



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

A patrol officer received a commendation for an investigation that began in October 2018 that resulted in the arrest of two adult males on several felony charges related to the sexual assault of a minor.

During the month of December patrol officers gave extra attention to hazardous, speed and distracted driving violations. Six operators were placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted with the Wethersfield "Holiday on Main" Event on 12/06/2018. The Wethersfield Police Cadets held their Holiday gathering in the Community Room at Police Headquarters on 12/20/2018.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On Sunday, December 2, 2018 at approximately 6:21 PM officers were dispatched to a residence on the report of a stolen vehicle. Upon arrival the complainant stated that he parked his vehicle in the parking lot and as he was entering the building three males wearing masks ran up to him, one pointing a gun at him, and demanded his car keys. One of the males punched the victim in the face. They then took his keys and stole his car. On Monday, December 3, 2018 at approximately 1:47 AM an officer was dispatched to assist Hartford PD when this vehicle was involved in a motor vehicle accident in which four people fled on foot from the car. The four suspects, all juveniles, were eventually located in a nearby parking garage. Also found in the garage near the juveniles were firearms. Hartford PD took all the juveniles into custody on multiple charges.

On Saturday, December 15, 2018 at approximately 8:12 PM officers were dispatched to a residence on the report of a disorderly situation between the complainant and suspect, who

had left the scene. Based on their investigation officers determined an assault had taken place and completed an arrest warrant for the suspect. The arrest warrant was signed by a judge and the next morning the complainant called when the suspect returned. When the officer turned onto the street he noticed the suspect walking towards the house. When the suspect noticed the officer he ran back to his vehicle and began backing away. The suspect then put his vehicle in drive, driving towards the cruiser, violently striking and damaging the front end of the cruiser and injuring the officer before fleeing. Officers pursued the vehicle but eventually terminated the pursuit due to the dangerous driving of the suspect. An additional arrest warrant was completed for the suspect.

On Sunday, December 30, 2018 at approximately 7:57 AM an officer was traveling on the Silas Deane Highway when he heard what he believed was the sound of a motor vehicle accident. As he approached the intersection of Maple Street he located a two car accident in the intersection. Several witnesses stopped and informed the officer that a male operator of one of the vehicles, who appeared intoxicated, ran away from the scene. The officer checked on the second operator and noticed the male running away on a side street. The officer pursued the suspect on foot. An unidentified citizen cut off the suspect, allowing officers to take the male into custody. The male resisted arrest and once in custody kicked the inside of the cruiser door several times, damaging the door. He was transported to the police headquarters where he continued to be uncooperative and aggressive towards officers. The male was charged with Driving Under the Influence, Evading Responsibility in a Motor Vehicle Accident, Failure to Submit to Fingerprinting, Interfering with an Officer, Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree, Possession of Narcotics along with several other motor vehicle charges. The male was also found to have an active arrest warrant for Violation of Probation.

Detective Division

During the month of December 2018, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to twelve (12) new cases. These cases involved the following:

Four (4) Robberies, three (3) of which were armed and one (1) was a strong-arm robbery; One (1) Residential Burglary; One (1) Larceny; One (1) Sexual Assault; One (1) Fraud; One (1) EDP; One (1) Domestic Violence Assault; One (1) Child Abuse and One (1) person wanted by a warrant from another jurisdiction.

Detectives also followed up and closed seven (7) old cases:

- One (1) was burglary into a home in October, in which an arrest was made via an arrest warrant.
- One (1) was a shoplifting (in November) in which the female suspect was arrested via an arrest warrant.
- One (1) was an old larceny case (December 2017) in which the suspect had been arrested and the court ordered the remaining items returned to the owner/victim.
- One (1) was a larceny case in which the suspect was arrested for pawning a stolen item at a pawn shop in Wethersfield in November.
- One (1) was a larceny case from October in which an arrest was made via an arrest warrant.

- One (1) was a residential burglary case from August in which the suspect was arrested via an arrest warrant.
- One (1) was a sexual assault case from October in which the suspects were arrested via an arrest warrant.

Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations for new town hires and background investigations for pistol permits applicants.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 32 incidents, involving approximately 39 Juveniles during the month of December 2018. In these incidents there were 3 Juvenile arrests, 1 Juvenile was issued an infraction, 1 Juvenile was diverted for parental discipline, 1 Juvenile was diverted for school discipline and 2 Juveniles was seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board

School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School

During the month of December the Middle School SRO covered activities at both the High School and Middle School.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The WHS SRO took a report of stolen property from the men's locker room. Investigation revealed a juvenile suspect.
- The WHS SRO responded to the residence of an SDMS student at the request of the principal. Parent contact needed by administration.
- The WHS SRO met with the grandparent of an eighteen year old WHS student regarding her concern for her granddaughter. Student flew to California to spend time (possibly live with) a male she met online.
- The WHS SRO issued a summons to a student for larceny in the 6th degree. Released from the scene and turned over to the mother.
- The WHS SRO helped assist a student who lost some personal belongings including her keys. Student located her belongings inside the girl's bathroom garbage can.
- The WHS SRO took a complaint regarding a suspicious situation. A WHS student was reportedly sending alarming posts on social media. Concerned students notified staff. Patrol officers responded for a well-being check.
- The WHS SRO met with a student on behalf of administration due to his actions in a classroom. The student punctured his aerosol deodorant and caused minor disturbance for several students. Student was advised and will face school based discipline.
- The WHS SRO issued a complaint ticket to a seventeen (17) year old student who was found using a vape pen (Juul) in the boy's bathroom adjacent to the cafeteria. Parent notified.
- The WHS SRO assisted in an Engineering Foundations class as a guest judge on student presentations with a Shark Tank theme.
- The WHS SRO investigated a suspicious incident after a student was transported to CCMC after ingesting marijuana. School based search of his property revealed two pills.

- The WHS SRO investigated a suspicious situation at dismissal time. A lot of screaming and students running caused a degree of panic for staff. Unfounded at this time.
- The WHS SRO met with a student due to observed unruly behavior in the hallway that could have caused injury.
- The WHS SRO met with an SDMS student after it was reported he had a picture on his smart phone of him posing with a long gun. Checks ok. Student was inside Cabela's with an adult.
- The WHS SRO spoke with two students who were involved in a minor physical confrontation in the cafeteria. Neither party sustained a serious injury as a result of the confrontation, but one male broke another male's glasses. Parent on scene said the family would make restitution. Each youth will face school based discipline.
- The WHS SRO assisted with the return of a musical instrument that had gone missing from a student. Detective Patkoske was able to get the BOE property returned after a student's parent sold it to a pawn shop.
- The WHS SRO met with a 14 year old female who was discovered to be vaping in the girl's locker room. Student advised, parent contacted. School based discipline issued.
- The WHS SRO issued a complaint ticket to a 16 year old male for possession of vaping materials on school grounds. Student also facing school based discipline.
- The WHS SRO met with a student who caused staff concern after it was discovered he was hiding inside a locker after school hours. He was inside the locker for sixteen minutes. Advised.
- The WHS SRO briefly detained a juvenile student for Juvenile Detective Mendez due to a DCF/WPD investigation.
- The WHS SRO with assistance from Officer Lawless investigated a student who left school grounds without permission. Student returned to school safely and without incident. Brief meeting held with administration held before he was escorted to the in school suspension room.
- The WHS SRO investigated a suspicious incident where an SDMS student reported he was not going to go to his father's house that night and would "find a place to stay". After efforts to reach both of his parents failed, the SRO located the juvenile with a trusted adult. Custody issues complicated the issue and ultimately the youth ended up staying with the maternal grandmother. Assisted. Checks okay.
- The WHS SRO spoke with a 12th grade male student regarding his request to a 9th grade female student regarding "trading pictures". Student advised.
- The WHS SRO met with two SDMS students who were reportedly sending "pics" that were alarming. Investigation revealed the issue was old and had already been addressed. Advised.
- The WHS SRO met with a student who had taken another SDMS students basketball from the town library. Basketball was returned to its rightful owner (no complaint) and the offending student was advised.
- The WHS SRO and Officer Salvatore spoke with a special needs student regarding his behavior at his residence after parents contacted WPD regarding an incident. Student advised.

- The WHS SRO issued a complaint ticket to a 16 year old 10th grader for possession of vaping materials.
- The WHS SRO met with a student who was a witness to a counterfeiting incident at her part time job. Student was shown suspect photo lineups in an attempt to identify the perpetrator. Contact with parent was made.
- The WHS SRO assisted SDMD administration with a combined lock down/fire drill. A debriefing has held immediately after the completion of the drill.
- The WHS SRO attended a training class for - Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children at the CT Police Academy.
- 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 WHS SRO attended the Attendance Meeting: Topic discussion centered on students with attendance issues for this academic 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.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 48 police-related alarms in the month of December. Residential locations made up 25 (52%) of the total, non-residential locations made up 20 (42%) of the total, and government made up 3 (6%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 42 burglar, 4 holdup/panic, and 2 fire. There currently are 2,008 alarm registrations on file, 37 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 98% compliance rate. Fifteen new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$3,275 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 85 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 69 items of correspondence sent out.

