



Police Department Monthly Report



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS:

Three Wethersfield Police Department Probationary Police Officers have completed nine weeks of basic training at the Connecticut Police Academy. Graduation is expected in September, 2011.

During the period May 23, 2011 through June 5, 2011 officers from the Wethersfield Police Department participated in the bi-annual "Click It or Ticket" campaign. The "Click It or Ticket" campaign is sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation. The goal of the campaign is to increase the use of seat belts. During this period, Wethersfield Police officers issued forty-nine seatbelt citations and thirty-five seatbelt violation warnings.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On June 17, 2011 at about 3:30 PM a Wethersfield Police detective was in the parking lot of a business on the Silas Deane Highway in an unmarked vehicle and saw a male approach a green Honda Civic that was parked in the fire lane. The detective suspected that the occupants may have been preparing to shoplift from the store. A short time later, the detective saw the male run out of the store with a hand cart full of merchandise. The male then put the entire hand cart into the Honda and then got into passenger seat of the vehicle which was still parked in the fire lane. The Honda then exited the parking lot. A second officer conducted a motor vehicle stop with the Honda on the Silas Deane Hwy near the intersection with Jordan Lane. The male admitted to the detective that he had just stolen all of the items that were in the vehicle. The total amount of merchandise taken was \$107.43. The male was arrested and charged with Larceny Sixth Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny Sixth Degree. He posted a bond and was given a court date. The female driver was arrested and charged with Conspiracy to Commit Larceny Sixth Degree and Operation of an Unregistered Motor Vehicle. The female was released on a written promise to appear at a future court date.

On June 22, 2011 at about 8:15 AM an officer was dispatched to the Jordan Lane Extension on the report of illegal dumping. A citizen reported to the officer that he observed a male subject in a black pickup truck dropping off brush and leaving it on a dirt pile. The officer was able to track down the owner of the truck. The truck owner admitted to leaving a pile of brush on the dirt pile. The officer told this male that this was not the proper way to dispose of brush and that he could visit the Town of Wethersfield website for details on the proper way to dispose of the brush. This male was subsequently issued a Town Ordinance Violation Ticket

charging him with Littering 122-7, which carries a \$100.00 fine. The male was also required to remove and properly dispose of the brush.

Detective Division

In June, 2011 members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to approximately twenty-five new cases. Major case investigations included three fraud complaints, eight burglary complaints, four larceny complaints and two sexual assault investigations. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

In June, 2011 a detective gave a presentation at a local credit union. Topics discussed during the presentation included robberies, check frauds and ATM skimming.

Juvenile Unit

In June, 2011 the Wethersfield Police Department Juvenile Unit handled thirty-three incidents involving seventy-four juveniles. In these incidents, two juveniles were arrested, three juveniles were diverted to school punishment and eight juveniles were diverted to parental punishment.

In June, 2011 representatives from the Wethersfield Police Department, State of Connecticut Juvenile Probation, Silas Deane Middle School, Wethersfield High School and the Town of Wethersfield Social and Youth Services met to discuss changes to the Juvenile Review Board (JRB). These changes are necessary to meet the challenges posed by the Raise the Age initiative as well the increased role juvenile court would like JRBs to have in the future.

The Wethersfield Police Explorers will participate in the Connecticut Police Cadet Academy from July 24, 2011 through July 31, 2011.

School Resource Officer

In June, 2011 the School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to the Wethersfield High School (WHS) reported covering fifteen incidents which were entered into the School Cop Database. These incidents resulted in nine case numbers, three incident reports and one motor vehicle crash report. Incident reports included one larceny complaint, one breach of peace complaint, and one demented person report.

In June, 2011 the SRO made one criminal arrest at WHS for Breach of Peace Second Degree, 53a-181.

In June, 2011 the SRO also covered numerous incidents involving mediation and the mentoring of students. The SRO also responded to several truancy issues reported by the school as well as students refusing to attend school as reported by their parents.

The SRO, as well as a second officer, spoke at a WHS Career Prep Class as well as at a WHS Civics Class.

Support Services Bureau

In June, 2011 Wethersfield Communications Unit personnel dispatched the Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance to 100 medical emergencies and Aetna Ambulance to 211 medical emergencies for a total of 311 medical emergencies.

In June, 2011 Wethersfield Communications Unit personnel dispatched the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department to fifty-eight calls for service.

