



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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

## **FEBRUARY 2014**

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS**

During the month of February 2014, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to approximately sixteen (16) new cases. The major case investigations involved: one (1) burglary, four (4) fraud / Identity thefts, and two (2) sudden deaths. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted with Unico's Macaroni Dinner event on 02/09/14 at the Wethersfield Community Center. The Police Cadets participated in DUI and SWAT "room clearing" training during the month of February.

The Wethersfield Police Department Training Unit hosted one day of the Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program on Thursday, February 27, 2014. This course was held in the WPD Community Room. By hosting this training, the police department receives one training seat cost-free.

Probationary Police Officer Peter Salvatore has nearly completed his basic training at the Connecticut Police Academy. Officer Salvatore's graduation is expected in March 2014.

On Tuesday, February 18, 2014, the Wethersfield Police Department hired Edwin Dailey as a Probationary Police Officer. Officer Dailey is already certified as a Police Officer, which saves the town considerable training costs. Officer Dailey has begun field training and is expected to be working on his own by April 2014.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, hosted a one day Powerphone Dispatch Course on Wednesday, February 26, 2014. This course was held in the WPD Community Room. By hosting this training, the police department received two free training seats.

### **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Patrol Division**

## **Patrol Division (Case of Interest)**

On Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 1137 hour officers were dispatched to Stop & Shop, 1380 Berlin Turnpike on a report of a shoplifting that just occurred. The store manager stated that a white female stole items from the store and left in a black Dodge Ram. Dispatch reported that the manager last saw the truck traveling eastbound on Jordan Lane. The manager reported seeing the white female taking items from the shelf as she walked throughout the store. He said that she secluded the items close to her person and began heading to the front of the store. The manager saw the female exit the south door passing all points of purchase without paying. The manager saw that her coat pockets were full and believed that she stole items from the store. Store employees went outside and attempted to stop the female. She did not stop and made her way to a black Dodge pickup truck; which she got into. The truck, being driven by a white male, left onto Jordan Lane. A short time later, officers located the truck traveling southbound on Silas Deane Highway near Church Street. Officers stopped the truck and they began speaking with the occupants. The female passenger was identified. She openly admitted that she shoplifted from the store. The female was searched and items were recovered from her person. The store surveillance video shows the female selecting items such as shampoo, KY lubricant and condoms and hiding them in her jacket. The video also showed her exiting the south door passing all of the registers making no attempt to pay for the secreted items in her coat. Officers believed that the male driver had full knowledge of the theft. The male and female were arrested and transported to police headquarters for processing. The total of the items stolen was \$43.54. The male and female were both charged with Larceny 6<sup>th</sup> Degree and Conspiracy to Larceny 6<sup>th</sup> Degree. They were both released on a Non-Surety Bond and are scheduled to appear in court on 2/20/14.

## **Support Services Bureau**

Eight persons were taken into custody and held requiring 152 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, seven were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported the prisoners to court, including six males and two females. The females incarcerated by the department required fifty-six hours of matron coverage.

There were 51 phone calls and 26 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, fifteen were handled by the part-time animal control officers and eleven were handled by police officers. Four animals were impounded with two being redeemed and one sold as a pet and one euthanized. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for seven calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for two calls in Wethersfield.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed 15 child seats.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 787 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 46 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 104 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 200 calls for service.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

This department has responded to 70 police-related alarms in month of February. Non-residential locations made up 27 (39%) of this total, residential alarms made up 36 (51%), and State and Town government made up 7 (10%.) The alarms received were: 63 burglar, 2 holdup / panic, and 5 fire. There currently are 1,533 alarm registrations on file, 60 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Four new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$1,975 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 105 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 90 items of correspondence sent out.

A certified police officer was hired and sworn in in February. Officer Edwin Dailey has begun field training and is anticipated to begin solo patrol in April. The department is currently at full strength for sworn, has one vacant full time records supervisor position, and one vacant part time dispatcher position. Hiring processes are underway for the vacant positions.

## **Detective Division**

The management from a local housing area asked Wethersfield Detectives to present any information or programs on problems arising from elderly resident being victims. On 2/15/2014, Detective Darby presented a program called "Bullying among Senior Citizens." This class was greatly appreciated by the management and residents.

## **Juvenile Detective**

The Police Department handled approximately 25 incidents, involving approximately 29 juveniles. In these incidents, two juveniles were transported to the Hartford Juvenile Detention Center on two "Take Into Custody Orders," and four juveniles were diverted to parental discipline. The Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board personnel attended a presentation by MADD in regards a new program for parents and Juveniles.

## **School Resource Officer**

During the month of February the SRO covered a total of nineteen (19) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. Two (2) incident reports were completed. The incident reports included the following: Emergency Committal for a suicidal student and DCF Referral. There were no arrests at the school during the month of February.

The SRO worked with the Newington SRO in a trespass / vandalism case and assisted with ongoing parking issues on and around the high school property attributed to the school renovation. The SRO participated in the juvenile review board sessions, a lock down drill in the high schools, and conducted selective motor vehicle enforcement in the areas surrounding the high school.

