



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The Accreditation Unit participated in a Mock Assessment in preparation for the department's CALEA onsite assessment, which is currently scheduled to take place April 12, 2015 to April 15, 2015.

During the month of February 2015, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to 14 (14) new cases. The major case investigations involved; one (1) robbery, one (1) larceny, one (1) fraud, and one (1) sexual assault. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training during the month of February with the focus on D.U. I. training.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Wednesday February 4, 2015 at approximately 8:25 PM officers were dispatched to a retail store on the Silas Deane Highway on the report of two shoplifters. Arriving officers met loss prevention personnel (LP) in the store's office. The 2 shoplifters, one male and one female, were also there. LP informed the officers that he had observed both parties shoplifting on the store's surveillance system. Both parties entered the store together and that the male proceeded to the Shoe Department and the female proceeded to the Handbags Department. The female selected a black purse (Nine West/valued at \$16.99) and removed the price tag from it. She then proceeded to the Clothing Department where she selected a beige shirt (valued at \$12.99) and concealed it in the purse. She then switched a price tag on a black sweater from \$19.99 to \$9.99. The male was in the Men's Department, where he removed undershirts from a Polo package (valued at \$24.99) and placed them in a Calvin Klein package (valued at \$14.99). The male and female then

proceeded to the registers where they purchased some merchandise, but the male did not inform the clerk of the discrepancy in the price of the undershirts and the female failed to mention the discrepancy in the price of the sweater. She also failed to pay for the merchandise that she had concealed. LP personnel approached the male and female by the store's exit and asked both of them to follow him to his office. LP said that both parties complied. The male and female both told the officer that they did not know what they were thinking and that they were willing to pay for the shoplifted merchandise. Management, however, wanted to press charges. The total amount of theft related to the male equaled \$10.00 and the amount related to the female equaled \$56.99. Both parties were arrested, handcuffed and transported to Police Headquarters. Both subjects were charged with Larceny in the Sixth Degree. The female was released on a non-surety bond. She was scheduled to appear in court on 2/18/15. A criminal history check of the male revealed previous arrests for burglary, violation of probation and failure to appear. The male was released on a surety bond and he was scheduled to appear in court on 2/18/15.

On Tuesday February 24, 2015, at approximately 12:08 PM officers were dispatched to a grocery store on the Silas Deane Highway for the report of a shoplifting. Arriving officers met with the loss prevention (LP) manager inside the store. The LP manager stated an employee said that there was a Hispanic male wearing all dark clothing with a black and white backpack attempting to shoplift items from aisle 5. The LP manager stated he walked to aisle 5 and observed the male placing packages of "Tropical Cheese" into his shopping carriage. The LP manager stated he recognized the male from previous shoplifting incidents at that store. The male then went to aisle 3 placing the "Tropical Cheese" into his backpack to conceal the items. The LP manager stated the male then walked to the front of the store and that's when the police were contacted. One of the responding police officers observed the male near cash register # 7 with the black and white backpack in his carriage. When asked by the officer what he was doing, the male stated he didn't speak English. Another police officer arrived on scene for Spanish translation. The male stated he was homeless and staying at a shelter in Hartford. The male's backpack appeared to be full, and it was heavy. There appeared to be several heavy items inside the backpack. Inside the backpack were 20 packages of "Tropical Cheese" worth \$99.80 total (\$4.99 each). The male had no excuse for why he was hiding the cheese inside his backpack. He stated he was just arrested in Hartford this week for a similar incident. The male was arrested, handcuffed and transported to Wethersfield Police Headquarters where he was booked and processed. He was charged with Larceny in the 6th Degree and held on a \$1,500 bond scheduling him to be presented in court on 2/25/15.

Support Services Bureau

Nine persons were taken into custody and held requiring 265 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, six were arrested on warrants. All nine males were transported to court.

There were 48 phone calls and 23 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, nineteen were handled by the part-time animal control officers and four

were handled by police officers. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for eleven calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for two calls in Wethersfield.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 939 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 50 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 118 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 255 calls for service.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 52 alarms in month of February. Non-residential locations made up 23 (45%) of this total, residential alarms made up 24 (47%), and State and Town government made up 4 (6%). The alarms received were: 46 burglar, 4 holdup / panic, and 1 fire. There currently are 1,630 alarm registrations on file, 45 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Seven new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$200 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 63 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 51 items of correspondence sent out.

