

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



MISSION STATEMENT

The Canton Police Department is committed to excellence in law enforcement and dedicated to the people, traditions and diversity of our Town. Through empowering by the community, we remain devoted to protecting lives, property, the rights of all people, and to maintain order with impartial enforcement of the law.

In partnership with our community, we provide ethical and professional law enforcement services and protection. We strive to maintain the trust and confidence of our citizens while working to improve the quality of life. It is our mission to make the Town of Canton a better, safer place to work, learn, play and stay.



Speed Enforcement

- ▶ **CPD efforts include:**
- ▶ Radar
- ▶ Speed Awareness Signs
- ▶ Directed Enforcement
- ▶ Data Reporting and Analysis



Custom Report Incident: PCH0123456 Status: 21 Incident Name: PCH0123456
 Agency: 5000 Police Group: 5000
 Report Type: CPD001 to PCH001

Time Interval	Count	Speed Range	Number of Officers	Number of Vehicles	Average Speed	Maximum Speed	Minimum Speed	Standard Deviation
07:00:00-07:05:00	12	15-20	2	12	17.5	20	15	2.5
07:05:00-07:10:00	15	15-20	2	15	17.5	20	15	2.5
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09:55:00-10:00:00	100	15-20	2	100	17.5	20	15	2.5
TOTAL	1000	15-20	2	1000	17.5	20	15	2.5

PATROL CHECKS

SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS

LOCATION	ISSUE	Miscellaneous
SEXTON HOLLOW ROAD	SPEEDING	
CASE ST.	SPEEDING	
MAPLE AVE.	SPEEDING	

** With sufficient staffing, patrols can consider using unmarked car for enforcement efforts.
 Updated 07/16/2024



**CANTON POLICE ASSETS
TO ADDRESS SPEEDING**

ITEM	NUMBER AVAILABLE	MISCELLANEOUS
Mobile Mounted Radar	6 - Sets	Eventually all patrol cruisers will have a mounted radar device
Handheld Radar Units	2- Radar 1- LIDAR	Radar-speed based on radio waves. LIDAR-speed based on light pulses.
Mounted Speed Tracking Devices	2- Black Box Speed monitors 4- Speed Display Signs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2-town-owned• 2-state-owned	Two of the black boxes and one speed display purchased from resident donated funds. One of the Canton display signs was damaged after theft.
Mobile Messaging Boards	1- Messaging only 1- Message and Speed Display	
Temporary Speed Tables	3- Sets	Currently deployed seasonally on Case St for beta-testing

Canton Police Social Media Safety Postings

2021

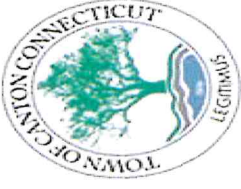
- August 23:** Back-to-School Safe Driving Notice
- September 29:** New Pedestrian Law Advisory Notice
- October 26:** Electronic Speed Sign Notice
- November 24:** UBER Safety Program November 23-January 13
- December 31:** New Year's Eve Safety Driving Notice

2022

- January 26:** Winter Driving Safety Tips
- February 4:** Driving in Rain and Sleet
- March 16:** First Selectmen Message on Speeding
- March 31:** Distracted Driving Enforcement Program
- April 29:** Prom Safety/Hosting Parties
- April 30:** Pedestrian Safety
- April 30:** Bike Safety Tips
- May 10:** Motorcycle Safety Awareness Week
- August 26:** School Bus Safety
- September 19:** Car Seat Installation
- October 18:** Bus Safety
- December 11:** Winter Driving



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MV Crashes

Since January 1, 2017, Canton Police Officers have handled a total of 1953 crashes, of which 208 of those were classified as crashes with injury. This is an average of nearly 1 crash per day.

- 6 year total = 1953 crashes
- 1745 Property damage crashes
- 208 Crashes with injury to occupants
- Average = <1 crash / day

Year	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Crashes	326	298	247	327	378	377



MV Stops

Since January 1, 2017, Canton Police Officers have conducted 5563 motor vehicle stops. This is an average of 2.5 stops per day mixed in with other duties and responses to calls for service.

