



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The training sergeant instructed two separate three hour classes on "Patrol Procedures" and "Motor Vehicle Stops" for the Cadet Police Academy, which was held at University of Hartford in Hartford, CT during the week of July 26, 2010.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On Thursday, July 8, 2010 at about 3:30 AM an officer was patrolling a local apartment complex due to recent breaks into motor vehicles. While checking the area, an officer saw three males standing next to a late model SUV peering inside. The officer saw that the SUV's silent alarm was activated and the rear brake lights were blinking on and off. As the officer moved closer, the three males noticed the officer and began to walk away. One male attempted to open a door to the complex but did not have a key. The officer stopped them. The three males gave conflicting stories about their presence at the complex. The officer then saw another vehicle with no headlights on and the engine running. One of the males admitted to owning the car that was on with no lights. A WPD canine officer and K-9 Hunter arrived and located a set of Honda keys which had been filed down so as to use them as a master key. Inside of the running vehicle, officers found what they believed to be stolen car stereos and different screwdrivers and burglary related tools strewn about the vehicle. The three were placed under arrest for attempting to break into the parked vehicle and for possession of burglary tools.

On Thursday, July 29, 2010 at about 2:40 AM Wethersfield Police Dispatch received a complaint of an assault with a knife at a local residence. As officers arrived they found a woman and a male later identified as brother and sister. The woman reported that her soon to be ex-husband wanted some help so she went to his house. As soon as she entered the house her husband pulled her shirt over her head and assaulted her. She yelled for help and her brother came in. The husband pulled out a knife and the brother and husband fought over the knife. The brother and sister were able to escape with minor injuries. The husband later surrendered to officers. The husband was placed under arrest and charged with Reckless Endangerment, Unlawful Restraint, Assault and Disorderly Conduct.

Detective Division

In July, 2010 members of the Detective Division initiated or were assigned follow-up to twenty-four new cases. Major case investigations included two burglaries, four larcenies, four frauds, one identity theft and four wanted persons. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and background investigations for pistol permit applicants.

Support Services Bureau

In July, 2010 Wethersfield Communications Unit personnel dispatched the Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance to seventy medical emergencies and Aetna Ambulance to 215 medical emergencies for a total of 285 medical emergencies.

In July, 2010 Wethersfield Communications Unit personnel dispatched the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department to thirty-four calls for service.

In July, 2010 there were forty-six calls involving animal control issues. Of those calls, twelve were handled by a part-time animal control officer, thirty-two were handled by police officers and two CAD entries were made.

In July, 2010 thirteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 196 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, seven were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported thirteen prisoners to court to include eleven males and two females.

The Support Services Bureau Commander continues to receive requests for added or replacement street signs. Work orders completed in July, 2010 include installing a new pole for the street sign at the intersection of Prospect Street and Harris Hill Road and removing four "No Parking Anytime" signs on Main Street near the Wethersfield Cove and adding a "Beyond This Sign" placard below the existing No Parking Sign.

In July, 2010 the Wethersfield Police Department submitted their statistics to the Connecticut Police Chief's Association (CPCA) for the July 4th holiday weekend. This time period included Friday, July 2, 2010, 12:01 AM through Monday, July 5, 2010 at midnight. The CPCA collects the statistics from each local department in four statistical areas. During this time period the Wethersfield Police Department recorded forty-five motor vehicle stops, one driving under the influence arrest, four motor vehicle accidents and no motor vehicle accidents involving a fatality. Each officer at the Wethersfield Police Department is working hard to reduce accidents, decrease speed, and deter drunk driving.

Support Services Bureau, Training Unit

On Monday, July 5, 2010 a patrol sergeant began attending a two week training class entitled "Basic Police Motorcycle Operator Training." This training class was instructed by personnel from the Hartford Police Department, Traffic Services Unit. Training areas included cone courses, curve negotiation, firearms training on a motorcycle, night time road ride, broad slides and rear wheel skids.

