

BRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2022/2023



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Branford Police Department is to serve and protect the community through the delivery of progressive police services. It is our commitment to service and adherence to our values of honor, integrity and trust that allows us to earn, build and maintain the essential support of our community.

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TOWN OF BRANFORD

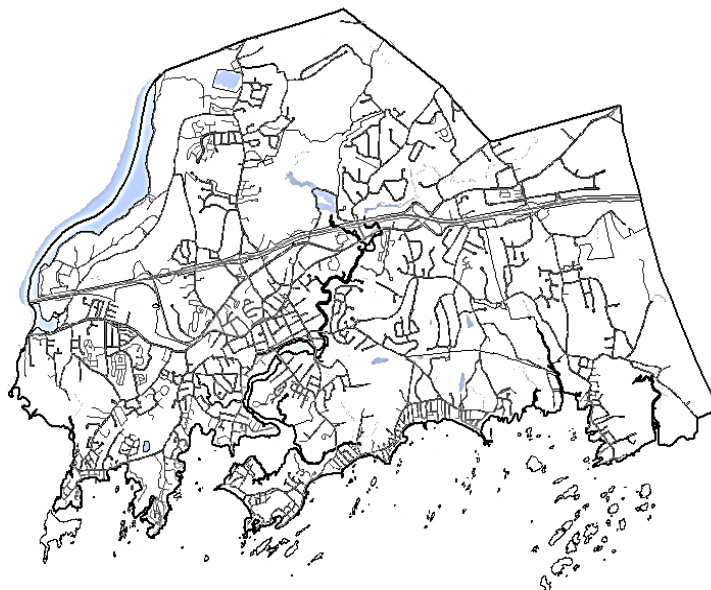
Jurisdictional Overview & Population Served

AREA: 28 square miles total
22 square miles land
6 square miles water

POPULATION: 28,273 (2020)
28,176 (2021 estimate)

POPULATION DENSITY: 1,295 per sq. mile (2020)

TOTAL HOUSING UNITS: 13,935
OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS: 12,707 (91%)
OWNER-OCCUPIED: 65.5%
RENTER-OCCUPIED: 34.5%
VACANT HOUSING UNITS: 1,228
PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD: 2.18
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$80,471



POPULATION BY RACE (2020)		
Race	Total	Percentage
White Alone	23,844	84%
Asian Alone	1,326	5%
Black Alone	689	2%
Other Alone	678	2%
American Indian	47	0.2%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	10	0%
Mixed Race (2+)	1,679	6%

GENDER (ACS Estimates 2016-2020)		
Race	Total	Percentage
Male	13,203	47%
Female	14,721	53%

GENDER (ACS Estimates 2016-2020)		
Age	Total	Percentage
0-4	1,189	4%
5-9	974	4%
10-14	1,422	5%
15-19	1,136	4%
20-24	1,242	4%
25-29	1,673	6%
30-34	1,806	7%
35-39	1,309	5%
40-44	973	4%
45-49	1,845	7%
50-54	2,302	8%
55-59	2,854	10%
60-64	2,277	8%
65+	6,922	25%

Population and demographic data were retrieved from the U.S. Census Bureau, using figures from the 2020 decennial census, American Community Survey (ACS) 2016-2020 5-year estimates, and Population Estimates Program (PEP).



BRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Departmental and Staffing Overview



➤ **TOTAL FULL-TIME STAFFING: 66**

- Sworn Officers – 52
- Civilian Personnel – 14

➤ **PART-TIME EMPLOYEES: 17**

EMPLOYEES HIRED DURING THE 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR:

Evan Beauvais – Patrol Officer
Joseph Race – Supernumerary
Chris Bouton – Crossing Guard
Michael Smith – Records Assistant
Casey McCone – Patrol Officer
Andrew Luzzi – Patrol Officer
Thomas Griswold – Crossing Guard
Judith Mongillo – Records Clerk
Samantha Hermann – Manager of Crime Research, Police
Accreditation and Special Projects

Julie Kustra – Patrol Officer

Denise Stine – Dispatcher

EMPLOYEES RETIRED/RESIGNED/DISCHARGED:

Joan Bartlett – Records Assistant
Patrick Moynihan – Detective
Dominique Virgulto – Crime Analyst
Richard Kenney Jr. – Supernumerary
Brianna Sepulveda – Dispatcher

POLICE/POPULATION RATIO: 2 per 1000 residents

FULL-TIME STAFFING	
Sworn Positions	Personnel
Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chief of Police	1
Captains	2
Lieutenants	4
Sergeants	7
Detectives	5
Patrol	32

Non-Sworn Positions	Personnel
Dispatchers	10
Administrative Coordinator	1
Crime Analyst	1
Records Clerk	1
Social Worker	1