Detective Division

On Friday, February 13th, 2015 at approximately 1124 hours dispatch received a report of a robbery at Liberty Bank, 1190 Silas Deane Highway. The white female suspect had already fled the scene, reportedly wearing black clothing, a dark hat and sunglasses. Detectives arrived on scene and began the investigation. The female suspect had passed a note to the teller, who immediately recognized that a robbery was occurring. The suspect fled with approximately \$2,000.00. Detectives later learned that the description of this female matched that of a female suspected in three other bank robberies. Following the Wethersfield incident, two more bank robberies occurred with the same suspect. Wethersfield Detectives along with several other towns and state organizations are currently looking for the serial bank robber.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 32 incidents, involving approximately 46 juveniles during the month of February 2015. In these incidents 4 Juveniles were arrested, 1 Juvenile was issued an infraction, 1 Juvenile was diverted for school discipline, 2 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline and 2 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

School Resource Officer (High School)

During the month of February the WHS SRO covered a total of thirty-two (32) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. Two (2) incident reports were completed. The incident reports included Creating a Public Disturbance and Larceny 6th Degree. There were no arrests at the school during the month of February, however one infraction ticket was issued for Creating a Public Disturbance.

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. The WHS SRO attended the monthly Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board meeting.

School Resource Officer (Middle School)

During the month of February the SRO covered a total of 32 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO investigated a report of a suspicious, unidentified individual inside the building which resulted in a lockdown. The individual was identified as a student teacher who was not recognized by a parent.

The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meeting with Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security. The SRO attended a Staff Meeting to discuss revamping security. The SRO attended Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program - Intervention meeting for at risk youths at SDMS. The SRO attended the weekly Attendance Meetings: Topic discussion centered on State of CT mandates for attendance and at risk youths. The SRO participated in the sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. This is for juveniles who reside in town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to our board. The SRO and the Crisis Management Team met with Social & Youth Services to discuss the involvement of youth for Town Youth Programs. The SRO assisted school Administrator's with lock down protocols.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Due to the large amount of snowpack on the ground, extra attention was given to the streets around the Wethersfield High School and Charles Wright School, especially at the afternoon dismissal times.

Training Division

On Wednesday, February 4, 2015 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, MPO Luis Gonzalez, and Officers Jeffrey Poulin and Shane Murphy, began attending monthly two-day training.

On Wednesday, February 4, 2015, Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk attended "**Regional Incident Dispatch (RID) Team Training**". This training was held at the State Armory (State DEMHS EOC) Building, Hartford, 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 Monday, February 9, 2015, Lieutenant Donald Crabtree began attending a five day course entitled the "**18th 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 Thursday, February 5, 2015, Master Police Officer David Gove attended a training course entitled "**Hartford Tech Summit**". This training was held at the Hartford Marriott, Hartford, CT. The course was about changes and advances in technology as related to an enterprise setting.

On Monday, February 9, 2015, Ronald Floyd, Manuel Silva, and Jessica Ficara began attending the five day "**Capitol Region Police Recertification Program**". This training was held at the Manchester Police Department, Manchester, 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 Monday, February 9, 2015, Officer Nuno Martins, along with his canine, Thor, attended a one day training class entitled "**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training**". Officer Martins and Thor participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Tuesday, February 17, 2015, Officers Alison Sullivan and Jessica Ficara attended a one day training class entitled "**Connecticut Firearms and Permitting Training**". This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Topics included laws pertaining to firearms and conducting proper Pistol Permit backgrounds.

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.

NCIC/COLLECT inquiry recertification for select department personnel is scheduled for March, 2015.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will continue with classroom and practical skills training during the month of March 2015.

The annual Greater Hartford Saint Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 11:00 AM.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	February 2014	February 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	63	73	146	137
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	1	0	5	3
Commercial Burglaries	0	0	0	0
Armed Robberies	0	1	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	1	0
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	5	5	13	9
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	175	132	297	248
DUI	6	4	11	5
MV Crashes	61	80	98	141
Parking Tags	44	61	62	144
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	787	939	1543	1824
Alarm Responses	70	52	156	150
Records Requests	196	234	412	415
Prisoners Transported	8	9	34	18
Child Car Seat Installations	15	0	15	0