- 6 year total = 5563 Stops
- Average = 2.5 stops / day
- 50 Custodial Arrests as part of stops (DUI, Warrants, other charges)
- 189 Misdemeanor Arrests (Speeding above 60 mph, No Insurance)
- 1393 Infractions Issued – (Moving Violations, traveling fast, other)
- 708 Written Warnings Issued – (Moving Violations, other)
- 3128 Verbal Warnings issued – (Moving Violations, minor offenses,)
- 106 stops with no enforcement action – (inform motorist of low tire pressure, open trunk, other)

Year	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Stops	1189	900	905	1010	634	925

The Road Traveled



- October 14, 2020: The Canton Police Department went before the Canton Board of Selectmen and presented a power point presentation entitled “Canton Police- Where We Are...Where We Are Heading”. An integral part of that presentation focused on speed enforcement efforts and speed enforcement equipment.
- February 23, 2021: Office of the State Traffic Commission approved the Canton and Granby Police Department’s request for “Thru Truck Prohibition on Case Street”.
- June 24, 2021: Canton Town officials (First Selectman, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief of Police, DPW Director, Planning and Zoning and others) attended a neighborhood meeting regarding speeding concerns on Case St.

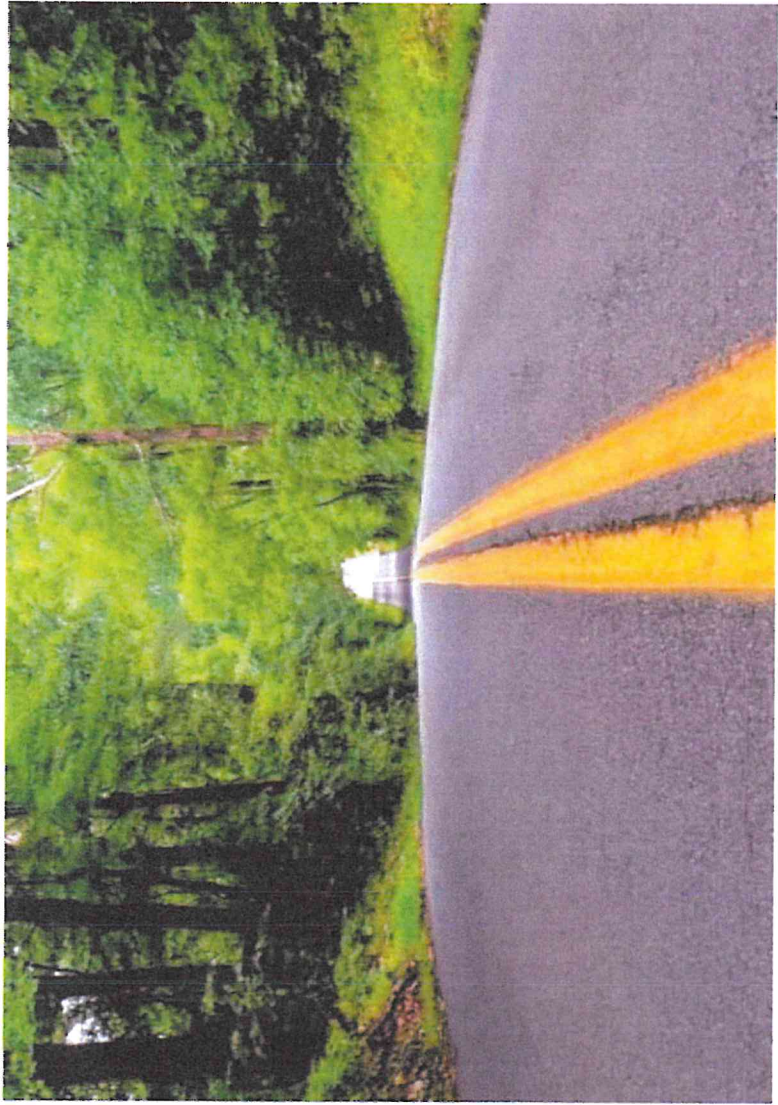
THE ROAD TRAVELED

- June 29, 2021: Connecticut Traffic and Training Center provided Canton Police Department with two speed detecting traffic boxes for data analysis on Case St.
- July 14, 2021: Canton Board of Selectmen approved the Canton Police Department's request to accept of a financial donation from Case Street and other Canton residents to purchase traffic control devices-Speed detectors and speed signs.
- August 26, 2021: Canton Town officials (First Selectman, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief of Police, DPW Director, Planning and Zoning and others) attended a second neighborhood meeting regarding speeding concerns on Case St.
