



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**Chief of Police**

## July 2013

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

During the month of July 2013, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to approximately eighteen (18) new cases. The major case investigations involved; four (3) burglaries, five (5) fraud / Identity thefts, and one (1) larceny, and one (1) arson. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, hosted one day entitled “**Active Shooting Response**” on July 24, 2013. This course was held in the WPD Community Room. By hosting this class the police department received free tuition for the three employees that attended.

Probationary Police Officers Justin Hilchuk has completed eighteen weeks of basic training at the Connecticut Police Academy. Graduation is expected in September, 2013.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in the 2013 Cadet Police Academy. The Wethersfield Police Cadets started the “Curbs for Cadets” fundraising effort.

Wethersfield police officers assisted other Mid-State departments at one DUI checkpoint in Berlin. There are additional checkpoints scheduled in the five Mid-State towns during the next several months, including Wethersfield.

### **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Patrol Division**

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

On Wednesday July 3, 2013 at approximately 7:20 PM several officers began investigating a report of a strong-arm robbery that had occurred in a rear parking lot of the Folly Brook Apartments a short time earlier. The victim, who resides in the apartment complex, reported

to the officers that he had just been robbed in the back lot of his apartment complex by two young black males, one heavysset and the other thin and tall. The victim's face was bloody and he had a large laceration and swelling just above his left ear. His nose and his right eye also appeared bruised and swollen. Ambulance personnel evaluated the victim and stated that his injuries were not serious and he refused transport to the hospital. The victim explained that two persons approached him while he was sitting outside on the back steps of his apartment complex. The victim said these two persons exited a car and approached him on foot and began talking to him. The victim knew one of the suspects. After he finished talking with the two persons, the victim began walking away from them when he was suddenly attacked from behind by these persons. During the assault, the victim said that he fell to the ground hitting his head on the sidewalk. The injuries that he sustained behind his left ear were consistent with him smacking his head on the concrete. He said that when he got back to his feet, he noticed that his gold bracelet wristwatch with diamonds around the face had been stolen along with his Apple I-phone 4S color black and about one hundred dollars in cash. He said that his cell phone and cash were taken from his pockets. The victim saw the two suspects get back into the car and leave the parking lot at a high rate of speed. After meeting with the victim, several officers continued to investigate and were able to learn the identities of one of the suspects. As this investigation was ongoing, the Waterbury Police Department arrested 3 persons in a stolen car in their city. One of the suspects under arrest in Waterbury had the victim's items on his person when he was arrested. The juvenile suspect was issued a Juvenile Summons for Robbery and other charges. The juvenile is scheduled to appear Juvenile court at a later date. A warrant was prepared for the second suspect. Once approved by the court, he will be charged with Robbery and other charges.

On Thursday July 4, 2013 at 11:23 AM several officers were dispatched to a grocery store on the Silas Deane Highway on a shoplifting complaint. The assistant manager reported that they stopped a female attempting to leave the store without paying for a shopping cart of groceries. Arriving officers were met by the assistant manager. This suspect was now willing to pay for the stolen groceries. When first approached, the suspect claimed to have already paid for the groceries; however she was unable to produce a receipt. At first, the suspect handed the cashier an old receipt from a store in Waterbury, but they immediately discovered that it was old and from a different store. Store employees stated the suspect purchased five bags of ice and six loaves of bread. She already had several bags of groceries filled in her cart. The suspect was adamant that she already paid for the other groceries and moved past the cashier and attempted to leave the store with the shopping cart. An employee stopped the suspect at the exit and asked her to produce a receipt for the other groceries; however she did not have one. Prior to the officer's arrival, the suspect then started to pay for some of the unpaid groceries. The store wanted to press charges. The total value of the unpaid/stolen groceries was \$138.02. The suspect was arrested and transported to police headquarters where she was charged with Criminal Attempt at Larceny in the Sixth Degree. The suspect was released on a non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear in court on 07/18/13.

