



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

In February, 2017 the Department continued accepting on-line applications for the position of Entry Level Police Officer. The Department currently has three police officer vacancies. As in the past, on-line applications are being accepted through the website, PoliceApp.com.

Candidates for the position of Certified Police Officer continued into further testing phases during the month of February, 2017.

The oral board examinations for the position of Entry Level Police Officer were conducted during the month of February, 2017. Candidates that successfully passed have been invited to the next phases of the process.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On February 2, 2017 at 1:12 AM an officer was traveling southbound on the Berlin Tnpk. by Nott St. when he observed a red Ford Escape traveling in front of my patrol vehicle. The Ford's rear plate was dirty with mud on it and it was difficult to read the plate. The Ford then changed from the middle lane to the right lane and didn't use its signal until halfway into the right lane. The officer conducted a motor vehicle stop of Ford into the parking lot of 1855 Berlin Tnpk. The officer saw that the marker plate was Maine registration 72301K. A DMV registration check showed that it is valid. The operator identified himself and was told the reason for the stop. The operator believed that he was driving properly. He could not properly identify himself. It was determined that the passenger had an active warrant from Hartford Police and he was taken into custody. At Police Headquarters, the driver was very agitated and stated that the officer had no reason to pull him over. The driver initially refused to be fingerprinted. He ultimately admitted to his real name. He stated that he lied because he doesn't have a license. Subsequently, it was learned that he had a full extraditable arrest warrant from the State of Maine for Robbery. The driver was charged with Criminal

Impersonation, Interfering with Police, Improper Signal and Failure to Make Plate Readable. An in state records check showed no criminal history, but a check of his out of state history showed numerous arrests including criminal use of explosives, reckless conduct, assault, criminal mischief, burglary, theft and violating condition of release. He was held on \$20,000 bond and was scheduled to appear in court on 2/2/2017.

On 2/3/17 at 1:14 PM officers were dispatched to Marshall's at 1130 Silas Deane Highway on a report of a male removing tags from clothing. The call came in from a member of the Loss Prevention Department. The suspect was being watched on CCTV from their office. He was described as a Hispanic male wearing a red and white hat who was carrying a black backpack. Upon arrival, officers were told that the suspect was in the menswear department. The officer located the male who said he was just shopping. While talking to the male, the officer was approached by members of the Loss Prevention Department. The male allowed an officer to search his backpack, which was empty. He also allowed the officer to search his person. In his pocket was a small pair of wire cutters which also had red ink on it. Loss Prevention told the officer that he saw the male remove the security sensor from a women's Michael Kors jacket valued at \$199.99. He then selected a men's coat valued at \$54.00 and attempted to remove it's security sensor. In the process, the male broke the sensor's which leaked ink thus destroying the merchandise and no longer making them available for sale. With the initial sensor still in his hand, the male discarded it into the pocket of a third piece of merchandise destroying it with the ink as well. This was a men's sweatshirt valued at \$24.00. None of these items were concealed at any time. This incident was caught on surveillance video. The damaged items were photographed and returned to Marshalls. The total damage was determined to be \$277.99. I seized the wire cutters and video surveillance as evidence and later turned it into the evidence room along with a JD-CR 18. The male was arrested, handcuffed and searched. He was transported to Police Headquarters where he was charged with Criminal Mischief 2nd and Illegal Possession of Shoplifting Device. His identity was positively confirmed. He was released on a \$500 Non-Surety Bond and is scheduled to appear at GA 15 New Britain on 2/21/17 at 10 AM.

On February 17, 2017 at approximately 12:03 PM an officer was dispatched to 1290 Silas Deane Hwy. for a report of a missing/stolen laptop. The officer made contact with the complainant who he is an employee of Hartford Hospital and works in the IT department. He stated that sometime between Wednesday, February 15 at approximately 5pm and Thursday, February 16 at 9am, a work laptop was stolen from under his desk. He showed the officer multiple boxes of other laptops that are under his desk but that one of them went missing. He described the laptop to be a black Lenovo ThinkPad. He did provide the officer with the serial number. The victim said that numerous individuals have access to the office area in the off hours. He stated that he would contact the department in charge of key fob entry/exit and will get me a copy of the report of who used their key fob during the time of the theft. He also stated that a cleaning crew of multiple employees work during the time of theft and typically keep the entry/exit door propped open. He said that if the laptop is to be turned on he would be able to track its location. If this occurred he would contact the Police Department immediately. Estimated value of the laptop is \$1,000. The Lenovo laptop was entered into the NCIC/Collect system as stolen. The laptop serial number was also run in the Pawn Shop database but had negative results.

Detective Division

During the month of February 2017, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to twelve (12) new cases. The major case investigations involved; two (2) burglaries, two (2) sudden deaths, three (3) Frauds, one (1) larceny 1st degree, one (1) sexual assault, two (2) assaults and one (1) kidnapping. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

On 2/18/2017, Wethersfield Patrol Detectives were dispatched to St. Francis Hospital for the report of a serious assault. An investigation ensued by Wethersfield Detectives, which showed that the assault took place at a home in Wethersfield. The investigation revealed that two off-duty CT State Police Troopers were responsible for the assault and were subsequently arrested by warrant.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 32 incidents, involving approximately 40 juveniles during the month of February 2017. In these incidents there were 4 Juvenile arrests, 3 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline, 3 Juveniles were diverted for School discipline and 3 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB"/ Community Resource Board "CRB".

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training "D.U.I. Investigations" during the month of February. The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted with UNICO's Macaroni Dinner at the Wethersfield Community Center.

School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School

During the month of February the WHS SRO covered a total of 17 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. There were three arrests at the school. One incident report for a missing juvenile was completed.