- September 23, 2021: Special Town Meeting vote approved the funding to hire an additional police officer. Speeding and other traffic concerns were part of the justification for the additional officer.
- November 16, 2021: the Road Safety Assessment Report was issued regarding the Case Street Speeding concerns.
- January 12, 2022: Canton Police Department presentation to the Canton Board of Selectmen regarding an overview of the Department's speed enforcement efforts and the Selective Traffic Enforcement Plan.
- March 16, 2022: Canton First Selectman Robert Bessel's posted a town-wide message "*The Need To Speed*".
- May 11, 2022: Chief Arciero presented a '*Response to Speeding Update*' to the Canton Board of Selectmen and offered specific Fiscal /Non-fiscal and Short/Long term considerations.

THE ROAD TRAVELED

- May 16, 2022: Canton Board of Finance, on a referral from the Board of Selectmen, approved funding for the purchase of three (3) speed tables (\$30,000) and extra duty patrol shift staffing (\$20,000) to focus on speeding.
- June 20, 2022: Canton ARPA funding approved \$30,000 for speed enforcement details. The speed details commenced on July 1, 2022 and continue today.
- September, 22, 2022: Canton's First Selectman Robert Bessel's posted a town-wide message "*Still Speeding*".
- October 12, 2022: Canton Board of Selectmen approved the Canton Police Department request to pursue the State of Connecticut Speed Grant program.
- November 10, 2022: The State DOT Road Safety Audit (*first draft*) was issued regarding Dowd and Maple Avenue (Route 565) and Bridge Street (Route 179).
- January 17, 2023: The State DOT Road Safety Audit (**final draft**) was issued regarding Dowd and Maple Avenue (Route 565) and Bridge Street (Route 179).

