



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**James Cetran**  
**Chief of Police**

## DECEMBER 2017

### SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

Participated in Youth & Police Program including several Middle School Students.

Trained Wethersfield Police Officers in Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Program.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted with the "Holiday on Main" event on 12/07/2017. The Wethersfield Police held their Cadet Holiday Party in the Community Room at Wethersfield Police Headquarters on 12/21/2017

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

#### Patrol Division

On Sunday, December 3, 2017 at approximately 5:01 PM an officer, after patrolling the parking lot of CVS, was stopped at the red light at the Silas Deane Highway. A white SUV was traveling south on the Silas Deane Highway and began to turn left towards the parking lot while at the same time a vehicle was traveling north on the Silas Deane Highway. The two vehicles violently collided directly in front of the cruiser. The officer noticed males running from the white SUV, which was found to have been reported stolen out of South Windsor on 11/30/2017. Occupants of the other vehicle were injured and transported to the hospital. The males that were seen running away from the white SUV were not located that evening. This case remains under investigation.

On Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at approximately 8:26 PM an officer was patrolling the Wethersfield Shopping Center when he observed a male standing in front of TJ Maxx screaming profanities towards the direction of store employees. As the officer approached,

the male disregarded the officer's commands and ran through the parking lot and across the Silas Deane Highway. The officer pursued the male on foot and at one point the male turned around and ran at the officer. The male was detained by officers. Upon talking with the TJ Maxx manager and a customer, the male became upset inside the store and was yelling profanities and threatened to hit the manager, both stating they were concerned by his behavior and scared for the safety of people in the store. The male was placed under arrest and charged with Breach of Peace and Interfering with an Officer.

On Friday, December 15, 2017 at approximately 5:56 PM an officer was dispatched to the Wethersfield Open Space property on Thornbush Road on the report from a resident observing headlights from a vehicle in the open field. The officer noted that it was dark and snowing out at the time of this call. Upon arrival the officer located a vehicle approximately 1000 feet off the road, occupied by three persons, all from out of town. The occupants stated they poorly decided to "take a loop through the field" with the car, which became stuck. The vehicle was removed by AAA. The three occupants were issued infraction tickets for Simple Trespass.

## **Detective Division**

During the month of December 2017, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to eleven (11) new cases. These cases involved one (1) robbery, one (1) larceny, two (2) wanted persons, two (2) sexual assaults, one (1) insurance fraud, three (3) asset forfeiture cases and one (1) weapon surrender. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations for new town hires and background investigations for pistol permits applicants. One old sexual assault case was closed because court was not going to sign an arrest warrant for the suspect. Also, one old larceny case was closed with an arrest being made.

### **Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 33 incidents, involving approximately 39 juveniles during the month of December 2017. In these incidents there were 2 Juvenile arrests and 2 Juveniles were diverted for School discipline

### **School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School**

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

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The WHS SRO met with a student and his special education teacher regarding the student's future. Career and education goals were established to help mentor the student. The student is interested in law enforcement as a career option.

- The WHS SRO and school counselor responded to the residence of a student who refused to report to school. Met with parent and the male student was taken to school without incident.
- The WHS SRO met with students regarding a project they are working on. Students wanted to interview a law enforcement officer regarding the project.
- The WHS SRO along with several staff members held mediation between three male students. The students were involved in an altercation the previous day that was heated and physical in nature. All parties agreed to leave each other alone and to keep their hands off of other people.
- The WHS SRO was contacted by a parent regarding her son. She found a large quantity of E-Cigarettes in his bedroom and wanted him and his backpack searched for any contraband. Administrators searched the student with negative results. He was advised on the possible consequences of his actions.
- The WHS SRO and staff members spoke to three students regarding a bullying incident in a classroom. Two witnesses (one a victim) identified the third student.
- The WHS SRO and an administrator spoke to a student about his disruptive behavior in the classroom. Advised.
- The WHS SRO met with three students who were having issues with each other inside a classroom. The behavior disrupted the classroom. All students agreed to change their behavior. School based punishment issued to one male student.
- The WHS SRO along with an administrator spoke to a male student who used inappropriate language in class. The student had already apologized to the female student for using profanity with a racial remark.
- The WHS SRO and school principal spoke with a student regarding his driving habits on/near school grounds. Advised - No violation witnessed by law enforcement.
- The WHS SRO responded to a medical call for service in the nurse's office. A teacher was transported to UConn Medical for care/treatment.
- The WHS SRO took a complaint of lost property (Northface jacket). Jacket was located and returned to its owner.
- The SRO participated in a session 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 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 BOE monthly Wellness Committee Meeting.
- The WHS SRO assisted school administrator's with a fire drill. A debriefing was conducted immediately following the drill.
- The WHS SRO presented the Advisory class with a teacher.

