



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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Chief of Police

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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

Effective July 1, 2016 Rocky Hill Animal Control Officers began using the Wethersfield Pound for their dog impoundments.

Probationary/Certified Police Officers Gustavo Rodriguez and Jakub Owczarski both finished and passed and their field training programs and began solo patrol at July shift change.

Sergeant Michael Fisher is an Executive Staff Member of the Connecticut Cadet Police Academy (CTCPA). From Sunday, July 23, 2016 through Saturday, July 29, 2016, he directed the Basic Training Program of the 2016 CTCPA. The CTCPA is a week-long live-in academy that takes place on the campus of the University of Hartford. The program is for youth and young adults interested in a career in law enforcement. Depending on the program in which they are enrolled (Basic Training Program, Advanced Program, Practical Skills Program, Mock Police Department, Career Development Program or Bicycle Program), attendees range from 13 – 21 years of age. This year's CTCPA had 382 youth participants, with 119 of them in the Basic Training Program. Three Wethersfield Police Cadets attended the CTCPA.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

Detective Division

During the month of July 2016, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to ten (10) new cases. The major case investigations involved; two (2) burglaries one (1) robbery and one (1) sudden death. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

On 7/19/2016 Wethersfield Detectives were called to 50 Oleson Rd. to help the Patrol Division process the scene of a burglary. Officers found that the address is a self-storage company and many of the units had been entered. Patrol Officers found that suspects entered the property without going through the main gate. Once on the property the suspects cut the locks off of approximately 70 individual units and took an undisclosed amount of property. Officers searched the area finding little evidence. Detectives processed the scene and the case is currently under investigation.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 36 incidents, involving approximately 44 juveniles during the month of July 2016. In these incidents there was 2 Juvenile arrest, 2 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline and 2 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB".

School Resource Officer

N/A

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 62 alarm calls in month of July. Residential locations made up 33 (53%) of the total, non-residential locations made up 25 (40%), and State / Town government made up 4 (7%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 54 burglar, 2 holdup / panic, and 6 fire. There currently are 1,771 alarm registrations on file, 57 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Fourteen new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$2,450 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 115 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 100 items of correspondence sent out.

Support Services Bureau

Nine persons were taken into custody and held requiring 76 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, four were arrested on warrants. Eight males and one female were transported to court. The female incarcerated by the department required 16 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 107 phone calls and 55 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, forty-three were handled by the part-time animal control officers and twelve were handled by police officers. Four animals were impounded with two being redeemed and one sold as a pet. Cases investigated included three dog v. human bites. Wethersfield

Animal Control Officers covered for three calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for eight calls in Wethersfield. 197 dog licenses were obtained during the month. Effective July 1, 2016 Rocky Hill Animal Control began using the Wethersfield Pound.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 934 NG911 emergency phone calls. Year to date total is 6,059 calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 75 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 118 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 299 calls for service.

Community Relations

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town 32 different times for a total of approximately 16 hours 26 minutes. Locations given extra attention included Silas Deane Highway, Maple Street and Forest Drive.

The Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study in the area of 135 State Street (display facing westbound traffic) over the course of fifteen (15) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 30 MPH. During the 358.75 survey hours, 53,347 cars were recorded. Results from the device showed an average speed of approximately 26 MPH and the 85th percentile speed of approximately 34 MPH.

The SafePace Speed Sign was used for a traffic study in the area of 36 Crest Street over the course of twenty-two (22) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 25 MPH. During the 530.5 survey hours, 30,691 cars were recorded, averaging approximately 58 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 23 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 25 MPH and the 85th percentile speed of approximately 33 MPH.

The Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study on Millwoods Park Road (display facing southbound traffic) over the course of eighteen (18) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 15 MPH. During the 431.5 survey hours, 27,494 cars were recorded. Results from the device showed an average speed of approximately 20.5 MPH and the 85th percentile speed of approximately 27 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during July, 2016:

- At the intersection of Two Rod Highway & Old Reservoir Road:
 - Replace stop sign poles to ensure a minimum height of 7' from the bottom of the signs. Replace signs if necessary.
 - Add 'All Way' plaques under the stop signs.
- On Crest Street in the area of the basketball court:
 - Replace current No Parking sign with new 'No Parking Beyond This Sign' sign eastbound in front of 240 Crest Street.

- Install two new 'No Parking Anytime' with double arrow below writing eastbound, one in the area of 234 Crest Street and one on the western portion of the town park property.
- Install new 'No Parking This Side of Sign' sign eastbound on the eastern portion of the town park property.
- On Eagle Drive:
 - Add 'No Parking This Side of Sign' sign to the light pole on Eagle Drive under the current No Block the Driveway sign.
 - Install new 'No Parking Beyond This Sign' sign westbound on Eagle Drive just west of the Field sign.
- For the Pine Acres swim event on Saturday, July 30, 2016 temporary "No Parking" signs were placed on numerous streets around the Pine Acres Swim Club.
- For the Central Connecticut Summer Swim League Championships held at Willard Pool on Saturday, July 30, 2016 temporary 'No Parking' signs were placed on several streets in the area.