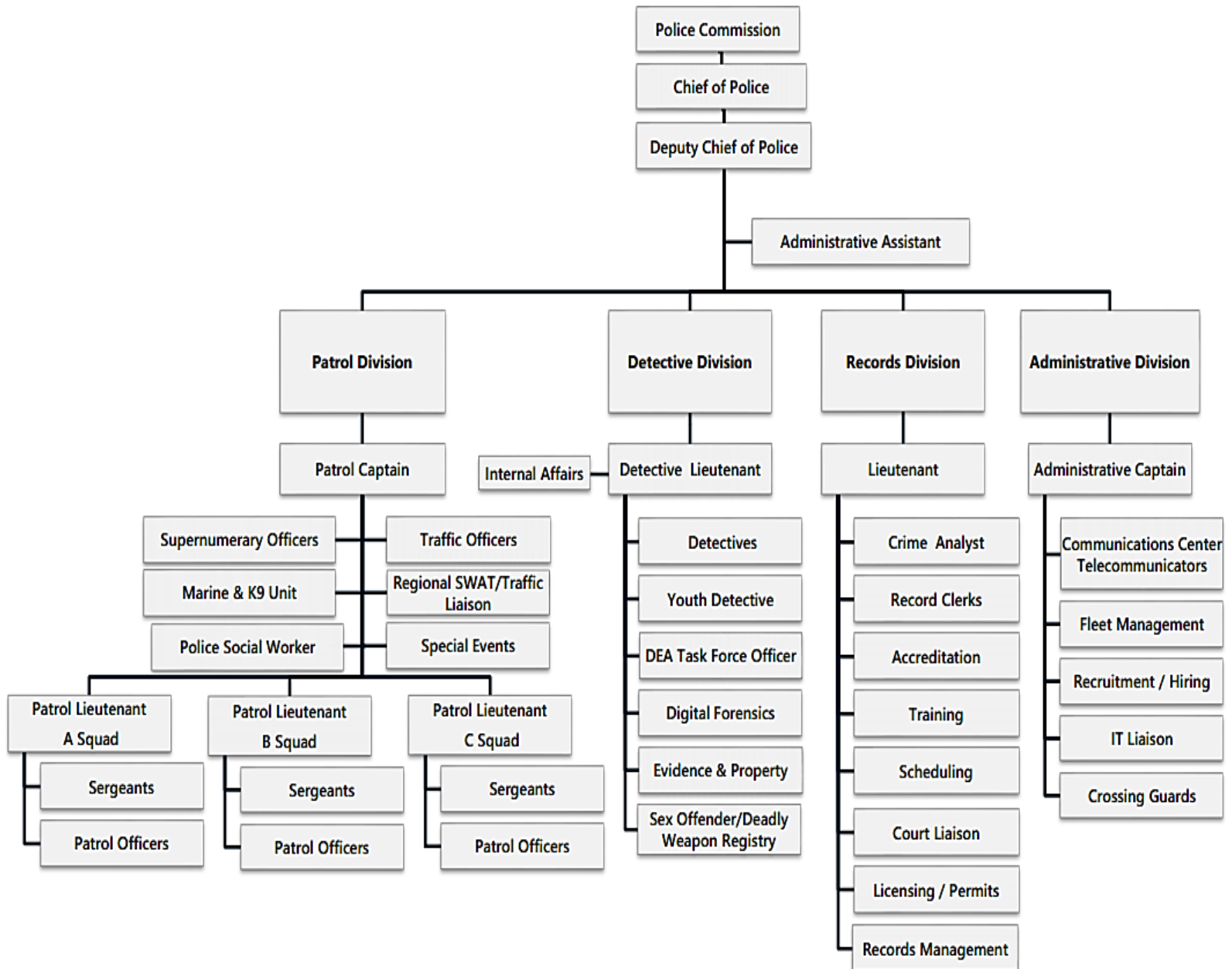
PART-TIME STAFFING	
Part-Time Positions	Personnel
Records Clerks	3
Crossing Guards	9
Supernumeraries	5

DEPARTMENT DEMOGRAPHICS – FULL TIME PERSONNEL								
SWORN POSITIONS	White Non-Hispanic		Black Non-Hispanic		Hispanic Any Race		Other	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Command Staff	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supervisory	6	3	1	1	-	-	-	-
Non-Supervisory	30	4	-	1	1	1	-	-
<i>Subtotal</i>	40	7	1	2	1	1	0	0
NON-SWORN POSITIONS								
Dispatchers	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Full-Time Civilians	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal</i>	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	45	16	1	2	1	1	0	0



BRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Organization





INITIATIVES

Community Outreach and Engagement



The Branford Police Department is committed to active engagement with the community it serves and works to ensure that every interaction is a positive one. The Department hosts and participates in a number of community events and continually strives to build and maintain the public's trust.

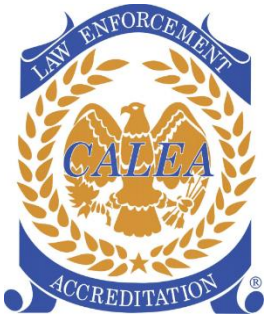
District managers have established and continue to engage in community partnerships throughout the town. Meetings with these community groups and neighborhood associations have been vital in identifying quality of life and crime issues within specific areas of the Town of Branford. District managers, usually Lieutenants, work closely with associations and community leaders to develop strategies and solutions for issues that affect their area of town.

The Branford Police Department has additionally expanded community outreach initiatives through an active social media presence. The emphasis on providing content through the department's Facebook and Instagram pages has prompted consistent engagement with the community. Whether it is a posting of a crime alert in an area, an upcoming event, or a photo of K9 Arrow, the Branford Police Department aims to foster full transparency in informing the public of our initiatives.



CALEA Accreditation

The Branford Police Department is pleased to announce it has been awarded national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®). This achievement shows the continued commitment our agency has to delivering professional police services to those who live and frequent the town of Branford. Accreditation embodies the precepts of community-oriented policing. It creates a forum in which law enforcement agencies and citizens work together through integrity, transparency and accountability, and provides clear direction about community expectations.



“The CALEA Accreditation Process is a proven modern management model; once implemented, it presents the Chief of Police, on a continuing basis, with a blueprint that promotes the efficient use of resources and improves service delivery—regardless of the size, geographic location, or functional responsibilities of the agency”. The process of CALEA accreditation begins with a rigorous self-assessment, requiring a review of policies, practices, and processes, against internationally accepted public safety standards. These standards assist the Chief of Police with a proven management system of written directives, sound training ideas, clearly defined lines of authority and routine reports that support decision making and resource allocation; resulting in greater accountability within the agency.

