

WINDHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

QUARTERLY REPORT

Submitted by Captain Jason Burke

October to December 2025

Personnel: This quarter was significant on the personnel front. Sergeant Thomas Hamilton continues to excel in his role on the overnight shift, providing essential guidance, mentorship, and leadership to our newer officers. His efforts have strengthened the shift's operational effectiveness and supported the professional growth of our younger staff.

During this period, we also completed a promotional process to fill the administrative vacancy created by the retirement of Captain Jason Andrews. Following interviews, an in-basket assessment, and final Chief's interviews, Chief Schofield selected Detective Eugene Gallant as the new Support Services Captain. Captain Gallant has spent the past twelve years as a detective specializing in evidence collection and crash reconstruction. His promotion reflects his professionalism, leadership, and long-standing dedication to the department. I also want to recognize the strong performances of all candidates throughout the process. Each represented the Windham Police Department with pride and made the final decision both thoughtful and competitive, underscoring the depth of talent within our organization.

Staffing: While staffing challenges have persisted over the past several years, we have seen meaningful progress in recent months. Officer Brady Thayer of Raymond was hired in early November with part-time officer certification, which allowed us to begin his field training ahead of academy enrollment. He has since been accepted into the February Criminal Justice Academy class, with an anticipated graduation in June. Additionally, we issued conditional offers of employment to two candidates who performed very well in the hiring process and appear to be strong fits for both the community and the department.

Community Events: The department remained active in community engagement throughout the quarter. In October, we again participated in the Trunk or Treat event behind Hannaford, with K9 Zeus, K9 Officer Pattee, and several patrol officers joining the effort. This event continues to be a valuable opportunity for positive interaction with families and children.

We also assisted with the annual public safety escort of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus from North Windham to Windham Middle School, an event that brings joy to the community

each year. In early December, we partnered again with Social Services and Windham Rental for our annual Christmas Outreach Program. Windham Rental raised more than \$3,800 in donations, allowing our department to provide holiday support to twenty-two local families.

Other Information:

- In early October, Windham hosted a “No Kings Rally” as part of a larger national movement. Sgt. Rob Hunt reported several hundred attendees, and aside from a single OUI arrest, the event concluded without major issues.
- The mass-notification service CodeRed unexpectedly discontinued operations this quarter. This system had been used jointly with the Cumberland County Regional Communications Center. Chief Schofield is working closely with the CCRCC Director to identify and implement a replacement service that is expected to match or exceed previous capabilities.
- Sergeant James Cook successfully secured multiple Bureau of Highway Safety enforcement grants, including funding for OUI enforcement, speed enforcement, distracted driving details, and pedestrian safety operations. These grants will support targeted traffic enforcement in the coming months in accordance with BHS expectations.
- On December 21, 2025, retired Chief Gregory Hanscom passed away at his home in Cape Elizabeth at the age of seventy-seven. Chief Hanscom began his law enforcement career with the Portland Police Department in 1972 before becoming the first police chief of the then four-officer Windham Police Department in 1976. He later served as Lewiston Police Chief and held positions as Deputy Secretary of State and Director of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. His funeral will be held on January 31, 2026, at Hobbs Funeral Home in South Portland, and we are coordinating with the family to ensure department representation.

Challenges: Staffing remains an ongoing challenge; however, conditions are improving, and we currently have only one unfilled vacancy. We also have one officer out on short-term disability. Despite these constraints, our officers and staff continue to perform exceptionally well, ensuring that the needs of both the department and the community are met. Their dedication and teamwork are evident every day, and I remain proud to serve alongside the men and women of the Windham Police Department.

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10/01/2025 to 12/31/2025		
Calls for Service	3288	
Arrests	63	17-OUI, 5-VCR, 8-Theft, 3-Assault, 5-DV Assault, 5-FTA, 20-Other
INDEX CRIMES *	REPORTED	
Criminal Homicide	0	
Rape	1	
Robbery	1	
Assault/DV Assault	9	
Burglary	5	
Larceny/Theft	37	
MV Theft	5	
RECENT ISSUES		
Animal Problem	146	
Citizen Assist & Traffic Complaints	462	
911 Hangups/Mis-Dials	165	
Community Resource Liason Calls	69	26-Group Home
Mental Health Related	53	25-Group Home
TRAFFIC		
Total Traffic Stops	666	
Total Citations	179	67-Speed, 4-Distracted Driving, 103-Other
Total Warnings	425	
OUI	17	
Total MV Accidents	182	
Personal Injury	31	
Property damage	151	
<p>This is a summary of the most common calls the police department responds to on a regular basis. Included are calls that have been the topic of recent discussion. * FR 29</p>		
<p>The term Index Crimes refers to the most common crimes that are tracked by the FBI for statistical purposes.</p>		