



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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

## **FEBRUARY 2018**

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

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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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The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training "D.U.I." during the month of February 2018

Officers Justin Albert and Anthony Mendes continued their field training program. On February 5, 2018, Officers Albert and Mendes began Phase 3 of their FTO Programs. For Phase 3, Officer Albert was assigned to FTO John Blair and Officer Mendes was assigned to FTO Joseph Baich. In checking in with their FTOs, both Officers seem to be progressing normally.

On-site accreditation assessment scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>-April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Patrol Division**

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

On Thursday, February 1, 2018 at approximately 7:50 AM officers were at an address investigating a pursuit from the previous day. While outside the front of the house a male exited and met with the officers. The male initially gave a false name but eventually provided the officers with his true identity. Upon checking his name it was found that the male had an active arrest warrant out of East Hartford Police Department for Larceny 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. The

male was placed under arrest and turned over to an officer from East Hartford PD. A warrant was completed for the male in relation to the pursuit he was involved in.

On Thursday, February 23, 2018 at approximately 2:05 AM an officer was patrolling the Berlin Turnpike when he noticed a vehicle in front of him that was listed as being stolen out of Wethersfield. The officer conducted a motor vehicle stop with the vehicle. The operator was placed under arrest and charged with Larceny 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. The owner was notified of the recovery and location of where the vehicle was.

On Monday, February 26, 2018 at approximately 11:45 PM officers were dispatched to a local restaurant on the report of an argument between a male and a female who were also throwing food at each other. While in-route officers were advised the two left and were in the parking lot. Upon their arrival, officers noticed a vehicle leaving a parking spot. The vehicle was stopped and the male passenger exited the car and aggressively approached the officer, yelling at him. The male was eventually handcuffed but continued to yell and swear at officers. The male also spit in an officer's face. When officers checked the restaurant they could see ash trays and garbage cans flipped over in the parking lot. The manager of the restaurant stated the male was arguing with the female inside the restaurant and when the manager tried to intervene, the male became hostile with him. The male was placed under arrest and charged with Breach of Peace 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Assault on Public Safety Personnel and Interfering with Officers.

## **Detective Division**

During the month of February 2018, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to eleven (11) new cases. These cases involved two (2) larcenies, one (1) commercial burglary, one (1) trespassing, two (2) forgeries, two (2) frauds, one (1) assist other jurisdiction, one (1) asset forfeiture and one (1) DCF referral. Detective also followed up on four (4) old cases. These were one (1) car burglary, one (1) sexual assault, one (1) sudden death and one (1) forgery. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations for new town hires and background investigations for pistol permits applicants.

## **Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 27 incidents, involving approximately 32 juveniles during the month of February 2018. In these incidents 2 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline, 3 Juveniles were diverted for school discipline and 5 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board.

## **School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School**

During the month of January the WHS SRO covered a total of twenty five (25) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

The WHS SRO took a complaint of a missing cellular phone. The phone was found and determined to have been lost and not a theft. Assisted.

The WHS SRO was asked to respond to the main hallway where a student was acting out and making a scene. Student is facing school based discipline.

The WHS SRO went to the residence of a student with truancy violations. Student's parent was advised by school counselor.

The WHS SRO stopped a student driver for a moving motor vehicle hazardous violation. Verbal warning issued.

The WHS SRO spoke with a parent regarding bullying issues with her son. Student is refusing to come to school on "B" days due to the issue. She is also working with the school social worker. Advised.

The WHS SRO spoke with a parent regarding multiple concerns she had in the wake of the school shooting in Florida. Parent wanted to know security procedures and information about some rumors she had heard regarding an incident the previous week. Parent advised on what was legally allowed to be shared.

The WHS SRO dealt with a student who was defiant and using abusive language while at the morning arrival security check. Administration issued school based discipline.

The WHS SRO was notified by a Rocky Hill SRO regarding some WHS student behavior the previous evening at a business in their town. Student was advised on the possibility of larceny charges and advised on his behavior.

The WHS SRO was notified by Chief Cetran about a report of a motor vehicle violation. The original complainant apparently provided the wrong registration number as the student was verified to be in class at the time of the originally reported violation. The student had been made aware of the complaint and was apologized to for the misinformed complaint.

The WHS SRO was made aware of a group text between approximately eight students. One of the text messages had an insensitive (racial) picture. Student was advised on his actions and was issued school based discipline.

## **School Resource Officer – Silas Deane Middle School**

During the month of January the SRO covered a total of 20 incidents including activities at the school.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

The SRO assisted Admin with de-escalation of student after receiving a school consequence for violations of school rules.

The SRO met with a student at the request of Administration to discuss safety concern.

The SRO met with a parent at her request regarding some behaviors of concern. SRO then met with student to follow up regarding behaviors demonstrated at home.

The SRO and the Guidance Counselor assisted a family at their request with a student experiencing anxiety impacting her attendance.

The SRO met with several staff members at their request with regard to safety concerns after school shooting in Florida.

The SRO attended a meeting at DCF regarding attendance issues and homelessness.