The BPD underwent a three-day onsite assessment to ensure compliance with the accreditation standards as set forth by CALEA. A team of CALEA’s independent assessors from out-of-state agencies, with significant public safety experience, conducted this assessment at BPD on February 26, 2023. Public feedback was requested to promote community trust and engagement, and structured interviews were conducted with select agency personnel and others with knowledge to assess the agency’s effectiveness and overall service delivery capacities. The decision to accredit was rendered by a governing body of twenty-one Commissioners following a public hearing and review of all reporting documentation.

In July, Accreditation Manager, Lieutenant Corrienne Carangelo, represented the agency at the CALEA conference in Oklahoma City. Through an interview with CALEA Commissioners, she represented this agency’s hard work, continued compliance and successes over the past three years. On July 23, 2023, the Commission voted in favor of awarding the agency official accreditation.



Jurisdictional Collaboration

The dissemination of timely and accurate information is a critical function of policing. The Branford Police Department fully recognizes this notion and continues to explore new methods to strengthen it. The element of information sharing goes beyond internal exchanges, as the department maintains close working relationships with outside agencies. As part of this effort, Branford detectives participate in weekly conference calls to discuss intelligence and current issues with surrounding towns. Additionally, the department regularly submits incidents to the **Connecticut Intelligence Center (CTIC)** bulletin, which is released on a weekly basis. The CTIC bulletin details specific incidents occurring in all regions of the state and has been consistently useful in identifying suspects and patterns across the state.



The Branford Police Department is also partnered with East Haven, Guilford, Madison, North Branford, and North Haven Police Departments to form the **South Central Regional SWAT Team (SCRSWAT)**. Composed of sworn officers selected from each department, SCRSWAT provides a highly trained & skilled tactical and crisis negotiation team as a resource to member agencies in the event of a critical incident. The inherent manpower and training demands of this specialized team is substantial in reducing the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, officers and suspects during high risk police operations.

The Branford Police Department is one of five municipal police departments with officers assigned to **The South Central Connecticut Regional Traffic Unit (SCCTU)**. Established through a mutual police assistance compact, the SCCTU provides the participating municipalities with strengthened traffic enforcement abilities and comprehensive investigation into serious or fatal motor vehicle crashes. Active members of the SCCTU include Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Madison, North Branford and North Haven.

Mental Health Services

The Branford Police Department was proud to welcome a Police Social Worker to our agency in August 2021. The Police Social Worker, a member of Branford Counseling & Community Services, works in conjunction with Department personnel in order to address the need for crisis intervention or other social services in the community. This co-response will provide a more effective emergency response through the addition of clinical-informed support and an enhanced community resource knowledge base. The co-response will also ensure those who outreach for an emergency response receive timely and streamlined connection to resources to address their social service needs and divert individuals with social service needs from the criminal justice system.

This year, there have been 731 referrals made to the Mental Health Services Unit.





SPECIAL REPORTS

USE OF FORCE

Incidents involving use of force in the 2022/2023 fiscal year

Department policy requires all officers to complete a Use of Force Report form any time force above un-resisted handcuffing is used against a suspect. These reports are thoroughly reviewed and investigated to ensure compliance with legal requirements and department policy.

There were 23 incidents during the 2022-2023 fiscal year which involved 42 uses of force. All use of force incidents were found to be reasonable, justified and in accordance with department policy. The tables below provide a breakdown of each incident based on activity that led to incident, officer perception of subject, subject resistance, control methods, and other details.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- There were an average of 2 officers involved per incident – This number includes only personnel who were directly involved in the application of control methods.
- Cases in which a firearm was denoted as a control method (12 incidents) involved the deployment of the firearm only – None were discharged.
- There were 5 incidents in which a CEW was utilized; 3 involved laser activation only.
- The most commonly cited activity leading up to the incident was Mental Health/Domestic (10).
- Fleeing was the most commonly cited form of resistance (5).
- 9 incidents resulted in the subject being transported to the hospital – 8 were for the purpose of psychiatric evaluation and/or possible drug overdoses, only 1 was related to the use of force.
- 3 incidents resulted in Officer injury.
- 78% of subjects were male (18) and 22% were female (5).
- The average age of subjects was 38 years old.

Type of Force	Count
Physical Force	23
Firearm displayed	12
CEW	2
CEW displayed	2
K9 threatened	2
Physical Force, CEW displayed	1
TOTAL	42

Activity	Count
Mental Health/Domestic	10
Crime-Robbery	3
Crime-Larceny	3
Welfare Check	2
Crime-Burglary	2
Crime-Threatening	1
Crime-Stolen Vehicle	1
Execute Warrant	1
TOTAL	23

Resistance	Count
Fleeing	5
Dead Weight/Non-Compliant, Combative	4
Wanted Person	2
Hostile	2
Hostile, Combative	2
Dead Weight/Non-Compliant, Fleeing	2
Dead Weight/Non-Compliant	2
Dead Weight/Non-Compliant, Fleeing, Combative	2
Dead Weight/Non-Compliant, Fleeing Combative	1
Possible Weapon	1
TOTAL	23

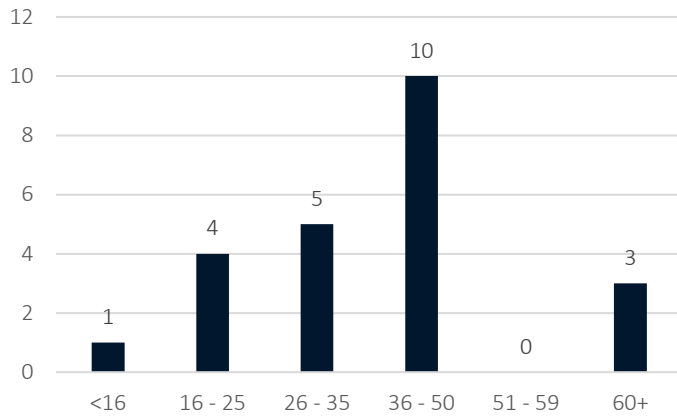
Perception	Count
Non-Aggressive	6
Under the Influence	5
Actively Aggressive	5
Previous Hostility toward Law Enforcement, Emotionally Disturbed	2
Non-Compliant	2
Emotionally Disturbed	1
Robbery Suspect	1
Other	1
TOTAL	23