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement thirteen different times spending approximately 7 hours 52 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town. Locations given extra attention included the Silas Deane Hwy., Berlin Turnpike, and Thornbush Road.

### **Training Division**

On Monday February 3, 2014, Officer Nuno Martins attended a one day training class entitled "**Canine Decoy Bite Seminar.**" Training was held at the Cheshire Correctional Facility, 111 Jarvis, Cheshire CT. Training included proper procedures when acting as a canine decoy.

On Monday February 3, 2014, Sergeant Michael Connolly went to the Farmington Police Department to assist with their Departments Detective Oral Board. Sergeant Connolly assisted by sitting on a three person oral panel for eight Farmington Officers. This type of assistance proves to be of great value when neighboring Police Departments are requested for our promotional processes.

On Monday, February 3, 4, and 5, 2014, Officer Shane Murphy who is one of the WPD firearms instructors, assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with "**Basic Firearms Training**" for the 343<sup>rd</sup> training session. Officer Murphy assisted for a total of three days, which included handgun, tactical and shotgun training.

On Thursday, February 6, 2014, members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST) including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, Sergeant Michael Connolly, MPO Luis Gonzalez began attending monthly two-day training.

On Monday, February 10, 2014, Lieutenant Andrew Power began attending a five day course entitled the "**17<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (NE LEEDS.)**" The training is offered to law enforcement executives and focuses on the emerging challenges facing the law enforcement profession.

On Monday, February 10, 2014, Master Police Officers Luis Gonzalez and David Gove began attending the five day "**Capitol Region Police Recertification Program.**" 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 training including legal updates, bias crimes, patrol procedures, juvenile law and domestic violence laws. This particular training class was designed specifically for police supervisors.

On Tuesday, February 11, 2014, Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk began attending "**Incident Management Leadership Training.**" This training class was held at the Regional Communications Center, Manchester CT. 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 Tuesday, February 11, 2014, Officer Joseph Baich, along with his canine, Owen, attended a one day training class entitled "**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training.**" Officer Baich and Owen participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On February 12 and 19, 2014, Officer Kenneth Newton attended a one day course entitled "**Child Seat Clinic.**" The training was held at the South Windsor Fire Department Headquarters, South Windsor, CT. Course objectives include proper safety and positioning requirements for children when riding in vehicles.

On Tuesday, February 12, 2014, Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk attended "**Regional Incident Dispatch (RID) Team Training.**" This training was held at the Plainville Police Department, Plainville CT. The RID Team is a group of approximately twelve telecommunicators comprised from local law enforcement agencies. The RID Team is designed to supplement area Dispatch Centers in the event of a large crisis, man-made/ natural disaster etc.

On Tuesday, February 18, 2014 Lieutenant Donald Crabtree attended the "**Capital Region Chief's of Police Recertification**" training held in Rocky Hill, CT. This recertification program, which is required every three years, is open to Chiefs of Police and Second in Command Officers only. This training is held once per month concluding in June, 2014.

On Monday, February 24, 2014, Officer Kevin Foster began attending a five day course entitled the "**High Visibility Traffic Enforcement.**" The training provided all facets of Connecticut's Operating Under the Influence Statute, Occupant Protection Statute, as well as Speeding Statutes, including the use of Laser as a speed detection.

On Tuesday, February 24, 2014, Officer Albert Whaples attended a one day "**CREST- Dive Team**" training. This training was held in Rocky Hill, CT. This training is conducted on a monthly basis with several other area law enforcement agencies that comprise CREST. This month's activities included a swim test and equipment training.

On Wednesday, February 26, 2014, Dispatchers Frank Liberatore, Welles Hale and Lauren Hammond attended a one day training entitled "**Stress Identification and Management.**" This training was held in the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room. This course discussed the stress associated with being a dispatcher and provided ways to combat that stress.

On Thursday, February 27, 2014 Sergeants Kevin O’Leary, Michael Fisher and Michael Connolly 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 juvenile issues. This training is held once per month concluding in May, 2014.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will continue to participate in practical skills training in preparation for “Stations Day” competition in May of 2014. The Cadets will be marching in the St. Patrick Day Parade.

The Wethersfield Police Citizens’ Police Academy is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 10, 2014 and continue on Monday nights for ten (10) weeks.

The annual Greater Hartford Saint Patrick’s Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 11:00 AM.

NCIC/COLLECT inquiry recertification for select department personnel is scheduled for March, 2014.

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 27, 2014 and continue one day per month until May, 2014.

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## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	February 2013	February 2014	YTD 2013	YTD 2014
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	49	63	113	146
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	2	1	5	5
Commercial Burglaries	0	0	0	0
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	0	1
<b>Family Violence Arrests</b>				
Family Violence Arrests	3	5	6	13
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	111	175	398	297
DUI	4	6	26	11
MV Crashes	45	61	95	98
Parking Tags	26	44	36	62
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	782	787	1521	1543
Alarm Responses	60	70	121	156
Records Requests	219	196	421	412
Prisoners Transported	5	8	25	34
Child Car Seat Installations	8	15	12	15