



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The department has completed the reaccreditation process for POST and is scheduled to be recognized on January 14th, 2015, at 0930 hours for maintaining our Connecticut State accreditation status.

During the month of December 2015, members of the Detective Division initiated or were assigned follow up to twenty (20) new cases. The major case investigations involved; four (4) robberies, two (2) burglaries and one (3) sudden death. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted with the "Holiday on Main" event on Main Street in Old Wethersfield. The Wethersfield Police Cadets had their annual Holiday Banquet.

On Thursday, December 3, 2015 the annual Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce's Holidays on Main event was held from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The event included several vendors and businesses, a tree lighting ceremony, visits with Santa Claus and a silent auction. Main Street was shut down between Church Street and Center Street. The event was attended by several thousand people.

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, 2015 to December 31, 2015 Wethersfield Police Communications Center handled 2,601 E-911 calls. Year-to-date E911 total call count is 11,227 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. A special 'Stuff a Cruiser' event was held during the Holidays on Main event. The toys were brought to the Wethersfield Social and Youth Services Department for distribution.

The Mid-State Traffic Accident Investigation Team was called out for two motor vehicle accidents with serious or fatal injuries. One was on Jordan Lane east of the Silas Deane Highway and the other was on the Berlin Turnpike at the Village Apartments entrance.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On 12/1/15 at 6:12 PM officers were dispatched to Stop & Shop, 1380 Berlin Turnpike on the report of a suspicious male inside the store. The caller stated that the male was concealing items into a shopping bag. The suspect was described as a black male, about 20 years old, wearing a black coat, black jeans and glasses. Upon arrival, the officer entered the store and met with a loss prevention (LP) associate for the store. The LP employee said he was walking around the sales floor when he saw the suspect select 6 packets of candy from the shelf and then concealed them inside a reusable shopping bag. The suspect then walked over to the seafood aisle where he selected 3 bags of shrimp and placed them on top of the shopping bags. The LP employee then called the police to report that the male was attempting to steal the items. Officers approached the male in the store and asked the male if he had any identification with him. The male had two "Whole Foods" reusable shopping bags in his shopping cart that were bulging at the sides. The bags were also zipped shut preventing the contents from being seen. When asked what he had in the bags, the suspect replied that he had candy and unzipped the bags. The bags did contain numerous bags of candy. The suspect said he was going to pay for the candy (estimated to be worth \$60) with cash; however he only had a few dollars on his person. A check of the suspect through the PRAWN database revealed that he had an active PRAWN warrant for his arrest when he failed to appear in court on 10/21/15. He was taken into custody without incident and advised of the PRAWN warrant. The store merchandise that was concealed in the shopping bags consisted of:

- 13 packages of Hershey Almond candy bars (\$5.29 each)
- 8 packages of Kit Kat candy bars (\$5.29 each)
- 10 packages of Snickers candy bars (\$5.29 each)
- 3 bags of Stop & Shop brand shrimp (\$23.98 each)

The total cost for the above items is \$235.93. The suspect was transported to police headquarters where he was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (had a crack pipe on him), Interfering with an Officer and Larceny in the Sixth Degree. A record check showed the suspect had 14 previous arrests that consisted of larcenies, breach of peace, assault, burglary, probation violation, criminal trespass, robberies and narcotics (possession). He was held on a bond and presented in court on 12/2/15.

On Saturday 12/5/2015 at 5:29 PM officers were dispatched to Marshalls, 1130 Silas Deane Highway on the report of a shoplifter in custody. Marshall's loss prevention (LP) had detained the suspect in the office. LP saw the suspect select a package of socks removing one pair from the package and concealing them into his jacket pocket. He then removed a pair of briefs from two separate packages and conceal those into his jacket pocket. The suspect then walked towards the front of the store where he exited making no attempt to

pay for any of the merchandise he had concealed in his jacket. LP approached him and asked him to walk back to her office with her. Once inside the office he removed the socks and briefs from his jacket pocket. The total value of the merchandise he attempted to steal was \$45.97:

- Calvin Klein men's briefs - qty.1 - valued at \$19.99
- Lucky Man's briefs - qty.1 - valued at \$12.99
- RL tube socks - qty. 1 - valued at 12.99

The suspect was arrested and transported to headquarters and charged with Larceny 6th Degree. He was released on a non-surety bond and scheduled to appear in court on 12/21/2015.

On Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 12:06 PM officers were dispatched to Price Rite, 160 Silas Deane Hwy on a report of three shoplifters that fled the store on foot running northbound. Arriving officers saw two males running with bags in their hands northbound on the Silas Deane Hwy near Hartford Ave. One officer got out of his police cruiser and began to run after one of the males while a detective ran after the other male, who was throwing items, later discovered to be cheese and coffee, from a backpack that he was holding. After short foot pursuits, the two fleeing suspects were caught. Store employees pointed to a large group of bushes on the north side RT 5/15 off-ramp. More officers arrived at the bushes and were able to locate a third suspect who was taken into custody without incident. All of the stolen items, which were located in the area of the foot chase, were returned to the store. The three suspects concealed the items and then exited the store walking past all points of purchase, without paying. The total cost of the items stolen was \$205.41. All three suspects were charged with Larceny 6th. Two of the suspects were released on non-surety bonds and scheduled to appear in court on 12/28/15. The third suspect had two outstanding PRAWN warrants from Hartford and Farmington Police Departments. He was held on bond because of the two warrants.

Support Services Bureau

Ten persons were taken into custody and held requiring 143 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, two were arrested on warrants. Eight males and two females were transported to court. The female incarcerated by the department required 28 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 64 phone calls and 28 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, twenty-two were handled by the part-time animal control officers and six were handled by police officers. Four animals were impounded with one being redeemed, one sold as a pet, one euthanized and one carrying over. 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 seven child seats.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 833 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 42 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 67 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 253 calls for service.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 48 police-related alarms in month of December. Non-residential locations made up 16 (33%) of this total, residential alarms made up 28 (58%,) and State and Town government made up 4 (8%.) The alarms received were: 45 burglar, 1 Fire, and 2 holdup / panic. There currently are 1,705 alarm registrations on file, 45 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Six new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$2,100 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 59 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 50 items of correspondence sent out.

Detective Division

On 12/16/2015, at 0217 hours, Wethersfield Patrol Officers were dispatched to Food Bag on the Silas Deane Highway on the report of an armed robbery. Once officers arrived the clerk told the officers that a male suspect entered the store and showed the clerk a hypodermic needle. The male told the clerk to give him money and Newport cigarettes because the needle contained AIDS. The clerk gave the male cash from the register and several packs of cigarettes. The male then exited the store after making the clerk clean the area he had touched to presumably remove fingerprints or DNA. This case is under investigation.

Also, on 12/16/2015, at 0550 hours, Wethersfield Patrol officers were dispatched to the report of an armed robbery at Valero Gas on the Berlin Turnpike. The clerk reported that a male entered the store, asked about coffee, then left the store. The male returned and told the clerk that a friend had a gun and the clerk needed to give him the money from the register. The clerk showed the male the register and the male took all of it. Wethersfield Detectives processed the scene and are awaiting results from laboratory examinations of evidence. This case is under investigation.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 22 incidents, involving approximately 25 juveniles during the month of December 2015. In these incidents there were four Juvenile arrests made, two Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline, one Juvenile was diverted for school discipline and 4 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB".

School Resource Officer (High School)

During the month of December the WHS SRO covered a total of thirty-one (31) incidents including activities at the school. Six incident reports were completed. The incident reports

included the following: Larceny, Breach of Peace, Breach of Peace / Assault, Vandalism, DCF Referral, Suspicious situation. There were three (3) arrests at the school during the month of December; two for Breach of peace and one for breach or peace and assault.

The WHS SRO presented a class on safety laws to an Academic Literacy class. The SRO participated in the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board; this is for juveniles who reside in our town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to the Board. 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. The WHS SRO attended the weekly Attendance Meetings: Topic discussion centered on State of CT mandates for attendance & students with issues this academic school year. The WHS SRO performed selective enforcement both on school grounds and surrounding streets for motor vehicle violations.

