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Monthly Report

September 2025

Chief Ronald Smith

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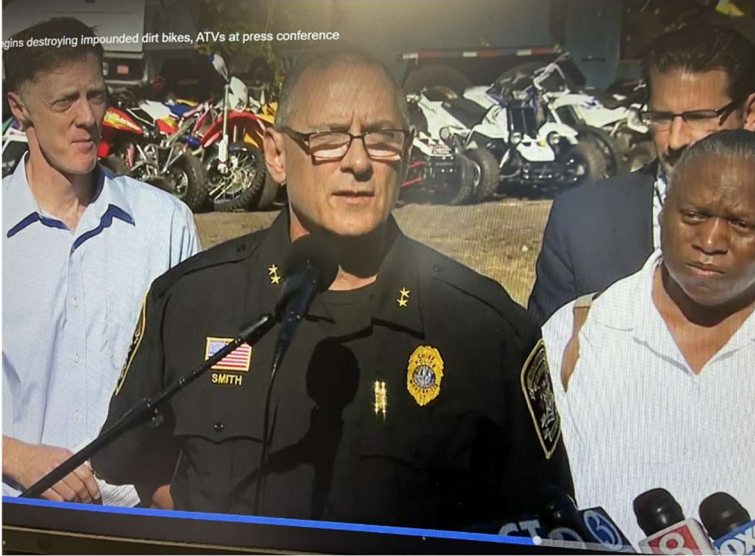
Personnel Matters & Events



We are proud to announce the official swearing-in of Chief Ronald Smith as the new Chief of Woodbridge Police Department. With years of dedicated service, leadership, and a deep commitment to our community, Chief Smith brings a wealth of experience and vision to his new role. The ceremony, held on September 26, 2025, marked a significant moment for our department as we welcomed Chief Smith into this position of honor and responsibility. We look forward to his leadership as we continue working together to serve and protect our community.



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Chief Smith attended a press conference regarding the Woodbridge Police Department's involvement in the New Haven County Stolen Vehicle Task Force. The task force is a collaborative, regional effort that was launched in November 2024. The task force combats car thefts and street takeovers.

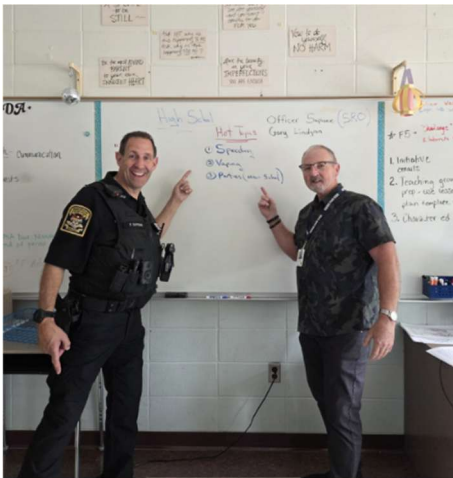
Our Sergeants had a great time attending the Beecher Road PTO ice cream social! It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with students and staff in a fun and welcoming environment. We're proud to support events that strengthen the bond between our schools and the community.



Woodbridge Police Department has successfully met the POSTC State Tier II Accreditation standards. Tier II focuses on specific standards for administration, management and the operation of a law enforcement agency. POST Accreditation Division, Field Program Consultant Jennie Rivera wrote, "On behalf of the Police Officer Standards and Training Academy, we thank the Woodbridge Police Department for demonstrating professionalism and supporting the State of Connecticut's mission to achieve full accreditation status by 2026. We congratulate your agency on achieving Tier II accreditation status, pending approval from the POST Council."

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We are proud to announce that our very own Officer John Lalli has been awarded "Officer of the Year" in recognition of his outstanding service, dedication, and commitment to our community. He was honored at a special ceremony held by the Amity Chamber of Commerce on September 25th at the Courtyard by Marriott.



Officer Frank Sapione, in collaboration with Student Assistance Counselor Gary Lindgren, met with health classes at Amity High School to address current and relevant issues affecting students. Officer Sapione focused on educating students about traffic safety, highlighting the dangers of speeding, the importance of wearing seatbelts, and the risks associated with distracted driving.

We're proud to announce that Officer Patrick Meehan received a Certificate of Recognition on September 30th from the Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services (UCDV). The award honors community police officers who have provided exemplary service to victims of domestic violence. Officer Meehan's dedication and compassion in supporting victims have made a meaningful impact, and we commend him for this well-deserved recognition.



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Incidents of Special Interest

On September 4th Woodbridge Police arrested a 29-year-old New Haven resident for Cruelty to Animals. After an extensive investigation, an arrest warrant affidavit was submitted to the court and approved. The individual arrested allegedly “dumped” his canine in Bethany.

On September 6th Woodbridge Police responded to a Mettler Street address on the report on an “Unwanted Person.” Investigation led to the arrest of a 68-year-old Hamden resident. He was charged with Violation of a Standing Criminal Protective Order.

On September 7th Woodbridge Police were dispatched to a Landin Street address on the report of a “Family Dispute.” Officers subsequently arrested a 62-year-old Woodbridge resident. He was charged with Assault in the 3rd Degree, Breach of Peace in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Mischief in the 3rd Degree.

On September 9th Woodbridge Police returned to the Mettler Street address, again, on the report of an “Unwanted Person.” Officers promptly arrested a 68-year-old Hamden resident. He was charged with “Violation of a Standing Protective Order.”

On September 11th Officers served an arrest warrant that was issued by the Department of Adult Probation. A 42-year-old Woodbridge resident was taken into custody and charged with Violation of Probation.

On September 19th a 57-year-old Waterbury resident was arrested by Woodbridge Police, for an incident that occurred in March of 2025. He was charged with Conspiracy to Commit Cruelty to Animals.

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Traffic Calming

The Woodbridge Police Department speed trailer was deployed in the area of 40 Beecher Road. With school in session, the speed trailer is utilized as a deterrent to erratic driving and speeding.

The Woodbridge Police Department speed trailer (we have two) was deployed in the 300 block of Rimmon Road. The Department has received a complaint from a local resident.

Officers conducted "Radar/Speed Enforcement" three hundred and twenty-nine (329) times during the month of September. These assignments occurred at various locations, with special emphasis on areas where accidents have occurred and complaints have been received.

Officers conducted "Deterrent/Traffic Safety Patrols on three hundred and thirty-seven (337) occasions. Deterrent/Traffic Safety Patrols focus on violations occurring at control signals, stop signs and other traffic related areas.

Woodbridge Police conducted sixty-three (63) motor vehicle stops during the month of September. Violators were cited for Speeding, Operating Without a License and Failure to Drive Right.

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Training

- **John Bailey Seminar – Aqua Turf (9/6/25):**
Chief Smith, Sergeant Scott, and Sergeant Blume attended training pertaining to Police and the Law.
- **Emergency Medical Responder Training:**
Officer DiMatteo, Officer Lalli, Detective Luzzi, Officer Testa, Officer Samartino, and Officer Robinson successfully completed the training.
- **COLLECT Recertification:**
Officer Testa completed his recertification.
- **Juvenile Law Training (9/19/25):**
Officer Sapione completed *Handling Juveniles / Juvenile Law*.
- **Re-Certification Training:**
Officer J Kubik
- **Annual Firearms Qualification (September completions):**
 - Sgt. Scott
 - Officer DiMatteo
 - Officer Lalli
 - Sgt. Blume
 - Officer Robinson