THE ROAD FORWARD



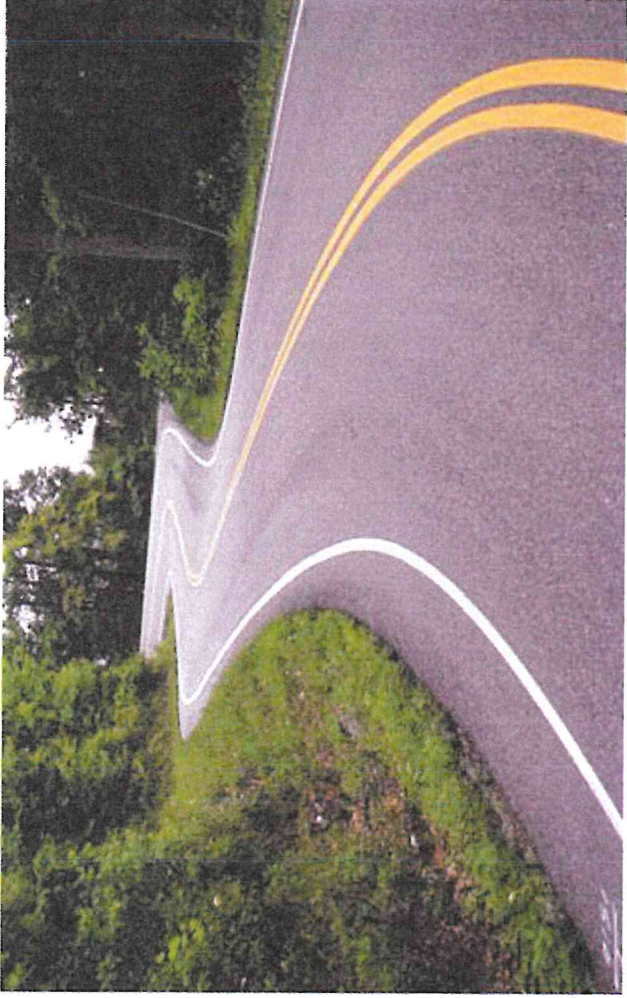
THE ROAD FORWARD

- Canton Speed Enforcement Patrols (Town ARPA funded-\$30,000)-*On-going*
- Re-installment of the Case Street Speed Tables-*Spring 2023*



- Evaluate and Implement State DOT Maple Avenue Road Safety Assessment Report Recommendations-*Spring 2023*
- State of Connecticut- Distracted Driving Grant-*April 2023*
- State of Connecticut-Seatbelt Enforcement Campaign-*May 2023*
- State of Connecticut Rural Road Speed Grant-*Spring 2023*
- Two New Canton Police Officers: Road Ready-July 2023 and October 2023

Around the Corner



MAJOR ISSUES

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION



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MAJOR ISSUES FOR CONNECTICUT'S 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Every year, the Office of Legislative Research (OLR) identifies and provides brief descriptions of important issues the General Assembly may face in the upcoming session. One of the highlighted areas is transportation. In this year's submission, the OLR stated the following:

According to the Department of Transportation (DOT), 2022 has been one of the deadliest years in recent memory for both pedestrians and motorists. In 2021, the legislature enacted a number of policies aimed at increasing the safety of pedestrians and cyclists on the roads, including establishing a Vision Zero Council charged with developing a statewide policy and interagency approach to eliminate all transportation-related fatalities (PA 21-28).



The Vision Zero Council

The Vision Zero Council, chaired by the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation's Commissioner, is an inter-agency work group tasked with developing a statewide policy to eliminate transportation-related fatalities and severe injuries involving pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, and passengers.

The Vision Zero Council members are commissioners (or their designees) of the Departments of Transportation, Public Health, Emergency Services and Public Protection, Motor Vehicles, Education, Aging and Disability Services, and Deputy State's Attorney.

The Vision Zero Council was established by the Connecticut General Assembly as part of Public Act 21-28, a landmark transportation safety bill. The Vision Zero Council's final policy proposals referenced in the OLR Report, relevant to Canton's concerns are as follows:

EDUCATION



- ▶ Utilize schools to better educate children about road safety
- ▶ **Rationale:** Teaching children to be safe pedestrians and bicyclists is a good starting point for a lifetime of road safety awareness, and children can influence parent behavior.
- ▶ **Proposal Idea 1:** Create an initiative between DOT, DMV, and DOE to include transportation education in scholastic curriculums in Connecticut. This proposal is aimed at teaching school-aged children the importance of transportation safety and the benefits of walking, bicycling, and taking public transportation. Furthermore, this initiative would educate children on the importance of their participation in the active transportation network in their communities.
- ▶ **Proposal Idea 2:** Create a Vision Zero Schools program. Create a list of criteria for a school to become a Vision Zero school, which could include traffic safety education to students, peer-to-peer education, outreach to parents, safety messaging to teachers and staff, etc. Ideally, DMV/DOT/DOE would not need to do much of that education, but could help nudge the schools to do it themselves (with help from community safety partners). This program would be optional for schools. Implementation suggestion: Perhaps tie this in with federal Safe Routes to School initiatives/funding. Involve children and parents in creating safer school zones and routes to schools.

Judicial



- ▶ Utilize the judicial system in driver re-training
- ▶ **Rationale:** The criminal justice system provides an opportunity for driver retraining, specifically for traffic offenders.
- ▶ **Proposal Idea:** Offense-specific retraining classes. Expand the operator retraining program to include an option for the Judicial Branch to offer a class tailored to an offense as part of a plea deal, which could reduce the fine amount that a driver must pay. Implementation suggestion: For example, if the driver received a distracted driving ticket, they could take a short class on the types of distractions and why they're dangerous. This would require some more work to set up and have a longer time horizon, but could continue to emphasize safety in the traffic ticket process.

