



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The Wethersfield Police Explorers conducted practical training involving suspicious persons complaints.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, hosted a one day Powerphone course entitled “**Disasters and the Dispatcher**” on Thursday, February 26, 2013. This course was held in the WPD Community Room. By hosting this training, the police department ends up receiving three free training seats.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, hosted one day of the Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program on Thursday, February 28, 2013. This course was held in the WPD Community Room. By hosting this training, the police department ends up receiving one free training seat.

During the month of February 2013, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to approximately twenty-two (22) new cases. The major case investigations involved, one (1) burglary, four (4) larcenies and three (3) fraud / Identity Theft cases. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Sunday, February 17, 2013 at 2:36 PM an officer was dispatched to a retail store on the Silas Deane Highway on a past tense shoplifting. The store’s loss prevention officer told the officer that at about 1:40 PM he noticed two females enter the store. Both females were dressed in the same manner, jeans, brown hooded coats with fur on the collar and one female was wearing glasses. He stated that the younger of the two females selected piece of black luggage and both females began selecting numerous Michael Kors handbags in the

women's section. He said that female wearing the glasses selected a shopping cart, placed the luggage in the cart where the luggage was opened and the females began placing the handbags in the luggage. The security officer stated that the females then separated and later met up at the back of the store near the food section away from the store's cameras. The security officer then began to follow the two females in the store. He saw one of the females take out a tool to deactivate the security tags and they discarded the security tags inside the luggage. He stated that one of the females then secluded two purses and a wallet into a black purse, while the other female placed one of the purses over her shoulder. He stated they subsequently made their way to the shoes section where they discarded the cart with the luggage and began walking to the front of the store. The security officer stated he followed the females past all points of purchase making no attempt to pay for the items and he identified himself as store security. He stated that the females began exiting the store and he instructed them to return with the items. He said that the females discarded the items as they ran out of the front door, where he recovered the items and he followed the females into the parking lot. He stated that one of the females ran and the other female got into a silver Honda CRV with New York plates. He observed the vehicle drive a short distance and pick up the other female. The vehicle left heading southbound and then westbound toward Maple Street. Security recovered two black Michael Kors purses (value \$159.99 each), a silver Michael Kors purse (value \$129.99), a brown Michael Kors purse (value \$179.99) and a teal Michael Kors wallet (value \$49.99). The investigation is ongoing and if the two females were to be identified they will be charged with Larceny 5th Degree 53a-125a, Conspiracy to Larceny 5th Degree 53a-48(53a-125a) and Use of Shoplifting Device 53a-127f.

On Tuesday February 12, 2013 at 4:00 PM and officer drove into the lot of CVS, 1078 Silas Deane Highway. The officer was flagged down by an unidentified passerby who reported that there were two children left in the backseat of a car unattended. The unidentified male then pointed to a 1997 green Plymouth Neon parked in the lot. The officer looked in the car and saw two small children seated in child safety seats in the rear of the vehicle. The vehicle's engine was off and the windows were rolled up. The temperature outside was near freezing. The doors of the Neon were locked. I knocked on the window and asked the male child to unlock the door and he did without hesitation. He told the officer that his mother was inside the store shopping. The officer waited for about ten minutes for a parent to return while the officer spoke with the children. The officer went into the store to try to locate the parent of the children. A woman approached the officer after a few minutes. The officer escorted the woman back to the car where her children were. The woman told the officer that she left her kids in the car only for a minute while she ran into the store because she had already been at the mall where she lugged them in and out of the car all day. The woman appeared upset and told the officer that people leave their kids in the car all the time. The officer explained to the mother that it was dangerous and illegal to leave children unsupervised. The woman called her husband and mother and had them come to the parking lot. Both arrived on scene and the children were turned over to them. The mother was placed under arrest, transported to Wethersfield Police Headquarters where she was charged with 2 counts of Leaving a Child Unsupervised in violation of 53-21a. She was released on a Non Surety Bond and was scheduled to appear in court on February 20, 2013.

Support Services Bureau

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 782 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 48 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 68 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 203 calls for service.

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

There were 75 phone calls and 37 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, twenty were handled by the part-time animal control officers and seventeen were handled by police officers. Eight animals were impounded with three being redeemed, one adopted and 4 carried over.

Five persons were taken into custody and held requiring 140 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, four were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported the prisoners to court, including two males and three females. The females incarcerated by the department required twenty-two hours of matron coverage.

Administrative Services Bureau

The department currently has one officer in training at the Connecticut police academy, and one additional candidate approved to be hired and sent to training in April. The department will be fully staffed upon the April hiring.

The department and town HR director will be conducting a hiring process in March to replace a Clerk III who transferred to another town division.

The department has responded to 60 alarms during the month of February. Non-residential locations made up 28 (47%) of this total, residential alarms made up 29 (48%), and state government made up 5 incidents (5%). The alarms received were: 55 burglars and, 5 holdup / panic. There currently are 1,592 alarm registrations on file, 53 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Ten new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$2,050 in alarm billing has occurred, \$2,675 has been collected for this month and previous outstanding bills. There have been 154 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 109 items of correspondence sent out.

Detective Division

Wethersfield Detectives continue to investigate recent burglaries. The locations of the burglaries include the south end of town off Griswold Road as well as the north end of town off Jordan Lane. Items taken in the burglaries include electronic equipment and jewelry.

Detectives have been working with neighboring police departments and have developed leads, revealing numerous suspects involved in a multi-jurisdictional burglary ring.

