



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

In December 2016 the Department began accepting on-line applications for the position of Entry Level Police Officer. The Department currently has two police officer vacancies. As in the past, on-line applications are being accepted through the website, PoliceApp.com.

The written examinations for the position of Certified Police Officer were conducted during the month of December 2016. Candidates that successfully passed the written test will be invited to the next phase of the process in January, 2017.

On Thursday, December 15, 2016, Sergeant Michael Fisher conducted a community services safety program at Caregiver Homes offices at Putnam Park. The one hour and fifteen minute program covered multiple aspects of personal safety for visiting nurses.

In conjunction with Jefferson Radiology, training information was provided to all sworn agency members concerning the hazards of responding to a MRI facility and best practices in responding to such a location.

Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications (DSET) has conducted the site survey for the new issue Viper driven E-911 system. The installation will begin this winter / spring.

Devices were installed to electronically monitor the PD computer server rooms 24/7 for temperature, humidity, and smoke. Human detection of local alarms is no longer necessary.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On Thursday December 1, 2016 at 5:39 PM officers were dispatched to 683 Silas Deane Highway, Uptown Trading, for a theft of a certified check from the business. Arriving officers

met the complainant who stated that a bank certified check for \$2,700.00 was taken off the counter a little after 5:00 PM. The complainant said that the check was made out to their landlord and could not be cashed by anyone else. He said the check was there when a known customer was at the counter. Video surveillance confirmed the check was on the counter when two female customers entered the store. They were in the store to buy back some pawned items that they pawned at an earlier time. Video surveillance confirmed that one of the female customers placed her arm over the check when no one was around. This female kept her arm over the check and began pulling her arm closer to her side, dragging the check along the counter. She then tucked the check under her arm and kept her arm tight to her side. The officer was able to see on video that a part of the check was sticking out the back of her arm before she concealed the check on her person. The officer contacted the female customer. After being read her Miranda Rights, she denied stealing a check from Uptown Trading. The officer told her that she was on video surveillance taking the check. She admitted that she stole some tissues from the bathroom, but denied taking the check. She was placed under arrest and brought to the booking area of the Wethersfield Police Department. She was charged with Larceny 3rd Degree. She was later released on a non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear in New Britain court on 12/15/2016.

On December 24, 2016 at 7:01 PM officers were dispatched to Townline Liquors for the report of a shoplifting that just occurred. Dispatch stated that the owner of Townline Liquors attempted to retrieve his stolen products and was injured in doing so but was refusing medical attention. Arriving officers met with the store owner and immediately noticed multiple injuries to him, and after being evaluated by ambulance personnel, he denied additional medical treatment at that time. The store owner stated that a white male suspect wearing a grey shirt and jeans entered his store around 6:45p.m. and he observed him in the rear of the store having a difficult time reaching an item on the top shelf. The store owner grabbed a step ladder to assist the suspect with retrieving the item. After a short time, the store owner then went to the back of store and was preparing to do end of the day tasks as the store was near closing time. On video surveillance he saw the suspect exiting the store without purchasing the items he had in his hand. The store owner stated that he then ran outside of the store and he saw the suspect inside of a vehicle in the parking lot which he described as being a black SUV and believed it possibly was a Ford. The store owner stated that as he ran towards the vehicle he saw that the passenger side window was open. He stated that he reached inside of the window because he saw his stolen liquor bottles on the passenger side seat and was able to retrieve two of three bottles the suspect stole but the third fell on the passenger seat floor. The suspect accelerated and turned his vehicle which caused the store owner to fall off and sustain his injuries. He went back inside the store and called the Police. The total amount of product that the suspect exited the store with \$143.97. The suspect left this store and went directly to Manousos Wine & Liquor store located at 398 Silas Deane Hwy. and stole liquor from that store as well. As of this writing, there is an active arrest warrant for the suspect for the charges of robbery in the first degree, reckless endangerment in the first degree and larceny in the sixth degree.

