



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**Chief of Police**

## JANUARY 2014

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

The accreditation sergeant performed a review and made recommendations to update the department's Family Violence Policy, G.O. 5-411, in accordance with the Connecticut P.O.S.T (& CALEA) standards.

During the month of January 2014, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to approximately fifteen (15) new cases. The major case investigations involved; six (6) burglaries, two (2) fraud / Identity thefts, and one (1) sexual assault. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training, "Building Searches & SWAT" during the month of January.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, hosted one day of the Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program on Thursday, January 23, 2014. This course was held in the WPD Community Room. By hosting this training, the police department ends up receiving one free training seat.

Probationary Police Officer Peter Salvatore has completed over half of his basic training at the Connecticut Police Academy. Graduation is expected in March 2014.

### **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Patrol Division**

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

On Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 5:14 PM officers were dispatched to a retail store on the Berlin Turnpike on the report that two males were actively shoplifting inside the store. The

store's loss prevention officer was watching the suspects from the security office. He saw the two males in the Health and Beauty department. The males had a shopping carriage and inside the carriage was a large red bag. The males stopped in front of the section where the disposable razors are located. The males then began to load the red bag with razors. After leaving the razors, they continue to load multi packs of bath soap into the large red bag. It was later discovered that the males had also loaded several packages of condoms into the bag. The males then exited the store without making any attempt to purchase the items inside the red bag. An officer was waiting just outside the store. When the two suspects saw the officer they began to run away and dropped the large bag. The officer was able to apprehend one of the suspects. A second officer arrived and began to chase suspect #2 through the parking lot. Suspect #2 got into a blue Ford Crown Victoria and exited the parking lot. The officer provided a description of the vehicle and indicated that it was pulling out of the parking lot onto Jordan Lane. A third officer was traveling west on Jordan Lane and saw the vehicle exit the parking lot. This officer stopped the suspect vehicle at the intersection of Jordan Lane and the Berlin Turnpike. The driver was taken into custody without incident. The merchandise was recovered outside of the store. Total of merchandise and sales tax was \$577.90. Both shoplifters were arrested, transported to police headquarters, and processed. One of the arrested persons had narcotic pills on his person. This was found at Police Headquarters. One male was charged with Larceny in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree. He was released on a cash bond and was scheduled to appear in court on 01/21/14. The second male had a criminal history that showed he had been arrested thirty four (34) previous times. He was charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Larceny in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree. He was held on bond and was scheduled to be presented in court on 01/6/14.

On Monday, January 13, 2014 at 10:40 AM two officers were dispatched to a retail store on the Berlin Turnpike on the report of a shoplifting in progress. The officers were told that the shoplifter fled in a red Hyundai northbound on Berlin Turnpike and that one of the two brakes light on the vehicle was not working. The store's loss prevention officer reported that the male exited the store with a carriage of various meats; which were recovered in the parking lot. The officer located a red Hyundai northbound on Maple Avenue near Preston Street in Hartford. The officer stopped the Hyundai on Preston Street. The officer noted that the driver side brake light was out on the vehicle as the Hyundai came to a stop. The driver was identified and informed that we were investigating a shoplifting and that his vehicle matched the description of the suspect vehicle. He initially denied any involvement in the shoplifting. The loss prevention officer described the suspect as a white male with a goatee, balding, wearing jeans and a sweatshirt. This description of the suspect male exactly matched the driver of the Hyundai that the officer had stopped. After learning this information, the officer again confronted the driver and the driver then openly admitted he attempt to steal a shopping carriage of meat from the store. The driver was subsequently placed under arrest, handcuffed and was transported to police headquarters. The loss prevention officer was able to recover a total of nine (9) packages of meat totaling \$155.97. At police headquarters, the male was charged with Larceny 6<sup>th</sup>. He was later released on bond and was scheduled to appear in court on 01/27/14.

## **Support Services Bureau**

Twenty-six persons were taken into custody and held requiring 437 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, fifteen were arrested by warrant. Support Services and Detective personnel transported the prisoners to court, including twenty-one males and five females. The females incarcerated by the department required fifty-five hours of matron coverage.

There were 60 phone calls and 34 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, nineteen were handled by the part-time animal control officers and fifteen were handled by police officers. Five animals were impounded with two being redeemed and three sold as pets. Cases included two dog bites. Animal Control Officers gave extra attention to town parks and common areas for leash law violations. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for five calls in Wethersfield.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 756 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 52 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 101 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 223 calls for service.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

The department has responded to 86 police-related alarms in month of January. Non-residential locations made up 35 (41%) of this total, residential alarms made up 44 (51%), and State and Town government made up 7 (8%). The alarms received were: 78 burglar, 4 Fire, and 4 holdup / panic. There currently are 1,529 alarm registrations on file, 68 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 95% compliance rate. Six new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$2,200 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 137 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 117 items of correspondence sent out.

## **Detective Division**

On Thursday, January 2, 2014, patrol officers were dispatched to a home on McMullen Avenue on the report of a burglary in progress. Patrol officers determined that the suspect had left the residence and used a K-9 to follow the scent. The officers eventually located the suspect behind a residential home near the area of the original burglary. The suspect had committed a burglary at another residence and the homeowner was able to positively identify items the suspect had in his possession as being stolen from the home. Detectives continue to investigate this suspect for his possible involvement in several other previous burglaries.

