



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The Cadets participated in practical skills training on Domestic Violence and EDP during the month of November.

During the month of November 2013, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to approximately thirty (30) new cases. The major case investigations involved; twelve (12) burglaries, five (5) fraud / Identity thefts, and four (4) larcenies. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

Wethersfield Police Officers assisted other Mid-State towns at two DUI checkpoints, one in Cromwell and one in Berlin.

On Friday, November 1, 2013 ten Wethersfield Police Department retirees successfully completed classroom and range qualifications under provisions of the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 (H.R.218.) These qualified retirees can now carry, with some restrictions, a concealed firearm throughout the United States.

Probationary Police Officer Peter Salvatore has completed eight weeks of basic training at the Connecticut Police Academy. Graduation is expected in March 2014.

Officers from the Wethersfield Police Department participated in the semi-annual "Click It or Ticket" enforcement wave period that was held from November 26, 2013 through December 1, 2013. Below is a summary of the activity during that time period:

	# of Citations	# of Warnings
Seatbelt	2	3
Child Restraint	0	0
DUI/DUI Related	4	0
Speed	7	5
Other Traffic	20	49
Non-traffic Violations/Criminal	14	1

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Tuesday November 5, 2013 at 4:48 PM officers were dispatched to Stop & Shop at 1380 Berlin Turnpike on the report of a suspected male shoplifter was being detained. Arriving officers found the store manager detaining the shoplifter in the parking lot. The manager reported that he observed the suspect and a second unidentified male, who had subsequently fled the scene; fill a green recycling bag and a purple Stop & Shop hand basket with multiple bags of frozen shrimp. Seeing this made the manager suspicious. The two suspects then exited the building without making any attempt to purchase the frozen shrimp. The manager followed the suspects outside at which time the second unidentified suspect dropped the purple shopping basket he was carrying and ran off. The suspect that did not run away began walking toward a green Jeep Wrangler that was parked in the lot. Store employees approached the suspect and detained him prior to entering his vehicle. The suspect was detained and escorted back to the store at which time ten bags of frozen shrimp valued at \$310.59 were recovered. The male suspect was arrested and charged with Larceny 6th Degree. The male was released on a \$2,500.00 non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear in court on 11/19/13.

On Wednesday November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM officers were dispatched to the Wethersfield Public Library at 515 Silas Deane Highway on a report that two females were fighting. Upon arriving, officers saw that one female had a bloody nose. Officers determined that the two females had a disagreement because of how one child was behaving. Comments were made back and forth between the two females. One female then proceeded to slap the other across her face with a book. A library employee witnessed the assault. The female that did the assault was arrested and charged with Assault in the Third Degree and for Breach of Peace in the Second Degree. After being fingerprinted and photographed, she was released on a \$250.00 non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear in court on 11/27/13.

Support Services Bureau

Two infraction tickets were issued this month due to passing a standing school bus violations captured on video from the Student Guardian school bus cameras. There have been a total of six infraction tickets issued since the beginning of the 2013-14 school year.

Eighteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 427 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, fifteen were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported the prisoners to court, including seventeen males and one female. The female incarcerated by the department required 18 hours of matron coverage.

There were 80 phone calls and 35 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, twenty-six were handled by the part-time animal control officers and nine were handled by police officers. Three animals were impounded with one being redeemed, two sold as pets and one euthanized. Cases included one dog bite. Animal Control Officers gave extra attention to town parks and common areas for leash law violations. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for two calls in Wethersfield.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed 12 child seats.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 774 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 36 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 108 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 191 calls for service.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 63 alarms in month of November. Non-residential locations made up 30 (48%) of this total, residential alarms made up 32 (50%), and State and Town government made up 1 (2%.) The alarms received were: 57 burglar, 2 holdup / panic, and 4 fire. There currently are 1,677 alarm registrations on file, 54 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Twelve new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$7,175 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 163 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 132 items of correspondence sent out.

