

2024 - Year in Review

Granby Police Department



Members of the Granby Police Department staff congratulate Louann Hall (center) on her retirement.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS. As the saying goes, *time goes by fast when working with a great team*. Having recently completed my first full year as Granby's Chief of Police the time has flown by! Many accomplishments, some challenges and unexpected opportunities have unfolded this year, and I am grateful for this corner to reach out to the community.



*Police Chief
Scott Sansom*

For those who don't know me, my name is Scott Sansom and I am the Granby Police Chief. My background consists of 20 years working with the Hartford Police Department, retiring as the Deputy Chief and 10 years as Chief of Police for the town of East Hartford. Leading a Police Department of any size presents challenges. Over the past year we have hired new employees, appointed a new detective, increased our professional development, made updates to out-of-date equipment, began to build a community policing platform and transitioned to a State Accreditation platform. Our main focus is keeping Granby safe, striving to meet the expectations of its citizens and making positive Community Connections.

The mission of the Granby Police Department is to enhance a high quality of life, striving to meet the expectations of our citizens by providing fair, consistent and professional police services to our community.

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Community Connections

The demands of the police are ever changing and growing. My staff work hard to ensure to keep up with the applicable law and demands of modern-day policing. However, in my experience and vital to policing is fostering community connections. Officer N. Abalan and Sergeant E. Kreimes spearheaded the 2nd *First Responder Camp* in August – local teens had an opportunity to participate in and hear police, fire, ambulance team scenarios, drills, exercises; additionally, Life Star landed at Salmon Brook Park where the group could ask questions, sit in the helicopter and explore. The camp not only provides a glimpse into future career opportunities, it also familiarizes the names and faces of



*First Responder
Camp 2024 Life
Star Landing
and Fire Drills
2023*



our police staff with our younger Granby citizens helping to break barriers and forge trust in local law enforcement.



Drug Take Back

Annually, the Granby Police Department hosts two Drug Take Back program opportunities in April and October. Two hundred eighty pounds of drugs were taken back in 2024. For those who wish to dispose of drugs outside of the this timeframe, the towns of Simsbury and Suffield Police Departments house drug take back containers in their respective lobbies.

Sergeant M. Joseph and Officer P. Walzak assist with Drug Take Back



Food Drives

Another central community connection initiated was conducting local food drives in partnership with community businesses. In 2023 and 2024 Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring police staff were out at local supermarkets collecting food and non-perishable items for local food pantry. In case you missed us this past holiday season be on the lookout for GPD staff collecting for a food drive in 2025 at a local supermarket and please feel free to say hello!

Officer Abalan (left) greets customers at Stop-n-Shop during the GPD Thanksgiving food drive Donning her turkey costume

Helping to supplement the Granby Food Pantry and resident churches, the Granby Police held three food drives in 2024 at local supermarkets



Granby Police staff (L-R) Officer Walzak Admin. T. Tappenden Chief of Police Scott Sansom Stop-n-Shop employees, Marty & Rosa, Captain Kurt LaFlamme Officer Abalan

Crime Rate Comparison *per 1000 Population*

2022

Granby 15.7
Avon 17.2
Canton 8.1
Simsbury 14.8
Suffield 11.6

2023

Granby 24.8
Avon 24.3
Canton 7.1
Simsbury 25.0
Suffield 15.5

Source:
crime-in-connecticut-annual-report-2022
and 2023

*Motor Vehicle Stops
Grant Funding



the first responder- **Public Safety Dispatchers**

Public Safety Dispatchers have heard it all, from the panic of a house fire, life saving need for an ambulance, a tragedy or imminent threat.

These trained professionals remain calm under immense pressure and orchestrate services to arrive and assist emergencies of any kind. The Telecommunications office is staffed 24/7 three hundred sixty five days a year, with one Public Safety Dispatcher working per shift.

Calls for service have become n

Year in Review

In 2024 GPD managed an increase in calls for service. Calls for service in general have become more complex and demanding with our limited resources. Following the 2020 pandemic, drivers' operation of motor vehicles has become more erratic throughout the state. Using grant funding GPD cracked down on motor vehicle violators in 2024 resulting in increased motor vehicle stops. Through grant funding replacing out of date equipment was a priority for necessary upgrades, including:- a police department fire alarm system

replacement; upgraded security cameras campus installed; fencing erected behind the PD mirroring that of BOE building giving our abutting neighbors privacy. Sworn staff were rifle recertified; mandatory training classes for a new Detective completed; IBPO and UPSEU contracts negotiated; Cert Assist was brought on board keeping track of state required training. Police vehicles run 24/7- this year vehicle replacement vehicles included an Explorer and Tahoe. As state requirements for law enforcement increase, the Tahoe, will provide needed space for additional equipment and evidence collection.

GPD Statistics

2023, 2024 comparison



**Criminal Offenses
(NIBRS)**
2023 276
2024 131



**Calls for
Service**
2023 11,721
2024 13,456



**Motor Vehicle
Accidents**
2023 165
2024 149



**Motor Vehicle
Stops**
2023 515
2024 844*



**Medical
Calls**
2023 791
2024 818

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Granby Animal Shelter News

Through grant funding, the winter of 2024 saw improvements made at the Granby Animal Shelter located at 166 Salmon Brook Street. In addition to fresh paint, a much needed contained outdoor fenced pen was installed, rodent/pest control management and structural improvements completed. These enhancements provide a safer and more comfortable holding facility for lost/stray animals, improve security for animal and staff alike and will help maintain the facility for years to come.



Accreditation

Public Act 22-119 tasks all CT police departments to become advanced accredited. Though the Granby PD is accredited through CALEA at first tier, this public act shifted the demands to be even greater. To meet this new challenge our accreditation manager worked hard to receive CALEA reaccreditation in 2024 and has transitioned to obtain tier three State Accreditation by January 2026.

CT State Standard 2.6.16

As of 12/31/2024 the Granby Police Department is comprised of the following demographics .

Chief (1) Caucasian male; Captain (1) Caucasian male; Police Administrator (1) Caucasian female; Sergeants (1) Caucasian female, (3) Caucasian males; Patrol Officers (2) Caucasian females, (8) Caucasian males, (1) Other, male; Records Manager (1) Caucasian female; Public Safety Dispatchers (5) Caucasian females, (2) Caucasian males

New Team Members & Retirements

This past year we hired two new Dispatchers, Christine Hedge and Alexandria Litter. It takes almost a year to fully train and state certify a Public Safety Dispatcher before they qualify to be on their own. Additionally, two certified officers were hired and trained, replacing those who had retired.

Officer C. Dufresne started in January 2024, and Officer T. Deloy, in September 2024 – both experienced officers whom we are very proud to have on the GPD team.

In January 2024, Officer Joe Adams retired after 25 years of service; Detective Jeremiah Dowd retired in March 2024 after 20 years of service; Louann Hall retired as a full time Public Safety Dispatcher after 30 years of service. All of these amazing people will be sorely missed.



Chris Dufresne is sworn in as a Granby Police Officer



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