## Juvenile Detective

Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 36 incidents, involving approximately 50 juveniles. In these incidents, 6 juveniles were arrested for criminal violations, 2 juveniles were diverted to parental discipline and 4 juveniles were diverted to the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

## School Resource Officer

During the month of January the SRO covered a total of nineteen (19) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. One (1) incident report was completed. The incident report was for found property. There were no arrests at the school during the month of January.

The SRO attended the Emergency Response Team Meeting at the BOE, participated in two Student Advisory classes with a freshman class, and a STARS/SRBI meeting for at risk youths at WHS. The SRO attended two (2) training sessions regarding Teen Dating Violence, and participated in Juvenile Review Board sessions.

## Training Division

On Tuesday, January 7, 2014, Detectives Michael Patkoske and Norberto Mendez attended a training class entitled “**Digital Investigations Seminar.**” This training was held at Quinnipiac University, North Haven CT. The seminar is designed to provide the investigator with the tools needed to gain intelligence about people, places, and events.

On Wednesday, January 8, 2014 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, Sergeant Michael Connolly and MPO Luis Gonzalez began attending monthly two-day training.

On Monday, January 13, 2014, Officer Eric Knapp attended a training class entitled “**Assessing Threats of School Violence.**” This training was held at the Wethersfield Police Department, Wethersfield, CT. Course topics included teaching officers how to look for signs in schools that could potentially lead to violent acts.

On Monday, January 13, 2014 Sergeant Thomas Regan began attending the five day “**Capitol Region Police Recertification - Supervisor Program.**” This training was held at the Manchester Police Department, Manchester, CT. This forty hour class is mandatory

every three years to keep officers certified in the State of Connecticut. The training encompasses a wide variety of training including legal updates, bias crimes, patrol procedures, juvenile law and domestic violence laws. This particular training class was designed specifically for police supervisors.

On Tuesday, January 14, 2014, Officer Joseph Baich, along with his canine, Owen, attended a one day training class entitled “**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training.**” Officer Baich and Owen participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Tuesday, January 21, 2014 Lieutenant Donald Crabtree attended the “**Capital Region Chief’s of Police Recertification**” training held in Rocky Hill, CT. This recertification program, which is required every three years, is open to Chiefs of Police and Second in Command Officers only. This training is held once per month concluding in June, 2014.

On Wednesday, January 22, 2014, Officer Barry Veilleux assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with “**Practical Skills, Domestic Violence and Report Writing**” for the 343<sup>rd</sup> Training Session. Officer Veilleux served as role players in exercises that put into practice the knowledge recruits have gained in the classroom under controlled conditions. He also provided guidance and instruction on how to write a good report.

On Thursday January 23, 2014, Officer Barry Veilleux and Dispatcher Frank Liberatore attended a one day recertification class entitled “**NCIC/ COLLECT Recertification Training.**” Training was held at the Connecticut State Police Forensics Laboratory, Meriden, CT. This class is a recertification class for persons presently certified on the NCIC/ COLLECT computer system. Recertification is for a period of two years.

On Thursday, January 23, 2014 Sergeants Delroy Warmington, Kevin O’Leary, Michael Fisher and Michael Connolly 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, 2014.

On Monday, January 28, 2014, Lieutenants Mark Poisson and Thomas Mitney attended a training class entitled “**Legal Issues in Internal Affairs Investigations.**” This training was held at the Newington Fire Department Company #1, Newington, CT. Course topics included legal obligations when conducting Internal Affairs Investigations.

On Tuesday, January 28, 2014, Detective Norberto Mendez and Officers Eric Knapp, Robert Arduini, Bridget Camara and Jessica Ficara, attended a training class entitled “**Teen Dating Violence.**” This training was held at the Wethersfield Police Department, Wethersfield, CT. Course topics included recognizing and preventing verbal and physical violence amongst dating teens.

On Tuesday January 28, 2014, Officer Albert Whaples attended a one day “**CREST- Dive Team**” training. This training was held in Rocky Hill, CT. This training is conducted on a

monthly basis with several other area law enforcement agencies that comprise CREST. This month's activities included a swimming test.

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## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement five different times spending approximately 2 hours 38 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town. Locations given extra attention included Goff Road and Wells Road.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will continue to participate in practical skills training in preparation for "Stations Day" competition in May of 2014. The Cadets will be assisting with Unico's Macaroni Dinner on 02/09/14 at the Wethersfield Community Center.

NCIC/COLLECT inquiry recertification for select department personnel is scheduled for February, 2014.

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 27, 2014 and continue one day per month until May, 2014.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

	<b>January 2013</b>	<b>January 2014</b>	<b>YTD 2013</b>	<b>YTD 2014</b>
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	64	83	64	83
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	3	4	3	4
Commercial Burglaries	0	0	0	0
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	1	0	1
<b>Family Violence Arrests</b>				
Family Violence Arrests	3	8	3	8
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	139	122	139	122
DUI	7	5	7	5
MV Crashes	47	37	47	37
Parking Tags	47	18	47	18
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	753	756	753	756
Alarm Responses	60	86	60	86
Records Requests	201	216	201	216
Prisoners Transported	16	26	16	26
Child Car Seat Installations	12	0	12	0