Support Services Bureau

Eleven persons were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond; nine males and two females were transported to court throughout the month.

There were fifty-nine phone calls and eighteen calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers were not called to cover in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for three calls in Wethersfield, and [Wethersfield] police officers covered for eleven animal related calls. Seven dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were four impounds this month: three were redeemed, one was adopted out to new owner(s). The incident synopsis for the month is: two wildlife complaint (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), sixteen dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.). Wethersfield ACO's attended a wildlife seminar / training event this month.

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 741 NG911 emergency phone calls. Text-to-911 is now an active feature in Wethersfield's E911 center.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to seventy-five incidents, and Aetna Ambulance was dispatched to 255 incidents during the month. There were a total of 286 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:

SSB, town engineering and contractors / utilities met several times this month to ensure a safe and effective traffic plan at several of the current and future project sites in town.

Training Division

- On Monday, December 3, 2018 Officers Kevin Foster and Jessica Blank completed Justin Hilchuk, Michael Forrest and John Blair completed **"COLLECT / NCIC Recertification Training."** This recertification was on-line.
- On Tuesday, December 4, 2018, Officer Shane Murphy attended **"Police Canine / Police Canine Handler Training."** Officer Murphy and K9 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 5 and Thursday, December 6, 2018, Lieutenant Michael Connolly, Sergeant Luis Gonzalez, Officer Justin Hilchuk, Officer Shane Murphy and Officer Joel DiLoreto attended **"Capital Region Emergency Services Team (C.R.E.S.T.) Training."** C.R.E.S.T. is the regional SWAT team.
- During the month of December 2018, seven officers attended the training titled, **"Criminal Sexual Exploitation of Children for Law Enforcement."** This training took place at the Connecticut Police Academy.
- On Thursday, December 6, 2018, Animal Control Officers Deborah Monde and David Santoro attended the training titled, **"Resolving Wildlife Problems Over the Phone."** This training, presented by the Connecticut Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, took place at the Pitkin Community Center.
- On Friday, December 7, 2018, Records Clerks Tanisha Murray, Heather Joly and Taneta McCaw completed **CJIS On-Line Security Training.**
- On Monday, December 10, 2018, Sergeants Oscar Rivera and Jennie Rivera attended the training titled, **"Implementation and Management of Connecticut's Dominant Aggressor Law."** This training, held at CCADV in

Wethersfield, covered the implementation of Connecticut’s new Dominant Aggressor Law for agencies.

- On Friday, December 14, 2018, Lieutenant’s Donald Crabtree and Michael Connolly, Sergeant Oscar Rivera and Officer Justin Hilchuk attended the Recruit Officers Combat Crucible. This took place at the Connecticut Police Academy.
- On Monday, December 17, 2018, Officers and Animal Control Officers were assigned **Bloodborne / Airborne Pathogen Training**. This training was self-directed and scheduled to be complete by Wednesday, December 26, 2018.
- On Monday, December 17, 2018 through Friday, December 21, 2018, Officer James Buyak attended **Capitol Region Review Training (Recertification Training)**. This training, which took place at the East Hartford Police Department, covers mandated and elective in-service training required to maintain certification as a police officer.
- On Tuesday, December 18, 2018, Officer Shane Murphy attended “**Police Canine / Police Canine Handler Training.**” Officer Murphy and K9 Marley participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.
- On Tuesday, December 18, 2018, Chief James Cetran and Lieutenants Andrew Power and Michael Connolly attended **Capitol Region Review Training (Recertification Training)**. This command level training, which took place at the Rocky Hill Police Department, covers mandated and elective in-service training required to maintain certification as a police officer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in practical skills training “Investigations”.

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.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES December 2018

	DEC 2017	DEC 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018
Criminal Arrests	47	52	796	770
Residential Burglaries	0	1	23	11
Commercial Burglaries	0	0	17	5
Armed Robberies	1	3	7	5
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	1	1	2
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	60	76	1031	1173
DUI	2	6	52	86

MV Crashes	60	53	662	734
Parking Tags	99	38	473	984
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	956	741	10087	10115
Alarm Responses	40	48	717	649
Records Requests	105	116	1603	1500
Child Car Seat Installations	13	3	139	87