



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**Chief of Police**

## JUNE 2015

### SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

In compliance with state law, the quarterly E-911 total call count report was provided to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications. For the quarter April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 Wethersfield Police Dispatchers handled 3,011 E-911 calls. Year to date E-911 total call count is 5,698 calls

During the month of June 2015, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to sixteen (16) new cases. The major case investigations involved; two (2) robberies, two (2) larcenies, two (2) burglaries and two (2) sexual assaults. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

#### Patrol Division

#### Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Monday, June 1, 2015 at 2:35 AM officers were dispatched to a gas station/convenience store on the Berlin Turnpike on report of an armed robbery that had just occurred there. Dispatch relayed that a party wearing a mask and brandishing a knife had just robbed the store, and that it was believed the getaway vehicle was a black sedan seen heading south on Berlin Turnpike. Upon arrival, officers met with the store clerk, who appeared to be sweating profusely and was seriously upset. The officers noted that it was obvious that a robbery had just occurred and that the clerk told the officers that a male party had come into the store and brandished a knife. The male party then demanded money from the cash register and took some cigarettes, before running out of the store. The clerk was not injured; however he was threatened with the knife. The scene was processed for fingerprints. Other evidence at the scene is being investigated. The video shows the suspect goes into the store where he forces the clerk back into the cash register area, following behind him. Once behind the cash register, the suspect instructs the clerk to open the cash drawer, which he

does. The suspect then takes money from the cash register door and some cigarettes from the cigarette shelf above the cash register area. The suspect then quickly exits the store and a few seconds later, a dark colored vehicle (likely a four (4) door sedan) is seen leaving the area at a high rate of speed. This case is under investigation.

On Saturday, June 6, 2015, at 1:44 PM officers were dispatched to Stop & Shop on a shoplifting complaint. Store loss prevention observed a black female shoplifting razors from the store. The female shoplifter was leaving the store as officers were on the way. Officers arrived and began searching for her. An officer located this female on Franklin Avenue on Hartford. The officer found a Stop & Shop reusable bag with the female suspect that contained razors and other merchandise. The merchandise was valued at \$290.20. The suspect was cooperative and admitted everything. She was arrested and brought to Police Headquarters. She was charged with Larceny in the 6th Degree. After being fingerprinted on the AFIS system, it was revealed that her actual identity was not whom she claimed to be. She was using a false name to avoid additional trouble. The real name showed an active warrant for her arrest for Failure to Appear in the 2nd Degree, 53a-173. The suspect was rebooked and charged with Larceny in the 6th Degree and Criminal Impersonation. She was held on a \$2,500 bond and brought to court on June 8, 2015.

## **Support Services Bureau**

Thirteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 207 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, nine were arrested on warrants. Eleven males and two females were transported to court. The females incarcerated by the department required 74 hours of matron and/or female officer coverage.

There were 92 phone calls and 47 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, thirty-seven were handled by the part-time animal control officers and ten were handled by police officers. Eight animals were impounded with two being redeemed, four sold as pets, one euthanized and two carrying over. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for thirteen calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for six calls in Wethersfield. Cases included one Animal Cruelty case which resulted in an arrest and one dog bite which resulted in a restraining order being placed on the dog.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed 1 child seat.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 1017 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 46 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 98 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 255 calls for service.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

This department has responded to 45 alarm calls in month of June. Residential locations made up 27 (60%) of the total, non-residential locations made up 17 (38%), and State / Town government made up 1 (2%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 39 burglar, 3 holdup / panic, and 3 fire. There currently are 1,660 alarm registrations on file, 39 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Fourteen new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$10,300 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 460 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 433 items of correspondence sent out.

The department is making progress in the hiring of three new dispatcher positions as well as filling one vacancy. The top candidates are entering the background phase of the process. All candidates are lateral transfers from other departments.

## **Detective Division**

On June 16, 2015, Wethersfield officers were dispatched to a gas station on the Silas Deane Highway on the report of a robbery. The victim reported that he was a passenger in a car that had been involved in a road rage type incident. During this incident, the other operator pulled out some type of badge in an attempt to have the victim vehicle pullover. The victim's car pulled into the gas station followed by the other car involved. The victim got out of his car and began taking pictures of the other car and the driver. During a verbal argument, the other driver grabbed the victim's phone and tried to get away. After a brief struggle the other driver got into his car with the victim's phone. The driver sped away dragging the victim a short distance.

Wethersfield Detectives assisted the Patrol Division in identifying a suspect. A warrant was obtained for the suspect and on 6/26/2015 the suspect was located in West Haven, placed under arrest, and processed on the charges of Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Impersonation of a Police Officer, Reckless Endangerment, and Larceny 6<sup>th</sup> Degree.

## **Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 50 incidents, involving approximately 64 juveniles during the month of June 2015. In these incidents 5 Juveniles were arrested, 5 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline and 2 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

## **School Resource Officer (High School)**

During the month of June the WHS SRO covered a total of thirteen (13) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. One (1) incident reports were completed. The incident report was completed following arrest involving an assault and breach of peace that occurred just off school grounds.