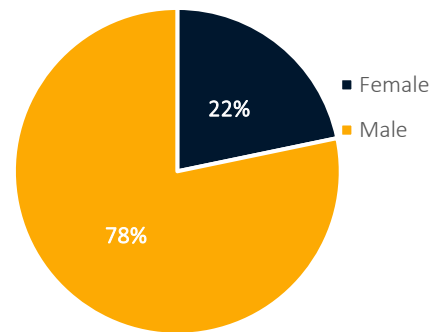
USE OF FORCE SUBJECT DETAIL

Subject details for use of force incidents in 2022/2023

Subject Age Range



Subject Gender



Subject Race





PURSUITS

Summary of pursuits in 2022/2023

Total Pursuits	Avg Distance Covered (mi.)	Avg # of Officers Involved	Avg Age of Offender (if known)	Collisions	Injuries
19	0.37 mi	1	39	0	0

A “pursuit” is defined as an attempt by a police officer in an authorized emergency vehicle to apprehend any occupant of another moving motor vehicle, when the driver of the fleeing vehicle is attempting to avoid apprehension by maintaining or increasing the speed of such vehicle or by ignoring the police officer’s attempt to stop such vehicle.

All pursuit operations are conducted in strict conformity to the Uniform Statewide Pursuit Policy, which states that an officer may only engage another vehicle in pursuit in the presence of a violent crime or exigent circumstances where there is potential for harm to the public. Department policy requires the completion of a Pursuit Compliance Form even when an officer chooses not to engage in pursuit of a vehicle. That being said, the resulting data on this page is more so a reflection of instances where the driver disobeyed officers’ signals to stop the vehicle.

All reports and associated video are reviewed for violations to determine whether policy compliance was met. All of the 2022/2023 pursuits were found to be in compliance with Department policy.

Reason for Pursuit	Count
Stolen Plate	4
Stolen Vehicle	4
MV Violation	4
Misuse of Plate	2
Shoplifting	1
Larceny	1
Warrant	1
Possible Kidnapping/Domestic Violence	1
Robbery	1
Total	19

Location Started	Count
N. Main/Cedar St	3
I95 Exit 53 ramp	2
N. Main/Main	1
Walmart parking lot	1
Sapphire Fuel	1
E. Main St/Exit 55	1
196 S. Montowese St.	1
E. Main St/Windmill Hill	1
Palmer	1
Short Beach/Kohls	1
469 E. Main St	1
Thimble Island Brewery	1
W. Main/Wendy's	1
I95 Exit 55 SB ramp	1
1060 W. Main St	1
N. Main St. Exit 53	1
Grand Total	19



MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

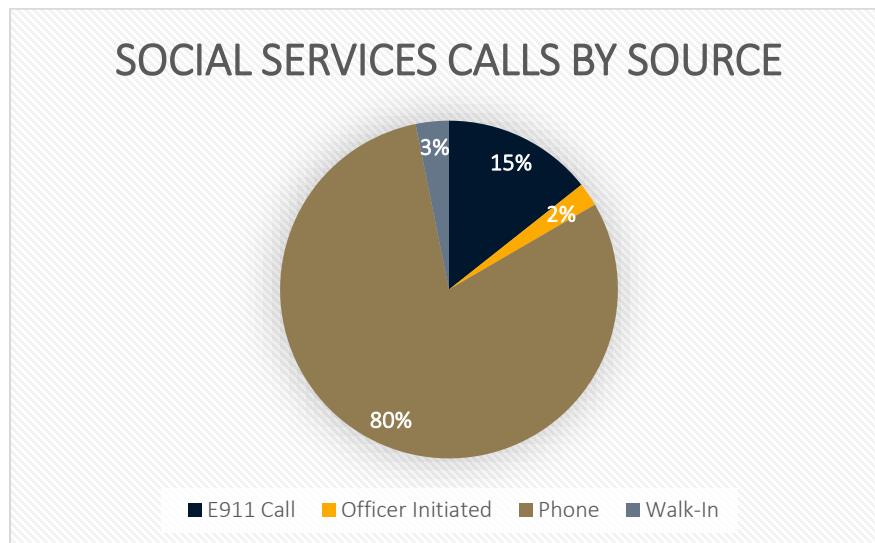
Behavioral disturbance incidents in 2022/2023

There were 662 police responses to social service incidents this fiscal year. For the purpose of this report, the terms behavioral or social service related incidents are defined by calls-for-service coded out as the following: Mental Health, Elderly Matters, Found Intoxicated and Drug Overdose.

Call Type	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	3-yr Average	% Chg from Average	% Chg from 2021/2022
Mental Health	329	437	457	408	12%	5%
Elderly Matters	35	43	81	53	53%	88%
Found Intoxicated	89	82	70	80	-13%	-15%
Drug Overdose	27	46	54	42	28%	17%
TOTALS	480	608	662	583	13%	9%

The only social service related incident to decrease in the 2022/2023 fiscal year was Found Intoxicated, when compared to prior year totals and the three-year average. Mental Health, Elderly Matters and Drug Overdose calls have steadily increased with each year.

The Branford Police Department recognizes the challenge associated with behavioral calls-for-service, and works closely with mental health facilities in our town to ensure that these individuals are being provided with the necessary resources. In addition, we welcomed a full-time Social Worker to the Department in August 2021. During the 2022/2023 fiscal year, there have been 731 referrals made to the Mental Health Services Unit.