Detective Division

Wethersfield Detectives made an arrest from a fraud and forgery case highlighted in the September monthly report in which the suspect deposited forged checks into the victim's bank account and later received money from the victim. All this was premised on the fact that the suspect was going to turn in a patent for the victim, who was in turn to receive millions of dollars.

Wethersfield Detectives also received notice that an arrestee from 2012, in which the suspect stole her neighbor's identity and ordered thousands of dollars in merchandise off the Internet, has been found guilty and sentenced to several years in jail.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

The following are the burglary and robbery statistics for the month of November 2013, along with comparative statistics for the same period of last

year. The figures in the parenthesis represent the number of cases cleared by arrest, or in which the perpetrators have been identified.

<i>Criminal Activity</i>	<i>November 2012</i>	<i>November 2013</i>
Residential Burglaries:	2(1)	2(0)
Commercial Burglaries:	0(0)	10(0)
Armed Robberies:	0(0)	0(0)
Strong-arm Robberies:	0(0)	0(0)

Juvenile Detective

Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 46 incidents, involving approximately 57 juveniles. In these incidents, 4 juveniles were arrested for criminal violations, 1 juvenile was issued an infraction, 7 juveniles were diverted to parental discipline, 1 juvenile was diverted to school discipline and 6 juveniles were diverted to the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

School Resource Officer

During the month of November the SRO covered a total of twenty-six (26) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. Five (5) incident reports were completed; crimes included larceny, assault, and breach of peace.

There were two arrests at the school during the month of November. The arrests included the following: assault & breach of peace, and a second for breach of peace. One student was ticketed for possession of tobacco by a minor.

The SRO assisted with the following issues: erratic operation of vehicle on school grounds (x4); well-being check of possible suicidal student; mediations (with Det. Mendez) with students in regards to a disputes, bullying / harassment, and dating issues; truancy violations (x3); defiance against school rules; defiance against house rules. The SRO assisted school administration in getting a document signed by a parent at their residence. The parent refused to come to WHS to have the document signed and mentioned (for reasons unknown) having a weapon at the residence. The parent insisted on the Assistant Principal coming to his residence.

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

The SRO did selective enforcement on Wolcott Hill Road for hazardous violations after receiving several complaints from the administration, faculty and citizens.

The SRO attended the School Security and Safety seminar put on by Safe Havens International on November 5, 2013.

The SRO volunteered as a judge for the Mr. Wethersfield contest on November 4, 2013.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement nineteen different times spending approximately 11 hours 44 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town. Locations given extra attention included Middletown Avenue, McMullen Avenue and Thornbush Road.

Based on a citizen complaint about speeding vehicles, a traffic study on Lexington Street was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of thirteen (13) days. There is no posted speed limit on this road. During the 273.75 survey hours, 5,500 cars were recorded, averaging 20 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 24.8 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 25.3 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 31 MPH and a top speed of 45 MPH.

Based on a citizen complaint about speeding vehicles, a traffic study on Highland Street was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of eleven (11) days. The posted speed limit on this road is 35 MPH. During the 244.5 survey hours, 37,481 cars were recorded, averaging 152 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 36.4 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 37 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 42.3 MPH and a top speed of 92 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during November, 2013:

- For the annual Jamie's Run 5K on November 3, 2013 cones, barricades, one-way signs and temporary "No Parking" signs were placed on numerous streets around Garden Street and the Broad Street Green in Old Wethersfield.

Training Division

On Tuesday November 5, 2013, Sergeant Thomas Regan, Detective Norberto Mendez, and Officers Eric Knapp and Bridget Camara attended a training class entitled "**School Security and Safety Seminar.**" Training was held at the Silas Deane Middle School, Wethersfield, CT. Topics include methods to help identify and address key areas of vulnerability, best practices in current emergency preparedness standards, and creative sources of funding for school security.

On Tuesday, November 5, 2013, Officer Joseph Baich, along with his canine, Owen, attended a one day training class entitled "**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler**

Training". Officer Baich and Owen participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Wednesday, November 6, 2013 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, Sergeant Michael Connolly, Master Police Officer Luis Gonzalez and Officer Jeffry Poulin began attending monthly two-day training.