The SRO participated in the sessions of the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board and attended the monthly Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board meeting.

## **School resource Officer (Middle School)**

During the month of April the SRO covered a total of 17 incidents which were non -criminal including activities at the school. The SRO attended Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program - Intervention meeting for at risk youths at SDMS.

The SRO attended the weekly Attendance Meetings: Topic discussion centered on State of CT mandates for attendance and at risk youths.

The SRO participated in the sessions of the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. This is for juveniles who reside in town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to our board.

The SRO and the Crisis Management Team met with Social & Youth Services to discuss the involvement of youth for Town Youth Programs.

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town 34 different times for a total of approximately 20 hours 33 minutes. Locations given extra attention included McMullen Avenue and the south portion of Goff Road.

The Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used to conduct a traffic survey on Cedar Street southbound in the area of the Cedar Street Park over the course of five (5) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 30 MPH. During the 110.25 survey hours, 3,478 cars were recorded, averaging 32 cars per hour. Results from the device showed an average speed of 30.92 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 37 MPH and a top speed of 84 MPH (one vehicle).

The following work orders were completed during June, 2015:

- For the annual Keane Foundation 5K Road Race held on Sunday, June 7, 2015, cones, barricades, and temporary 'No Parking' signs were placed on numerous streets in Old Wethersfield.
- For the Wethersfield High School Graduation held on Friday, June 19, 2015, temporary 'No Parking' signs were placed on numerous streets around Cove Park in Old Wethersfield.

## **Training Division**

On Monday, June 8, 2015 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (CREST)** to include Lieutenant Mark Poisson, MPO Luis Gonzalez, and Officers Jeffry Poulin and Shane Murphy attended an annual five-day training session.

On Monday, June 8, 2015, Detective Christopher Morris began attending “**Cybercop201-Intermediate Data Recovery and Analysis**”. This training class was held at the Manchester Police Department, Manchester, CT. Detective Morris is assigned to the CT Regional Digital Investigative Squad and this training certifies him do forensic computer investigations.

On Monday, June 8, 2015, Detective Norberto Mendez attended a one day course entitled “**Juvenile Review Board Conference.**” The training was held at the ITBD, New Britain, CT. This training discusses best options to consider during the JRB process.

On Friday, June 12, 2015, Sergeant Michael Connolly assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with “**Practical Skills Day (ROCC)**” for the 348<sup>th</sup> Training Session. Sergeant Connolly served as an assistant instructor by monitoring and encouraging the recruits to complete very strenuous drills which encompass a variety of techniques they have learned during their entire time at the academy.

On Tuesday, June 16, 2015, Officer Shane Murphy, along with his canine, Marley, attended a one day training class entitled “**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training.**” Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking, and narcotics searches.

On Tuesday, June 16, 2015, MPO David Gove and Officers Ronald Floyd, Peter McGee and Kevin Foster attended a training class entitled “**Offender Based Tracking System.**” This training was held at the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, East Hartford, CT. This training is mandatory for personnel to access and use the state’s Offender Based Tracking System.

On Wednesday, June 17, 2015, Officer Nuno Martins, along with his canine, Thor, attended a one day training class entitled “**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training.**” Officer Martins and Thor participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Thursday, June 25, 2015, Detectives James Darby and Norberto Mendez, Officers Albert Whaples and Alison Sullivan and Dispatcher Lisa Fournier, attended a one day recertification class entitled “**NCIC/ COLLECT Recertification Training**”. Training was held at the Connecticut State Police Headquarters, Middletown, CT. This class is a recertification class for persons presently certified on the NCIC/ COLLECT computer system. Recertification is for a period of two years.

On Friday, June 26, 2015, Officer Jessica Ficara attended a one day course entitled “**Accreditation Manager Training Course.**” The training was held at the CT Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Course topics included knowing the responsibilities of those assigned to the agency’s Accreditation Unit.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will continue with practical skills training during the month of July. The Wethersfield Police Cadets will be focusing on fund raising efforts for their post. Four members of the Wethersfield Police Cadets will be attending Cadet Academy at the University of Hartford on 07/26/15 thru 08/01/2015.

Riverfest Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2015 on the Connecticut River in Hartford, CT.

Wethersfield Detectives are working with the Mid-State Narcotics Task Force, assisting with personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency to investigate local individuals.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	JUNE 2014	JUNE 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	88	44	392	406
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	5	1	16	6
Commercial Burglaries	10	1	18	1
Armed Robberies	0	1	1	2
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	1	1	1
<b>Family Violence Arrests</b>				
Family Violence Arrests	10	3	41	36
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	172	142	956	1039
DUI	9	4	47	30
MV Crashes	38	54	235	376
Parking Tags	27	89	409	449
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	906	1017	4108	5698
Alarm Responses	70	45	349	351
Records Requests	248	182	1166	1301
Prisoners Transported	24	13	93	77
Child Car Seat Installations	0	1	22	24