



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**Chief of Police**

## **JANUARY 2015**

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

During the month of January 2016, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to eighteen (18) new cases. The major case investigations involved; two (2) burglaries, three (3) sexual assaults 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 the Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program from January 11, 2016 – January 15, 2016. This course was held in the WPD Community Room. By hosting this training, the police department ends up receiving one free training seat.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, hosted a two day Powephone Dispatch course beginning on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. This course was held in the Wethersfield Fire Department Company 3 Fire House. By hosting this training, the police department ends up receiving two free training seats.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, hosted a two Command Management course beginning on Wednesday, January 25, 2016. This course was held in the WPD Community Room. By hosting this training, the police department ends up receiving two free training seats.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training Crisis Intervention Training "CIT".

### **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Patrol Division**

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

On Tuesday January 5, 2016 at 10:32 AM, an officer was in the parking lot of Super Stop & Shop, 1380 Berlin Turnpike when he was approached by a Stop & Shop manager. Another store employee

witnessed a male placing several bags of shrimp into his carriage, while holding a personal backpack. This male wore a tan colored camouflage jacket and a dark colored knit hat. This male subsequently left the store without purchasing anything. The employees told the officer that they did not witness this male conceal the shrimp, but believed that he did conceal the shrimp in the backpack. The officer stopped this male as he was getting into a 2001 Mitsubishi Mirage. There were also three other males in the vehicle. This suspect was identified and admitted to stealing shrimp and stated that the shrimp was in his backpack. The male suspect was handcuffed and arrested. The suspect was charged with Larceny in the 6th Degree. The suspect was held on a \$500.00 bond and was presented in New Britain court on January 6<sup>th</sup>. A total of five 2lb. bags of cooked shrimp were stolen for a total of \$119.90 (\$23.98/bag). The shrimp was returned to the store and a digital photograph was taken.

On Thursday January 14, 2016 at 8:49 AM two officers were dispatched to CVS, 1078 Silas Deane Highway on the report of a shoplifting that had just occurred. While responding to the scene, dispatch advised that the suspect was a tall thin black male wearing light blue jeans, a gray jacket and carrying a blue bag filled with Advil. Dispatch advised that the male was last seen walking northbound on the Silas Deane Highway. A store employee reported that she saw the male walked directly to the "Pain Relief" section of the store. The employee became suspicious because the male entered the store holding a large bag. The employee saw the male select several items and place them in his bag. The suspect then walked briefly around the store and attempted to leave the store. When confronted, the male suspect refused to open his bag and ultimately walked out of the store setting off the security alarm. Nave stated that the male attempted to catch a city bus; however he was unsuccessful and was last seen walking northbound on the Silas Deane Highway. CVS wished to press charges. Several officers located a thin black male matching the description of the suspect in the Wethersfield Shopping Center. Once approached, the male admitted to being in CVS and ultimately opened his blue bag and removed several items. He admitted that he had taken the items from the store without making an attempt to pay for them. He was taken into custody and transported to Police Headquarters. The merchandise recovered included two packages of Advil Liqui-Gel 200 count (valued @ \$22.79 each); two packages of Advil Liqui-Gel 160 count (valued @ \$18.29 each); one package of Centrum Silver Women's (valued @ \$19.99); one package of Centrum Women's (valued @ \$18.99); one package of Osteo Bi-Flex 120 count (valued @ \$42.99) and 1 package of Osteo Bi-Flex 80 count (valued @ \$31.49) were photographed and returned to CVS. The total value of the merchandise was found to be \$195.62. The suspect was charged with Larceny 6th degree and held on a \$500.00 bond and was scheduled to appear in New Britain court on 1/15/16.

## **Support Services Bureau**

Fourteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 218 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, four were arrested on warrants. Eleven males and three females were transported to court. The females incarcerated by the department required 38 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 82 phone calls and 28 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, twenty-four were handled by the part-time animal control officers and four were handled by police officers. One animal was impounded with one carrying over. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for three calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Wethersfield. Due to the ACO delinquent dog licensing efforts 61 dog licenses were obtained during the months of December and January.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 719 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 43 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 72 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 225 calls for service.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

This department has responded to 33 police-related alarms in month of January. Non-residential locations made up 12 (36%) of this total, residential alarms made up 21 (64%), and State and Town government made up 0. The alarms received were: 30 burglar and 3 holdup / panic. There currently are 1,713 alarm registrations on file, 31 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 98% compliance rate. Eight new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$8,875 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 99 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 93 items of correspondence sent out.

The department, along with the personnel director, are currently filling two existing vacancies for public safety dispatcher, and one vacancy for certified police officer. Dispatch hiring is anticipated

## **Detective Division**

On 12/24/2015, Wethersfield Patrol officers were dispatched to a burglary of a residential address. The victims reported that someone had broken into their house and stolen their Christmas presents. Wethersfield Detectives processed the scene for evidence and found fingerprints near the area where the suspect entered the home. The fingerprints were sent to the Connecticut State Laboratory where they were able to identify the owner of the prints. A warrant was applied for and approved charging the suspect with the burglary and larceny of the presents. On 1/25/2016 the suspect was placed under arrest for committing the burglary.