A Detective took an identity theft complaint where a female used a friend's personal information on a motor vehicle stop. The suspect female then failed to show up for court resulting in the victim realizing that her identity was used by someone else. The victim was interviewed and gave a written statement detailing what she knew. Further investigation revealed that the victim was actually lying and knew that her friend used her identity to try to get out of the charges. The Detective pushed forward with the investigation and obtained warrants for both the suspect and the complainant for false statement.

The following are the burglary and robbery statistics for the month of February 2013, along with comparative statistics for the same period of last year. The figures in the parenthesis represent the number of cases cleared by arrest, or in which the perpetrators have been identified.

<i>Criminal Activity</i>	<i>February 2012</i>	<i>February 2013</i>
Residential Burglaries:	0(0)	3(0)
Commercial Burglaries:	1(1)	0(0)
Armed Robberies:	0(0)	0(0)
Strong-arm Robberies:	0(0)	0(0)

Juvenile Detective

Wethersfield Police department handled approximately 31 incidents, involving approximately 55 juveniles. In these incidents, 4 juveniles were arrested for criminal violations, 1 was diverted to school punishment, 7 were diverted to parental punishment and 3 were diverted to the Juvenile Review Board.

School Resource Officer

During the month of February, school was not in session from 02/18/13 to 02/22/2013 due to the winter break. In the month of February the SRO covered a total of 12 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop Database. Of these incidents, 10 case numbers were pulled resulting in 3 incident reports. There was one arrest at the school during the month for the offenses of Breach of Peace 2nd Degree, 53a-181 and Assault 3rd Degree, 53a-61. There was also an infraction issued for the offense of Possession of Tobacco by a Minor.

The SRO investigated larceny complaint and a Youth Complaint involving social media and texting.

The School Administrators and the SRO held mediations with students over disputes and defiance issues.

The SRO advised and assisted a parent of a student with obtaining a Family With Service Needs Form.

The SRO attended STARS/SRBI meetings on Fridays during the month of February pertaining to at risk students.

The SRO also participated in the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board which juveniles who reside in town are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to the board.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Support Services Bureau officers continue to address citizen complaints involving traffic, parking violations and other motor vehicle violations. Citizens regularly complain of a variety of different violations on various town streets and at several town schools.

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement five different times spending approximately 3 hours 56 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town. Locations given extra attention included Hang Dog Lane and Thornbush Road.

The following work orders were completed during February, 2013:

- For the annual Unico Macaroni Dinner at the Community Center temporary 'No Parking' signs were placed on various roads in the area and two barricades were placed at the entrances of the community center.
- The following work order was completed for signage at the intersection of Wolcott Hill Road & Nott Street:
 - Install 'All Way' plaques under all stop signs
 - Install 2" wide retroreflective strip (color red) on all of the stop sign support poles.
 - Check mounting height of the stop signs to ensure a minimum height of 7' from the bottom of the signs.

Training Division

On Monday, February 12, 2013 Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk began attending "**Incident Management Leadership Training.**" This was a week-long training class that was held at the Regional Communications Center, Manchester CT. This class is for those advancing to leadership positions on the IMT Team. The IMT Team is designed to provide personnel that are trained and organized to support emergency response and recovery efforts in event of a large crisis, man-made/ natural disaster etc.

On Thursday February 7, 2013 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Sergeant Michael Connolly, MPO's Luis Gonzalez and Ronald Floyd, and Officers Jeffrey Poulin and Justin Lord began attending monthly two-day training.

On Monday February 11, 2013, Officers Peter McGee and Nuno Martins began attending the five day "**Capital Region Police Officer Recertification Training.**" This training was held at the Middletown Police Department, Middletown, 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 legal updates, bias crimes, patrol procedures, emotionally disturbed persons, suicide prevention, juvenile law and domestic violence laws.

On Tuesday, February 5, 2013 Sergeant Oscar Rivera assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with "**Practical Skills, Building Searches**" for the 340th Training Session. Sergeant Rivera served as an instructor by providing instruction on how to use proper tactics when searching a building.

On Tuesday, February 26, 2013 Dispatchers Lisa Fournier, Karen Tomczyk and Lauren Hammond attended a one day training entitled "**Disasters and the Dispatcher.**" This training was held in the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room. This course provides communication and planning techniques that will enable dispatchers and their agencies have a direct impact on the successful outcome of a disaster-related emergency.

On Thursday, February 28, 2013 Sergeants Oscar Rivera and Jennie Rivera attended "**Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program.**" This training was held in the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room. This training is mandatory every three years and is open only to supervisory personnel. The training this month was on the topics of Use of Force for Executives and Mid Managers. This training is held once per month concluding in May, 2013.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Explorers will continue their practical training regimen focusing on D.U.I.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, will be hosting one day of the Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program. This five day course, which began in January, will be held in the WPD Community Room on March 28, 2013 and continue one day per month until May, 2013.

Annual CPR/ AED, Airborne/ Bloodborne Pathogen and First Aid training is scheduled for March & April 2013.

The annual Greater Hartford Saint Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 11:00 AM.

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.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	February 2012	February 2013	YTD 2012	YTD 2013
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	89	49	148	113
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	1	2	5	5
Commercial Burglaries	1	0	5	0
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	2	0
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	7	3	14	6
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	200	111	398	250
DUI	19	4	26	11
MV Crashes	41	45	95	92
Parking Tags	17	26	36	73
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	731	782	1521	1535
Alarm Responses	57	60	121	120
Records Requests	230	219	421	420
Prisoners Transported	17	5	25	21
Child Car Seat Installations	8	8	12	20