



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

During the month of February 2020, members of the Patrol Bureau made seven (7) arrests for Driving Under the Influence.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training Domestic Violence Investigations. The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted with the UNICO Famous Macaroni Dinner on 02/09/2020 at the Wethersfield Community Center.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On 02/02/2020, a male placed items in a shopping basket at Ocean State Job Lot and began walking out of the store without paying. When confronted by an employee, a physical struggle ensued and the male told the employee that he had a gun. The male left in a vehicle and was not located. The incident is under investigation.

On 02/23/2020, a citizen living in an apartment building reported hearing a violent struggle in a neighboring apartment. The citizen then looked out his window and saw a male covered in blood hanging from a sixth floor balcony. The male then fell to a fifth floor balcony and officers entered an apartment to help get him medical aid. At the same time, a separate male was found by officers covered in blood in the parking lot of a neighboring business. After considerable investigation, it is believed that the males were involved in a physical altercation with each other. It is unknown if charges are forthcoming.

Support Services Bureau

8 persons were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond; 7 males and 1 female were transported to court throughout the month.

There were 58 phone calls and 24 involving animal control issues. No dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were 7 impounds this month; all 4 were redeemed by their owners. The incident synopsis for the month is: 7 wildlife complaint (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.) and 17 dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.).

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected / installed 5 child seats.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 630 NG911 emergency phone calls. Text-to-911 is now an active feature in Wethersfield's E911 center.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to, or initiated, 44 calls for service, fire prevention activities, or assists / standbys.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) and Aetna Ambulance were dispatched to a total of 312 medical / ambulance calls this month.

Administrative Services Bureau

The ASB, in conjunction with the Human Resources Director, is conducting selection activities to fill existing and anticipated police officer vacancies. The ASB is simultaneously vetting candidate from certified and non-certified statuses. An entry level training class is scheduled to open in May 2020 and will last six months.

Alarm billing shall be resuming through the current CAD vendor, NexGen.

Detective Division

During the month of February 2020, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to eleven (11) new cases. These cases involved the following:

- 1 Asset Forfeiture
- 2 Frauds
- 1 Fire Investigation
- 1 Wanted Person
- 2 Assist other Jurisdictions
- 1 Pistol Permit Refusal
- 2 Sexual Assault Investigations
- 1 Assault

In addition to the above cases, members of the Detective Bureau completed thirteen (13) supplemental reports on follow up investigations for eleven (11) additional cases, including:

- 1 Stolen Motor Vehicle
- 2 Frauds
- 3 Sexual Assaults

- 1 Residential Burglary
- 2 Frauds
- 1 Carjacking
- 1 Sudden Death

Twenty-six (26) cases from the current and previous months/years were closed.

Seven (7) new background investigations for pistol permits applicants were received.

Two (2) background investigations for police applicants were begun. Four (4) background checks for various town departments were conducted. One (1) background check for a Pawn Shop was conducted.

DETECTIVE DIVISION PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

The following are the burglary and robbery statistics for the month of February, 2020, along with comparative statistics for the same period of last year. The figures in the parenthesis represent the number of cases cleared by arrest, or in which the perpetrators have been identified.

Criminal Activity	February 2019	February 2020
Residential Burglaries:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Commercial Burglaries:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Armed Robberies:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Strong-arm Robberies:	0 (0)	1 (0)

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 22 incidents, involving approximately 28 Juveniles during the month of February 2020. In these incidents there were 3 Juvenile Arrests/ Summons, 2 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline, 2 Juveniles were diverted for school discipline and 4 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board.

School Resource Officer (High School)

During the month of February, the WHS SRO covered the following list of incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. The database was lost when the IT department switched the computer system over to Windows 10 which does not support the School Cop system.

There were two (2) arrests made due to an incident on school property during the month. The arrests included the following charges.

- Breach of Peace 2nd Degree / Assault 3rd Degree

One (1) incident report was completed. The incident report was completed for the following:

- Breach of Peace 2nd Degree / Assault 3rd Degree

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The WHS SRO spoke to a student who was accused of hazardously operating his vehicle. Advised.
- The WHS SRO investigated the report of a theft of a BOE laptop. Laptop was returned and unknown if it was actually a theft or mistakenly taken.
- The WHS SRO located (and returned to the proper owner) a coat that was reported missing.
- The WHS SRO investigated a fire alarm activation. The exterior alarm casing was removed intentionally by a student. The main alarm was activated by a custodian who tried to assist. The student is facing school based discipline.
- The WHS SRO assisted Hartford Police after receiving information about a juvenile male displaying a handgun on the social media application SnapChat. Male was located and arrested by HPD for several weapon related charges.
- The WHS SRO arrested two juveniles (one male and one female) for their participation in a physical confrontation at the school.

The WHS SRO attended the Attendance Meeting: Topic discussion centered on students with attendance issues for this academic year.

The WHS SRO attended a support team - for response and early intervention meeting for at risk youths at WHS.

The WHS SRO attended the weekly security and safety meeting with administrators and security staff.

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 WHS SRO assisted administration with a fire drill. A debriefing was held immediately after the drill.

The WHS SRO worked extra details at five home men's basketball games during the month of February.

The WHS SRO attended the monthly Youth Advisory Board Meeting.

The WHS SRO assisted the ADP (Alternative Day Program) class. The SRO was interviewed by the students.

School break consisted of three days off for students. The SRO was out during one school day due to training – defensive tactics.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A citizen called about a hazardous parking situation at the intersection of Beverly Road and Silas Deane Highway. The Support Services Division spent time in the area and it seems as if the problem is no longer present. Support Services will continue to occasionally monitor the area.

Training Division

UPCOMING EVENTS

Detectives continue to work on a regional basis with several different task forces in an effort to solve criminal cases throughout the area.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in practical skills training Motor Vehicle Stops, General Investigations and Tactical Building Searches and Clearing Rooms during the Month of March 2020.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	February 2019	February 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2020
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	68	48	139	97
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	0	0	0	0
Commercial Burglaries	0	0	0	0
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	1	0	2
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	-	3	-	10
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	83	50	168	124
DUI	8	9	14	15
MV Crashes	42	48	109	119
Parking Tags	68	81	184	139
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	756	630	1470	1669
Alarm Responses	47	27	95	88
Records Requests	122	180	275	323
Prisoners Transported	-	8	-	16
Child Car Seat Installations	8	5	16	9