



TOWN OF MONROE

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – November 19, 2025

The Monroe Board of Police Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the Monroe Police Department Training Room.

Present: Chairman Michael Vitello
Commissioner Daniel Hunsberger, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Edward Deak
Commissioner David Geismar
Commissioner James Weinberg

Also Present: Chief Keith White

ROLL CALL

Chairman Vitello opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and noted that all *Board* members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Vitello noted the passing of retired officer and current Accreditation Manger Dan Brennan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE

Motion: E. Deak

MOTION TO APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2025.

Second: D. Geismar

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation this evening

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

a. Gift Cards from J1 Sushi

Chief White explained that the Department received three, fifty-dollar gift cards from J1 Sushi. He continued that he normally asks if the donation can be dispersed between shifts, however the midnight shift won't be able to use them. *Chief White* stated that he is requesting the gift cards be forwarded to the Police Union so they can use it during one of their events.

MOTION TO APPROVE

Motion: D. Hunsberger

MOTION TO APPROVE the gift cards for submission

Second: D. Geismar

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

CHIEF'S REPORT

DETECTIVE DIVISION:

Chairman Vitello asked what a laboratory transport was. *Chief White* explained evidence requiring state lab processing must be transported to the State Lab in Meriden, CT by appointment.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Chairman Vitello noted that there was 359 pounds on the drug take back and wanted to know if that number was correct, to which *Chief White* confirmed that was correct.

TRAINING:

Chairman Vitello asked if Officer Frizinia was taking over the K9. *Chief White* stated he was not a replacement and that is not a topic at this point.

ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT:

Chairman Vitello noted the increase in monthly electric use and wanted to know how much more and if the usage was doubling or tripling. *Chief White* stated that the kilowatts usage is higher over the last three months and expects higher costs over the winter. *Chief White* explained that he has notified the finance director and sent a letter to the First Selectman.

PATROL DIVISION:

Commissioner Deak noted 118 hours of prisoner watch and stated it was a large number. *Chief White* stated he likes to keep track of these hours because it is all overtime, and there were numerous prisoners coming and going throughout the month. He stated it was a busy month, and this was not for one person. *Commissioner Geismar* asked what the procedure was for a prisoner who needs to go to the hospital. *Chief White* explained that if a prisoner has to go to the hospital, an officer is with them the

entire time. And officer will ride in the ambulance and will be in the hospital with them the entire time. The discussion continued regarding hospital stays with prisoners and bed side court hearings.

Commissioner Weinberg asked about the stolen speed sign and what the cost was and when it happened. *Chief White* stated he believed it was approximately \$4,800 and he does not remember the exact date but it was around the time he added it to the previous month's Chief's Report. *Chief White* continued that it was covered under the Town's insurance and the department had to pay the deductible. *Commissioner Weinberg* asked if there was any way to figure out who stole it, to which *Chief White* stated no.

PROJECTS:

Commissioner Weinberg requested a reminder on what the DUI Grant helped with. *Chief White* explained that it is during the holiday season and the department pays for the overtime upfront then seeks reimbursement. He continued that historically the overtime would put the budget in red, but the reimbursements balance out at the end of the year. *Commissioner Weinberg* then asked if the grant covered DUI checkpoints. *Chief White* stated its possible but there are too many legalities with checkpoints and the department has not done them in approximately 15 years.

Commissioner Weinberg noted the Bike Grant was back on, to which *Chief White* confirmed. He praised Sergeant Ramalhete and the Community Resource Officers for the multiple local and regional events. The *Chief* continued that there have been multiple bikes donated to the community.

RECORDS:

Commissioner Weinberg noted the clean slate initiative. *Chief White* explained that the State is wiping away offenses of the past. He continued that is has been very cumbersome for the Records Room, as clean slate is not doing the same cases all at once. They will wipe one charge, then two weeks later wipe another charge for the same case. Cynthia Hines, Support Services Assistant, has done a great job with trying to keep on top of it. *Commissioner Hunsberger* asked if there was a time requirement, to which *Chief White* confirmed. The discussion continued about the clean slate initiative and its effect on the pistol permit process.