Social service calls were overwhelmingly received by phone, making up 80% of reported incidents.



DOMESTIC DISPUTES AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

Domestic violence incidents in 2022/2023

The Branford Police Department investigates all complaints of family violence in conformity with the statewide model established by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council. As such, it is the policy of this agency that family violence be treated as serious, violent or potentially violent criminal behavior. The Family Violence Prevention and Response Act requires officer compliance with the following standards:

- Make arrest decisions in such cases in accordance with traditional probable cause standards and existing state statutes;
- Protect victims of domestic violence and provide them with relevant information regarding the availability of community services and support ("Duty to Protect"); and
- Promote officer safety when dealing with family violence situations.

This section defines domestic incidents by cases coded out as Family Dispute, Family Violence, and Family Violence – Violation of a Court Order. It should be noted that the call code Family Violence-Violation of a Court Order was added last fiscal year (2021/2022), therefore showing the 2020/2021 number as N/A.

- Family Dispute with no violence and no arrest → Family Dispute
- Family Dispute with violence/arrest → Family Violence
- Family Dispute with violation of a court order/arrest → Family Violence – Violation of a Court Order

Over the last three fiscal years, the Branford Police Department responded to an average of 442 domestic disputes each year. There were 463 domestic incidents in 2022/2023 which represents a 5% increase compared to this average, as well as a 15% increase compared to the previous fiscal year.

Call Type	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	3-yr Average	% Chg from Average	% Chg from 2021/2022
Family Dispute	389	299	331	340	-3%	11%
Family Violence	47	78	104	76	36%	33%
Family Violence-Vio. Court Order	N/A	24	28	26	8%	17%
TOTALS	436	401	463	442	5%	15%



CRIME STATISTICS

DEFINITIONS

Understanding NIBRS: Incidents, offense classifications, & types of crime

One of the primary methods the Branford Police Department utilizes to report crime is the National Incident Based Reporting System, or NIBRS. Through NIBRS, offense information is reported in order to represent all crime occurrences per incident. The following definitions can be found in the 2019.2 NIBRS User Manual.

INCIDENT: One or more offenses committed by the same offender, or group of offenders acting in concert, at the same time and place.

OFFENSE: Separate, distinct crime occurring within an incident.

OFFENSE GROUP: Offenses are broken up into one of two groups, classified as either Group A or B.

Group A Offenses: 28 offense categories made up of 71 specific crimes.

Data collected for each Group A offense include; administrative, offense, property, victim, offender, and arrestee information.

Group B Offenses: 13 offense categories.

Arrest data reported only.

OFFENSE CATEGORIES: Each offense is categorized as either a Crime Against Persons, Crime Against Property, or Crime Against Society.

Crimes Against Persons: Offenses whose victims are always a person.

One offense count for each victim

Crimes Against Property: Offenses motivated by the act of obtaining money, property, or other benefit.

One offense count for each distinct operation, with the exception of Motor Vehicle Theft where offense count is determined by each stolen vehicle.

Crimes Against Society: Offenses represented by society's prohibition against engaging in certain activities.

One offense count for each crime.



GROUP A CRIME STATISTICS

Group A incident and offense statistics for the 2022/2023 fiscal year

	2021/2022	2022/2023	% Chg
	Reported Incidents	Reported Incidents	from Prior Year
Crime Against Person	121	88	-27%
Aggravated Assault	4	8	100%
Forcible Fondling	2	4	100%
Forcible Rape	3	10	233%
Forcible Sodomy	1	2	100%
Intimidation	87	47	-46%
Kidnap/Abduction	2	1	-50%
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	1	0	-100%
Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	-100%
Simple Assault	18	16	-11%
Statutory Rape	1	0	-100%
Sexual Assault with an Object	1	0	-100%
Crime Against Property	685	845	23%
All other Larceny	30	112	273%
Arson	1	4	300%
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	21	20	-5%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	9	3	-67%
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	15	15	0%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	119	148	24%
Embezzlement	1	0	-100%
Extortion/Blackmail	1	4	300%
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	24	14	-42%
Hacking/Computer	4	4	0%
Identity Theft	40	74	85%
Impersonation	2	2	0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	41	66	61%
Purse-Snatching	8	7	-13%
Robbery	7	8	14%
Shoplifting	146	127	-13%
Stolen Property Offenses	1	1	0%
Theft From Building	29	53	83%
Theft From Vehicle	121	121	0%
Theft of MV Parts or Accessories	56	42	-25%
Wire Fraud	9	20	122%
Crime Against Society	25	17	-32%
Animal Cruelty	1	4	300%
Drug Equipment Violations	4	2	-50%
Drug Narcotic Violations	9	7	-22%
Weapon Law Violations	11	4	-64%
Totals	831	950	14%



GROUP B CRIME STATISTICS

Group B incident and offense statistics for the 2022/2023 fiscal year

	2021/2022 Incidents Rpt	2022/2023 Incidents Rpt	% Chg From Prior Year
Group B Offenses	716	763	7%
All Other Offenses	168	272	62%
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	1	0	-100%
Disorderly Conduct	187	201	7%
Driving under the Influence	39	43	10%
Drunkenness	29	20	-31%
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	242	143	-41%
Fraud-Insufficient Funds Check	11	38	245%
Liquor Law Violations	1	0	-100%
Peeping Tom	0	0	N/C
Runaway	1	0	-100%
Trespass of Real Property	37	46	24%