DMV-Driver Involvement



- ▶ Increase options for driver retraining
- ▶ *Rationale:* after initial driver training, there are no driver re-training opportunities except for an optional class for older drivers. There is concern that drivers are not made aware of new laws, how to use new infrastructure, etc.
- ▶ *Proposal Idea 1:* Require a skills refresher at other points in a lifetime. DMV test drivers once at the onset but nothing after. This would not be optional but required, especially for those who have been driving for 40 or 50 years. Implementation suggestion: Perhaps after a certain age, people are entered into a pool, similar to a jury pool, where they can be selected for mandatory driver retraining. This could be offered online.
- ▶ *Proposal Idea 2:* Offer a statewide, incentive-based driver education for drivers to get a refresher on law updates and other safety reminders. Implementation suggestion: This could be modeled after the AARP older driver course, a voluntary program that comes with an auto insurance discount. Reduced insurance is especially valuable to young male drivers, a subgroup that is frequent offenders.

DMV--Education



- ▶ Utilize DMV to educate drivers on a more frequent basis
- ▶ *Rationale:* The DMV has frequent touch points where they can impart new information and reminders to current drivers throughout their lives.
- ▶ *Proposal Idea 1:* Empowering CT's DMV to have more thoughtful engagement with customers/drivers at every available opportunity, such as at license renewals and registration. Implementation suggestion: This could be in the form of a video that must be watched in its entirety before an online application could be processed. The video would be an update on new laws that impact drivers and pedestrians. Additionally, the videos could be responsive to emerging trends in traffic violence. An example this year would be the proliferation of wrong way driving deaths.

DMV – Enforcement



Implement Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras Legislation

- Text of current statutes does not explicitly limit enforcement to in person police action or prohibit use of camera enforcement.
- Though we do have “prima facie presumption[s] of accuracy” codified regarding certain equipment police use to detect speed currently (i.e. radar, laser). See C.G.S. § 14-219(c).
- Note: presumption can be extended to “any other speed monitoring device approved by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection...”
- Connecticut has a Speed Enforcement Camera Pilot Program for **Work Zones**.
- Proposed Bill 5255 “*An Act Authorizing the Use of Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices*” is pending.

Nationwide Use

As of September 2022:

- 18 states have active **speed enforcement cameras** in place. Some are limited to work or school zones.
- 22 states have active **red light cameras** in place.
- 6 states **ban** the use of speed enforcement cameras pursuant to state law.



General Assembly
January Session, 2023

Proposed Bill No. 5255
LCO No 527

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
REP. TURCO, 27th Dist.

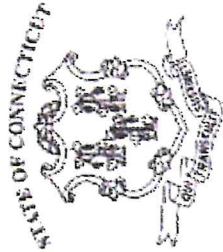
**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF AUTOMATED
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SAFETY DEVICES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
General Assembly convened:

That the General Statutes be amended to authorize the
Department of Transportation and any municipality to
utilize automated traffic enforcement safety devices to enforce
the provisions of Sections 14-218a, 14-219 and 14-299 of the
General Statutes.

Statement of Purpose:

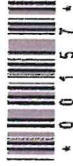
To authorize the use of automated traffic enforcement safety
devices to enforce speed limits and stopping at red lights.



General Assembly Proposed Bill No. 5045

January Session, 2023

LCO No. 157



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:

REP. MARRA T., 141st Dist.

**AN ACT PERMITTING SMALL MUNICIPALITIES TO
REDUCE SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN STATE
ROADS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

That Chapter 249 of the General Statutes be amended to permit small municipalities to reduce a speed limit to an amount lower than twenty-five miles per hour on a two-lane state highway within the municipality.

Statement of Purpose:

To permit small municipalities to reduce the speed limit on certain state roads to improve traffic and pedestrian safety.

