



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**Chief of Police**

## JANUARY 2015

### SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

Mock CALEA Assessment planned to take place at the police department on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

During the month of January 2015, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to fifteen (15) new cases. The major case investigations involved; three (3) burglaries, four (4) larcenies, and one (1) sudden death. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, hosted one week session of the Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program from January 12, 2015 – January 16, 2015. This course was held in the WPD Community Room. By hosting this training, the police department received one cost-free training seat.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training during the month of January 2015 - "Robbery Response" & "General Investigations"

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

#### Patrol Division

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

On Thursday January 1, 2015 at 4:22 PM several officers were dispatched to a commercial establishment on the Berlin Turnpike for a shoplifting complaint. While enroute to the store, the officers were told that the suspect, a Hispanic male, took several razors. Officers were told that the male was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and was last seen riding a bicycle eastbound on Jordan Lane towards Ridge Road. One officer located a male riding a bicycle northbound on Maple Avenue near Freeman Street in Hartford. He matched the description of the suspect. The officer could immediately see a large bulge in both of the male's cargo pants pockets. The male was evasive in answering the officer's questions. The male was

handcuffed. The officer removed a knife from the suspect's pocket. In plain sight, the officer observed several packages of Gillette razors sticking out of his cargo pants pockets. The officer asked the male about the razors and he stated that he got them for Christmas as "stocking stuffers." The male stated that he was in the store earlier and that he wanted to purchase some Gillette Fusion razors. The suspect stated several times that he did not steal the razors that he had on his person. A further search of the suspect revealed six (6) packages of Gillette Razors. He had three packages of razors in each side cargo pocket in his pants. The officer saw the store price tags/labels were still located on each package. The suspect was arrested and read his Miranda Rights. When asked if he stole the Gillette Razors from the store in Wethersfield, he still denied it. The suspect was transported to Wethersfield Police Department for processing. The officer reviewed the surveillance footage from the store while at Wethersfield Police Headquarters. The officer observed the male suspect in the razor aisle where he selected the six packages of razors off the shelf. The items stolen were as follows: three (3) packages of Gillette Razors (valued at \$21.99 each) and three (3) packages of Gillette Razors (valued at \$24.99 each). The total value of the stolen merchandise was \$149.89. The suspect was charged with Larceny 6<sup>th</sup> and later released on a \$500 Non-Surety Bond and was scheduled to appear in court on 1/15/2015 at 1000 hours.

On Sunday January 18, 2015 at approximately 1:56 PM officers were dispatched to a commercial establishment on the Berlin Turnpike for a shoplifting complaint. As the officers arrived, they found the suspect sitting on the store's sidewalk with one the store's managers with him. A store employee stated that he had observed the suspect fill up a bag with candy totaling \$112.52 and walk past the registers without paying for the merchandise. The employee said that the suspect ran out the store when they confronted him. They detained the suspect outside and had him sit on the sidewalk. When asked, the suspect admitted that he tried to steal the candy. The suspect told the officer that he was a heroin addict and that he was going to trade the candy for drugs. A criminal history check of the suspect revealed previous arrests for larceny, narcotic violations and failure to appear. The suspect was arrested for the shoplifting. The suspect was transported to Police Headquarters where he was booked for Larceny in the Sixth Degree. He was held on a \$500.00 bond and he was presented in court on 1/20/15.

## **Support Services Bureau**

Nine persons were taken into custody and held requiring 183 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, six were arrested on warrants. Eight males and one female were transported to court. The female incarcerated by the department required 62 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 57 phone calls and 30 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, twenty-two were handled by the part-time animal control officers and eight were handled by police officers. One animal was impounded with one sold as a pet. Cases include four dog bites, three dog biting human and one dog biting dog. Wethersfield Animal

Control Officers covered for ten calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for one call in Wethersfield.

Two infraction tickets were issued this month due to 'Passing a Standing School Bus' violations captured on video from the Student Guardian school bus cameras.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 885 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 59 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 114 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 238 calls for service.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

This department has responded to 98 police-related alarms in month of February. Due to a database anomaly, specific classifications of alarms are unavailable for this month. There currently are 1,626 alarm registrations on file. Four new alarm registrations were entered this month.

The department is initiating work on the FY 2015-2016 budget. Full time staffing is currently at the set limit. The ASB is currently working toward State and CALEA re-accreditation, as well as backing up resources / operational continuity and facility security with several projects which are in various stages of progress.