VIOLENT CRIMES

OVERVIEW

Violent crime trends in 2022/2023

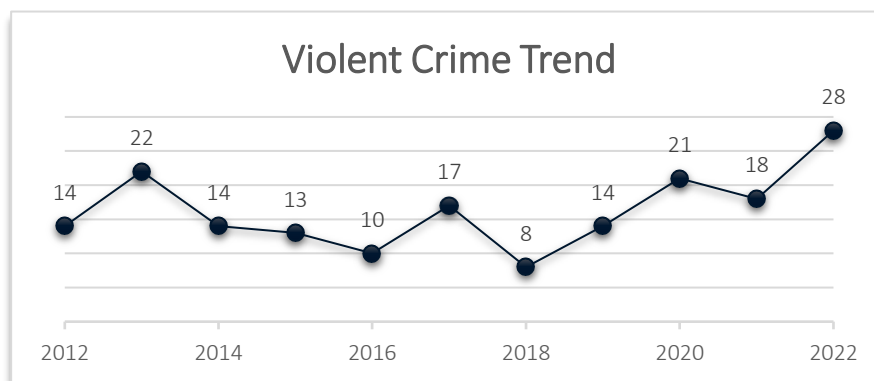
	2021/2022 Incidents Rpt	2022/2023 Incidents Rpt	% Chg From Prior Year
Violent Crimes	18	28	56%
Aggravated Assault	4	8	100%
Forcible Rape	3	10	233%
Forcible Sodomy	1	2	100%
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	1	0	-100%
Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	-100%
Robbery	7	8	14%
Sexual Assault with an Object	1	0	-100%

Homicide, aggravated & simple assault, sex offenses, and robbery are all classified as violent offenses in this report. Other crimes against persons, such as intimidation, harassment, and kidnapping, were omitted from this section.

There were **28 incidents** in 2022/2023 where a person was the targeted victim. This number represents a 56% increase from the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

57% of the incidents involved a weapon. Of those incidents:

- Personal Weapons (Hands/Fist/Feet) – **50%**
- Knife/Cutting Instrument – **50%**





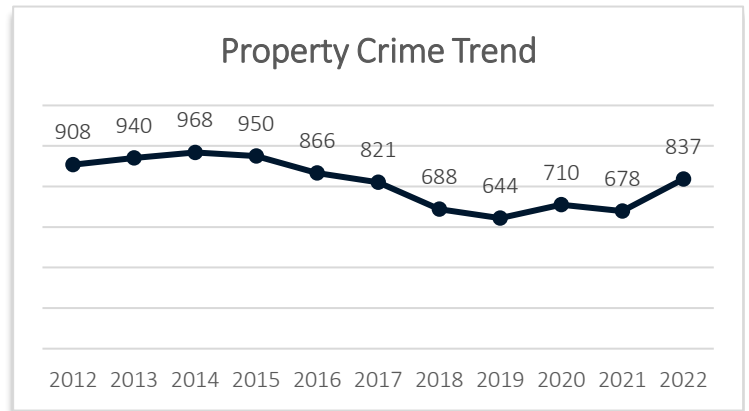
PROPERTY CRIMES

OVERVIEW

Property crime trends in 2022/2023.

With **837 incidents**, property crimes were the most common types of offenses reported in Branford this year. This number represents a **23% increase** from the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

It should be noted that there were **69 Unemployment Identity Fraud incidents** reported during this time frame. This crime occurs when a criminal steals personal information from the victim and illegally uses that information to receive unemployment benefits. In most cases, the victim receives a notice or form in the mail that was not requested, alerting them to the fraud. These incidents account for the majority of reported Identity Thefts during this time period.



	2021/2022 Incidents Rpt	2022/2023 Incidents Rpt	% Chg From Prior Year
Property Crimes	678	837	23%
All other Larceny	30	112	273%
Arson	1	4	300%
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	21	20	-5%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	9	3	-67%
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	15	15	0%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	119	148	24%
Embezzlement	1	0	-100%
Extortion/Blackmail	1	4	300%
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	24	14	-42%
Hacking/Computer	4	4	0%
Identity Theft	40	74	85%
Impersonation	2	2	0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	41	66	61%
Purse-Snatching	8	7	-13%
Shoplifting	146	127	-13%
Stolen Property Offenses	1	1	0%
Theft From Building	29	53	83%
Theft From Coin Operated Device	0	0	N/C
Theft From Vehicle	121	121	0%
Theft of MV Parts or Accessories	56	42	-25%
Wire Fraud	9	20	122%



CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY

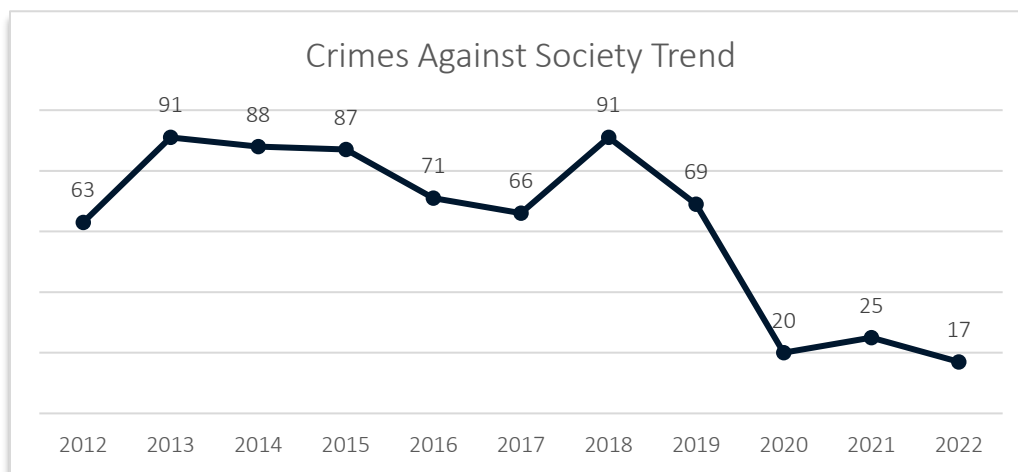
OVERVIEW

Crime against society trends in 2022/2023.