Training Division

On Monday, July 11, 2016 through Wednesday, July 13, 2016, Dispatchers Welles Hale, Karen Tomczyk, Christopher Sinsigalli, Kerianne Motta, Detective Norberto Mendez and Officers David Gove, Kevin Foster and Kenneth Newton attended the training titled, "Advanced Emergency Medical Dispatch Certification Training."

On Tuesday, July 12, 2016, Officer Nuno Martins and canine Thor attended monthly Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training. Officer Martins and Thor participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Thursday, July 14, 2016, Officer's Michael Wren and Peter McGee attended, "NCIC / COLLECT Recertification Training." This training took place at the Connecticut State Forensic Laboratory in Meriden, CT.

On Monday, July 18, 2016 and Tuesday, July 19, 2016, School resource Officer Eric Knapp and DARE Officers Luis Gonzalez and Robert Arduini attended the training titled, "10 Worst School Attacks and Lessons Learned." This training took place at the Wethersfield Police Department.

On Tuesday, July 19, 2016, Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk and Officer David Gove attended, "Priority Dispatch IT Administrator Training," at the Wethersfield Police Department. This training is part of the preparation for emergency medical dispatching.

On Wednesday July 20, 2016, Dispatchers Welles Hale, Lauren Hammond, Kerianne Motta and Abigail Biafore, Officers Kenneth Newton, Barry Beilleux and Peter McGee and Detective Norberto Mendez attended Priority Dispatch's, "Pro QA Computer Training." This training is part of the preparation for emergency medical dispatching. This training took place at the Wethersfield Police Department.

On Wednesday, July 20, 2016, members of the Midstate Major Crime Squad (MSMC), including Commander Mark Poisson and Detectives Michael Patkoske and Christopher Morris, attended the monthly training. MSMC is a team comprising of Detectives from the Midstate Towns, who work together to investigate major incidents.

On Thursday July 21, 2016, Dispatchers Karen Tomczyk, Frank Liberatore and Christopher Sinsigalli and Officers Albert Whaples, David Gove and Alison Sullivan attended Priority Dispatch's, "Pro QA Computer Training." This training is part of the preparation for emergency medical dispatching. This training took place at the Wethersfield Police Department.

On Thursday, July 21, 2016 and Friday, July 22, 2016, School Resource Officers Eric Knapp and Bridget Camara attended the training titled, "ACT FAST: Surviving School Attacks with Run – Hide – Fight". This training took place at the South Windsor Police Department.

On Friday, July 22, 2016, Officer Peter McGee and Detective Norberto Mendez attended, "NextGen 911 System Training" at 2 Science Park in New Haven, CT.

On Friday, July 22, 2016, Sergeant Thomas Regan attended the, "Cooper Standard Update Seminar" at POSTC. This training keeps both Sergeant Regan and our agency in compliance with the new Cooper Standards that have been set forth by POSTC.

On Monday, July 25, 2016 through Thursday, July 28, 2016, Officers Robert Malinowski and Kevin Foster attended, "Field Training Officer (FTO) Class." This training took place in Newington, CT.

On Wednesday, July 27, 2016, Officer Shane Murphy and canine Marley attended bi-monthly Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training. Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this bi-monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

On Thursday, July 28, 2016, Sergeant Thomas Regan, Officer's Kevin Lawless and Joseph Baich, and Dispatcher Lauren Hammond attended, "NCIC/COLLECT Recertification Training." This training took place at the Connecticut State Forensic Laboratory in Meriden, CT.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A DUI Checkpoint is scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2016.

The Old Wethersfield 5K and 10K Road Races and 5K Family Walk will be held on Sunday, August 28, 2015 at 8:30 AM beginning at the corner of Garden and State Streets.

The first day of school for the Wethersfield Public Schools is Wednesday, August 31, 2016 and for Corpus Christi School is Tuesday, August 30, 2016.

Wethersfield Detectives are assisting with patrol personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Administration to investigate local individuals.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will be preparing for fundraising efforts (Wethersfield Police Cadet Car Show occurring in October 2016).

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	JULY 2015	JULY 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	100	34	506	375
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	4	0	10	13
Commercial Burglaries	3	2	4	4
Armed Robberies	0	1	2	1
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	1	1
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	12	4	48	36
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	112	58	1151	820
DUI	6	6	36	44
MV Crashes	50	59	462	486
Parking Tags	29	17	478	650
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	1014	934	6712	6059
Alarm Responses	43	62	394	331
Records Requests	233	152	1534	1258
Prisoners Transported	31	9	108	82
Child Car Seat Installations	0	0	24	33