



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

During the month of December 2012, members of the Detective Division initiated or were assigned follow up to approximately sixteen (16) new cases. The major case investigations involved four (4) burglaries, two (2) fraud / identity thefts, two (2) larcenies, one (1) sexual assault, and one (1) sudden death. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

On Monday, December 31, 2012 the Wethersfield Police Department hired Joel DiLoreto as a Probationary Police Officer. Officer DiLoreto received department orientation training for three days. He began attending the Connecticut Police Academy on Friday, January 4, 2013. Graduation from the Academy is expected in June, 2013.

The explorer program attended the Holidays On Main event, and assisted officers with traffic control. The explorers also completed child fingerprinting kits, and provided holiday cheer. The explorers also assisted police operations at the vigil for the victims of the Sandy Hook tragedy.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Thursday December 20, 2012 at approximately 11:30 AM officers were dispatched to a retail store on the Silas Deane Highway for a report that store employees that were monitoring a female whom they believed had concealed store merchandise into her purse and then exited the store. After leaving the store, the female suspect was seen walking over to a black SUV in the lot where she emptied the contents of her purse into the back seat. She then walked away from the SUV towards another retail store. After arriving at the store, officers were directed to the SUV in the lot. An officer was able to look into the vehicle and observed several merchandise items that were lying in plain view on the back seat of the vehicle. Moments later an officer saw the same female suspect leave the second store and

begin to approach the SUV. As she neared the SUV an officer approached her and asked if she was the owner of the SUV. When the woman asked the officer what was wrong, she was told of the officers observations. Initially she denied that she had taken the items, however after being informed that her actions had been observed by store officials, she admitted to having concealed the items in her purse while she was shopping inside the store. As a result, she was arrested and the recovered merchandise was then turned back over to store employees. The total value of the stolen/ recovered merchandise was determined to be \$23.25. The officer asked the woman if she had also concealed merchandise belonging to the second store she entered. She admitted that she had in fact done the same thing while she was shopping at the second store. She then opened her purse to show the officer several grocery items that were concealed inside. The officer retrieved these items and returned them to the store. These were valued at \$29.51. She was subsequently charged with two counts of Larceny 6th Degree (one for each store.) After being processed, she was released on a \$500.00 Non-Surety Bond and was scheduled to appear in New Britain court on January 3, 2013.

On December 23, 2012, at approximately 5:17 PM an officer was dispatched to the area of Wells Road for a report of a caller on 911 reporting a possible intoxicated driver. The car was located and stopped vehicle on Main Street. When asked simple questions, the driver had difficulty answering and his answers made little sense. The officer detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on the driver's breath and person. The driver said he had only one drink. The driver failed a series of roadside sobriety tests and was arrested. The driver had his three juvenile children with him in the vehicle. They were transported to the station by another officer and were kept at the station until their mother arrived to pick them up. He was charged with 3 counts of Risk of injury to a minor (for having his children in the vehicle while driving under the influence), Operation under the influence of alcohol, Operation without insurance and Failure to have lights lit. He was processed and released on a \$2,500 Non Surety bond and is scheduled to appear in New Britain court on January 7, 2013 at 10:00 AM.

Detective Division

On 12/10/2012 two Wethersfield Detectives traveled to Fort Lauderdale, Florida to pick up a prisoner wanted by the Wethersfield Police Department for Violation of Probation. The suspect's warrant was based on a Home Invasion that occurred in Wethersfield in 2003. The offender was on probation in Florida when he violated his probation. The offender was transported back to Connecticut and presented at court the following day.

The following are the burglary and robbery statistics for the month of November 2012, 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>December 2011</i>	<i>December 2012</i>
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Residential Burglaries:	4(1)	4(0)
Commercial Burglaries:	1(0)	0(0)
Armed Robberies:	0(0)	0(0)
Strong-arm Robberies:	2(2)	0(0)

Detective Division (Case of Interest)

Juvenile Unit

Wethersfield Police department handled approximately 33 incidents, involving approximately 47 juveniles. In these incidents, 4 juveniles were arrested for criminal violations, 3 were diverted to parental punishment, and 4 were diverted to school punishment.