Animal cruelty, prostitution offenses, drug violations, and weapon law violations are all considered crimes against society. There were a total of **17 incidents** that fell into this category in the 2022/2023 fiscal year. This represents a **32% decrease** from last year.

Drug Narcotic Violations accounted for the greatest number of crimes against society this year.

	2021/2022	2022/2023	% Chg from Prior Year
Crimes Against Society	25	17	-32%
Animal Cruelty	1	4	300%
Drug Equipment Violations	4	2	-50%
Drug Narcotic Violations	9	7	-22%
Weapon Law Violations	11	4	-64%





ARRESTS

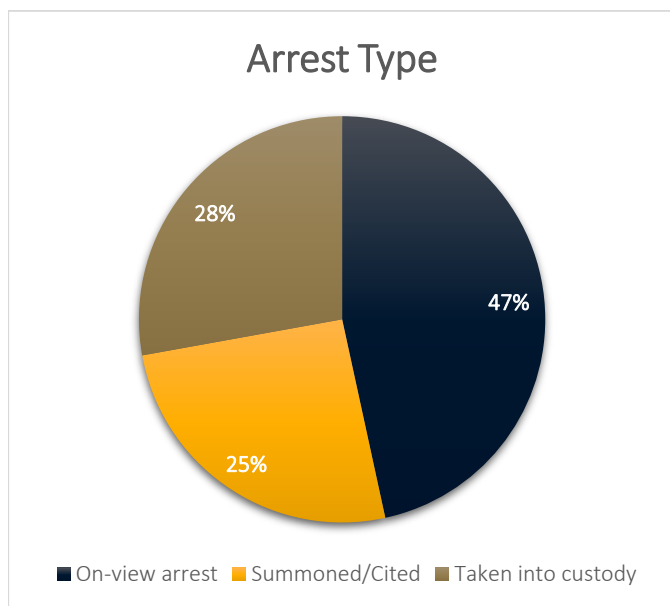
OVERVIEW

Arrest details from the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

There were a total of **528 arrests** in the 2022/2023 fiscal year, a **14% increase** from last year's total of 463. Of the total arrests, there were 413 arrestees, 72 of which had been arrested more than once this fiscal year. Repeat offenders were arrested an average of 3 times each, with the most frequent individual being arrested 7 times this year.

The table on the right demonstrates the number of arrests by Offense Group and Description. Violent crimes accounted for 2% of arrests and property crimes accounted for 24%. Offense descriptions with the highest arrest frequencies were Disorderly Conduct (24%) and Shoplifting (16%).

47% of arrests were on-view, 28% were taken into custody, and 25% were summons/citations.



Offense Group & Description	Arrest Count
GROUP A	188
Aggravated Assault	6
All other Larceny	16
Arson	1
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	4
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	9
Drug Equipment Violations	1
Drug Narcotic Violations	2
Forcible Fondling	3
Forcible Rape	1
Identity Theft	3
Intimidation	19
Motor Vehicle Theft	13
Pornography Obscene Material	1
Robbery	4
Shoplifting	83
Simple Assault	10
Theft From Building	5
Theft From Vehicle	2
Theft of MV Parts or Accessories	1
Weapon Law Violations	3
GROUP B	313
All Other Offenses	100
Disorderly Conduct	126
Driving under the Influence	43
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	34
Trespass of Real Property	10
GROUP INF	7
Charge Not A NIBRS Offense	1
Informational	6
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Grand Total	528



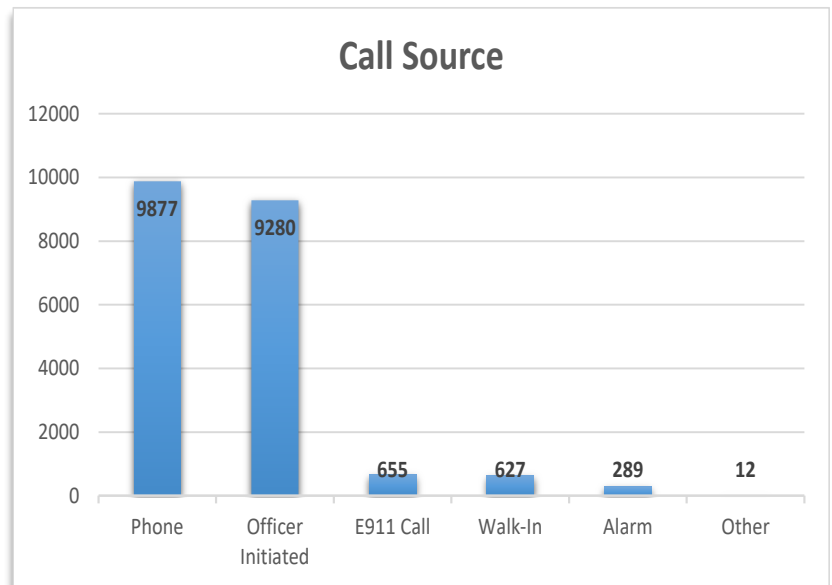
CALLS-FOR-SERVICE

Average Response Time	Average Minutes on Scene	Total Calls for Service	Average of Total Min Consumed	Average of PD Units Dispatched
2 min 27 sec	36 min	20,740	35 min	2

The Branford Police Department received **20,740 calls-for-service** in the 2022/2023 fiscal year, a 5% increase from last year.

Citizen-initiated calls in 2022/2023 accounted for 54% of calls-for-service, officer-initiated calls accounted for 45%, and alarms accounted for 1%. B Squad (0800-1600 hours) had the highest number of calls (7,400), followed by C Squad (1600-2400 hours) with (6,778), then A Squad (0000-0800 hours) (6,562).