On Thursday November 7, 2013, Animal Control Officer Deborah Monde attended "**Child Abuse and Animal Cruelty Conference.**" Training was held at the Legislative Office Building, Hartford CT. Training topics included how animal cruelty, abuse and neglect are linked with child maltreatment, domestic violence and elder abuse.

During the week of November 11, 2013 the WPD Training Unit conducted **Fall 2013 Low Light Firearms Training.** Thirty seven (37) officers participated in this training, which was held at the Berlin Police Range in Berlin, CT. Training consisted of three hours of low-light/ no light firearms training and one hour of classroom training. Officers were required to complete a 60 round qualification course in low light conditions, which all officers successfully passed. Officers also completed two point-instinctive courses and a stress / motor vehicle stop course. Both the point-instinctive courses required officers to quickly and accurately identify and shoot at multiple threats. The stress/ motor vehicle course required officers to properly approach a vehicle, use their flashlight, and use good skills to quickly and accurately identify and decide to shoot or not shoot a possible threat. Prior to this training, officers received instruction on the Department Deadly Force and were given a written examination on the Department's Use of Deadly Force policy. Fourteen (14) Officers also qualified with the Colt AR-15 patrol rifle and were required to complete a written examination on the same.

On Tuesday November 12, 2013 Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk attended "**Incident Management Team Training.**" This training class was held at the East Hartford Fire Department Training Room, East Hartford CT. The IMT Team is designed to provide personnel that are trained and organized to support emergency response and recovery efforts in event of a large crisis, man-made/ natural disaster etc.

On Wednesday November 13, 2013, Sergeant Thomas Regan attended a one day training class entitled "**Right Response CT Network Local Collaborative Member Training.**" Training was held at the Courtyard by Marriott, Cromwell, CT. The Right Response CT Network is a new school-police-community collaboration for school safety through consistent and appropriate handling of disruptive students.

On Thursday, November 14, 2013 Detective Michael Patkoske began attending a two day training seminar entitled "**Arson Investigators' Seminar.**" This training was held at the Hartford Marriott Rocky Hill, Rocky Hill, CT. Topics included arson investigation, gas explosions and scientific methods.

On Tuesday, November 19, 2013 Lieutenant Donald Crabtree attended the "**Capital Region Chiefs of Police Recertification**" training held in Rocky Hill, CT. This recertification

program, which is required every three years, is open to Chiefs of Police and Second in Command Officers only. Topics include Leading and Influencing, Executive Liability, Legal Updates, Policy Development, Police Suicide, Sexual Harassment, Juvenile Law, Gang Update and Ethical Decision Making. This training is held once per month concluding in May 2014.

On Tuesday, November 19, 2013, Officer Joseph Baich, along with his canine, Owen, attended a one day training class entitled "**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training**". Officer Baich and Owen participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Friday, November 22, 2013 Sergeant Michael Connolly attended a seminar entitled "**CNG Safety Training.**" This training was held at the CNG Headquarters, East Hartford CT. Work zone safety for Officers and Flaggers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will be assisting with the Holiday on Main Street event on December 5, 2013.

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.

The Chamber of Commerce Holidays on Main event will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 5:00 PM.

"Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program" will begin in January 2014 at the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room. This class will meet once per month for a total of 5 classes.

NCIC/COLLECT inquiry recertification for select department personnel is scheduled for January, 2014.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	NOVEMBER 2012	NOVEMBER 2013	YTD 2012	YTD 2013
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	57	100	793	912
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	2	2	51	31
Commercial Burglaries	0	10	13	13
Armed Robberies	0	0	1	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	7	1
Family Violence Arrests				
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Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	134	210	1844	1884
DUI	11	13	108	118
MV Crashes	70	51	568	700
Parking Tags	38	22	458	357
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	842	774	9191	9235
Alarm Responses	73	63	761	697
Records Requests	183	250	2662	2393
Prisoners Transported	14	8	172	166
Child Car Seat Installations	0	12	49	90