



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, hosted one day of the Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program on Thursday, January 24, 2013. This course was held in the WPD Community Room. By hosting this training, the police department ends up receiving one free training seat.

On Saturday January 12, 2013, Lt. Mark Poisson began attending “**The FBI National Training Program for Law Enforcement.**” This is a premier training program that is only offered to police departments approximately once every 7 years. Lt Poisson was chosen to attend which will benefit the department in the area of police management.

The Wethersfield Police Explorers conducted practical training involving motor vehicle stops.

The State accreditation files have been submitted for approval by the POST accreditation unit. This is to renew our three year accreditation award on the state level.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Wednesday, January 2, 2013, at 4:55 PM an officer came upon a suspicious car parked in the lot of 160 Silas Deane Highway. The car, a grey Volkswagen Golf, was parked across several parking spaces. The car had a broken rear passenger side window that was covered in plastic. The officer observed a male crouched at the rear of the vehicle and tampering with the registration plate. There was a second male standing near him that was never identified. The officer remembered that a vehicle matching this description was involved in a previous shoplifting in this area. The males saw the officer and one walked away and the second got into the car and started to drive away. The male driver pulled into another parking space and the officer pulled in behind him. A check of the driver showed that he had an active arrest warrant from the Glastonbury Police Department for shoplifting.

The notes in the warrant included that he was banned from the premises of a major supermarket retailer throughout Connecticut. The male was arrested for the warrant. The officer saw food items in the rear seat of the Volkswagen. Given the circumstances, the officer suspected that the boxes may contain merchandise stolen from a store at 160 Silas Deane Highway. Upon searching the car, officers located many different food items in the car. When asked for a receipt for these items, the male said he did not have one. The male said the other male put the boxes of food into the car. The store manager believed the food items in the car came from the store at 160 Silas Deane Highway. The car's driver was transported to the Police Department for processing. The store manager said that the items in the car were valued at \$370.92. The store manager also stated that a store employee removed the merchandise from the store. The driver of the car was arrested for being in possession of the stolen merchandise. He was charged with Larceny 6th Degree and Conspiracy to Larceny 6th Degree. He was held on bond and presented in court on 1/3/13. The second male, the store employee, turned himself into the Wethersfield Police Department a short time after the incident. He was also charged with Larceny 6th Degree and Conspiracy to Larceny 6th Degree. He was released on a non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear in court on 1/16/13.

On Thursday January 24, 2013 at 5:32 PM an officer was dispatched to a beauty supply store on the Berlin Turnpike on the report of a theft. The suspect was described as a white male wearing a New York Yankees or Giants jacket and was last seen walking west towards the rear of the building. The responding officer drove around to the rear of the building and located a male matching the description walking east alongside the building. After being identified, the male told the officer that he was coming from the beauty salon and was on his way back home. When asked if he had taken anything from the beauty store the male admitted that he did take "something." When asked what he took from the store, the male stated that he took two tweezers from the store and that they were inside his coat pocket. The officer retrieved two tweezers that were still in its original packaging. The tweezers were valued at \$19.99 and a second smaller item was valued at \$2.99. The total value for the items was \$22.98. A separate officer stopped in to the store and spoke with a store employee. She confirmed that the male took the items and then exited the store without paying for the items. A search of the male's front right pant pocket revealed that he was in possession of a thin 3" glass pipe. Both ends of the pipe were burnt. This pipe is used to smoke crack cocaine. The male was arrested and charged with Larceny 6th Degree and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. A check of the male's name revealed that he had an active re-arrest warrant from Hartford PD. He was held on bond and was presented in court on 1/25/13.

Detective Division

School Resource Officer

During the month of January, the SRO covered a total of 10 incidents which included activities at the school that were entered into the School Cop Database. Of these incidents, two case numbers were assigned resulting in one incident report and one supplemental report being completed. There was one arrest at the school for the offenses of Criminal Mischief 3rd Degree, 53a-117 and Breach of Peace 2nd, 53a-181.

The SRO also investigated a Lost/Found Property complaint and a Suspicious Person/Vehicle complaint.

The School Administrators, along with the SRO, held several mediations with students over disputes ranging from dating relationship issues, inappropriate use of social media, and

other general disputes. The SRO also assisted the School Administration with defiance issues at WHS.

During the month of December, the SRO attended STARS/SRBI meetings dealing with at risk students at WHS

The SRO attended a two day Crisis Intervention Training regarding Youth on January 23rd and 24th.

Juvenile Detective

Wethersfield Police department handled approximately 33 incidents, involving approximately 39 juveniles. In these incidents, 2 juveniles were arrested for criminal violations, 1 was diverted to school punishment, and 7 were diverted to parental punishment

Support Services Bureau

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 753 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 53 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 76 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 224 calls for service.

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

There were 90 phone calls and 32 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, eighteen were handled by the part-time animal control officers and fourteen were handled by police officers. Three animals were impounded with all three being redeemed. Cases included two dog bites. Animal Control Officers also assisted citizens with rescuing two cats, one stuck in a recliner and one stuck in a chain link fence.

Sixteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 253 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, twelve were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported the prisoners to court, including twelve males and four females. The females incarcerated by the department required sixteen hours of matron coverage.

Support Services Bureau, Training Unit

On Wednesday, January 2, 2013 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, Sergeant Michael Connolly, MPO's

Luis Gonzalez and Ronald Floyd, and Officers Jeffrey Poulin and Justin Lord began attending monthly two-day training.