CALL TYPE - 20 HIGHEST COUNT	COUNT
TARGET AREA	4578
FALSE ALARM	1068
RADAR	966
MV Violations - Moving Vehicle	828
TRAFFIC DUTY	642
DOOR CHECKS	580
OTHER NUISANCES	504
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	481
INCIDENT UNFOUNDED	461
MENTAL HEALTH	433
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	348
FAMILY DISPUTE	333
LICENSE & REG CHECK	329
SCHOOL CHECK	326
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	310
NOTIFICATION	306
MV ACCIDENT-PROPERTY DAMAGE	297
FALSE E911 CALL	294
ASSIST OTHER TOWN	290
CIVIL INVESTIGATION	242





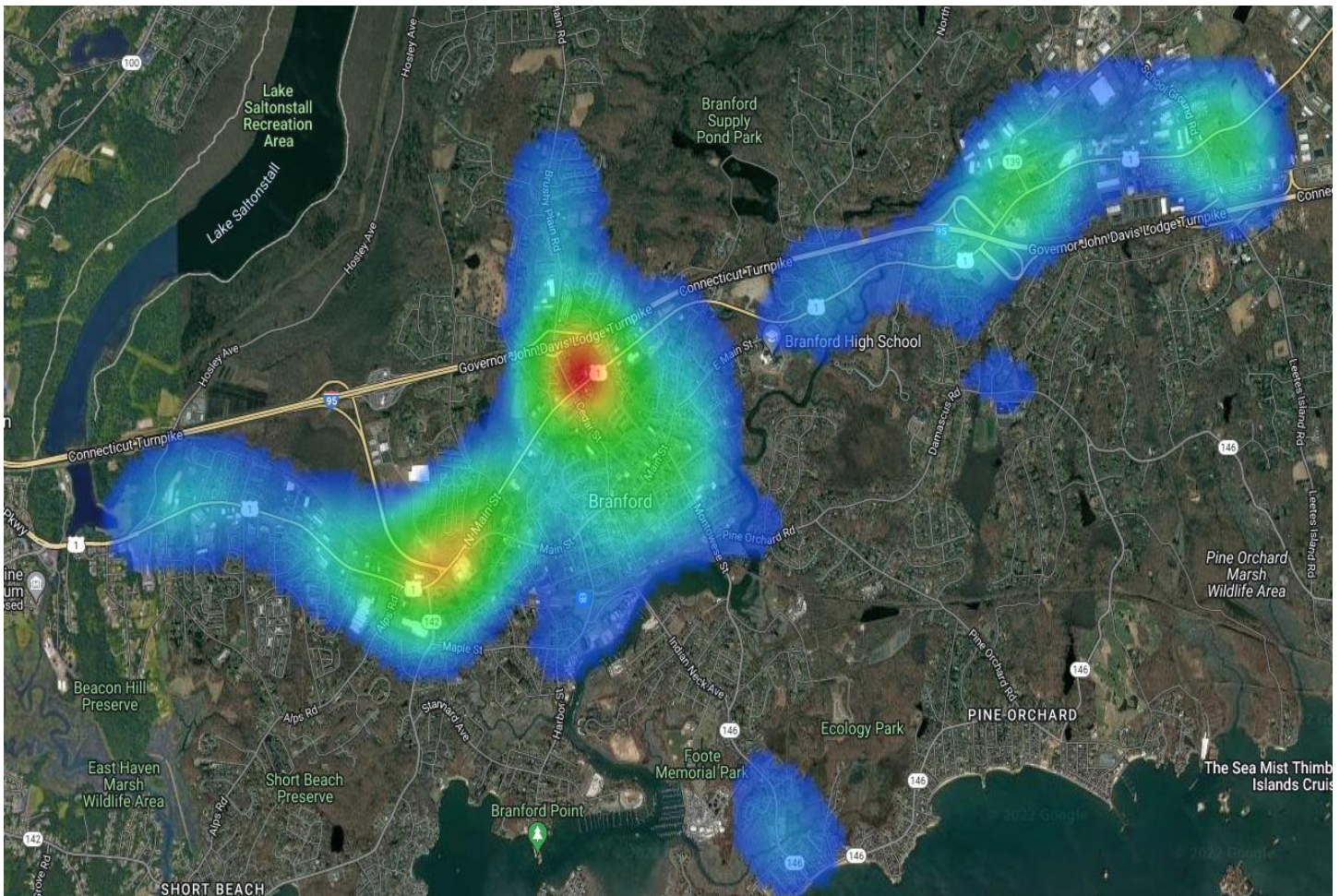
TRAFFIC INCIDENTS

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Summarizing traffic crashes for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

There were a total of **828 motor vehicle accidents** this fiscal year, representing a 5% decrease from last year. On average, there were approximately 69 accidents per month. Of the accidents, 2 were fatal and 183 resulted in injuries. In addition, 633 accidents resulted in property damage. Driving under the influence was a factor in 10 accidents.

Our hotspots regarding traffic crashes have been identified as the North Main St. /Cedar St. area and the West Rotary.





TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement details from the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

The Branford Police Department conducted **1,372 traffic stops** in 2022/2023. Invalid registration (16%), speeding violations (12%) and disobeying stop signs/traffic signals (10%) accounted for the most traffic stops this year.

- 66% of stops resulted in a verbal warning.
- 23% resulted in an infraction.
- 5% resulted in a misdemeanor summons.
- 4% had no disposition
- 1% resulted in a written warning
- 1% resulted in a uniform arrest report

South-Central Regional Traffic Enforcement Unit

Branford, along with East Haven, North Haven, North Branford, Madison and Guilford Police Departments, have formed the South-Central Regional Traffic Enforcement Unit. The goal of this new traffic enforcement initiative is to make roadways safer through enforcement and education. The focus of this initiative is speeding, distracted driving, aggressive driving, DUI and unregistered/uninsured vehicles. The Unit appears in one town on each day of deployment and has been very successful.