School Resource Officer (Middle School)

During the month of November the SRO covered a total of thirteen (13) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meetings with BOE, Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security. 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.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town three different times for a total of approximately two hours four minutes. Locations given extra attention included Prospect Street and Hang Dog Lane.

A traffic study in the area of 96 Fox Hill Road was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of nineteen (19) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 25 MPH. During the 430.75 survey hours, 23,639 cars were recorded, averaging 55 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 32 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 33 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 39 MPH and a top speed of 67 MPH.

The Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study in the area of 375 Highland Street (display facing westbound traffic) over the course of five (5) days. During the 93 survey hours, 7,512 cars were recorded, averaging 81 cars per hour. Results from the device showed an average speed of 27 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 36 MPH and a top speed of 67 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during December, 2015:

- For the Chamber of Commerce Holidays on Main Street event on December 3, 2015 barricades, cones and temporary 'No Parking' signs were placed along Main Street between Church Street and Center Street.

- At the intersection of Wolcott Hill Road and Church Street install 2" red retroreflective striping on all stop sign support poles
- At the intersection of Griswold Road and Highland Street install 2' red retroreflective striping on all stop sign support poles. Also, install 'All Way' plaques below all three stop signs.
- In the area of 174 Fox Hill Road install new Speed Limit sign for westbound traffic and in the area of 133 Fox Hill Road install new Speed Limit sign for eastbound traffic.

Training Division

On Wednesday, December 2, 2015, members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (CREST)**, including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, MPO Luis Gonzalez, and Officers Jeffrey Poulin, Ronald Floyd and Shane Murphy, began attending monthly two-day training.

On Wednesday, December 2, 2015, Officer Kevin Foster attended a one day training class entitled "**Medical Response Technician (MRT) Refresher.**" This training was held at the West Hartford Police Department, West Hartford, CT. This class enables officers to keep their State of Connecticut MRT certification, which is good for three years.

On Monday, December 7, 2015 Officer John Blair began attending a two week training class entitled "**At Scene Traffic Crash Investigation.**" This class was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Some of the course objectives were to measure, diagram and photograph physical evidence from the crash scene, make reliable speed estimates of crash vehicles by skid mark and scuffmark evidence and measuring/recording the positions of vehicles and other objects at the crash scene.

On Wednesday, December 9, 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 Friday, December 11, 2015, Sergeant Michael Connolly assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with "**Practical Skills Day (ROCC)**" for the 350th 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 Monday December 14, 2015, Officers Peter McGee, Nuno Martins and Bridget Camara 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 Wednesday, December 16, 2015, members of the **Mid-state Major Crime Squad (MSMC)**, including Lieutenant Mark Poisson and Detectives Michael Patkoske and

Christopher Morris, began attending monthly training. MSMC is a team comprising of Detectives from the Mid-state Towns, who work together to investigate major incidents.

On Thursday, December 17, 2015, Dispatcher Frank Liberatore, 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 Monday December 21, 2015, Officers Alison Sullivan, Michael Wren, Peter McGee and Peter Salvatore, attended a one day training course entitled, "**Improving Survivability from Mass Casualty Events.**" The training was held at the Center for Education Simulation and Innovation (CESI), 560 Hudson Street Second Floor, Hartford, CT 06102 Hartford, CT. The training showed officers how to triage and perform lifesaving aid during catastrophic events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wethersfield Detectives are assisting with patrol personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Administration to investigate local individuals.

"Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program" will begin on January 11, 2016 at the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room. This is a week long course.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in practical skills training Crisis Intervention Training "CIT".

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	December 2014	December 2015	Year 2014	Year 2015
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	67	62	824	824
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	1	2	31	17
Commercial Burglaries	3	0	26	86
Armed Robberies	1	3	3	9
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	1	4	4
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	2	5	69	79
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	157	109	2092	2201
DUI	8	6	91	97
MV Crashes	53	69	594	766
Parking Tags	16	10	856	645
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	992	833	9978	11227
Alarm Responses	28	48	645	699
Records Requests	177	162	2386	2503
Prisoners Transported	16	10	194	162
Child Car Seat Installations	0	7	32	46