On Tuesday, July 6, 2010 an officer, who is a member of the CREST team, attended a monthly one day training class entitled "Explosive Breaching School." This training included updates to explosives used by SWAT teams in breaching buildings.

On Tuesday, July 6, 2010 a canine officer, along with his canine, Hunter, attended a one day training class entitled "Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training." The canine officer and Hunter participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Thursday, July 8, 2010, a records clerk attended a one day training class entitled "National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Data Quality and Error Correction." Training was held at the Connecticut State Police Headquarters, Middletown, CT. Objectives of this training included ensuring that the police department staff are properly collecting data that define the level of crime in the jurisdiction.

On Wednesday, July 14, 2010 a detective attended a two hour training class entitled "Superglue Processing." This training was held at the State of Connecticut Forensic Science Laboratory, Meriden, CT. This training was conducted to assist departments with evidence requirements for submission to the state laboratory.

On Wednesday, July 14, 2010 an officer attended a three hour training class entitled "Draeger 9510 Alcotest Instrument." Training was held at the State of Connecticut Forensic Science Laboratory, Meriden, CT. This training was held to train instructors on the new equipment being used for Driving Under the Influence breath tests. On Thursday, July 22, 2010 a second officer attended a second session of this training. Both officers are current department instructors on the breath test equipment.

On Thursday, July 15, 2010 two officers attended a one day training class entitled "Identity Theft and the Drug Connection." This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Objectives include methods employed by criminal to commit ID theft, fundamental steps for working ID theft cases and the impact on the victims.

On Wednesday, July 28, 2010 two sergeants, a detective and an officer attended a one day training class entitled "Officer Safety and Awareness, Street Survival and the Will to Win." This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Objectives included officer safety and street survival during situations such as foot pursuits and traffic stops, information on street combat veterans, post critical incident stress, mental preparation and the will to survive. All officers are department instructors for various Use of Force and Arrest & Control classes.

On Thursday, July 29, 2010 an officer attended a four hour training class entitled "Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking/ Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children." This training was held at Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT. Objectives include providing strategies and tools for reducing the risk to children and how to evaluate and work with children who have been sexually exploited.

Administrative Services Bureau

In July, 2010 police personnel responded to eighty police related alarms to include seventy-seven burglar alarms and three hold-up/ panic alarms. Locations included forty-two residential locations, thirty-six residential alarms and two state/ town government locations. A total of 1,398 alarm permits are currently on file with the Police Department. During the month, sixty-four locations experienced a false alarm resulting in a 95% compliance rate. This month there were 120 items of correspondence sent in connection with billing, registration and false alarm violations with \$ 3,825 in alarm billing.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

In July, 2010 the Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed twelve child seats. The Support Services Division receives requests for this service via the Wethersfield Police Department web site as well as phone requests.

The Support Services Bureau continues 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 several town schools. To address these complaints, officers performed selective enforcement at numerous locations throughout town. In July, 2010 officers performed selective enforcement two times and spent a total of one and a half hours doing selective enforcement on various roads in town.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Tuesday, August 3, 2010 this department will hold its annual National Night Out in Millwoods Park. This annual event is coordinated with several other town departments, including the Parks & Recreation Department, Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department and Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance Association.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, will be hosting a two day training course entitled "Mossberg Shotgun Armorer" beginning on Wednesday, September 8, 2010. This course will be held in the WPD Community Room.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	July 2009	July 2010	YTD 2009	YTD 2010
FBI Part I UCR Crimes				
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	0	3	2
Robbery	1	0	6	2
Aggravated Assault	1	0	2	7
Burglary	12	8	46	40
Larceny/ Theft	37	33	258	238
Auto Theft	3	5	25	12
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	55	61	417	398
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	11	11	50	63
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	218	202	1858	1623
DUI	21	15	140	100
MV Accidents	54	51	396	369
Parking Tags	22	26	480	857
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	919	808	5955	5566
Alarm Responses	52	80	430	433
Records Requests	n/a	221	n/a	n/a
Prisoners Transported	17	13	104	95

