



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

During the month of August 2019 members of the Patrol Bureau made fourteen (14) arrests for Driving Under the Influence.

Officers assisted at various community events including National Night Out, Dream Ride for Special Olympics and South Windsor Community Cares Day.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted with National Night Out Activities at the Wethersfield Community Center on 08/06/2019. The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training "Drill and Ceremony" during the month of August 2019.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On Friday, August 16, 2019 at approximately 1:22 AM an officer stopped a vehicle for traffic violations. Upon speaking with the operator, the officer detected an odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from inside the vehicle and on the operator's breath. The operator failed the field sobriety tests she attempted. As the officer attempted to arrest the operator she pulled her arms away in an attempt to break free from being arrested. After she was taken into custody the officer spoke with the passenger, who was also determined to be intoxicated. Also in the vehicle was a one year old child. The passenger and child were picked up by a sober person. The operator was charged with Driving Under the Influence, Risk of Injury to a Minor, Interfering with an Officer and Improper Rear Lights.

On Friday, August 23, 2019 at approximately 12:39 AM an officer attempted to stop a vehicle for traffic violations. The vehicle turned into a parking lot of a local business and when the officer activated his cruiser emergency lights the vehicle drove over a curb, sidewalk and landscaping before returning to the road, engaging the officer in pursuit. After a short distance the vehicle stopped for the officer. The operator, who admitted to using narcotics, failed the field sobriety tests he attempted and was placed under arrest. Narcotics

were located on both the driver and passenger. Also located also the route of the pursuit was a plastic bag with narcotics inside that the passenger admitted to throwing out of the car. The operator was charged with Possession of Narcotics, Engaging in Pursuit, Driving Under the Influence, Reckless Driving and multiple other motor vehicle offenses. The passenger was charged with Tampering with Evidence, Interfering with an Officer, Possession of Narcotics with Intent to Sell, Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Detective Division

During the month of August 2019, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to twelve (12) new cases. These cases involved the following:

- Two (2) Frauds
- One (1) reported Sexual Assault, later found to be unfounded
- 1 Arrest Warrant vacated due to suspect death
- 1 Suspicious Behavior incident
- 1 Believed Sexual Assault found to be unfounded
- 2 Out-of-State Fugitive pickups

In one of the fraud cases, the investigating detective was able to identify a suspect and an arrest warrant is pending.

In another fraud case, the investigating detective was able to determine that the incident was civil in nature and not criminal.

In the two separate weapons violation investigations, Detectives investigated two individuals who were not supposed to be in possession of firearms/ammunition.

Detectives also continued to perform numerous town background investigations for new police officers and for a dispatcher. Background investigations continue for pistol permits applicants. There was an increase in incidents where two detectives needed to go out of state to pick up prisoners, with Detectives going to New York City and Massachusetts to do so.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 31 incidents, involving approximately 45 Juveniles during the month of August 2019. In these incidents there were 3 Juveniles diverted for parental discipline and 3 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board.

School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School

No Activity

School Resource Officer – Wethersfield Middle School

No Activity

Administrative Services Bureau

Support Services Bureau

Nine people were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond. The eight males and one females were transported to court throughout the month.

There were eighty-one phone calls and thirty-seven calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for six calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for two calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for nineteen calls. Eighty-two dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were thirty impounds this month: five were redeemed, two were adopted out as pets, and twenty-three were carry over from the ongoing animal abuse criminal case. The incident synopsis for the month is: four wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), thirty-three dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), six mutual aid calls to Newington, and no warnings issued for unlicensed dogs due to the recent licensing deadline.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 992 NG911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to, or initiated, fifty-one calls for service, fire prevention activities, or assists / standbys.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) and Aetna Ambulance were dispatched for a collective 300 times this month.

Training Unit:

- On Tuesday, August 6, 2019, Officer Nuno Martins attended Police Canine / Police Canine Handler Training. Officer Martins and K9 Jax participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included patrol work, evidence recovery and tracking.
- On Tuesday, August 6, 2019, Officer Joel DiLoreto attended the training titled, “**Explosive Breacher Training.**” This is required monthly training as part of a tactical team.
- On Wednesday, August 7 and Thursday, August 8, 2019, Lieutenant Michael Connolly, Sergeant Luis Gonzalez, Officer Shane Murphy, Officer Joel DiLoreto and Officer Justin Hilchuk attended Capital Region Emergency Services Team Training (CREST).
- On Monday, August 12, 2019 through Friday, August 16, 2019, Officer Justin Hilchuk attended the training titled, “**Basic Instructor Development Training.**” This training allows Officer Hilchuk to be a certified Police Instructor in the State of Connecticut.

- On Tuesday, August 20, 2019, Officer Nuno Martins attended Police Canine / Police Canine Handler Training. Officer Martins and K9 Jax participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included patrol work, evidence recovery and tracking.
- On Tuesday, August 20, 2019, Lieutenants Donald Crabtree, Michael Connolly, Thomas Mitney, Anthony DeMonte, Sergeants Michael Fisher, Thomas Regan, Luis Gonzalez, Oscar Rivera, Jennie Rivera, Kevin O'Leary, Michael Wren and Officer John Blair were assigned the webinar titled, “ **Internal Affairs Investigations: Striking the Right Balance.**”
- On Tuesday, August 27, 2019 and Wednesday, August 28, 2019, Officer joel DiLoreto was assigned the training titled, “**Drone Pilot FAA Certification Test Preparation Seminar.**” This training is in preparation of the FAA Drone Pilot Exam.
- On Wednesday, August 28, 2019, Lieutenants Donald Crabtree and Michael Connolly, and Sergeant Michael Fisher attended the training titled, “**Improving the Perception of Police: Winning Your Community Back.**” This training was hosted at the Wethersfield Police Department.
- From Wednesday, August 28, 2019, through Friday, August 30, 2019, Officer Joseph Baich and Jakub Owczarski attended the training titled, “**Improving the Perception of Police: Winning Your Community Back – Train-the-Trainer Program**” . This training was hosted at the Wethersfield Police Department and provides Officers Baich and Owczarski the ability to teach this community oriented policing program.
- On Friday, August 30, 2019, Officer Joel DiLoreto attended the training titled, “**Basic Police Firearms Instructor Training Pre-Test.**” This class is in preparation and is a pre-requisite for the upcoming Basic Firearms Instructor Course.

Community Relations:

The SSB continues to utilize high visibility speed detection devices throughout town in order to change motorist behavior and reduce speeding occurrences on the streets. The SSB has been assisting on traffic issues, block party, special events, and working out parking issues for several large residential communities who are repaving their parking lots.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cornfest 9/21/2019.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will have an open house recruitment activity in the Wethersfield Community Room at the Police Station on 09/19/2019. The Wethersfield Police Cadets will assist with activities at the Wethersfield Cornfest on 09/21/2019.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	August 2018	August 2019	YTD 2018	YTD 2019
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	53	48	419	455
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	4	2	17	12
Commercial Burglaries	2	1	8	4
Armed Robberies	11	0	1	0
Strong-Arm Robberies		0	1	3
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	71	71	874	807
DUI	5	14	46	77
MV Crashes	51	52	548	427
Parking Tags	15	10	698	419
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	889	992	6939	6676
Alarm Responses	67	81	418	432
Records Requests	134	91	1364	882
Child Car Seat Installations	8	8	36	45