## **Detective Division**

In March of 2013, Wethersfield detectives investigated a burglary which occurred at a home on the Silas Deane Highway. The investigation led to several suspects who had worked for the victim but had been fired just prior to the Burglary. The investigating detective was able to establish enough evidence to obtain a warrant for the arrest of several people. One of the suspects fled to Massachusetts. During January 2015, Wethersfield detectives found out that the suspect was in custody in Massachusetts. The detectives traveled to Massachusetts and transported the suspect back to CT in order to be tried for the burglary. The suspect subsequently pled guilty to this crime and received a jail sentence.

## **Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 54 incidents, involving approximately 59 juveniles during the month of January 2015. In these incidents two juveniles were arrested, one juvenile was issued and infraction, two juveniles were diverted for school discipline, two juveniles were diverted for parental discipline and three juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

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

During the month of January the WHS SRO covered a total of twenty-eight (28) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. Two (2) incident reports and one (1) accident report were completed. The incident reports included the following:

- Felony arrest for Weapon on School Grounds and Breach of Peace.
- Larceny – stolen cellular phone.

The SRO assisted with twenty-two non-law enforcement issues at the school during the month of January. The SRO participated in the sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board; this process is for juveniles who reside in our town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to our board.

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. The WHS SRO attended the monthly Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board meeting. The WHS SRO presented the Advisory class with a teacher.

## **School Resource Officer – Middle School**

During the month of January the SRO covered a total of 29 incidents at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO assisted with three bullying investigations. All determined to be no crime. The SRO met with two students who requested a meeting to discuss a safety concern for another student. The SRO then met with the student and the School Psychologist and followed up with parents for a safety plan. Outside school services were set in place. The SRO met with a student and parents who were requesting assistance with social media security. The SRO and the administration met with two students and their parents after receiving information of the students engaged in inappropriate behavior at the town library with several other students witness to such behavior. Further investigation also revealed the sharing of inappropriate photographs as well as inappropriate behaviors on Facetime and Oovo social media sites. The SRO assisted with a third party complaint of child abuse/neglect of a student from another school; referred to Juvenile Detective for further investigation.

The SRO was asked by staff members of the Orange Team to conduct a bullying lesson for all students of the team, addressing some current issues. The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meeting with Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security. The SRO attended two Staff Meetings to discuss revamping security. The SRO attended Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program - Intervention meeting for at risk youths at SDMS. The SRO attended the weekly Attendance Meetings: Topic discussion centered on State of CT mandates for attendance and at risk youths. The SRO participated in the sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. This is for juveniles who reside in town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to our board.

The SRO and the Crisis Management Team met with Social & Youth Services to discuss the reference of truancy cases with unique circumstances to the Juvenile Review Board.

The SRO assisted school Administrator's with lock down and fire drills.

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town 15 different times for a total of approximately 9 hours 16 minutes. Locations given extra attention included the Prospect Street and Goff Road intersection and Back Lane.

### **Training Division**

On Wednesday, January 7, 2015 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, MPO Luis Gonzalez, and Officers Jeffrey Poulin and Shane Murphy, began attending monthly two-day training.

On Monday, January 12, 2015, Lieutenants Mark Poisson and Thomas Mitney began attending the five day "**Capitol Region Police Recertification - Supervisor Program**". This training was held at the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room. 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 13, 2015, Animal Control Officers David Santoro, Deborah Monde and Ronald Plante, attended a one day course entitled "**Blood Sports: Dogfighting and Cockfighting Investigation and Case Packaging**." This course provided ways to properly identify, investigate, and prosecute animal cruelty cases, where animals are made to fight for financial gains.

On Wednesday, January 21, 2015, Detective Norberto Mendez attended a training class entitled "**MDT Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Training**." This training was held at the Community Mental Health Affiliates, New Britain, CT. This training was part of the MDT program consists of a group of officers that meet to speak about the challenges of Investigating Crimes against Children. This training will help investigators assess for child sexual abuse more accurately.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wethersfield Detectives are working with the Mid-State Narcotics Task Force, assisting with personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency to investigate local individuals.

NCIC/COLLECT inquiry recertification for select department personnel is scheduled for February, 2015.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will continue with classroom and practical skills training during the month of February 2015.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	January 2014	January 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	64	64	64	64
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	3	3	3	3
Commercial Burglaries	0	0	0	0
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	1	0	0	0
<b>Family Violence Arrests</b>				
Family Violence Arrests	3	4	3	4
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	139	116	139	116
DUI	7	1	7	1
MV Crashes	47	61	47	61
Parking Tags	47	83	47	83
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	753	885	753	885
Alarm Responses	60	98	60	98
Records Requests	201	181	201	181
Prisoners Transported	16	9	16	9
Child Car Seat Installations	12	0	12	0