On Monday, January 14, 2013 Sergeant Oscar Rivera assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with "**Indoctrination Training**" for the 340th Training Session. Sergeant Rivera served as an instructor by providing motivation by having recruits conduct marching drills and various physical exercises.

On Tuesday, January 15, 2013 Sergeant Oscar Rivera assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with "**Practical Skills, Building Searches**" for the 340th Training Session. Sergeant Rivera served as an instructor by providing instruction on how to use proper tactics when searching a building.

On Thursday January 17, 2013, Detective Christopher Morris, began attending a training class entitled "**Background Investigation for Police Applicants**". This training was held at the Salem Police Department, Salem MA. Detective Morris received specialized training on conducting backgrounds on persons applying for the position of Police Officer. With the importance of conducting thorough backgrounds, Detective Morris was able to learn the most up to date techniques on looking into an applicant's history.

On Thursday, January 24, 2013 Sergeants Oscar Rivera and Jennie Rivera attended "**Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program.**" This training was held in the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room. This training is mandatory every three years and is open only to supervisory personnel. The training this month was on the topics of Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence. This training is held once per month concluding in May, 2013.

On Wednesday January 23, 2013, Officers Norberto Mendez, Peter McGee and Bridget Camara began attending "**CIT-Youth and REACT (Responding of Children of Arrested Caregivers Together) Training.**" This training was held at the Windsor Town Hall. Course topics include crisis intervention review specifically for young persons. The officers who attended will now be able to continue to pass the information learned, by training other CIT officers.

On Wednesday January 23, 2013 Officer John Blair attended a one day training class entitled "**Medical Response Technician (MRT) Refresher.**" This training was held at the West Hartford Police Department, West Hartford, CT. This class enables Officer Blair to keep his State of Connecticut MRT certification, which is good for three years.

On Monday, January 28, 2013 Officer Joseph Baich, along with his canine, Owen, began attending a week long training class entitled "**NAPWDA Basic Canine Narcotics Training.**" Officer Baich and Owen participated in this training with several other area law enforcement canine teams to become certified in narcotics detection.

On Monday, January 29, 2013 Sergeant Oscar Rivera assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with "**Practical Skills, Building Searches (part 2)**" for the 340th Training Session. Sergeant Rivera served as an instructor by providing instruction on how to use proper tactics when searching a building.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 72 alarms during the month of January. Non-residential locations made up 39 (54%) of this total, residential alarms made up 32 (44%), and state government was 1 incident (2%.) The alarms received were: 65 burglar, 5 holdup / panic, 2 fire. There currently are 1,582 alarm registrations on file, 61 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Thirteen new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$3,225 in alarm billing has occurred, \$2,875 has been collected for this month and previous outstanding bills. There have been 136 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 108 items of correspondence sent out.

| END OF YEAR TOTALS | 2011 | 2012 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Alarms Received | 721 | 799 |
| Alarm registrations Entered | 106 | 119 |
| Registered Premise w/o False Alarms | 74% | 71% |
| Actions by Alarm Unit | 1,565 | 2,043 |
| Pieces of Correspondence Mailed | 1,129 | 1,665 |
| Gross Billing | \$33,575 | \$41,500 |
| Total Collected by Year's End | \$32,390 | \$34,335 |

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Support Services Bureau officers continue to address citizen complaints involving traffic, parking violations and other motor vehicle violations. Citizens regularly complain of a variety of different violations on various town streets and at several town schools.

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement eight different times spending approximately 4 hours 11 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town. Locations given extra attention included Valley Crest Drive and Fairview Drive.

The following work orders were completed during January, 2013:

- The following work order was completed for signage at the intersection of Wildwood Road and Apple Hill:
 - Install 'Traffic From Right Does Not Stop' supplemental plaque under the current stop sign on Apple Hill at the intersection with Wildwood Rd.
 - Install 'Oncoming Traffic Does Not Stop' supplemental plaque under the current stop sign on Wildwood Rd. at the intersection with Apple Hill.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NCIC/COLLECT inquiry recertification for select department personnel is scheduled for February, 2013.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, will be hosting one day of the Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program. This five day course, which began in January, will be held in the WPD Community Room on February 21, 2013 and continue one day per month until May, 2013.

The Explorers will continue their practical training regimen focusing on Domestic Violence.

Unico Macaroni Dinner, Sunday, February 10, 2013 at the Wethersfield Community Center from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

| | January 2012 | January 2013 | YTD 2012 | YTD 2013 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Criminal Arrests | | | | |
| Criminal Arrests | 59 | 64 | 59 | 64 |
| Burglaries and Robberies | | | | |
| Residential Burglaries | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Commercial Burglaries | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Armed Robberies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Strong-Arm Robberies | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Family Violence Arrests | | | | |
| Family Violence Arrests | 7 | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| Traffic Related | | | | |
| Infractions/ MV Summons | 198 | 139 | 198 | 139 |
| DUI | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| MV Crashes | 54 | 47 | 54 | 47 |
| Parking Tags | 19 | 47 | 19 | 47 |
| Miscellaneous Activities | | | | |
| 911 Calls | 790 | 753 | 790 | 753 |
| Alarm Responses | 64 | 60 | 64 | 60 |
| Records Requests | 191 | 201 | 191 | 201 |
| Prisoners Transported | 8 | 16 | 8 | 16 |
| Child Car Seat Installations | 4 | 12 | 4 | 12 |