School Resource Officer

In the month of December school was not in session from 12/24/2012 to 01/02/2013 due to the holiday break. During the month of December the SRO covered a total of 14 incidents which included activities at the school that were entered into the School Cop Database. Of these incidents, 9 case numbers were pulled resulting in 3 incident reports. There was one arrest at the school for the offense of Breach of Peace 2nd; 53a-181 and two infractions were issued for Possession of Tobacco by a Minor.

The SRO also investigated a Larceny 6th complaint, one Lost/Found Property complaint, a False Alarm Fire complaint, a Trespassing complaint, and assisted an officer with a missing person complaint.

The School Administrators and he SRO held several mediations with students over disputes ranging from dating relationship issues to general disputes. The SRO also investigated several truancy and defiance issues at WHS.

During the month of December the SRO attended STARS/SRBI meetings dealing with at risk students at WHS. The SRO also attended the Juvenile Review Board meeting at the Wethersfield Town Hall regarding juveniles that were referred to our board instead of the juvenile court system.

The SRO participated in Mrs. Mucinkas' Senior English interview project. The students interviewed the SRO in regards to ethics and values. The SRO also participated in Mr. Palazzo's Career Prep Class which involved the SRO speaking to students in the class in regards to a career in law enforcement.

Support Services Bureau

With the assistance of numerous department personnel, Officer Albert Whaples coordinated the annual WPD Toy Drive. Unwrapped toys were donated by citizens and businesses throughout the town. All of the toys were collected at police headquarters.

Officers from the Wethersfield Police Department participated in the semi-annual "Click It or Ticket" enforcement wave period that was held from December 3, 2012 through December 16, 2012. Below is a summary of the activity during that time period:

	# of Citations	# of Warnings
Seatbelt	26	21
Child Restraint	0	0
DUI/DUI Related	2	0
Speed	14	16
Other Traffic	41	158
Non-traffic Violations/Criminal	33	0

In compliance with state law, the quarterly E-911 total call count report was provided to the State of Connecticut Department of Public Safety Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications. For the quarter October 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 Wethersfield Police Dispatchers handled 2479 E-911 calls.

For the 2012 calendar year the Wethersfield Police Dispatchers handled 9980 E-911 calls.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 789 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 34 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 74 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 223 calls for service.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed three (3) child seats.

There were 89 phone calls and 51 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, thirty-one (31) were handled by the part-time animal control officers and twenty (20) were handled by police officers. Seven animals were impounded with six being redeemed and one still held. Cases included two dog bites and a lost dog in which, after being missing for three weeks, the animal control officers were able to find the dog and return it to its owners.

Thirteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 210 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, eight were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported the prisoners to court, including ten males and three females. The females incarcerated by the department required thirty eight hours of matron coverage.

Support Services Bureau, Training Unit

On Wednesday, December 5, 2012 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, Sergeant Michael Connolly, Master Police Officers Luis Gonzalez and Ronald Floyd, and Officers Jeffrey Poulin and Justin Lord began attending monthly two-day training.

On Wednesday December 5, 2012 Officers Elizabeth Taylor and Kevin Foster began attending a three day training class entitled "**AT&T's 911 System**". This training was held at the AT&T Hartford Office, Hartford, CT. This class is one of several mandated training classes in order to obtain certification as a telecommunicator by the State of Connecticut.

On Monday December 17, 2012 Officer Kevin Foster began attending the five day "**Capitol Region Chiefs of Police Review Training.**" This training was held at the Middletown Police Department, Manchester, CT. This forty hour class is mandatory every three years to keep officers certified in the State of Connecticut. The training encompasses a wide variety of topics including ICS training, PRAWN training, legal updates, bias crimes, patrol procedures, juvenile law and domestic violence laws.