Detective Division

During the month of December 2016, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to eleven (11) new cases. The major case investigations involved; five

(5) burglaries, one (1) robbery, and one (1) fraud. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

During the month of December, Wethersfield Detectives applied for and were granted arrest warrants on an individual that conducted a "Crime Spree" during the months of September through November breaking into a home and numerous vehicles over the course of this time period. This suspect gained entry to several unlocked cars in residential neighborhoods and stole numerous items, several of them of high value. This same suspect also broke into a home, stole personal property that contained the keys to a vehicle, and that vehicle from the driveway. This suspect will be arrested in the near future as he is already in custody on other charges.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 32 incidents, involving approximately 36 juveniles during the month of December 2016. In these incidents there were 3 Juvenile arrests, 1 Juvenile was diverted for parental discipline, 1 Juvenile was diverted for school discipline and 3 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB".

The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted with the Holiday on Main Street event on 12/01/2016. The Wethersfield Police Cadets held their annual Holiday Celebration in the Wethersfield Police Community Room on 12/15/2016. The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in practical skills training "General Investigations" during the month of January.

School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School

During the month of September the WHS SRO covered a total of 22 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. There were 3 arrests at the school.

The SRO assisted WHS administrators and counselors and several students with various public safety and community policing issues and questions.

The WHS SRO met with administrators and security staff for weekly "Security Update" meetings.

The WHS SRO attended several meetings including the STARS/SRBI, Juvenile Review Board, Youth Advisory Board and attendance meetings.

School Resource Officer – Silas Deane Middle School

During the month of September the SRO covered a total of 28 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SDMS SRO presented several classes, including classes for staff, for students and for parents.

The SRO assisted school administrators and personnel with several issues both public safety and community policing related.

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.

The SRO assisted school administrators with lockdown and fire drills.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 62 police-related alarms in the month of December. Residential locations made up 31 (50%) of the total, non-residential locations made up 29 (47%) of the total, and government made up 2 (3%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 57 burglar, 4 holdup / panic, and 1 fire. There currently are 1,809 alarm registrations on file, 49 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Eight new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$7,100 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 105 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 84 items of correspondence sent out.

Support Services Bureau

Eight persons were taken into custody and held requiring 167 hours of incarceration. Three prisoners were arrested on warrants, the remainder were based on speedy information. Six males and two female were transported to court throughout the month. The female that was incarcerated required 73 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were sixty-five phone calls and eleven calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for two calls in Newington; Newington Animal Control Officers covered for one call in Wethersfield. Twenty-nine dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were four impounds this month; two were redeemed, and two were sold as pets. The incident synopsis for the month is: one wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), ten dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), two mutual aid calls to Newington, and five warnings issued for unlicensed dogs. The ACOs have issued three letters to residents for delinquent dog licenses.

Year End Animal Control Figures:

Dog vs. Human Bite Incidents – 18
Dog Calls of all Type- 436
Newington Coverage- 72
Impoundments- 49

Dog vs. Dog bite incidents- 4
Wildlife Calls- 91
License Warnings- 90
Phone Calls- 1277

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 865 NG911 emergency phone calls. Year to date total is 10,316 calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 78 incidents, and Aetna dispatched to 294 incidents during the month. There were 324 ambulance calls this month; multiple ambulances may be dispatched to one call, resulting in dispatched ambulance totals far exceeding the total number of medical calls.

Community Relations

The traffic island in the intersection of State Street and Hartford Avenue was reconfigured this year and a crosswalk will be added, crossing Hartford Avenue at Northbrick Lane. To accompany these pedestrian safety changes, which due to the increased foot traffic at Solomon Wells and Cove Park, signage was added as well. The SS Division, along with the Town Engineer, reported to the town manager regarding the addition of signage. No parking areas were added adjacent to the two cross walks in the intersection and three pedestrian crossing signs were added. These changes were approved through the Local Traffic Authority (LTA).

