



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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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 October 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 Wethersfield Police dispatchers handled 2,944 E-911 calls. Year-to-date E911 total call count is 10,850 calls.

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.

During the month of December 2014, members of the Detective Division initiated or were assigned follow up to fifteen (15) new cases. The major case investigations involved; four (4) burglaries, four (4) larcenies, and one (1) robbery. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

Probationary/Certified Police Officer Michael Forrest completed his Field Training and has been assigned to solo patrol duties as of December 22, 2014.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Monday December 1, 2014 at approximately 4:55 PM officers were dispatched to the area of Jordan Lane and Hartford Avenue on the report of a suspicious male in a Boston Red Sox shirt and sweatpants. Dispatch relayed that a Price-Rite customer in a Chevrolet pickup had seen the suspect running east on Jordan Lane from Price-Rite being chased by employees, and had seen him run behind a home on Hartford Avenue north of Jordan Lane. He was suspected of shoplifting at Price-Rite. The witness driving the truck said that he

thought it odd store employees were chasing someone out of the store so he got back into his truck and followed the male in the Red Sox shirt after the employees stopped. The witness said that he lost sight of the male when he went behind a house. The Sergeant saw the suspect was carrying a backpack, which he dropped while running away from the Sergeant. The suspect immediately stopped running and dropped to his knees when he was ordered to get on the ground. A detective read the male suspect his Miranda Rights. When asked, the suspect admitted that he had stolen candy bars from Price-Rite. A check of the contents of the backpack revealed numerous packages of candy bars. Store loss prevention showed the officer the security footage of the suspect in the store putting merchandise into a bag inside of a shopping cart. The suspect can then be seen running past all points of purchase and out the exit door. The store manager stated the suspect had stolen \$73.02 in candy bars. Investigation revealed that the suspect was not in compliance with terms of his probation. The suspect was Ordered to Remand to Actual Custody from Department of Corrections. The suspect was charged with Larceny in the 6th Degree. He was transported to Hartford Correctional Center and released from our custody on a non-surety bond into the custody of a Correctional Officer.

On Saturday December 20, 2014 at approximately 10:12 PM several officers were dispatched to Dunkin' Donuts, 1750 Berlin Turnpike for an open 911 call. Wethersfield PD then received a second 911 call from a witness who reported that the Dunkin Donuts was just robbed. The only suspect information that the witness could provide was that the suspects fled in a white Cadillac CTS. Arriving officers met with the witness and store employees. The officer gave updated suspect description to dispatch. The description was two Hispanic males, one taller wearing all orange with a bandana, and a shorter one wearing a grey sweatshirt. It was reported that the taller suspect held a crow bar and the shorter male left with the cash register containing cash and coins. Dispatch gave this information over the radio to surrounding towns including the Hartford Police Department. A short time later, dispatch notified us that Hartford Police Department believed that they performed a motor vehicle stop on the suspect vehicle on Jefferson Street by Hudson Street. Hartford Police advised us that there were two people inside the vehicle who matched the suspect description along with a crow bar and currency which was in plain view. A witness was able to identify the two suspects at the scene of the motor vehicle stop. One of the suspects admitted to the Hartford police to his role in the robbery. After positive identification, the two suspects were placed under arrest and later transported to headquarters for processing. The suspect's vehicle, a 2003 white Cadillac CTS was towed to the Wethersfield Police Department as evidence. Video evidence confirmed that the robbery occurred. Both suspects were charged with the following crimes: Robbery 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery 1st Degree, Larceny 6th Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny 6th Degree. Both were held on bond and were presented in New Britain court on 12/22/2014. The currency, crow bar, grey Wal-Mart bag and 2003 white Cadillac CTS were photographed and seized as evidence.

Support Services Bureau

Sixteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 276 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, eleven were arrested on warrants. Fourteen males and two females were

transported to court. The females incarcerated by the department required 18 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 78 phone calls and 43 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, twenty were handled by the part-time animal control officers and fifteen were handled by police officers. Seven animals were impounded with four being redeemed and three sold as pets. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for eight calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for three calls in Wethersfield.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 992 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 55 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 100 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 252 calls for service.

Administrative Services Bureau

The department is current at full staffing, sworn and non-sworn, after the hiring of Police Officer Michael Forrest and Clerk III Taneta McCaw.

The department is preparing for CALEA re-assessment in the spring of 2015. The department is again seeking Tier 2 level CALEA Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation status; this program is comprised of 483 standards of the law enforcement program. A mock assessment will be conducted in February with the assistance of the Connecticut Police Accreditation Coalition to ensure compliance with the standards prior to the actual review.

Detective Division

During the month of November 2014, Wethersfield detectives investigated a robbery that occurred at the Sunoco gas station on the Berlin Turnpike involving three suspects. This robbery was linked to many other robberies in surrounding communities. A group of area detectives investigated these incidents, including those from the Wethersfield Police Department. On 12/5/2014 one of the suspects was arrested by the Wethersfield Police Department for his involvement in this robbery. The investigation is ongoing into the identity of the other two suspects.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 37 incidents, involving approximately 47 juveniles during the month of December. In these incidents 2 Juveniles were arrested, 1 Juvenile was diverted for school discipline, 3 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline and 3 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board

School Resource Officer – Silas Deane Middle

The SRO assisted the School Psychologist and the school Social Worker with an emotionally distraught student on five separate occasions. The SRO was asked to assist with peer mediation between students on two separate occasions. The SRO assisted with five bullying investigations. Determined to be no crime. The SRO met with two students who requested to speak with me regarding a safety concern for another student. The SRO then met with the student and the School Principal to discuss and followed up with parents for a safety plan. Additional services were set in place for this student with regard to his educational plan with a pending evaluation for impulse control. It should be noted that the SRO met with this student on five separate occasions for behavior issues. No crime.

The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meeting with Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security. The SRO attended a 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 Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. This is for juveniles who reside in town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to our board.

School Resource Officer – High School

During the month of December the SRO covered a total of eighteen (18) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

Two (2) incident reports were completed. The incident reports included the following:

- A criminal mischief case involving a student's vehicle.
- A lost/stolen cellular phone.

Two Accident reports were completed. There were no arrests at the school during the month of December. The SRO assisted with the following issues:

The WHS SRO responded to the residence of a student with an administrator for a well-being check. The student has truancy issues and the mother requested assistance. The student arrived at school shortly after the meeting. The WHS SRO investigated a MVA in the back lot involving three students and two vehicles. Minor damage. No injuries. Written warning issued for a hazardous violation.

The WHS SRO was approached by several students regarding a reported "bullying" issue that was reportedly on-going. It was reportedly becoming physical. Investigation revealed no criminal matter. Turned over to school administrators who have been dealing with the involved students. The WHS SRO spoke with the WHS Social Worker and a student regarding the student's issues with another student. The student had questions regarding threatening laws and sexting laws. Student was advised and didn't wish to pursue a complaint at this time.

The WHS SRO responded to the area where four (4) students were being loud and disruptive in the 4th floor hallway during eighth period. One student refused to give his name

to a teacher. All students were located and escorted to the main office to speak with an administrator.

The WHS SRO spoke with two female students who were having an on-going issue with each other. The disorderly incident involved harassment that escalated into a criminal violation. Both parties were advised. No formal complaint. Suspect's parent was notified.

The WHS 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 WHS SRO attended the weekly Attendance Meetings: Topic discussion centered around State of CT mandates for attendance & students with issues this academic school year. The WHS SRO attended a STARS/SRBI (Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program - Scientific Research-Based Intervention) meeting for at risk youths at WHS.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town 5 different times for a total of approximately 2 hours 45 minutes. Locations given extra attention included Parkview Drive, the Silas Deane Highway and Back Lane.

The following work orders were completed during December, 2014:

- For the Chamber of Commerce Holidays on Main Street event on December 4, 2014 barricades, cones and temporary 'No Parking' signs were placed along Main Street between Church Street and Center Street.
- Replace 'Speed Limit 25 MPH' signs in front of #15 Oakdale Street and #114 Oakdale Street.
- Replace/ update various 'No Parking' signs on Wolcott Hill Road, Clearfield Road, Beverly Road and Dale Road.
- Install new 'Speed Limit 30 MPH' sign on the east side of Old Reservoir Road just south of the property line of #672 Old Reservoir Rd.

Training Division

On Tuesday, December 2, 2014, Officers Kenneth Newton and Albert Whaples attended a one day training class entitled "**Investigating Motor Vehicle Crashes into Utility Poles and Trees.**" This training was held at the Rocky Hill Police Department, Rocky Hill, CT. Topics included discussion and demonstration of investigating a motor vehicle accident where a vehicle collides with a fixed object such as a tree or pole.

On Wednesday, December 3, 2014, Officer Michael Wren attended a one day training class entitled "**Confidential Informant Operators Course.**" This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Topics included proper laws and procedures for use of a confidential informant, at the most basic level.

On Wednesday, December 3, 2014, members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, Master Police Officer Luis Gonzalez, and Officers Jeffrey Poulin and Shane Murphy began attending monthly two-day training.

On Thursday, December 4, 2014, Officer Justin Hilchik attended a one day training class entitled "**Hot on the Streets: Drug Trends in CT.**" This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Topics included review and problems associated with current drug trends facing officers working in patrol.

On Tuesday December 9, 2014 Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk attended a "**Regional Incident Dispatch (RID) Team Meeting**". This training was held at the Farmington Police Department, Farmington CT. The RID Team is a group of approximately twelve telecommunicators comprised from local law enforcement agencies. The RID Team is designed to supplement area Dispatch Centers in the event of a large crisis, man-made/natural disaster etc.

On Monday December 15, 2014 Detective Anthony Demonte and Officer Albert Whaples began attending the five day "**Capitol Region Chiefs of Police Review Training**". This training was held at the East Hartford Police Department, East Hartford, 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 Thursday December 19, 2014, Officer Kevin Foster attended a one day recertification class entitled "**NCIC/ COLLECT Recertification Training**". Training was held at the East Hartford Police Department, East Hartford, 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will continue with classroom and practical skills training during the month of January 2015.

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 on January 12, 2015 at the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room. This is a week long course.

NCIC/COLLECT inquiry recertification for select department personnel is scheduled for February, 2015.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	DECEMBER 2013	DECEMBER 2014	YTD 2013	YTD 2014
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	84	67	996	824
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	3	1	34	31
Commercial Burglaries	1	3	14	26
Armed Robberies	0	1	0	3
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	1	4
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	10	2	41	69
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	233	157	2117	2092
DUI	9	8	127	91
MV Crashes	50	53	750	594
Parking Tags	43	16	400	856
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	880	992	10115	9978
Alarm Responses	64	28	761	645
Records Requests	220	177	2613	2386
Prisoners Transported	20	16	186	194
Child Car Seat Installations	0	0	90	32