The SRO assisted the Administration with an investigation and support for a student after concerning comments were made. SRO met with Parents of involved party.

The SRO discussed recent substance abuse trends and harmful effects with Health Classes.

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. This is for juveniles who reside in our town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to our board.

The SRO assisted school administrator's with fire drills.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

This department has responded to 58 police-related alarms in month of February. Non-residential locations made up 23 (40%) of this total, residential alarms made up 30 (52%), and State and Town government made up 5 (8%). The alarms received were: 48 burglar, 3 fire, and 7 holdup / panic. There currently are 1,933 alarm registrations on file, 51 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Two new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$1,525 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 89 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 72 items of correspondence sent out.

## **Support Services Bureau**

Eight persons were taken into custody and held requiring their transportation to court; six were male and 2 were female.

There were 111 phone calls and 21 calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for zero calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for two calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for ten calls. Ten dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were two impounds this month: one was redeemed, and one was sold as a pet. The incident synopsis for the month is: four wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), seventeen dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), 0 mutual aid calls to Newington, and seven warnings issued for unlicensed dogs.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected / installed no child seats this month due to employee injury recovery efforts.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 714 NG-911 emergency phone calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to sixty-four incidents, and was Aetna dispatched to 159 incidents during the month. There were 189 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**

Brown and Amherst St. sightline issue complaint came into front desk following a motor vehicle accident. SSB researched the past accidents and the current conditions and found that a resident's bushes are protruding too far out from their property and affecting the sightline. The issue was sent to engineering department and a resolution is being sought.

A sightline issue brought up by Physical Services; Dale and Dix Roads have a poor sightline in one direction, and the plow driver has experienced near collisions at that intersection. SSB reported on the issue and sent photos to engineering. Engineering will be handling the issue with the homeowner.

The PZC through Engineering made inquiries about buses making the turn / parking problems at Executive Square housing building. The matter was looked into, proper signage and markings were verified, recommendations were made to Engineering regarding pickup and drop off parking spots, which would alleviate most of the issue at that location.

## **Training Division**

On Monday, February 5, 2018 through Friday, February 9, 2018, Sergeant Michael Fisher and Officer Shane Murphy attended **Basic Instructor Development Training**. The training, sponsored by POSTC, took place at the Connecticut Police Academy.

On Saturday, February 10, 2018, Officer Gustavo Rodriguez and James Buyak was assigned **NCIC / COLLECT Re-Certification Training** online. Officer Buyak completed this training on February 10, 2018.

On Monday, February 12, 2018 at 0800 hours, Lieutenants Andrew Power, Donald Crabtree, Thomas Mitney, Michael Connolly and Sergeants Kevin O'Leary, Michael Fisher, Thomas Regan, Oscar Rivera, Jennie Rivera, Anthony DeMonte, Luis Gonzalez and Acting Sergeant Michael Wren attended the Supervisor training titled, "**Police Excellence.**" This training, sponsored by Finast's, took place at the Wethersfield Police Department.

On Monday, February 12, 2018 through Friday, February 16, 2018, Lieutenant Thomas Mitney and Sergeant Anthony DeMonte attended **Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training**. The course provides training in areas mandated for police officer recertification. This training, which took place at the Wethersfield Police Department, was geared towards supervisory officers.

On Tuesday, February 20, 2018, Officer Shane Murphy attended **Police Canine / Police Canine Handler Training**. Officer Murphy and K-9 Marley participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

On Tuesday, February 20, 2018, Officer Nuno Martins attended **Police Canine / Police Canine Handler Training**. Officer Martins and K-9 Jax participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

During February 2018, All Supervisors attended **Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Managers**. Some Supervisors attended the training at the Wethersfield Town Hall, and some attended and online version.

On Wednesday, February 21, 2018, Lieutenant Andrew Power, Detectives Christopher Morris and Michael Patkoske and Officers John Blair and Gary Luiz attended a joint training between the **Mid-State Major Crimes Team and the Mid-State Accident Reconstruction Team**. This training took place at the Newington Police Department.

On Monday, February 26, 2018, Sergeant Kevin O'Leary was assigned **Sexual Harassment Awareness Training for Managers** online. This training, sponsored by CIRMA, was completed by Sergeant O'Leary on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

During the month of February 2018, Wethersfield Officers attended yearly **Arrest and Control / Defensive Tactics Training**. This training, which took place at the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room and Cedarcrest Hospital consisted of Pursuit Policy Review and Analysis, Taser Review, Handcuffing and Room Clearing Tactics.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Day Parade will be held in May.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in practical skills training "Handcuffing, Pat Downs and Searches Incident to Arrest during the month of March 2018.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	FEB 2017	FEB 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	60	67	123	113
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	3	0	4	0
Commercial Burglaries	1	1	3	1
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	0	0
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	75	84	148	154
DUI	3	7	7	12
MV Crashes	72	51	135	126
Parking Tags	10	148	70	228
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	776	714	1585	1572
Alarm Responses	82	58	157	114
Records Requests	187	135	405	236
Child Car Seat Installations	9	0	22	6