



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The ASB Sergeant has created a rough draft policy for consideration in the implementation of a Lethality Assessment Program for victims' of family violence. The Wethersfield Police Cadet participated in practical skills training SWAT and Building Searches.

During the month of February 2016, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to twenty (20) new cases. The major case investigations involved; four (4) burglaries, one (1) sexual assault and two (2) sudden deaths. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Friday, February 19, 2016 at 1:21 PM two officers were dispatched to Marshall's at 1130 Silas Deane Hwy. for a report of a female shoplifter in custody. Arriving officers were met by Loss Prevention (LP) staff who stated he observed a female on surveillance video remove merchandise from the clothing rack. He stated that she then went to the Homegoods section of the store, removed the items from hangars and walked towards the front of the store. LP watched her walk past all points of purchase, did not make any attempt to pay for the items and exit the store. She was apprehended outside the store. The stolen items included one (1) Blue shirt, value \$16.99, One (1) Blue vest, value \$14.99 and One (1) Blue vest, value \$12.99. All items were recovered by LP. The LP staff also provided a DVD that contained surveillance video. After being read her Miranda Rights, the woman stated "I did something stupid." She did not have a reason as to why she stole merchandise. She appeared surprised as she was placed her in handcuffs and advised she was being arrested for larceny. She was transported to Police Headquarters where she was processed for Larceny

in the Sixth Degree. She signed and was issued a copy of her criminal appearance bond form and Notice of Rights. She was released on a non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear in court on 03/07/2016 at 1000 hours.

On Monday, February 22, 2016 at 12:06 PM officers were dispatched to Stop & Shop, 1380 Berlin Turnpike on the report of a female shoplifter in custody. Arriving officers were met by Loss Prevention (LP) staff. LP was informed by store staff that they witnessed a white female enter the store with an apparent empty purse. The store staff followed the female to the candy aisle, where she proceeded to select numerous 6-packs of candy. Staff witnessed this female placing the 6-packs of candy within her purse. She then walked passed all points of purchase and exited the store. Once outside, this female was confronted and led back into the store to the LP office. At that time, a total of 15 packages of candy were removed from the female's purse. The total value of the items taken was \$84.39. The female admitted to concealing items within her purse and attempting to walk out of the store with the items because she has a drug problem and admitted that she was stealing the items in order to purchase heroin. She was placed under arrest and transported to Police Headquarters, where she was processed and charged with Larceny 6th Degree. She was held on bond and was scheduled to appear in court on 2/23/16 at 1000 hours.

Support Services Bureau

Eleven persons were taken into custody and held requiring 176 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, nine were arrested on warrants. Eight males and four females were transported to court. The females incarcerated by the department required 70 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 91 phone calls and 32 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, twenty-five were handled by the part-time animal control officers and seven were handled by police officers. Three animals were impounded with one being redeemed and two sold as pets. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for three calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for seven calls in Wethersfield. Due to the ACO delinquent dog licensing efforts 24 dog licenses were obtained during the month.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 821 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 58 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 64 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 238 calls for service.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 55 alarms in month of February. Non-residential locations made up 23 (42%) of this total, residential alarms made up 27 (49%), and State and Town government made up 5 (9%.) The alarms received were: 48 burglar and 7 holdup / panic. There currently are 1,722 alarm registrations on file, 44 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Nine new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$4,250 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 159 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 142 items of correspondence sent out.

Detective Division

In 2011, Wethersfield detectives investigated a burglary of over \$300,000 worth cigarettes and \$200,000 worth of tax revenue lost. The investigation led to an out of state suspect with ties to several large scale cigarette thefts both in and out of Connecticut. Detective Morris was able to identify the suspect after years of investigative leads. In February 2016, he was able to secure a federal indictment charging the suspect with Theft from Interstate Shipment. The suspect is currently in jail on another case and will be presented in court to answer to these charges at a future date.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 30 incidents, involving approximately 34 juveniles during the month of February 2016. In these incidents there were 2 Juvenile arrests made, 1 Juveniles was diverted for parental discipline, 1 Juvenile was diverted for school discipline and 2 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB."

