



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

Nine members of the Wethersfield Police Cadets attended the NEERLEA Cadet/Explorer Summer Camp (July 14, 2019 thru July 20, 2019) held at Westfield State University in MA.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On Monday, July 15, 2019 at approximately 1:48 AM officers were dispatched to an abandoned commercial building on the report from a neighbor that heard glass breaking. Upon their arrival, officers located several people, including three adults (all in their late teens) and two juveniles. It was determined that they were smashing the remaining glass windows but were unable to gain access to the inside of the building. It was also found that they came to this location in order to record a video in the abandoned building so it could be posted to a YouTube channel in an effort to become famous. The suspects were charged with various crimes based on their actions. Charges included Criminal Trespass 3rd Degree, Possession of Burglary Tools, Criminal Attempt to Burglary 3rd Degree and Carrying a Dangerous Weapon.

On Sunday, July 21, 2019 at approximately 1:08 PM an officer was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident in which the vehicle went off the road and crashed into a wooded area and the operator fled from the scene. A witness on scene reported to the officer that the vehicle involved struck his vehicle in Hartford and fled from that scene. The witness followed the vehicle into Wethersfield where he saw the vehicle strike a street sign and then go off the road into the woods. The witness then noticed the operator flee from the vehicle. A short time later an officer located the suspect behind a local shopping center. The suspect operator was charged with Evading Responsibility, Operating a Motor Vehicle without a License and Failure to Drive Right. The operator was also charged by Hartford PD in relation to his actions from the motor vehicle accident in their jurisdiction.

Detective Division

During the month of July 2019, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to ten (10) new cases. These cases involved the following:

- Two (2) Frauds
- Three (3) Assist Other Jurisdictions
- One (1) Sexual Assault
- One (1) Residential Burglary
- One (1) Arson
- One (1) Commercial Burglary
- One (1) Protective Order-related weapons violations investigation involving two parties

In one of the fraud cases, the investigating detective was able to retrieve a large amount of cash that a victim sent to a “scammer” by working with FedEx.

In another fraud case, the investigating detective was able to identify a suspect who was fraudulently using a credit card to order food from a Wethersfield business, who was losing money as a result. The detective was able to facilitate the business obtaining restitution from an acquaintance of the suspect.

Detectives also continue to perform numerous town background investigations for new police officers and for a dispatcher. Background investigations continue for pistol permits applicants. Three (3) were submitted in July of 2019. There was an increase in incidents where two detectives needed to go out of state to pick up prisoners, with Detectives twice going to Massachusetts to do so. There was also an increase in the number of days/time that Detectives were used to transport prisoners to GA 15 New Britain Court due to an absence of Support Services staffing.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 42 incidents, involving approximately 48 Juveniles during the month of July 2019. In these incidents there were 4 Juvenile “Summons” arrests, 1 Juvenile was diverted for parental discipline, and 4 Juvenile were seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board.

School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School

No Activity

Administrative Services Bureau

Support Services Bureau

Seven people were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond. The three males and four females were transported to court throughout the month.

There were 100 phone calls and 40 calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for two calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for twenty-four calls. 256 dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were twenty-seven impounds this month: two were redeemed, two were adopted out as a pet, and twenty-three were carry over from the ongoing animal abuse criminal case. The incident synopsis for the month is: four wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), thirty-six dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), four mutual aid calls to Newington, and no warnings issued for unlicensed dogs due to the recent licensing deadline.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 912 NG911 emergency phone calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) and Aetna Ambulance were dispatched for a collective 305 occurrences.

Training Unit:

- On Tuesday, July 9, 2019, Officer Nuno Martins attended Police Canine / Police Canine Handler Training. Officer Martins and K9 Jax participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included patrol work, evidence recovery and tracking.
- On Friday, July 12, 2019, School Resource Officer Eric Knapp attended the Juvenile Review Board Conference. This conference ran from 0930 hours through 1330 hours. The conference was a roundtable discussion on JRB goals and to communicate differences between differing JRB models.
- Monday, July 15, 2019 through Friday July 26, 2019, Officer John Blair attended Crash Reconstruction Training. This class is the third in a series of three classes, making Officer Blair a fully trained accident reconstructionist. This training took place at the Plainville Fire Department.
- Acting Lieutenant Anthony DeMonte, Detectives Michael Patkoske and Jeffrey Poulin, Officers David Gove and Anthony Mendes and Dispatchers Karen Tomczyk, Welles Hale and Steven Tyc were assigned the online training, "**COLLECT / NCIC Recertification Training.**" This training was provided online through CJIS and recertifies them in use of the COLLECT and NCIC Systems.
- On Wednesday, July 17, 2019 through Friday, July 26, 2019, Officer Joel DiLoreto attended **Total Breacher Training.** The purpose of this training is to provide or increase skill in all facets of mechanical, thermal, ballistic and explosive breaching techniques. This training took place at TEES in Byhalia, MS. The training was covered by the State of CT, therefore no cost to our department.

- On Monday, July 22, 2019, Dispatcher Christopher Sinsigalli took the online training titled, “**CISS User Search Training.**” This training was provided online by CJIS.
- On Monday, July 22, 2019 through Friday, July 26, 2019, Officer James Buyak and Dispatchers Abigail Norton and Steven Tyc attended the training titled, “**Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT).**” This training, put on by CABLE, was hosted at the Wethersfield Police Department’s Community Room. This training helps officers understand and better work with persons in crisis.
- On Wednesday, July 24, 2019, Officers Jessica Blank and Anthony Mendes attended the training titled, “**Investigation and Prosecution of Drug Impaired Driving.**” This training took place at the Connecticut Police Academy.
- On Thursday, July 25, 2019, Officer Shane Murphy attended **Police Canine / Police Canine Handler Training.** Officer Murphy and K9 Marley participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

Community Relations:

The SSB continues to utilize high visibility speed detection devices throughout town in order to change motorist behavior and reduce speeding occurrences on the streets. The SSB has been assisting on traffic issues, block party, special events, and working out parking issues for several large residential communities who are repaving their parking lots.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hartford Marathon’s Old Wethersfield 5 & 10 K road race will be held on August 25th.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will assist with National Night Out Activities at the Wethersfield Community Center on 08/06/2019. The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in practical skills training “Drill and Ceremony” during the month of August 2019.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	JULY 2018	JULY 2019	YTD 2018	YTD 2019
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	65	50	459	407
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	1	0	5	10
Commercial Burglaries	0	1	3	3
Armed Robberies	0	0	1	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	0	3
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	97	78	733	736
DUI	3	7	53	63
MV Crashes	52	59	414	375

Parking Tags	119	43	656	409
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	848	912	5954	5684
Alarm Responses	43	76	322	351
Records Requests	145	132	866	791
Child Car Seat Installations	9	9	41	33