## **Support Services Bureau**

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 933 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 37 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 60 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 240 calls for service.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed three child seats.

There were 111 phone calls and 60 calls for service involving animal control issues in Wethersfield. Of the calls for service, thirty-four were handled by the part-time animal control officers and twenty-six were handled by police officers. Seven animals were impounded with three being redeemed, one carried over, two adopted and one euthanized. Animal Control Officers dealt with a large number of wildlife including several calls about snapping turtles, raccoon and geese. There were back to back dogs that were dumped at the pound, one was euthanized due to very poor health, and the other was severely malnourished but appears to be gaining weight and can possibly soon be adopted out. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for eight calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for seven calls in Wethersfield.

Eighteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 303 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, sixteen were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported the prisoners to court, including sixteen males and two females. The females incarcerated by the department required 28 hours of matron coverage.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

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This department has responded to 73 alarm calls in month of July. Residential locations made up 30 (41%) of the total, non-residential locations made up 36 (49%), and State / Town government made up 7 (10%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 65 burglar, 3 holdup / panic, and 5 fire. There currently are 1,641 alarm registrations on file, 56 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Nine new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$3,800 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 126 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 93 items of correspondence sent out.

## **Detective Division**

Wethersfield Detectives continue to investigate of follow up on cases where individuals enter unlocked vehicles during the overnight hours. The suspect(s) usually only enter cars that are

unlocked and take anything of value. Recently laptops, cash, purses and GPS's have been taken. Wethersfield Detectives have developed suspects in many of the cases and the investigations continue. Many cases will not be solved due to lack of any evidence. All residents should be reminded not to keep valuables in their cars, and to keep their cars locked at all times.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

*The following are the burglary and robbery statistics for the month of July 2013, along with comparative statistics for the same period of last year. The figures in the parenthesis represent the number of cases cleared by arrest, or in which the perpetrators have been identified.*

<i>Criminal Activity</i>	<i>July 2012</i>	<i>July 2013</i>
<b>Residential Burglaries:</b>	4(3)	3(0)
<b>Commercial Burglaries:</b>	0(0)	1(0)
<b>Armed Robberies:</b>	0(0)	0(0)
<b>Strong-arm Robberies:</b>	0(0)	0(0)

## Juvenile Detective

Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 44 incidents, involving approximately 62 juveniles. In these incidents, 3 juveniles were arrested for criminal violations and 8 were diverted to parental punishment.

## School Resource Officer

The SRO has been reassigned to patrol for the summer school vacation period .

## 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 2 different

times spending approximately 47 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town. Locations given extra attention included Griswold Road and Beverly Road.

A traffic study on Wells Farm Drive was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of fourteen (14) days. The speed limit in this area is posted at 25 MPH. During the 311.75 survey hours, 8313 cars were recorded, averaging 27 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 23.5 MPH, the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 24.3 MPH, the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of approximately 30 MPH and a top speed of 53 MPH. There is no posted speed limit sign on one side of the road, a work order has been completed to install one.

A traffic study on Crest Street was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of fifteen (15) days. The speed limit in this area is posted at 25 MPH. During the 335 survey hours, 17,758 cars were recorded, averaging 53 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 24.8 MPH, the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 25.7 MPH, the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of approximately 34 MPH and a top speed of 63 MPH. This area continues to be monitored.

The following work orders were completed during July, 2013:

- On Greenfield Street Install 'Speed Limit 25 MPH' signs at the following locations:
  - At the eastern property line of 17 Greenfield Street on the north side of the road.
  - Across from 109 Greenfield Street on the south side of the road.
- On Wells Farm Drive Install 'Speed Limit 25 MPH' sign at the southern property line of 16 Wells Farm Drive.
- For the Pine Acres Swim Event held on Saturday, July 27, 2013 temporary 'No Parking' signs were installed on portions of Western Boulevard, Crest Street, Sunrise Terrace and Westwood Drive.

