



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The K-9 Unit conducted a process to fill the Patrol Dog Handler vacancy and began contacting breeders to purchase a new German Shepard. The new K-9 team is slated to attend the CT State Police Canine Academy scheduled to begin in September 2014.

Some members of the Wethersfield Police Cadets attended the CT Cadet Academy at the University of Hartford (07/27/14 thru 08/02/14.) A yearly review for the Cadet Rank Test was held at the PD on 07/03/14.

Probationary Police Officer Peter Salvatore has completed all four Field Training phases and has been assigned to solo patrol duties as of Monday, July 14, 2014.

During the month of July 2014, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to fifteen (15) new cases. The major case investigations involved; four (4) burglaries, three (3) fraud / Identity thefts, and one (1) sexual assault. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Tuesday July 1, 2014 at 8:46 PM officers were dispatched to a retail store on the Silas Deane Hwy for the report of a male and female shoplifting. While responding to the store, officers were alerted that the male and female had left the store and were driving north on the Silas Deane Hwy in a red car. A detective spotted the car and it was stopped on Silas Deane Hwy near the Hartford city line. Once at the store, officers spoke to the shift supervisor. The supervisor stated that he had witnessed the male enter the store at approximately 2:00 PM earlier in the day. The supervisor watched as the male took

perfumes from the case in the store and leave without paying. At approximately 8:40 PM the supervisor saw the same male enter the store with a female. They went straight to the perfume aisle where the supervisor watched (on the security camera) the male take items from the case, remove the plastic wrapping, drop the wrapping on the floor, and put the perfume in his pocket. As the male and female left the store the anti-theft sensor triggered an alarm. They were confronted by another store employee. The female opened her purse to show she had no merchandise in it. The male lifted his shirt to show he was not hiding merchandise in his shirt. They then left the building in a red car and drove north on Silas Deane Hwy. The officer at the store recovered two plastic wrappers for perfume on the floor of the store. One wrapper had a label on it for a perfume from J-Lo. The officer watched the video from the store and was able to positively identify the male as the passenger in the vehicle. The officer then went to the location of the stopped vehicle. At the scene of the motor vehicle stop, the male denied taking anything from the store. The female stated that she had not taken anything and had nothing to do with what was taken. The female eventually said that the merchandise taken from the store was taken by the male. The wrapper that had a label for the merchandise matched up with a box of perfume that was found in the rear driver side passenger seat and the perfume was found in the front passenger side door. In total there were five boxes of perfume found in the vehicle. The total of the merchandise taken was \$236.55.

The male was arrested and brought to police headquarters for processing. He was charged with Larceny 6th degree. He was held on bond and was brought to court on July 2, 2014.

On Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 12:34 PM several officers were dispatched to a retail store on the Berlin Turnpike on a reported shoplifting. Dispatch reported that the suspect was fighting with or "rolling around with" a store employee. Dispatch reported that a group of store employees were following behind the suspect at a safe distance as the suspect began walking away from the store. The suspect was last seen running between a section of the Village Apartments on Village Lane. The suspect was described as a tall black male wearing a purple polo shirt and tan shorts. Several officers arrived at the Village at Wethersfield Apartment complex. One detective reported seeing the suspect walking, but that he had removed his purple shirt and was holding it in his hand. The detective approached the suspect and ordered the suspect to the ground, however the suspect was non-compliant. The detective took the suspect to the ground, onto his knees and then he was handcuffed. Several store employees including the manager also arrived. In his statement to police the manager said that he noticed a tall black male pacing back and forth with a full carriage of groceries. The manager watched this male for at least fifteen minutes, as he pushed the carriage back and forth between the north exit/entrance and the south exit/entrance of the supermarket. The suspect never approached the cashiers or made any attempt to pay for the groceries. At one point, the suspect did leave the store via the north exit with the shopping carriage, again not paying for the groceries. The manager and another employee followed the suspect and stopped him outside. They asked him to return inside the store and the suspect stated, "I'm trying to figure this out." The suspect did return inside, but walked away from the manager. The carriage of groceries was secured by the other employee. The manager followed the suspect as he continued to walk south through the store and then walked out the south exit into the parking lot. They continued to walk behind the suspect, updating their location to the dispatcher until he was located by the police. The manager stated that the suspect never laid a hand on anyone at the supermarket. The total value of the carriage of groceries was \$205.96. The suspect was arrested and brought to police

headquarters to complete the booking process. The suspect was charged with Larceny 6th Degree and was released on a non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear in court on July 22, 2014.

Support Services Bureau

Twelve persons were taken into custody and held requiring 300 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, nine were arrested on warrants. Ten males and two females were transported to court. The females incarcerated by the department required 33 hours of matron coverage.

