



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**James Cetran**  
**Chief of Police**

## JULY 2017

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

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in a Knockerball event at Wethersfield High School on 07/14/2017. Three of our Wethersfield Police Cadets attended and participated in the Cadet Academy Event at the University of Hartford (July 23<sup>rd</sup> thru July 29<sup>th</sup>).

### **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Patrol Division**

On Tuesday, July 4, 2017 at approximately 8:42 PM an officer attempted to stop a motor vehicle on the Berlin Turnpike near Arrow Road. The operator of the vehicle refused to stop, engaging the officer in pursuit, which the officer terminated. The officer saw the operator of the vehicle and during the course of his investigation was able to identify the operator as someone the officer has previously dealt with. Later that same evening officers responded to the person's house and located the person on the front porch at which time the officer positively identified the person as the one operating the motor vehicle during the pursuit. The person was placed under arrest and charged with Interfering with an Officer, Engaging Police in Pursuit, and Reckless Driving along with other motor vehicle charges.

On Monday, July 10, 2017 at approximately 2:20 AM a bread delivery person approached the patrol sergeant reporting he noticed a window smashed at a business when he made his delivery. Officers responded to the business and confirmed the smashed window. The business owner responded and the business's security footage was reviewed, showing the suspect enter through the window and steal some currency. The suspect description was provided to officers. One officer noted that he saw a person matching the suspect description walking on Ridge Road earlier in the morning. Officers responded to the area and located the suspect on Wells Road by Progress Drive. The suspect confessed to the

burglary. He was placed under arrest and charged with Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Criminal Trespass 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Criminal Mischief 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Larceny 6<sup>th</sup> Degree.

## **Detective Division**

During the month of July 2017, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to eleven (11) new cases. The major case investigations involved three (3) larcenies; two (2) frauds; one (1) risk of injury; one (1) commercial burglary; one (1) untimely death; two (2) sexual assaults and one (1) sex offender violation. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations for new hire police officers and two backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

## **Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 42 incidents, involving approximately 52 juveniles during the month of July 2017. In these incidents there were 3 Juvenile arrests, 5 Juvenile were diverted for parental discipline and 3 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB" and Community Resource Board "CRB".

## **Support Services Bureau**

Ten individuals were taken into custody and held requiring 203 hours of incarceration. Six prisoners were arrested on a warrant, four were arrested and held based on speedy information. Seven males and three females were transported to court throughout the month. The females that were incarcerated required seventy-three hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 146 phone calls and seventy-three calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for nine calls in Newington, Newington ACOs covered for seven calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for twenty-eight calls in Wethersfield. No dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were four impounds this month: one was redeemed, two were carry over from a previous month, and one was euthanized. The ACO incident synopsis for the month is: nine wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), sixty-four dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), nine mutual aid calls to Newington, and nine warnings issued for unlicensed dogs. Incidents involving the turkey at Spring St. at Maple Street are continuing. Residents are discouraged from feeding the animal, as that will make the animal continue to linger in the area and cause a hazard on the roadway.

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 1,125 NG911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to, or initiated, seventy-one calls for service, fire prevention activities, or assists / standbys.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to sixty-one incidents, and Aetna Ambulance was dispatched to 245 incidents during the month. There were 271 medical / ambulance calls this month; multiple ambulances may be dispatched to one call which results in dispatched ambulance totals far exceeding the total number of medical calls.

## **Community Relations:**

Fifty-two selective enforcement efforts were made through town during the month; selective enforcements are initiated based on citizen complaints / concerns, internal direction, or self-direction by officers.

The speed trailer and sign were utilized at several locations to make motorists aware of their speed, as well as recording traffic data. This aids in addressing actual or perceived speed concerns on a particular roadway. Assignment of these devices typically stems from citizen requests due to volume of requests that are received.

## **Training Division**

### **Overview / Unit News:**

In the month of July, Officer James Buyak completed his FTO program and began solo patrol on Monday, July 17, 2017.

From Saturday, July 22, 2017 through Saturday, July 29, 2017, Sergeant Michael Fisher took part in the Connecticut Cadet Police Academy (CPA). The Cadet Police Academy is a one week training program for youth interested in the field of law enforcement. Sergeant Michael Fisher is the Director of the Academy's Basic Training Program.

New hires Justin Albert and Anthony Mendes began employment with our agency. Recruit Albert began on Monday, July 3, 2017 and Recruit Mendes began on Wednesday, July 5, 2017. Both new hires were sworn in on Thursday, July 6, 2017 and started their police training at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden, CT on Friday, July 7, 2017. Prior to the academy, both recruits were provided agency orientation.

### **Monthly Training Activities:**

On Wednesday, July 5, 2017, Officers Richard Holton and James Buyak attended **Taser Training** at the Windsor Police Department. There, both officers received the training necessary to carry the Taser X-26P Electronic Defense Weapon.

On Monday, July 10, 2017 Officer Shane Murphy attended **Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training**. Officer Murphy and K-9 Marley participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

On Tuesday, July 11, 2017 Officer Justin Hilchuk attended **Police Motorcycle Operator Training** at the Hartford Police Department. This training is to maintain proficiency in Police Motorcycle Operations.

On Monday, July 17, 2017, Officer Kenneth Newton Attended **DRAGER Instructor Recertification Training**. This training is for Officer Newton to maintain his ability to certify other agency members in the use of the DRAGER instrument.

On Wednesday, July 19, 2017, Commander Andrew Power, Detective Michael Patkoske and Detective Christopher Morris attended **Mid-State Major Crime Squad Training**. This training is comprised of regional investigators that work together on major cases.

On Thursday, July 27, 2017, Officers Justin Hilchuk and Manuel Silva attended **NCIC / COLLECT Recertification** training at the Connecticut State Forensics Laboratory in Meriden, CT.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

This department has responded to 66 alarm calls in month of July. Residential locations made up 34 (52%) of the total and non-residential locations made up 32 (48%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 59 burglar, 5 holdup / panic, and 2 fire. There currently are 1,866 alarm registrations on file, 58 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Eight new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$1,725 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 113 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 99 items of correspondence sent out.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

A DUI check point is scheduled for August.

The Hartford Marathon – Old Wethersfield 5 & 10K is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Wethersfield Police Department will host the yearly National Night Out Event on 08/01/2017.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in an oral board promotion process during the month of August.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES July 2017

	July 2016	July 2017	YTD 2016	YTD 2017
Criminal Arrests	34	57	375	488
Residential Burglaries	0	2	13	10
Commercial Burglaries	2	2	4	11
Armed Robberies	1	0	1	3
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	1	0
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	58	105	820	650
DUI	6	9	44	36
MV Crashes	59	47	486	391
Parking Tags	17	35	650	285
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	934	1125	6059	5377
Alarm Responses	62	66	331	447
Records Requests	152	135	1258	1015
Prisoners Transported	9	10	82	64
Child Car Seat Installations	0	12	33	62