



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

During the month of February 2019 members of the Patrol Bureau initiated or were assigned to 155 new cases. These cases included six (6) Driving Under the Influence arrests, four (4) assault arrests, two (2) threatening cases, two (2) weapons cases and five (5) stolen motor vehicle cases.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted with UNICO Pasta Dinner. The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training "D.U.I Detection".

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On Saturday, February 2, 2019 at approximately 1:09 PM an officer observed a vehicle traveling south on the Silas Deane Highway with a license plate that was suspended due to a lack of insurance coverage. Upon stopping the vehicle the officer detected a distinct odor of marijuana. Upon searching the vehicle the officer located marijuana and several items commonly used to package and sell narcotics. The officer also located a handgun that was reported stolen out of Hartford. The operator, who is a juvenile, was charged with Criminal Possession of a Firearm, Theft of a Firearm, Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Sell and several motor vehicle charges.

On Sunday, February 24, 2019 at approximately 1:59 AM an officer observed a vehicle traveling south on the Berlin Turnpike in the center lane swerve several times out of and then back into the lane. Upon activating the cruiser's emergency lights and siren, the suspect vehicle continued to travel, disregarding the officer's signals. The operator eventually stopped in a parking lot in Newington. Upon approaching the operator, the officer detected an odor of an alcoholic beverage and the operator stated he had one drink. The operator failed the sobriety tests he attempted. The operator was aggressive towards, yelled

at, and made several derogatory comments towards the officer. While in the D.U.I. processing area, the suspect attempted to punch the officer in the head and during the ensuing struggle attempted several more times to do the same. Officers were able to restraint and take control of the suspect. The suspect was charged with Assault on a Police Officer, Interfering with an Officer, Driving Under the Influence, Engaging Police in Pursuit and Failure to Maintain Proper Lane.

Detective Division

During the month of February 2019, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to six (6) new cases. These cases involved the following:

- Two (2) Frauds
- One (1) Juvenile Issue (that was later determined to be unfounded)
- One (1) person Wanted by Another Agency on an outstanding warrant
- One (1) Suicide
- One (1) MV Pursuit

Detectives also followed up and closed eight (8) cases from previous months:

- One (1) was a missing person from January in which the person committed suicide in another state.
- One (1) was a case from January in which a person reported a missing check, but the person located the check after making her complaint.
- One (1) was a case that began in October 2018 in which the Chief denied a pistol permit application to a town resident after the detective finished the background investigation.
- One (1) was a suspicious situation case from August 2018 in which a person was trying to open a bank account with a fictitious identification. The detective was not able to get any more information on the real identity of the person so he closed the case in February.
- One (1) was a forgery case from May 2017 in which the suspect was arrested by warrant in February 2019.
- Two (2) cases were asset forfeiture cases, one was from October 2018 and the other was from May 2018.
- One (1) was a miscellaneous assist from January 2019 to a town resident that was the subject of a fraud by an alleged "friend".
- Several detectives are spending a great amount of their time continuing to investigate the bank robbery that happened at People's Bank on December 27, 2018.
- One detective continues to investigate the armed robbery at Ulta Beauty on December 13, 2018.

Detectives also continue to perform numerous town background investigations for positions at town hall as well as for new police officers and for a dispatcher. Background investigations continue for pistol permits applicants.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 29 incidents, involving approximately 33 Juveniles during the month of February 2019. In these incidents there were 2 Juvenile "Summons" arrests, 3 Juvenile were diverted for parental discipline and 1 Juvenile was seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board.