There were 141 phone calls and 64 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, forty-four were handled by the part-time animal control officers and twenty were handled by police officers. Four animals were impounded with three being redeemed and one sold as a pet. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for thirteen calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for thirteen calls in Wethersfield. Cases included three dog bites. Calls for service included several calls for juvenile skunks and several calls for dogs left in vehicles.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 1057 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 36 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 100 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 243 calls for service.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 61 alarm calls in month of July. Residential locations made up 27 (44%) of the total, non-residential locations made up 32 (52%), and State / Town government made up 2 (3%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 53 burglar, 2 holdup / panic, and 6 fire. There currently are 1,585 alarm registrations on file, 55 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Nine new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$1,850 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 82 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 58 items of correspondence sent out.

Detective Division

On July 27, 2014, a Wethersfield detective was able to arrest a female who had been passing fraudulent checks at a local gas station. The female had been identified by a friend of a gas station employee as someone who was able to use personal checks at the business. Once the first check was cashed, the female went back several times passing the

fraudulent checks. The female was using both her married and maiden name to pass multiple checks in the greater Hartford area. She has since been caught and sent to court. Other agencies have been advised of her identification and some have already made arrests.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The following are the burglary and robbery statistics for the month of July 2014, 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 2013</i>	<i>July 2014</i>
Residential Burglaries:	3(0)	3(2)
Commercial Burglaries:	1(0)	1(0)
Armed Robberies:	0(0)	0(0)
Strong-arm Robberies:	0(0)	0(0)

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 46 incidents, involving approximately 61 juveniles during the month of July. In these incidents 1 Juvenile was arrested, 1 juvenile was diverted for parental discipline, and 1 Juvenile was seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

School Resource Officer

N/A

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement 25 different times spending approximately 15 hours 22 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town. Locations given extra attention included the Nott Street, Maple Street and Prospect Street.

A traffic study on Prospect Street in the area of #295 was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of twenty (20) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 35 MPH. During the 397.5 survey hours, 178,342 cars were recorded, averaging 448.7 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 40 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 40.25 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 45.75 MPH and a top speed of 88 MPH.

A traffic study on Nott Street in the area of #296 was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of fourteen (14) days. The posted speed limit on this road is 35 MPH. During the 294 survey hours, 79,733 cars were recorded, averaging 271.3 cars per hour. Results from the device showed an average speed of 36.7 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 36.7 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 42 MPH and a top speed of 80 MPH.

Training Division

On Wednesday, July 9, 2014, Officers Kenneth Newton and John Blair attended a training class entitled "**DRAEGER Instructor Recertification.**" This training was held at the Connecticut State Police Laboratory, Meriden, CT. This class is required to remain a certified training instructor for the Intoxilyzer (DWI) Machine.

On Thursday, July 16, 2014, Sergeant Thomas Regan and Officers Kevin Lawless, Michael Wren, Justin Lord and Joseph Baich 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 Wednesday, July 23, 2014, Lieutenants Andrew Power and Donald Crabtree, Sergeants Michael Connolly and Thomas Regan and Detective Anthony Demonte attended a training class entitled "**Legal Issues in Internal Affairs Investigations.**" This training was held at the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room. Course topics included legal obligations when conducting Internal Affairs Investigations.

On Monday, July 28, 2014, MPO Luis Gonzalez and Officer Robert Arduini began attending a two-week class entitled "**D.A.R.E. Officer Training.**" This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. This intensive two week training program is required for officers beginning to teach in the D.A.R.E. program. Training topics included teaching and presentation preparation, D.A.R.E. guidelines and programs and dealing with youth and schools.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Old Wethersfield 5K and 10K Road Races and 5K Family Walk will be held on Sunday, August 24, 2014 at 8:30 AM beginning at the corner of Garden and State Streets.

The first day of school for the Wethersfield Public Schools and Corpus Christi School is Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

A Cadet Rank Test will be given on 08/07/2014.

NCIC/COLLECT inquiry recertification for select department personnel is scheduled for August, 2014.

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.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	JULY 2013	JULY 2014	YTD 2013	YTD 2014
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	88	80	523	472
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	1	3	17	19
Commercial Burglaries	3	1	3	19
Armed Robberies	0	0	1	1
Strong-Arm Robberies				
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	3	3	23	54
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	175	207	1150	1163
DUI	17	10	65	57
MV Crashes	37	55	314	335
Parking Tags	37	40	219	539
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	933	1057	5955	5237
Alarm Responses	73	61	442	410
Records Requests	198	269	1471	1435
Prisoners Transported	18	12	102	127
Child Car Seat Installations	3	0	54	22