Wethersfield Detectives are assisting with patrol personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Administration to investigate local individuals.

## **Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 30 incidents, involving approximately 39 juveniles during the month of January 2016. In these incidents there were 10 Juvenile arrests made, 2 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline, 3 Juvenile was

diverted for school discipline and 4 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB".

### **School Resource Officer (High School)**

During the month of January the WHS SRO covered a total of thirty-seven (37) incidents including activities at the school.

Two (3) incident reports were completed. The incident reports included the following:

- Breach of Peace / Assault
- Breach of Peace / Assault
- Simple Trespass

There were three (3) arrests at the school during the month of January.

- Breach of Peace / Assault
- Breach of Peace / Assault

One Complaint Ticket was issued to a former student for Simple Trespass.

The SRO participated in 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 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 weekly Attendance Meetings: Topic discussion centered on State of CT mandates for attendance & students with issues this academic school year.

The WHS SRO performed selective enforcement on school grounds and for motor vehicle violations. The WHS SRO participated in the Junior Advisory class for the month of January.

### **School Resource Officer (Middle School)**

During the month of January the SRO covered a total of 24 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meetings with BOE, Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security.

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.

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town 9 different times for a total of approximately 4 hours 45

minutes. Locations given extra attention included Hang Dog Lane, Yale Street and the Silas Deane Hwy.

A traffic study in the area of 36 Elm Street was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of fourteen (14) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 25 MPH. During the 323 survey hours, 2,555 cars were recorded, averaging 8 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 26 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 27 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 33 MPH and a top speed of 52 MPH.

The Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study in the area of 178 Griswold Road (display facing northbound traffic) over the course of five (5) days. During the 95 survey hours, 12,069 cars were recorded. Results from the device showed an average speed of 36 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 42 MPH and a top speed of 73 MPH.

The Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study in the area of 62 Valley Crest Drive (display facing northbound traffic) over the course of five (5) days. During the 98.5 survey hours, 1,337 cars were recorded. Results from the device showed an average speed of 24 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 33 MPH and a top speed of 49 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during January, 2016:

- For a CREC Discovery Academy event held on Thursday January 28, 2016 temporary 'No Parking' signs were placed along one side of Cumberland Avenue and several side streets off Cumberland Avenue in the area of the school.

## **Training Division**

On Wednesday, January 6, 2016 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 11, 2016, Sergeants Oscar Rivera and Jennie Rivera 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 Monday, January 11, 2016, Officer Barry Veilleux, attended a two day course entitled "**Evidence and Property Room Management**". This training was held at the Cheshire Police Department, Cheshire, CT. This course provided ways to properly handle, store and discard, property/evidence that is taken into the Police Department.

On Monday, January 11, 2016, Officer Shane Murphy, along with his canine, Marley, attended a one day training class entitled "**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training**". Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking, and narcotics searches.

On Wednesday, January 13, 2016, Dispatchers Welles Hale and Kerianne Motta, began attending a course entitled "**Dispatch Judo**". This training was held in the Wethersfield Police Departments Community Room. Course topics include teaching students to manage verbal resistance and de-escalate confrontation through the use of effective verbal commands.

On Monday, January 18, 2016, Officer John Blair, attended a training class entitled "**Medical Response Technician (MRT) Refresher**". This training was held at the West Hartford Police Department, West Hartford, CT. This class enables officers to keep their State of Connecticut MRT certification, which is good for three years.

On Monday, January 25, 2016, Officer Nuno Martins, along with his canine, Thor, attended a one day training class entitled "**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training**". Officer Martins and Thor participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Monday, January 25, 2016, Lieutenant Andrew Power and Sergeant Michael Connolly began attending a week long training class entitled "**Command Management**". This training was held at the Wethersfield Police Department. Training included Legal Issues in Internal Affairs Investigations, Leader Skills for Police Supervisors, and Supervisory Liability.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

NCIC/COLLECT inquiry recertification for select department personnel is scheduled for February, 2016.

The Wethersfield Police Cadet will participate in practical skills training SWAT and Building Searches

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	January 2015	January 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	64	68	64	68
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	3	2	3	2
Commercial Burglaries	0	0	0	0
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	0	0
<b>Family Violence Arrests</b>				
Family Violence Arrests	4	2	4	2
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	116	113	116	113
DUI	1	5	1	5
MV Crashes	61	46	61	46
Parking Tags	83	64	83	64
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	885	719	885	719
Alarm Responses	98	33	98	33
Records Requests	181	177	181	177
Prisoners Transported	9	14	9	14
Child Car Seat Installations	0	0	0	0