## **School Resource Officer – Silas Deane Middle School**

During the month of October the SRO covered a total of 27 incidents including activities at the school.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The SRO assisted Admin with de-escalation of student after receiving a school consequence for violations of school rules.
- The SRO met with a student at her request regarding recent police activity in her home.
- The SRO met with a student at the request of Administration to discuss safety concern. No crime.
- The SRO assisted Administration with investigation and safety conversation with Family for school rule violation.
- The SRO met with a student and the School Psychologist at his request to discuss Law Enforcement activity.
- The SRO assisted the Administration with a larceny investigation, met with students and their parents.
- The SRO and the Administration addressed students on a bus regarding safety after concerning behaviors were reported by driver.
- The SRO met with a student regarding inappropriate behaviors as they pertain to CT State Laws.
- The SRO followed up with a student and his family at the Administration's request to address his behavior after an incident which occurred in the community after school was reported.
- 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.
- The SRO assisted school administrator's with fire drills

## **Support Services Bureau**

There were eighty-three phone calls and thirty-three 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 WPD police officers covered for fifteen calls. Twenty-one licenses were obtained during the month. There were four impounds this month: two were redeemed, and two were carry over from a previous month. The incident synopsis for the month is: one wildlife complaint (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), thirty-two dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), six mutual aid calls to Newington, and seven warnings issued for unlicensed dogs.

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 956 NG911 emergency phone calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 116 incidents, and was Aetna Ambulance was dispatched to 263 incidents during the month. There were 308 medical / ambulance calls this month; multiple ambulances may be dispatched to one call which results in dispatched ambulance totals far exceeding the total number of medical calls.

## **Community Relations:**

Holidays on Main was successful this year, as with previous years. The low temperatures keeping many home, coupled with some redesigns of traffic patterns relating to the horse and carriage ride / ticket line, resulted in far less traffic congestion at the Marsh Street intersection with Main Street.

SSB is currently working with Hanmer School assisting the school with a redesign of parent pickup traffic and mitigating any inherent hazards associated with the reroofing of the Stillman Building.

## **Training Division**

### **Monthly Training Activities:**

Officers Justin Albert and Anthony Mendes completed Basic Training at the Connecticut Police Academy and began their Field Training Programs. Officer Albert was assigned to Officer Robert Malinowski as his primary Field Training Officer (FTO). Officer Mendes was signed to FTO Kevin Foster.

Throughout December, Officer Nuno Martins continued his **Basic Police Canine / Canine Handler Training**. This training is being conducted in conjunction with Officer Robert Johnson of the Manchester Police Department. This training takes place Monday through Friday and is expected to continue into early January, 2018.

On Friday, December 1, 2017, Detective Alison Sullivan completed **Intermediate Crime Scene Training** which was sponsored by the Newington Police Department.

The Wethersfield Police Department Training Unit held **Fall Firearms Training**. On Friday, December 1, 2017, Open Range was held, with Firearms training and qualification taking place from Monday, December 4, 2018 through Friday, December 8, 2017.

Dispatcher Christopher Sinsigalli attended **Crisis Intervention Certification Training** from Monday, December 4, 2017 through Friday, December 8, 2017.

On Wednesday, December 6, 2017 and Thursday, December 7, 2017, Sergeant Luiz Gonzalez, Officer Shane Murphy, Officer Joel DiLoreto and Officer Justin Hilchuk attended **Capital Region Emergency Services Team Training (CREST)**. The CREST Team is the regional SWAT team.

On Wednesday, December 6, 2017, Wednesday, December 13, 2017 and Thursday December 14, 2017, Officer Joseph Baich attended **Emergency Medical Responder Re-Certification Training** at the Rocky Hill Police Department.

On Wednesday, December 6, 2017 Officer Barry Veilleux and Dispatcher Frank Liberatore attended **NCIC / COLLECT Re-Certification Training** at the Enfield Police Department.

On Thursday, December 7, 2017, Dispatcher Frank Liberatore attended **NCIC / COLLECT Re-Certification** Training at the Connecticut Forensics Laboratory in Meriden, CT.

On Thursday, December 7, 2017, Detective Christopher Morris attended **Open Source and Social Media Investigation for Law Enforcement Professionals**. This training took place at the Alexion Pharmaceuticals Headquarters in New Haven, CT.

From Monday, December 11, 2017 through Friday, December 15, 2017, Officers Albert Whaples, Manuel Silva and Jakub Owczarski attended **Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training** (Recertification Training). This training took place at the East Hartford Police Department.

On Thursday, December 14, 2017, Officer Shane Murphy attended **Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training**. Officer Murphy and K-9 Marley participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

On Wednesday, December 10, 2017, Lieutenant Andrew Power, Detective Michael Patkoske and Detective Christopher Morris attended **Mid-State Major Crime Squad Training**. This training consists of regional detectives that come together to train on working major criminal events.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

This department has responded to 40 police-related alarms in the month of December. Residential locations made up 19 (47%) of the total, non-residential locations made up 19 (47%) of the total, and government made up 2 (6%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 36 burglar, 3 holdup/panic, and 1 fire. There currently are 1,908 alarm registrations on file, 36 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 98% compliance rate. Three new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$1,275 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 19 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 18 items of correspondence sent out.

### **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.

Officer Nuno Martins & K-9 Jax have returned to patrol after completing Basic Patrol Dog School and are expected to obtain certification through N.A.P.W.D.A. in early January 2018.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in practical skills training "D.U.I" during the month of January 2018.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES December 2017

	DEC 2016	DEC 2017	YTD 2016	YTD 2017
Criminal Arrests	45	47	603	796
Residential Burglaries	5	0	29	23
Commercial Burglaries	0	0	15	17
Armed Robberies	0	1	2	7
Strong-Arm Robberies	1	0	2	1
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	100	60	1229	1031
DUI	6	2	72	52
MV Crashes	87	60	846	662
Parking Tags	7	99	808	473
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	865	956	10213	10087
Alarm Responses	87	40	695	717
Records Requests	184	105	2208	1603
Child Car Seat Installations	13	13	69	139