In June, 2011 there were 101 calls involving animal control issues. Of those calls, fifty-five were handled by a part-time animal control officer and forty-six were handled by police officers.

In June, 2011 nine persons were taken into custody and held requiring 100 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, six were arrested by warrant.

The Support Services Bureau Commander continues to receive requests for added or replacement road signs. Work orders completed in June, 2011 included posting temporary signs in Old Wethersfield in support of the annual Keane Foundation 5K, posting temporary signs near Corpus Christi School in support of the annual Corpus Christi Picnic and finally posting temporary signs/ barricades near the Wethersfield High School in support of the WHS Graduation Ceremony.

Support Services Bureau, Training Unit

On Monday, June 6, 2011 members of the Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (CREST) attended an annual five-day training session.

On Tuesday, June 21, 2011 a canine officer, along with his canine, Hunter, attended a one day training class entitled "Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training." The canine officer and Hunter participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Wednesday, June 22, 2011 a lieutenant attended a one day training course entitled "Where and When to Use Traffic Signs, Signals and Markings." This course focuses on the appropriate use of signs, signals and markings and is designed to help traffic authorities correctly apply guidelines when making decisions on when to use, or not use, traffic control devices. This training was held in Rocky Hill, CT.

On Thursday, June 23, 2011 two dispatchers began attending a course entitled "Dispatch Judo." This training was held in the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room. Course topics included teaching students to manage verbal resistance and de-escalate confrontation through the use of effective verbal commands.

On Tuesday, June 28, 2011 an officer (SRO) attended a one day class entitled "Youth Violence Prevention and Positive Youth Development" training. This training was held in Hartford, CT. This training was in a conference setting where guest speakers informed attendees on significant policy reforms in juvenile justice, positive youth development and intervention and violence prevention.

Administrative Services Bureau

In June, 2011 police personnel responded to seventy-one police related alarms to include sixty-nine burglar alarms and two hold-up/ panic alarms. Locations included thirty-two residential alarms, thirty non-residential alarms and nine state/ town government alarms. A total of 1,499 alarm permits are currently on file with the Police Department. During the month, fifty-five locations experienced a false alarm resulting in a 96% compliance rate. This month there were 132 items of correspondence sent in connection with billing, registration, and false alarm violations with \$5,525 in alarm billing.

As of June 30, 2011 the Wethersfield Police Department has expended \$457,415.00 on overtime. This is equivalent to 112.3 % of the Department's total budgeted overtime for this fiscal year. In June, 2011 ninety shifts were staffed with no shifts staffed below critical staffing levels.

As of June 30, 2011 the Department has no police officer vacancies and is at its authorized strength of forty-seven sworn officers. The Department has one Records Clerk vacancy within its Records Unit. The

application process for this position continues with a final interview scheduled for July, 2011. Finally, as of June 30, 2011 the Department has one sworn officer assigned to light duty and one officer on maternity leave.

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. To address these complaints, officers performed selective enforcement at numerous locations throughout town. In June, 2011 officers performed selective enforcement twenty-eight different times and spent approximately 18.75 hours doing selective enforcement on these identified roads.

In June, 2011 a complaint was received from a resident of Back Lane regarding vehicles speeding on Back Lane near the intersection of Prospect Street. The Stealth Stat Machine was utilized in this area. Results from the Stealth Stat Machine showed an average speed of approximately 28 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 36 MPH and a top speed of 54 MPH. Using these results selective enforcement was done on eight occasions for over three hours. Officers issued four summonses and one written warning.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, will be hosting a three day shotgun/rifle operator course during the month of August, 2011. This will increase the number of officers who can deploy with the shotgun and/or rifle during emergency type situations. This course will be held in the WPD Community Room as well as the Berlin Police/ Mattabasset Gun Range, Berlin, CT.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

	June 2010	June 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	56	66	337	402
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	4	6	21	14
Commercial Burglaries	2	2	2	3
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	1	2
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	9	7	52	46
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	207	189	1421	1123
DUI	9	8	85	71
MV Accidents	46	64	318	361

Parking Tags	63	48	831	309
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	902	891	4758	4998
Alarm Responses	65	71	353	383
Records Requests	231	233	n/a	1380
Prisoners Transported	17	9	82	64
Child Car Seat Installations	6	9	49	50