POLICE STAFFING:

Commissioner Weinberg noted the Police Academy seats and wanted to confirm that will be for the two new officers in April, to which *Chief White* confirmed. *Commissioner Weinberg* then asked if there will be any lateral hires. *Chief White* explained that there will be a lot of movement in the department this year. He continued that the department has two seats in the Stamford Police Academy for the first week in April. *Commissioner Weinberg* wanted to confirm the promotion of a sergeant and lieutenant would line up with the new hires, to which the *Chief* confirmed.

Chief White then notified the *Board* that Lieutenant Michael Sweeney advised him that he has a secondary job and will be retiring on May 1, 2026. There was a discussion regarding how the promotional process will now be in play because of this retirement. A current sergeant will be promoted to Lieutenant, and an officer will be promoted to Sergeant. The discussion continued regarding the requirements and who is eligible for these positions.

MONTHLY STATISTICS:

Chairman Vitello asked is digital harassment includes cell phones and computers. *Chief White* confirmed and explained it includes texting, cell phones, computers etc. He continued that the call type was reclassified from “telephone call complaints” to “digital harassment” to reflect modern communications. *Chairman Vitello* asked if they were mostly involving juveniles. *Chief White* stated they are mostly domestic related calls and not specifically related to juveniles.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS

Building and Equipment: *Commissioner Geismar* stated nothing new to report.

Budget and Overtime: *Commissioner Weinberg* stated everything was going well so far for the year. *Commissioner Weinberg* also wanted to note his annual objection on how the budget it handled. *Commissioner Weinberg* continued that the *Board* should meet with the *Chief* and structure the budget before it is submitted to the First Selectman. *Chairman Vitello* explained how he has brought this concern up before, and he has been told the *Board* does not have a say in the budget. *Chairman Vitello* encouraged *Commissioner Weinberg* to speak with the First Selectman regarding the budget preparation.

Personnel and Labor: *Commissioner Hunsberger* stated he is not aware of anything other than the contract not being resolved. *Chief White* confirmed and stated the only new thing is Lieutenant Sweeney retiring, that was discussed earlier. There was another discussion regarding lateral transfers and new hires.

Rules and Regulations/Public Relations: *Commissioner Deak* stated nothing new to report.

Town Council Liaison: *Chairman Vitello* had nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER’S FORUM

No Discussion.

LOCAL TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

- a. **Closure of Pepper Street from Route 25 to Green Street 4:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 6, 2025 for Save Our Stepney Holiday Tree Lighting.**

MOTION TO APPROVE

Motion: E. Deak

MOTION TO APPROVE the Closure of Pepper Street from Route 25 to Green Street on Saturday, December 6, 2025 for the Save Our Stepney Holiday Tree Lighting.

Second: J. Weinberg

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

- b. **Stevenson Fire Department Boot Drive on 11/29/25 9:00am – 2:00pm in front of 1260 Monroe Turnpike.**

MOTION TO APPROVE

Motion: D. Hunsberger

MOTION TO APPROVE the Stevenson Fire Department Boot Drive on November 29, 2025 in front of 1260 Monroe Turnpike

Second: D. Geismar

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

- c. **Monroe Fire Department Boot Drive on 11/29/25, 11/30/25, and 12/6/25 9:00am – 2:00pm in front of 18 Shelton Road.**

MOTION TO APPROVE

Motion: D. Hunsberger

MOTION TO APPROVE the Monroe Fire Department Boot Drive on November 29,30 and December 6, 2025 in front of 18 Shelton Road

Second: J. Weinberg

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Department Parking Lot Gate**

Chief White stated out of our hands at this time and will most likely be submitted as a capital project by the department of Public Works. This will be taken off the agenda until there is an update.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Vote for Chairman**

MOTION TO APPROVE

Motion: D. Hunsberger

MOTION TO APPROVE the selection of Michael Vitello as Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners

Second: D. Geismar

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

- b. **Vote for Vice-Chair**

MOTION TO APPROVE

Motion: E. Deak

MOTION TO APPROVE the selection of Daniel Hunsberger as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners

Second: J. Weinberg

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Regular Meeting was adjourned by *unanimous consent* at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Guerra, Recording Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners

**TOWN OF MONROE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

TO: Board of Police Commissioners
FROM: Chief Keith White
SUBJECT: October Monthly Report
DATE: November 19, 2025