School Resource Officer (High School)

During the month of February the WHS SRO covered a total of thirty (30) incidents including activities at the school. Five (5) incident reports were completed: Suspicious situation – well-being check, Suspicious situation – investigation, Larceny – theft of a cellular phone,, Assist other Jurisdiction – written statement for an investigation, Breach of Peace – arrest.

The SRO participated in 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 weekly Attendance Meetings: Topic discussion centered on State of CT mandates for attendance & students with issues this academic school year.

The WHS SRO performed selective enforcement on school grounds and for motor vehicle violations. The WHS SRO participated in the Junior Advisory class for the month of February.

School Resource Officer (Middle School)

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

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.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town eight different times for a total of approximately 4 hours 53 minutes. Locations given extra attention included Ridgecrest Circle, Berlin Turnpike, Wells Road and the Silas Deane Highway.

The town manager received a complaint from a citizen requesting the intersection of Valley Crest Drive and Palmer Drive be changed from a two-way stop with stop signs on Palmer Drive to a four-way stop. A study of the area was completed the requests of which show that based on speed and traffic data over the past five years this intersection does not meet the warrant requirements based in the MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) to make this a four-way stop.

Training Division

On Thursday, February 4, 2016 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST,) including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, MPO Luis Gonzalez, and Officers Ronald Floyd, Jeffry Poulin and Shane Murphy, began attending monthly two-day training.

On Tuesday, February 9 and 23, 2016, Officer Shane Murphy, along with his canine, Marley, attended a one day training class entitled "**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training.**" Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking, and narcotics searches.

On Tuesday, February 9, 2016, Sergeant Connolly began attending a course entitled "**Active Aggressor, Train the Trainer.**" The training was held at the CT Police Academy, Meriden, CT. and Cedarcrest Hospital, Newington CT. The training allows Sgt. Connolly to be an instructor in this particular style of Active Aggressor principles.

On Wednesday, February 17, 2016, members of the **Midstate Major Crime Squad (MSMC)**, including Lieutenant Mark Poisson and Detectives Michael Patkoske and Christopher Morris, began attending monthly training. MSMC is a team comprising of Detectives from the Midstate police departments, who work together to investigate major incidents.

On Thursday February 18, 2016, Officer Kenneth Newton attended a one day course entitled "**Child Passenger Safety Workshop.**" The training was held at the AMR Ambulance Facility, Waterbury, CT. Course objectives include proper safety and positioning requirements for children when riding in vehicles.

On Monday, February 22, 2016, 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 Thursday, February 25, 2016, Lieutenant Donald Crabtree and Sergeant Connolly began attending a course entitled "**Defiance, Denial and Delusions: Ideas and Actions in Threat Assessment.**" The training was held at the Converse Headquarters, Boston, MA. The training was an insight into (ATAP) Association of Threat Assessment, Professionals, New England Chapter. ATAP is an organization whose objective is to learn more about how best to protect victims of stalking, harassment and threat situations.

On Wednesday, February 23, 2016, Officer Shane Murphy, along with his canine, Marley, attended a one day training class entitled "**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training.**" Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking, and narcotics searches.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The annual Greater Hartford Saint Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 11:00 AM.

The Wethersfield Police Cadet will participate in practical skills training D.U.I

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.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

| | February 2015 | February 2016 | YTD 2015 | YTD 2016 |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------|----------|
| Criminal Arrests | | | | |
| Criminal Arrests | 73 | 52 | 137 | 120 |
| Burglaries and Robberies | | | | |
| Residential Burglaries | 0 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Commercial Burglaries | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Armed Robberies | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Strong-Arm Robberies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Family Violence Arrests | | | | |
| Family Violence Arrests | 5 | 7 | 9 | 9 |
| Traffic Related | | | | |
| Infractions/ MV Summons | 132 | 123 | 248 | 236 |
| DUI | 4 | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| MV Crashes | 80 | 60 | 141 | 201 |
| Parking Tags | 61 | 48 | 144 | 192 |
| Miscellaneous Activities | | | | |
| 911 Calls | 939 | 821 | 1824 | 1540 |
| Alarm Responses | 52 | 55 | 150 | 88 |
| Records Requests | 234 | 198 | 415 | 375 |
| Prisoners Transported | 9 | 11 | 18 | 29 |
| Child Car Seat Installations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |