



CONNECTICUT TOWNS UNDER STATE POLICE JURISDICTION

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ISSUE

How many towns in Connecticut are under State Police jurisdiction? How many towns have resident state troopers and how many troopers are assigned to these towns?

SUMMARY

Eighty towns are under State Police jurisdiction either because they do not have their own organized police department or have agreed, under a contract, to let the State Police supervise their police officers or constables. The State Police provides law enforcement services in these towns through 11 troops operating from barracks across the state. Each troop is responsible for several towns. Any town that wants its own resident trooper must execute a contract with the State Police and pay a percentage of the trooper's "compensation, maintenance and other expenses." Fifty-four of the 80 State Police towns have resident troopers (total 97); the other 26 are served by the State Police troop responsible for the town and do not pay for State Police services.

RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS

By law, the emergency services and public protection commissioner may appoint state police officers as resident state troopers in towns that do not have an organized police force. Resident troopers have the same powers as regular state police officers and are entitled to the same rights and subject to the same rules and regulations as the State Police. A town that wants resident troopers must enter into a contract with the State Police. The contract can be for up to two years and may be terminated by either party ([CGS § 29-5](#)).



Each town pays 85% of the cost of “compensation, maintenance and other expenses” of the first two troopers assigned to the town and 100% of the costs of “compensation, maintenance, and other expenses” for any additional troopers. Additionally, the town pays 100% of any overtime costs and the portion of fringe benefits directly associated with overtime costs ([CGS § 29-5](#)). The actual payment may vary depending on the assigned trooper's pay grade.

Currently, 54 towns have resident state troopers. Thirty-three of them have only one resident trooper; 11 have two; and eight have three or more, including Mansfield, which has eight. Two of them (Bridgewater and Roxbury) share a trooper.

The total number of resident troopers currently assigned in the 54 towns is 97 (see Table 1).

Table 1: Towns with Resident State Troopers as of October 2016 (54)

<i>Town</i>	<i>No. of Resident Troopers</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>No. of Resident Troopers</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>No. of Resident Troopers</i>
Andover	1	Ellington	5	North Canaan	1
Barkhamsted	1	Essex*	1	N. Stonington	2
Beacon Falls	1	Griswold	2	Old Lyme*	1
Bethany	1	Haddam	2	Oxford*	7
Bethlehem	1	Harwinton	2	Preston	2
Bolton	2	Hebron*	2	Prospect*	1
Bridgewater**	½**	Kent	1	Roxbury**	½**
Brooklyn	1	Killingly	4	Salem	2
Burlington*	1	Killingworth	1	Salisbury*	1
Chaplin	1	Lebanon*	1	Sherman	1
Chester*	1	Lisbon	1	Somers*	3
Colchester*	1	Litchfield*	1	Southbury*	1
Columbia	1	Mansfield*	8	Sprague	1
Deep River*	1	Marlborough*	1	Stafford*	2
Durham	1	Middlefield*	2	Tolland	4
E. Granby*	1	Montville*	1	Washington*	1
E. Haddam*	1	New Fairfield*	7	Westbrook*	3
E. Lyme*	1	New Hartford*	1	Woodbury*	2

Source: Division of State Police

*Towns with police officers or constables supervised by the State Police

** Bridgewater and Roxbury have entered into an agreement to share a resident trooper

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Twenty-six of the 80 towns under State Police jurisdiction do not have resident troopers. The State Police, through its 11 troops, provides a full range of law enforcement services in these towns (see Table 2).

Table 2: Non-Resident Trooper Towns under State Police Jurisdiction as of October 2016 (26)

<i>Town</i>	<i>Troop Providing Coverage</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Troop Providing Coverage</i>
Ashford	C	Norfolk	B
Bozrah	K	Pomfret	D
Canaan	B	Putnam*	D
Canterbury	D	Scotland	D
Colebrook	B	Sharon	B
Cornwall	B	Sterling	D
Eastford	D	Thompson	D
Franklin	K	Union	C
Goshen	B	Voluntown	E
Hampton	D	Warren	L
Hartland	B	Wilmington	C
Lyme	F	Windham**	K
Morris	F	Woodstock	D

Source: Division of State Police

*The town of Putnam has a service district that has its own police department but the rest of the town is under State Police jurisdiction.

**The State Police, on its own initiative, has stationed three troopers in the Windham Heights Housing project because of public safety issues associated with the project. These services are provided at no cost to the town.

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