Patrol Division:

- Criminal Arrests: 20 Individual criminal charges were filed
- M/V accidents 30 Collisions
- Issued: 73 Motor vehicle infractions
85 Written warnings
08 Misdemeanor motor vehicle summonses
04 Parking ticket
05 DUI arrests
00 Narcotics
03 Psychiatric
105 Medical calls
1682 – Total Calls for Service

Patrol Division officers responded to 03 Domestic/Family Violence incidents in October, resulting in 01 arrest

Traffic Safety—Officers conducted 156 directed traffic details during the month. All ten current digital speed signs were deployed in various parts of the town. The replacement sign for the one stolen has been purchased and received.

Prisoner Watch: Personnel performed 118.00 hours of prisoner watch for the month.

Detective Division:

- Received 18 cases from patrol, including burglary, sex crime, weapons, fraud, stolen motor vehicle and larceny.
- Initiated another 06 investigations
- Cleared 04 case by arrest
- Closed 16 cases
- Submitted 03 arrest warrant applications to the court
- Received and/or executed 01 search and seizure warrants
- Initiated 10 pistol permit applicant investigations
- Executed 00 Ex-Parte Orders for the month
- Laboratory transports 04
- Background investigations 07

One juvenile summons was issued this month for all credit card-related offenses.

The Monroe Detective Bureau assisted the United States Marshal's Violent Fugitive Task Force in serving an extraditable arrest warrant held by the Polk County Sheriff's Office in Florida. The subject was reported to be staying in Monroe with family. Charges from the warrant in Florida include 7 Counts of Directing/Promoting Sexual Performance by a Child, which is a class 2 Felony. In the early morning, they were taken into custody without incident.

Department-Wide Warrant Activity:

- 01 arrest warrants served
- 01 FTA (Failure to Appear) or Violation of Probation warrants executed

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

The community relations officers attended the annual Touch a Truck event at the library on October 2nd.

On October 4th we participated in the first ever Dogtoberfest event at Fireman's Field. The event was hosted by the Norwalk Animal Hospital and consisted of a series of K9 demos by working dogs from Norwalk PD, Fairfield PD and Monroe PD. This was a non-profit event that raised roughly \$6,000 total. Norwalk Animal Hospital intends to donate \$2,000 to each department.

On October 10th, Sergeant DeCarli and Officer Jimenez participated in Public Safety Day at Tiny Treasures Day Care on Route 110.

On October 18th we held our Special Olympics Car Show at Fireman's Field. This year 161 cars participated and \$5,300 was raised for Special Olympics CT.

On October 23rd, Sergeant Ramalhete and Detective Cascante attended the Health Fair at the Monroe Senior Center.

The Monroe Police and DEA drug take-back was held at the police department on October 25th. In total, between the event and the collection box in the lobby, we turned in 359lbs of prescription medications.

This year's Tip a Cop will be held at Jennie's on November 12, 2025 from 5-9pm.

We will attend the Masuk Career Fair on November 20th and the Housatonic Community College Career Fair on November 10th.

The department's holiday toy drive will be held at Awesome Toys on Main Street on both November 15th and 22nd, culminating with the stuff a cruiser on the green on December 6th.

Projects:

Sergeant Ramalhete completed the yearly DUI grant application, which received approval. The anticipated start date is the week of Thanksgiving.

The grant to purchase bikes for the November 10th community fair at Housatonic Community College was also approved, and the bikes were purchased.

The planning committee for the biennial department awards night has been selected. The event is scheduled May 21, 2026.

Training

Officers attended the following training:

October 6th – Officer Frizinia attended a one-day Legal Issues for K-9 Officers training class at POSTC. The class was free of charge and hosted by Elliot Spector

October 13th – 17th – Sergeant Loomis attended FBI LEEDA SLI training in Naugatuck. This is the first part of the LEEDA Trilogy.

October 14th – 16th, 28th – 30th and November 5th – 6th – Officer Arnold began an intensive 8-day Brazilian Jiu Jitsu training class in Bridgeport hosted by Officer Survival Series.

October 14th – 17th – Detective Ebert attended a four-day Crime Scene Investigation training in Westport. The class was hosted by Elliot Spector.