The SRO assisted WHS administrators and counselors and several students with various public safety and community policing issues and questions.

The WHS SRO met with administrators and security staff for weekly "Security Update" meetings.

The WHS SRO attended several meetings including the STARS/SRBI, Juvenile Review Board, Youth Advisory Board and attendance meetings.

School Resource Officer – Silas Deane Middle School

During the month of February the SRO covered a total of 28 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SDMS SRO presented several classes, including classes for staff, for students and for parents.

The SRO assisted school administrators and personnel with several issues both public safety and community policing related.

The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meetings with BoE, Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security. The SRO participated in the sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

The SRO assisted school administrators with fire drills.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 37 police-related alarms in month of February. Non-residential locations made up 17 (46%) of this total, residential alarms made up 17 (46%), and State and Town government made up 3 (8%). The alarms received were: 33 burglar, 1 fire, and 3 holdup / panic. There currently are 1,820 alarm registrations on file, 34 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 98% compliance rate. Two new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$3,600 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 45 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 41 items of correspondence sent out.

Support Services Bureau

Five individuals were taken into custody and held requiring 142 hours of incarceration. Four prisoners were arrested on warrants and one detention was based on speedy information. Four males and one female were transported to court throughout the month. The females that were incarcerated required fifty-two hours of matron and/or officer coverage. There were sixty-eight phone calls and twenty-nine calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for three calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for five calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for eight calls. Twenty-three dog licenses were obtained during the month. There was one impound this month, which was redeemed. The incident synopsis for the month is: six wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), twenty-three dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), three dog vs dog bite incidents, and five warnings issued for unlicensed dogs. The ACOs issued two letters to residents for delinquent dog licenses this month.

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 776 NG911 emergency phone calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 68 incidents, and was Aetna dispatched to 279 incidents during the month. There were 298 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

Received a complaint of speeders on Cumberland near the CREC school; selective enforcement was conducted during times of school traffic which netted few violations of the speed limit.

SSB assisted with a lockdown drill at Soundbridge school.

The department received a complaint of speeders on Back Lane which is being addressed with extra attention.

Training Division

On Thursday, February 2, 2017 and Friday, February 3, 2017, MPO Luis Gonzalez, Officer Shane Murphy and Officer Joel DiLoreto attended monthly Capital Region Emergency Services Team (CREST) Training.

On Tuesday, February 7, 2017, Officer Shane Murphy and Canine Marley attended Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training. Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

On Wednesday, February 8, 2017, Sergeant Jennie Rivera began an on-line course, "CALEA On-Line Accreditation Manger Training." This course is an 11 week on-line course.

On Monday, February 13, 2017 through Friday, February 17, 2017, Officer Barry Veilleux, SRO Eric Knapp and MPO Luiz Gonzalez attended, "Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training." This officer recertification training took place at the Manchester Police Department.

On Wednesday, February 15, 2017, Officer Jessica Blank completed the on-line training, "Introduction to Incident Command System IS-00100.b and NIMS IS-00700.a." These on-line courses were provided through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Emergency Management Institute (EMI).

On Wednesday, February 15, 2017, Detectives Christopher Morris and Michael Patkoske attended Mid-state Major Crime Squad (MSMC) Training. MSMC is a team comprised of Detectives from the Mid-State Towns, who work together to investigate major incidents.

On Tuesday, February 21, 2017, Officers Justin Hilchuk and Peter Salvatore attended the course titled, "The New Face of Policing: A De-escalation Course." This course was held at the Windsor Town Hall from 0800 hours through 1200 hours.

On Tuesday, February 21, 2017, Commander Donald Crabtree attended the “Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training.” This command level recertification training took place at the Rocky Hill Police Department.

On Wednesday, February 22, 2017, Officer Shane Murphy attended Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training. Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

On Thursday, February 23, 2017, Sergeant Kevin O’Leary attended “Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training.” This supervisory level recertification training took place at the Southington Police Department.

On Thursday, February 23, 2017, Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk attended I-COMM Training. Formerly the RID Team, I-COMM stands for Incident Communications Team.

On Monday, February 27, 2017 through Wednesday, March 1, 2017, Officer Nuno Martins attended training titled, “Emergency Medical Response (EMR) Referesher.” This training is required for EMR recertification. Training was hosted by the Rocky Hill Police Department. Officer DiLoreto was a co-instructor at this training.

On Tuesday, February 28, 2017, Officer Joel DiLoreto attended the course titled, “Back to Basics; Weapons of Mass Destruction.” This training course, which was held at the CT Department of Public Health Laboratory in Rocky Hill, was meant to provide a training seminar for responders regarding the safe and effective response to potential WMD / HAZMAT response.

On Tuesday, February 28, 2017, Sergeant Michael Fisher, Detective Michael Patkoske and Detective Norberto Mendez attended the training titled, “Human Trafficking Awareness Seminar.” This course, which was a joint effort by the TSA, FBI and CSP, provided insight into the issue of human trafficking and how to recognize it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Hartford will be held on March 12, 2017.

Meetings to plan the Memorial Day Parade (May) and Fireworks (June) are currently being held on a regular basis.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in practical skills training Motor Vehicle Stops & Building Searches during the month of March 2017.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	FEB 2016	FEB 2017	YTD 2016	YTD 2017
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	52	60	120	123

Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	3	3	5	4
Commercial Burglaries	1	1	1	3
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	0	0
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	123	75	236	148
DUI	5	3	10	7
MV Crashes	60	72	106	135
Parking Tags	48	10	112	70
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	821	776	1540	1585
Alarm Responses	55	82	88	157
Records Requests	198	187	375	405
Prisoners Transported	9	5	18	17
Child Car Seat Installations	0	9	0	22