PENDING BILLS

1. **HB 5460:** Restore the ability of an officer to use the odor of cannabis as a basis to support an investigatory stop or search of a person or car.
2. **HB 5494:** Establish a Greater Hartford Regional Law Enforcement Task Force to Combat Illegal Roadway Traffic Activity-motorcycles and ATVs.
3. **SB 232:** Allow car stops for suspected cannabis use and testing of driver.
4. **HB 5200:** Suspension of a driver's license of any person who causes significant property damage resulting from or caused by the use or operation of a motor vehicle.
5. **HB 5201:** Suspension of a driver's license for failure to obey a traffic control signal which causes death or property damage.
6. **HB 5239:** Allow an officer to request consent to search a motor vehicle in order to take illegal weapons and drugs off the street, as well as assist in collecting evidence of a crime.
7. **HB 5253:** Permit an injured party to recover double or treble damages in civil actions for personal injury or property damage involving a person who evades responsibility in the operation of a vehicle in street racing.
8. **HB 5332:** Increase penalties for motor vehicle theft and firearms crimes.
9. **HB 5372:** Increase the penalties for passing a school bus.
10. **Public Safety Committee** to address the problem of attracting more law enforcement and firefighters.

11. **HB 5436:** Extend the hours during which certain liquor permittees may sell alcoholic liquor for on-premises consumption.

Non-Law Enforcement Contributions

- ▶ **September 2021:** Canton Board of Selectman authorized funding to allow a Corridor Study go forward that will evaluate safety for all users on Dowd Avenue from Commerce Drive to Route 44 and on Route 44 from Old Canton Road to the Simsbury Town Line.
- ▶ **November 2021:** Capitol Region Council of Governments initiated a Roundabout Screening Study. Canton submitted several locations for consideration. We are waiting a response.
- ▶ **May 2022:** State DOT planning for street sign and paving on various locations on Route 565.
- ▶ **August of 2022:** Canton submitted a “*Safe Streets 4 All*” Grant application for funds to evaluate, redesign and reconstruct the intersection of State Route 44 and Dowd Avenue, including safety improvements on State Route 44 from Dowd to Brass Lantern Road.
- ▶ **January 2023:** State DOT upgraded the Pedestrian Crosswalk Rapid Flashing Beacon signs and lights at River Road and Gildersleeve Avenue and Maple Avenue and Allen Place.
- ▶ **Currently:** the Town is soliciting proposals on a planning and design contract to extend the Rail Trail into and through the Shops to the Simsbury Town Line which will include a future safety crossing for pedestrians across Route 44.

CANTON ROAD SAFETY AUDIT

DOWD AND MAPLE AVENUE (ROUTE 565) AND BRIDGE STREET (ROUTE 179)