## Training Division

On Thursday July 11, 2013, Detectives James Darby and Mendez, Officers Alison Sullivan and Nuno Martins, and Dispatcher Lisa 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 Tuesday, July 16, 2013, Sergeant Kevin O'Leary, Detective Michael Patkoske, and Officers Kenneth Newton, Barry Veilleux, Justin Lord, John Blair and Joel Diloreto attended a three hour training class entitled "**Racial Profiling Prohibition Training.**" Training was held at Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT. This training class briefs attendees on the new Racial Profiling Law and the procedures that must be followed.

On Wednesday, July 17, 2013, Officer Joseph Baich, along with his canine, Owen and Officer Nuno Martins attended a one day training class entitled "**Tactical Handgun for Canine Handlers.**" Training was held at the Farmington Police Range, Farmington, CT. Training included proper gun handling/use of deadly force when deploying with a Canine.

On Monday July 22, 2013, Detective Norberto Mendez and Officer Manuel Silva began attending a five day training class entitled "**Interview and Interrogation.**" Training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Course objectives included ability to analyze verbal and written statements, identifying the most common interviewing pitfalls, identifying evasive verbal responses and non-verbal body language.

On Monday July 22 and Tuesday July 26, 2013, MPO Luis Gonzalez, who is one of the WPD firearms instructors, assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with "**Basic Firearms Training**" for the 341<sup>st</sup> training session. Officer Gonzalez assisted for a total of four days, which included handgun, tactical and shotgun training.

On Monday July 22, 2013, Officers Barry Veilleux and Justin Lord assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with "**Practical Skills Day**" for the 341<sup>st</sup> Training Session. Officers Veilleux and Lord served as role players in exercises that put into practice the knowledge recruits have gained in the classroom under controlled conditions.

On Wednesday July 24, 2013, Officer Brent Bowman and Dispatchers Frank Liberatore and Lauren Hammond, attended a one day training class entitled "**Active Shooting Response.**" Training was held at the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room, Wethersfield, CT. Course objectives specifically address the role of the public safety telecommunicator in active shooting incidents.

On Tuesday July 30, 2013, Officer Shane Murphy and Joel Diloreto began attending a course entitled "**Z-Medical Tactical Officer Rescue Course.**" Training was hosted by the West Hartford Police Department, West Hartford, CT, however training was conducted at Hartford Hospital in Hartford and Cedar Crest Hospital in Newington. Course topics included performing lifesaving medical aid at the same time dealing with active threats which included gunfire.

On Tuesday, July 30, 2013, 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 Various dates in July 2013, Sergeant Michael Connolly and Detective Anthony Demonte conducted six separate "**Active Shooter**" training sessions at the Department Motor Vehicle Department. All certified DMV Police Officers attended the training. Training topics included a brief overview of active shooter principles as well as several short hands on exercises.

## **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.

The Old Wethersfield 5K and 10K Road Races and 5K Family Walk will be held on Sunday, August 25, 2013 at 8:30 AM beginning at the corner of Garden and State Streets.

The first day of school for Corpus Christi School is Tuesday, August 27, 2013. The first day of school for the Wethersfield Public Schools is Thursday, August 29, 2013.

On Tuesday, August 6, 2013 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 Cadets will be taking a Rank Test during the month of August 2013. The Wethersfield Police Cadets will continue with their fundraising efforts, "Curbs for Cadets".

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	July 2012	July 2013	YTD 2012	YTD 2013
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	78	88	520	523
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	4	1	21	17
Commercial Burglaries	3	3	6	3
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	1	2	1
<b>Family Violence Arrests</b>				
Family Violence Arrests	9	3	50	7
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV				
Summons	167	175	1311	1150
DUI	15	17	74	65
MV Crashes	49	37	353	514
Parking Tags	27	37	188	219
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	894	933	5853	5955
Alarm Responses	88	73	474	442
Records Requests	260	198	1812	1471
Prisoners Transported	21	18	104	102
Child Seat Installations	4	3	42	54