On Friday December 14, 2012 Officer Albert Whaples, Norberto Mendez, Peter McGee, Gary Luiz, and Nuno Martins attended a one day training class entitled "**The Bulletproof Mind- Psychological and Physiological Preparation for Combat.**" This class was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. The instructor for this class was Lt. Col. (ret.) Dave Grossman and Lt. Kevin Dillon. Grossman is a nationally known speaker and was a consultant in the Paducah school shooting and other major murder cases. Lt. Dillon is nationally known for developing the Arrest and Control Program used throughout the US as well as other foreign countries. The objective of this training program is to help understand officers' actions and behaviors prior to, during, and after crisis incidents.

On Friday December 14, 2012, Lieutenant Donald Crabtree and Sergeants Oscar Rivera and Michael Connolly assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with "**Practical Skills Day (ROCC)**" for the 338th Training Session. Lieutenant Crabtree and Sergeants Rivera and Connolly served as assistant instructors 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 December 18, 2012 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.

Administrative Services Bureau

The department has hired one officer to fill a staffing vacancy and is looking to hire one additional officer to fill a second vacancy. The department currently has one officer on light duty due to work related injury and one officer on short term light duty due to a non-work related condition. The second officer is filling vacancies as headquarters officer and dispatcher.

This department has responded to 69 police-related alarms in month of December. Of the 69 chargeable alarms: non-residential locations made up 32 (46%) of this total, residential alarms made up 35 (51%) and state / local government was 2 (3%). The alarms received were: 62 burglar and 4 holdup / panic and 3 fire related. There currently are 1,569 alarm registrations on file, 58 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Nine new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$4,675 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 126 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 97 items of correspondence sent out.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Support Services Bureau officers continue to address citizen complaints involving traffic, parking violations and other motor vehicle violations. Citizens regularly complain of a variety of different violations on various town streets and at several town schools.

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement seventy-nine (79) different times spending approximately 47 hours 6 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town. Locations given extra attention included Wolcott Hill Road & Jordan Lane intersection and various locations along Goff Road.

The following work orders were completed during December, 2012:

- For the Chamber of Commerce Holidays on Main Street event on December 6, 2012 barricades, cones and temporary 'No Parking' signs were placed along Main Street between Church Street and Center Street.
- For the Sandy Hook Elementary School Interfaith Vigil at Cove Park on December 23, 2012 temporary 'No Parking' signs were placed along various streets around Cove Park and barricades were placed at the entrances to the Solomon Welles House.
- The following work order was completed for signage on Mapleside Drive:
 - Remove 'No Parking or Standing' sign and pole on east side of Mapleside Drive just south of Wells Rd.
 - Install new pole on east side of Mapleside Drive, 25' south of the crosswalk at Wells Road. Install new 12"x18" sign 'No Parking Here to Corner'.
 - Install new pole on east side of Mapleside Drive, approximately 156' south of the intersection of Wells Rd. Install new 12"x18" sign 'No Parking or Standing This Side of Street' with 12"x6" supplemental plaque 'School Days 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM'.
 - Replace current signs in front of #22 & #40 Mapleside Dr. with new 12"x18" signs 'No Parking or Standing This Side of Street' and 12"x6" supplemental plaque 'School Days 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM'.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

“Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program” will begin in January 2013 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, 2013.

The Police Explorers will be hosting a girl scouts troop for a crime scene lesson, and they will begin their preparation for the stations day competition.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	December 2011	December 2012	YTD 2011	YTD 2012
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	87	69	812	862
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	4	4	35	55
Commercial Burglaries	1	0	12	13
Armed Robberies	0	0	1	1
Strong-Arm Robberies	2	0	4	7
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	11	3	86	85
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	203	231	2302	2075
DUI	16	7	156	115
MV Accidents	65	57	732	625
Parking Tags	24	10	557	468
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	792	789	10755	9980
Alarm Responses	62	69	750	819
Records Requests	236	224	2657	2886
Prisoners Transported	17	13	143	185
Child Car Seat Installations	7	3	90	52