JANUARY 2023

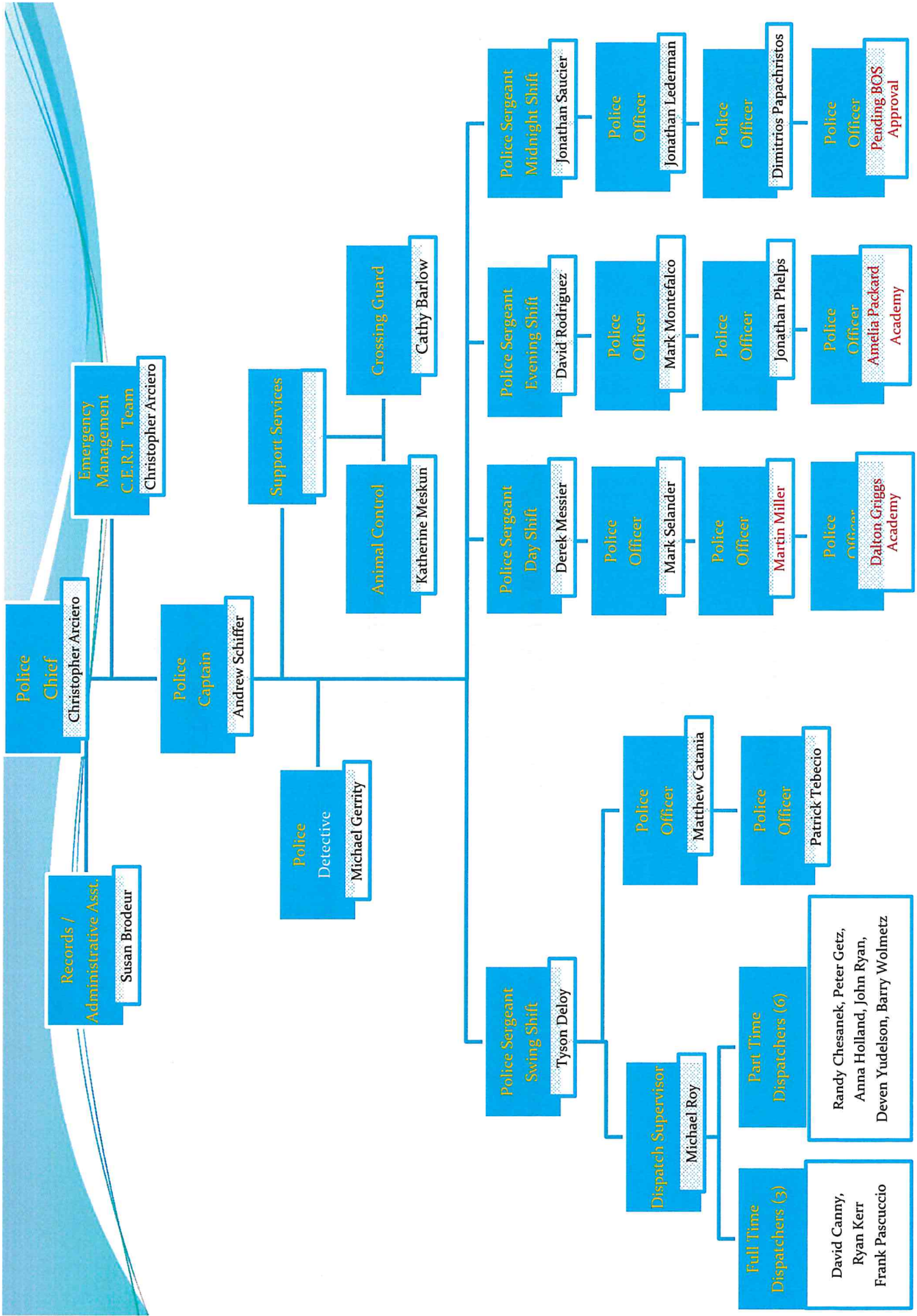
Connecticut Road Safety Assessment (RSA) Reports

Making Your Roads Safer™



- Case Street – Canton/Granby
- RSA Report of November 16, 2021

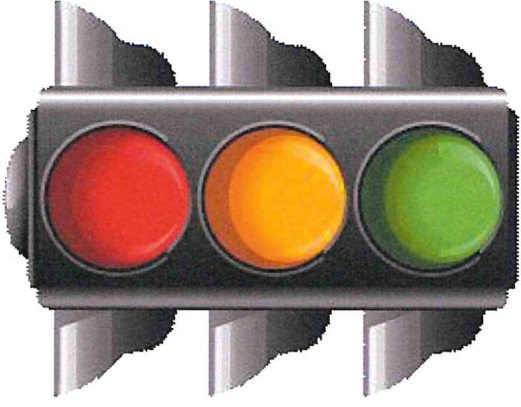




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- **CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT SPEEDERS EMAIL:**
stopspeeders@townofcantonct.org
- **SPEED MANAGEMENT: A Manual for Local Rural Road Owners**
https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/training/fhwas010413spmgmt/#chap3.1.1
- **STATE OF CONNECTICUT D.O.T. 'VISION ZERO COUNCIL':**
<https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/VisionZeroCouncil/MeetingMaterials>





Any Questions ?