work completed. Construction of buildings is beginning.
8. School Projects
 - Stanton School- all steel work completed, underground utilities completed. Exterior masonry started.
 - Greeneville School- blasting completed, footings being installed. Site work progressing. Moriarty and Uncas' first plan review was completed.
9. A small laundromat is being designed for 230 Central Ave. NO CHANGE as of 12/30/25
10. Hale Mill – No update on the 12" water main test problems. Construction is progressing very slowly. No Change as of 12/30/25.
11. 78 Fanning Ave.- Being renovated into a live in youth behavioral health facility. Still under construction close to completion.

Respectfully,

Samuel C Wilson MPA, CFO, CEMSO

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EGP Public Safety Report

1 message

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To: "kmichelerose@gmail.com" <kmichelerose@gmail.com>
Cc: Rich Huntley <rkjhuntley@aol.com>

Wed, Jan 14, 2026 at 12:33 PM

Katherine,

Here is EGP's report for December.

EGP had one significant call of interest. A rope rescue off of Middle Street (behind Great Oak Pizza). A homeowner went to retrieve his dog and ended up down a thick thatched hill uninjured but stuck, pet in hand. We had to set up a low angle rope system to retrieve the homeowner. We were successful in returning both the homeowner and his dog to their residence with no injuries sustained by EGP Personnel or the homeowner. The entire process took over 2 hours under windy, cold and dark conditions.

Also, Christmas tree sales were a success, as was our annual Santa run completed in our district.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Huntley,
Chief
EGPFD

TO: MAYOR Singh

FROM: LARRY Rice

Re: Automated ticketing Cameras.

Mr. Mayor;

As a retired Norwich Police Officer, and a life long resident of Norwich, I am well aware of the speeding that takes place on our local roads, and particularly in School zones.

That's why I am sending you this article from the Day paper regarding automated ticketing cameras.

I believe that this would be good for Norwich, and am asking you to have a public hearing to give residents a chance to speak on a proposed ordinance.

Thank you.

Sincerely
Larry Rice
12/8/25

LARRY Rice
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Speeders could make EL money

Ahead of hearing on ticketing cameras, police say violations last week were worth \$1.3 million

By JACK LAKOWSKY
Day Staff Writer

11/28/25

East Lyme — A Dec. 3 public hearing at Town Hall will give residents a chance to speak on a proposed ordinance that would let the town install automated ticketing cameras on local roads, particularly ones in school zones.

A violation occurs when a driver goes more than 10 mph over the posted speed limit in a camera's vicinity, or if they pass a red light. A first violation carries a \$50 fine, and subsequent ones incur a \$75 penalty. If the driver goes a year without another violation, it resets back to a first violation.

Chief of Police Kevin Glenn said that over five days last week, there were nearly 11,000 violations among 37,000 drivers in a 35 mph school zone he did not identify.

Glenn said in another school zone, 14,000 out of 57,000 drivers passed the 10 mph mark, but in another with about 69,000 drivers, there were only 267 violations.

If the ordinance was in place, those violations would have generated \$1.3 million in revenue for the town in just

five days, assuming a \$50 fine. The proposed ordinance directs the town to use the fines to improve transportation infrastructure, or pay the cost of operating the cameras.

Selectman Jason Deeble said the number of violations was "hard to absorb."

Glenn has stressed the cameras are not to make money, at least not primarily.

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Speeding ticketing cameras to get public hearing

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11/26/25

Safety, he said, is the main goal.

The chief has said he wants to reduce speeding on main roads, especially in school zones like Boston Post Road, Society Road and Flanders Road, by 90% within a year of the cameras' installation.

A state law passed in 2023 allows municipalities to install automated speed enforcement cameras. Some have already taken advantage, like Middletown and Marlborough, both of which report increased revenue and reduced speeding. Proponents argue the cameras are necessary to make roads safer. Opponents question what their installation means for civil liberties.

Glenn, who piloted a similar program at his former department in North Haven, said the cameras have another advantage. They reduce negative interactions between police officers and the public, eliminating the chance for bias by the officer or the driver.

But that may not be true, Deeble said, pointing to racial biases shown by automated and AI-generated mortgage approvals.

"I would love to believe they reduce bias," he said, adding that because data about the driver isn't tracked, except what's necessary to determine if a violation occurred and who owns the speeding vehicle, and isn't available to be publicly analyzed, cameras could "create a bias we can't even see exists."

The fines aren't reported to the state Department of Motor Vehicles or to the vehicle owner's insurance. The car's owner is responsible for paying the fine, not the driver if someone else was at the wheel.

"No one's (insurance) rates will go up," Glenn said.

'Not a quick process'

Glenn said tickets mailed to vehicle owners would have instructions on how to pay or appeal it through an online portal.

"Once established and operational, the department receives data from the vendor itself," Glenn said. "We don't house it, we don't store it, only to the extent we need to review it and prove violations."

It's up the town what to do

with unpaid tickets, the chief said. Some could go through a civil court procedure or be sent to a collections agency.

If the Board of Selectmen passes the ordinance after the 7 p.m. public hearing, the town would have to file an application with the state Department of Transportation, using data on crashes and enforcement to justify the installation of cameras. It also has to prove it has tried other ways to reduce speed.

Conspicuous signs must alert drivers when they're entering a speed camera's zone. GPS services, like Google Maps, will tell users when they're approaching a camera. Glenn said the public must also be informed prior to their installation where the cameras are going up, and why.

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