October 21st – 22nd – Detective Ebert an Investigative Photography class hosted by the FBI in Southington. The class was free of charge.

Department Training

October 6th – 10th and 13th – 17th – Newtown Police were granted access to use the firing range for their yearly firearm qualification. Newtown PD provided their own instructors. There were no reported issues

SWRERT Training- October 8th, 15th and 22nd – The October 8th training was attended by Sergeant Johnson, Sergeant McAulay, Sergeant DeCarli, Officer Phillips, Officer Rampino and Officer Johnston. The October 15th training was attended by Sergeant Johnson, Sergeant McAulay, Officer Phillips, Officer Rampino and Officer Johnston. The October 22nd training was attended by Sergeant McAulay, Officer Phillips, Officer Rampino and Officer Johnston.

Crisis Negotiator Team: There was no Negotiator training in October.

Dive Team – October 16th and 17th in Easton and was attended by Officer Silkman, Officer Johnston and Detective Ebert.

K9 Training- October 24th and was attended by Sergeant DeCarli.

Military Training – Officer Johnston did not have military training this month.

October 23rd – Newtown ERT used our range for their qualification. There were no issues.

October 24th – Stamford ERT used our range for their qualification. There were no issues.

October 27th – 29th – We held the first three days of our annual Night/Low Light shoot. The next three days are scheduled for the first week of November.

POLICE STAFFING:

We have no officers out on medical leave/injury.

The department has begun researching available academy seats for this April.

The department has posted a promotional test for sergeant and lieutenant, scheduled for February 2026. Eleven officers are registered to take the sergeant's exam, and two sergeants have registered to take the lieutenant exam.

Communication Center

We are currently fully staffed in the dispatch center and there are no reported persistent issues

Animal Control Unit:

The monthly electrical bill appears to be increasing with the new building when compared to the same month in previous years. The first selectman and the finance department have been notified of this issue.

Budget

No issues to report at this time. We will begin preparing for the next fiscal budget after the Thanksgiving holiday. All departments have been advised to submit updated service agreements and equipment needs.

Records

We are currently fully staffed in the records department. The department has experienced an increased workload due to the clean slate initiative and an increase in FOIA-type requests

Event of interest

Officers were dispatched to a single-vehicle crash involving a black BMW that had left the roadway and struck a rock wall. Upon arrival, the vehicle was found off the road with the front end on fire. A nearby resident reported hearing the crash, attempting to extinguish the fire, and observing the driver flee the scene on foot.

A perimeter was set up, and the surrounding area was searched with negative initial results. A K-9 track was requested, and a Monroe Police K-9 unit responded to assist. The K-9 team started a track from the crash site, following a scent trail. After a brief search, the K-9 found the suspect hiding inside a roadside drain culvert on the north side of the road. Verbal commands were given, and the suspect obeyed, exiting the culvert and being taken into custody without incident. The operator was confirmed as the

registered owner of the vehicle and admitted to being the only occupant at the time of the crash, but refused to provide more information, claiming no memory of the events. He had minor injuries but declined medical treatment. No odor of alcohol was detected.

During booking, the operator complained of pain consistent with crash-related injuries and was later transported to a hospital for evaluation.

The operator's flight from the scene required a multi-officer response and a K-9 search. The K-9 team's efforts were instrumental in the safe and efficient apprehension of the suspect.

- C.G.S. 14-224 – Evading Responsibility
- C.G.S. 14-236 – Failure to Maintain Lane
- C.G.S. 53a-167a – Interfering

Animal Control Unit October 2025 Donations

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item Donated</u>	<u>Donating Party/Business</u>
10/04/25	Various Dog food, cat food, cat litter and treats	Camden Whiteman
10/15/25	Dog food	Anthony Maglioglio
10/15/25	Two dog beds	Amy Ferris
10/16/25	Large cat scratch tower	Teri Latulipe
10/17/25	Framed dog photography artwork	Lee Hossler
10/22/25	Towels, bath mats and bedding	Sharon Hoey
10/22/25	Chill+Out Calming dog chews	Mary from Benedict's
10/24/25	Dog treats and over the counter pet medications	Diane
10/28/25	Towels, food and treats	Diane