A Prospect Street resident contacted the SS division regarding information concerning the establishment of a neighborhood watch. The resident was provided with advice and a comprehensive publication on the topic and was advised to contact the department when she is ready to have a meeting.

The SS Division conducted a traffic study as requested by the LTA for a four way stop at Stillwold and Longvue Drive.

Training Division

On Tuesday, December 2, 2016, members of this department attended either the morning or afternoon session of the following training entitled "Arrest and Control". This four hour training covered practical skills in defensive tactics and Taser use. In addition, all sworn personnel took written Taser tests, a Use of Force Test and Pursuit Test. This training took place at the Wethersfield Police Department.

On Monday, December 5, 2016, Chief James Cetran and Commanders Andrew Power, Thomas Mitney, Donald Crabtree and Mark Poisson attended the seminar, "Biased-Based Policing Reports / Community Relations." This seminar took place at the Eversource Headquarters in Berlin, CT.

On Monday, December 5, 2016, through Friday, December 9, 2016, Dispatcher Kerianne Motta attended the training titled, "Crisis Intervention Team Training." This training, which took place at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, certified Dispatcher Motta as a CIT team member.

On Tuesday, December 6, 2016, Detective Jeffrey Poulin attended the training, "Interview and Interrogation" at the New Britain Police Department."

On Tuesday, December 6, 2016, Officer Jessica Blank attended the training, "COLLECT/NCIC Recertification." The training took place at the Windsor Locks Police Department.

On Wednesday, December 7, 2016 and Thursday, December 8, 2016, MPO Luis Gonzalez, Detective Jeffrey Poulin and Officer Shane Murphy attended monthly Capital Region Emergency Services Team (CREST) Training.

On Monday, December 12, 2016, through Friday, December 16, 2016, Officer Gary Luiz attended the training titled, "Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training." This training, which took place at the East Hartford Police Department, provides instruction in areas needed to maintain police officer certification.

On Monday, December 12, 2016 and Tuesday, December 13, 2016, Officers Peter McGee and Shane Murphy attended the training titled, "Drug Interdiction and the Complete Motor Vehicle Stop." This training, which took place at the Connecticut Police Academy, was put on by the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center and the Pennsylvania Counterdrug Joint Task Force. This training covered motor vehicle stops, post stop interviewing and drug hides within vehicles.

On Wednesday, December 14, 2016, Officer Shane Murphy and Canine Marley attended Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training. Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

On Thursday, December 15, 2016, Officer Kevin Foster attended the training, "COLLECT/NCIC Recertification." The training took place at the Connecticut State Forensics Laboratory in Meriden.

On Monday, December 19, 2016, Detectives Michael Patkoske and Christopher Morris attended the training titled, "OSINT/SOCMINT." The training, which took place at Quinnipiac University, covered online investigation techniques.

On Tuesday, December 20, 2016, Commanders Mark Poisson and Donald Crabtree attended the training titled, "Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training." This training, which took place at the Rocky Hill Police Department, provides necessary instruction in areas needed to maintain police officer certification.

On Wednesday, December 21, 2016, Commander Mark Poisson and Detectives Christopher Morris and Michael Patkoske attended Mid-state Major Crime Squad (MSMC) Training. MSMC is a team comprised of Detectives from the Mid-State Towns, who work together to investigate major incidents.

On Tuesday, December 27, 2016, Officer Shane Murphy and Canine Marley attended Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training. Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	DEC 2015	DEC 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	62	45	824	603
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	2	5	17	29
Commercial Burglaries	0	0	86	15
Armed Robberies	3	0	9	2
Strong-Arm Robberies	1	1	4	2
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	109	100	2201	1229
DUI	6	6	97	72
MV Crashes	69	87	766	846
Parking Tags	10	7	645	808
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	833	865	11227	10316
Alarm Responses	48	87	699	695
Records Requests	162	184	2503	2208
Prisoners Transported	10	8	162	137
Child Car Seat Installations	7	13	46	69