School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School

During the month of February the WHS SRO covered a total of twenty six (26) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The WHS SRO was approached by a student who had her vehicle stolen that morning. Student was looking for any additional help beyond what the case officer was able to help her with. Advised.
- The WHS SRO was asked to respond to the outer main entrance after school dismissal due to a heated argument between a male student and his guardian. No crime was committed, and each participant was advised.
- The WHS SRO responded to SDMS on the report of an out of control student. Student was throwing things in the office area. School based discipline issued.
- The WHS SRO responded to SDMS due to a defiant student. The SRO was asked to stand by in case the incident developed into anything more severe. Staff was able to calm the student down without any WPD contact.
- The WHS SRO met with a student to assist him with an article he was writing on the state of Connecticut vaping laws.
- The WHS SRO issued a student a complaint ticket for violating CGS 14-36(a) Operating a Vehicle without a License.
- The WHS SRO attempted to speak with a student regarding his defiance and offensive language in the hallway. Student ignored the SRO. Student was referred to WHS administration and subsequently issued school based discipline.
- The WHS SRO met with the parent of a student who was issued a complaint ticket for a motor vehicle violation to discuss the issue involving her son/WHS student. Advised.
- The WHS SRO responded to the scene of a motor vehicle collision involving two WHS students. One student was sent to hospital via ambulance and one student was picked up by his mother prior to my arrival. Parent of the operator was a BOE employee and was transported to the scene by the SRO.
- The WHS SRO spoke to a WHS student who was driving too fast on school grounds the previous day. Administration also spoke with him. Parent contacted.
- The WHS SRO spoke to an SDMS student regarding his involvement with a social media threat he made toward another student. Student advised and facing school based discipline.
- The WHS SRO spoke to an SDMS student regarding a scheduled assault he was planning with another student. Student advised and facing school based discipline.

- The WHS SRO spoke with a female SDMS student who punched a male student in the face. Student was advised on possible consequences (legal and school based). Turned back to administrators for school based discipline.
- The WHS SRO attended an SDMS crisis meeting after an eighth grade student's parent passed away over the winter break.
- The WHS SRO spoke to a student who lost a pair of ear buds. Unknown when/where she lost the earbuds. Last seen on the school based trip to Belize.
- The WHS SRO spoke to a student about some lost property. Property located and returned completely to the student.
- The WHS SRO took a third party complaint regarding a threatening incident. Student was allegedly threatened by another student via social media. Victim and his parent do not wish to file a formal complaint. School based discipline issued.
- The WHS SRO took a complaint from a WHS student regarding stolen property (ear buds) from the women's locker room on 2/27/19. Suspects were quickly identified. As the investigation developed the victim stated she didn't want to file a formal complaint and solely wished to have the product returned. Students turned the product in to WHS administration. Advised.
- The WHS SRO took a complaint of stolen property from the women's locker room. Victim didn't wish to file a formal complaint. Her belongings were returned to her as the suspects were identified from a previous incident. Ear buds were returned without incident.
- 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.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 47 police-related alarms in month of February. Non-residential locations made up 25 (53%) of this total, residential alarms made up 21 (45%), and State and Town government made up 1 (2%). The alarms received were: 37 burglar, 1 fire, and 9 holdup / panic. There currently are 2,034 alarm registrations on file, 40 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 98% compliance rate. Twelve new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$1,125 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

Ten persons were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond. Six males and four females were transported to court throughout the month.

There were seventy-eight phone calls and twenty-four calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for one call in Newington this month, and Newington Animal Control Officers were not asked to cover any calls in Wethersfield, and [Wethersfield] police officers covered for seventeen calls (in Wethersfield).

Thirty-three dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were four impounds this month: three were redeemed, and one was sold as a pet. The incident synopsis for the month is: three wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), twenty-three dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), one mutual aid call to Newington, and three warnings issued for unlicensed dogs. The ACOs issued forty-one letters to residents for delinquent dog licenses this month.

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 756 NG911 emergency phone calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to seventy-eight incidents, and was Aetna dispatched to 243 incidents during the month. There were 191 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:

Checks of areas in town where streetlights have been requested continued.

SSB is currently evaluating the possibility of having a convex mirror installed on Hang Dog Lane at Cross Hill.

SSB is evaluating a request for no parking area on the north end of Middletown Ave.

SSB is working with the BoE on traffic flow improvements at Charles Wright School

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in practical skills training "Domestic Violence Investigations.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	FEB 2018	FEB 2019	YTD 2018	YTD 2019
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	67	68	113	139
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	0	0	0	0
Commercial Burglaries	1	0	1	0
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	0	0
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	84	83	154	168
DUI	7	8	12	14
MV Crashes	51	42	126	109
Parking Tags	148	68	228	184
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	714	756	1572	1470
Alarm Responses	58	47	114	95
Records Requests	135	122	236	275
Child Car Seat Installations	0	8	6	16