



Police Department Monthly Report



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS:

A new canine team consisting of an officer and canine Owen have completed their training and will be in-service by July 4, 2011. The canine officer and canine Owen completed approximately three months of training. Training was completed in areas such as tracking, evidence recovery, obedience and suspect apprehension. Both the canine officer and canine Owen are now certified by the North American Police and Working Dog Association. A public introduction to the team, as well as acceptance of a donation from local youths, is being scheduled for the end of August, 2011.

Three Wethersfield Police Department Probationary Police Officers have completed fifteen weeks of basic training at the Connecticut Police Academy. Graduation is expected in September, 2011.

During the week of July 25, 2011 the Department Training Sergeant assisted in instructing two separate two hour classes on "Arrest and Control" for the Explorer Police Academy which was held at the University of Hartford, Hartford, CT.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On Tuesday July 5, 2011 at 2:30 PM officers were dispatched to a business located on the Silas Deane Highway on the report of two males who had shoplifted and then fled the scene. Dispatch stated the two males were in a white van with New York license plates. The Rocky Hill Police Department stopped the van a short time later in a parking lot just over the town line. One of the suspects fled the vehicle on foot and the other male was detained by the Rocky Hill police. Store employees told the officer that they observed both individuals take merchandise and conceal it in their shorts. One store employee gave a description of the suspects and this matched the description of the suspect that remained in the car when the Rocky Hill Police stopped the car. A Wethersfield officer took custody of the suspect from the vehicle. The suspect was charged with Larceny Sixth Degree.

On Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 2:40 PM officers were dispatched to a business located on the Silas Deane Highway on the report of a shoplifting. It was reported that the male suspect had run west towards the Wethersfield Shopping Center. A responding officer saw a male matching the suspect's clothing description. As the officer neared the suspect, the suspect started to jog and then run away from the officer. The officer pulled up next to the suspect and the male stopped running and surrendered. After being advised of his

Miranda rights, the suspect admitted that he had shoplifted from the nearby business. Numerous clothing items were recovered. The suspect was charged with Larceny Sixth Degree. The suspect was later released and is scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

Detective Division

In July, 2011 members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to approximately thirty-one new cases. Major case investigations included three fraud complaints, ten burglary complaints, two larcenies, six identity theft complaints, one sudden death and one sexual assault investigation. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

Identity theft complaints have continued to come into the Division at a much higher rate than in previous years. Most of the cases are on-line or bank thefts where the suspects reside in other states and in most cases in another country.

Support Services Bureau

In July, 2011 Wethersfield Communications Unit personnel dispatched the Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance to 108 medical emergencies and Aetna Ambulance to 208 medical emergencies for a total of 316 medical emergencies.

In July, 2011 Wethersfield Communications Unit personnel dispatched the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department to twenty-eight calls for service.

In July, 2011 there were ninety-six calls involving animal control issues. Of those calls, fifty-seven were handled by a part-time animal control officer and thirty-nine were handled by police officers.

In July, 2011 thirteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 284 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, nine were arrested by warrant.

The Support Services Bureau Commander continues to receive requests for added or replacement road signs. Work orders completed in July, 2011 included replacing the existing "NO PARKING SCHOOL DAYS 7AM - 5PM" sign in front of 418 Wolcott Hill Road (2) and 430 Wolcott Hill Road (1). Also, the "NO PARKING ANYTIME" sign in front of 341 Nott Street was replaced.

Support Services Bureau, Training Unit

On Wednesday July 6, 2011 an officer and two dispatchers attended a two hour course entitled "PRAWN Update." This course was held at Central CT State University, New Britain, CT. Course topics included review of new updates/improvements to the PRAWN (Paperless Re-Arrest Warrant Network) system. This update was attended by two other Department members on July 7, 2011 and July 20, 2011.

On Friday, July 8, 2011 a Department Field Training Officer (FTO) assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with "Traffic Direction Training" for the 333rd Training Session. The officer served as an instructor in assisting the academy class directing vehicular traffic at various intersections throughout Meriden, CT.

On Thursday July 14, 2011 a detective 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 July 21, 2011 two officers and a dispatcher 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 Monday July 18, 2011 a Department School Resource Officer began attending a two day training session entitled "The SRO Toolbox: Preventing the Violent Act." This course was held at the East Hartford Police Department, East Hartford, CT. Course topics included identifying, intervening and preventing acts of targeted violence as well as identifying the difference between normal and abnormal adolescent behavior.

On Tuesday July 19, 2011 a canine officer and Narcotic Canine Elaine began attending a three day training class entitled "Narcotics Detection Canine In-Service Training." The canine officer and Canine Elaine attended training at the Connecticut State Police Training Unit, Meriden, CT. This in-service training is conducted quarterly in order to maintain certification through the Connecticut State Police.

On Thursday July 21, 2011 a Field Training Officer (FTO) assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with "Practical Skills Day" for the 333rd Training Session. The FTO served as a role player in exercises that put into practice the knowledge recruits have gained in the classroom under controlled conditions.

Administrative Services Bureau

In July, 2011 police personnel responded to forty-five police related alarms to include forty-one burglar alarms and four hold-up/ panic alarms. Locations included twenty-seven residential alarms, seventeen non-residential alarms and one state/ town government alarm. A total of 1,515 alarm permits are currently on file with the Police Department. During the month, forty-two locations experienced a false alarm resulting in a 97% compliance rate. This month there were ninety-three items of correspondence sent in connection with billing, registration, and false alarm violations with \$3,225 in alarm billing. Twenty-two Town ordinance citations were issued for those locations that have either failed to register, renew or notify the WPD of a termination of their service.

As of July 31, 2011 the Wethersfield Police Department has expended \$61,321.00 on overtime. This is equivalent to 13.6 % of the Department's total budgeted overtime for this fiscal year. In July, 2011 ninety-three shifts were staffed with no shifts staffed below critical staffing levels.

As of July 30, 2011 the Department has no police officer vacancies and is at its authorized strength of forty-seven sworn officers with three of those officers currently at the Police Academy in training. The Department has one Records Clerk vacancy within its Records Unit. This vacancy will be filled with an employment offer extended to a candidate. This applicant will begin employment with the Wethersfield Police Department beginning on August 22, 2011. Finally, as of July 31, 2011 the Department has one sworn officer assigned to light duty, one officer on maternity leave and one officer out on workers compensation due to a work-related injury.

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. To address these complaints, officers performed selective enforcement at numerous locations throughout town. In July, 2011 officers performed selective enforcement thirty-three different times and spent approximately 19.5 hours doing selective enforcement on these identified roads.

In July, 2011 Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed five child seats. The

Support Services Bureau receives requests via the WPD web site as well as phone messages.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The annual National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2011 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Millwoods Park.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

	July 2010	July 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	61	62	398	464
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	2	7	23	21
Commercial Burglaries	0	3	2	6
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	1	2
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	11	10	63	56
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	202	196	1623	1319
DUI	15	7	100	78
MV Accidents	51	56	369	417
Parking Tags	26	77	857	386
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	808	818	5566	5816
Alarm Responses	80	45	433	428
Records Requests	221	244	n/a	1624
Prisoners Transported	13	13	95	77
Child Car Seat Installations	12	5	61	55