



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The department received notification that CALEA has approved this department's reaccreditation for another three year term.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On July 29, 2012 at about 2:26 AM an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop for the flashing red traffic control signal on Jordan Lane at the intersection with the Berlin Turnpike. This vehicle made a quick left turn south onto the Berlin Turnpike. The officer stopped the car, a Ford, as it pulled into the parking lot of a gas station on the Berlin Turnpike. The male operator told the officer that he didn't have his license with him and that he forgot it at his girlfriend's house. He also stated that he didn't have any insurance or registration paperwork belonging to the vehicle. Dispatch informed the officer that the marker plate on the vehicle had been reported as stolen to the New Haven Police Department. The male operator was arrested for larceny for the stolen marker plate. A check of the vehicle's VIN number showed that the Ford had been reported stolen to the Connecticut State Police, Troop 'H' on 6/22/12. It was learned that the driver also had a suspended license since 3/30/11. The driver was charged with Larceny in the Third Degree, Larceny in the Sixth Degree, Operating a Motor Vehicle Under Suspension and Failure to Obey Control Signal. He was released from police headquarters on a \$500.00 Non Surety bond and is scheduled to appear in court on 8/13/12 at 10:00 AM.

Detective Division

During the month of July 2012, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to approximately sixteen (16) new cases. The major case investigations involved, two(2) burglaries, one (1) sexual assault, one (1) sudden death, and six (6) fraud / identity theft cases. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

Detective Division (Case of Interest)

On 7/16/2012 a patrol officer was dispatched to a local housing complex on the report that someone had stolen over \$20,000.00 in jewelry from the resident over the past several weeks. There was no forced entry into the apartment and the victim believed that the suspect must have had a key. A Wethersfield detective began searching the area pawn shops and found what he believed to be were transcripts of the victim's stolen property having been pawned. A suspect was developed and eventually the detective gained a confession from the suspect. The suspect had been a friend of the victim and had taken care of the victim's cat and had been in the apartment several times in the past. The suspect was therefore able to gain entry into the home without breaking in. A warrant was applied for and the suspect was later arrested for stealing the victim's jewelry.

Juvenile Unit

Wethersfield Police department handled approximately 38 incidents, involving approximately 56 juveniles. In these incidents, 3 juveniles were arrested for criminal violations, 14 were diverted to parental punishment.

School Resource Officer

Due to the summer recess, the SRO is assigned back to the patrol division.

Support Services Bureau

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed four (4) child seats.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 894 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 39 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 103 medical emergencies and Aetna Ambulance to 208 medical emergencies, for a total of 311 medical emergencies.

There were 127 phone calls and 68 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, forty (40) were handled by the part-time animal control officers and twenty-eight (28) were handled by police officers. Three (3) animals were impounded with one (1) being redeemed, one (1) euthanized and one (1) still held. Cases included: one nuisance/aggressive dog that the ACO issued one summons for; one injured hawk that was referred to and treated by a rehabilitation facility in East Hartford; several calls for bats inside houses; several calls for raccoons inside dumpsters. ACOs assisted Newington PD with a skunk that was in an altercation with a dog. The skunk later tested positive for rabies. There were numerous calls regarding wildlife, including bats and raccoons.

Twenty-one (21) persons were taken into custody and held requiring 284 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, twelve (12) were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported the prisoners to court, including seventeen (17) males and four (4) females. The females incarcerated by the department required 41 hours of matron coverage.

Support Services Bureau, Training Unit

On Tuesday, July 3, 2012 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 Wednesday July 25, 2012 Officers David Gove and Peter McGee attended a course entitled "**Identification of Sets of Behavior.**" This training was held at the Farmington Police Department in Unionville, CT. Course topics included reading suspect and potential suspects body language to determine truths and deceptions.

On Monday July 30, 2012 Officers Kenneth Newton and John Blair attended a training class entitled "**Intoxilyzer 5000EN Instructor Recertification.**" This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. This class is required to remain a certified training instructor for the Intoxilyzer (DWI) Machine.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 88 alarm calls in month of July. Residential locations made up 45 (51%) of the total, non-residential locations made up 39 (44%), and State / Town government made up 4 (5%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 77 burglar, 2 holdup / panic, and 9 fire. There currently are 1,510 alarm registrations on file, 72 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 95% compliance rate. Nine new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$4,000 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 174 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 136 items of correspondence sent out.

The department currently has two officers on light duty for work related injuries. The application acceptance phase of the entry-level hiring process is currently open, and is set to close on 8/31/12.

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.

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement seven (7) different times and spent approximately 4 hours 33 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town.

The following work orders were completed during July, 2012:

- Trim trees and brush in area on the southwest corner of the intersection of Nott Street and Ridge Road to aid in the line-of-sight for the stop sign.
- Trim brush in the area on the south side of Nott Street west of Westlook Road to aid in the line-of-sight for the speed limit sign.
- Place temporary NO PARKING signs in the area of State Street and Hartford Avenue for the Wethersfield Farmers' Market.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Tuesday, August 7, 2011 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 annual National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2012 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Millwoods Park.
- The Old Wethersfield 5K and 10K Road Races and 5K Family Walk will be held on Sunday, August 26th at 8:30 AM beginning at the corner of Garden and State Streets.
- The National Multiple Sclerosis Society Bike Ride will come through various streets in Old Wethersfield on Sunday, September 9, 2012.
- The 28th Annual Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce Cornfest will be held on the Broad Street Green on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The accreditation division will be seeking reaccreditation on the state level.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	July 2011	July 2012	YTD 2011	YTD 2012
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	62	78	464	520
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	7	4	21	25
Commercial Burglaries	3	0	6	12
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	1
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	2	5
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	10	9	56	50
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	196	167	1319	1311
DUI	7	15	78	74
MV Accidents	56	49	417	353
Parking Tags	77	27	386	188
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	818	894	5816	5853
Alarm Responses	45	88	428	474
Records Requests	244	260	1624	1812
Prisoners Transported	13	21	77	104
Child Car Seat Installations	5	4	55	42