

**DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT****POLICE COMMISSION REPORT**

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

SEPTEMBER 2009 REPORT

The entry level test for new patrol officers will be administered on Saturday, October 31, 2009 by Bruce Davey Associates. We currently have over 200 applications for three vacant positions on the police department.

On Wednesday, October 21, 2009 we will be administering the oral portion of the written exam for the position of police sergeant. I hope to have at least one new sergeant in place by the first week of November 2009. At that time I will begin implementing the re-organizational plan. This new plan places six patrol sergeants in the field and all four of our lieutenants at the mid-management level with designated responsibilities. The plan will not be fully implemented until additional patrol officers are hired.

The critical incident command center is being put in place and several new computers are being ordered next week. As you recall, this equipment is being purchased through a \$24,000 grant we obtained through the Office of Policy and Management.

Corporal Marinaro continues to train at the Connecticut State Police Canine Academy with our new police dog, Enzo. His training should be complete the second week of December 2009.

We will be posting the new shift rotation system approximately the first week of November. This new rotation will take effect in January 1, 2010. By creating just three rotations on each shift, it will in turn place more officers on duty at one time than we had before.

I attended the IACP conference in Denver last week. I had the opportunity to attend approximately 10 training tracks and also spend some time in the exhibit area, viewing the latest in police technology and equipment. As a result, I will be looking at some crime mapping software that may assist us in tracking activity through a software mapping system that can be downloaded into MDT terminals on the marked patrol cars.


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