



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The Accreditation Sergeant reviewed and made recommendations to update the department's Taser Policy, G.O. 1-012, to in accordance with the Connecticut P.O.S.T model policy and CALEA standards.

During the month of June 2013, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to approximately sixteen (16) new cases. The major case investigations involved; four (4) burglaries, three (3) fraud / Identity thefts, and two (2) larcenies. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

On Monday, June 24, 2013, Probationary Police Officer Joel Diloreto graduated from the 340th session of basic training at the Connecticut Police Academy and has begun his first phase of the twelve week Field Training program.

Probationary Police Officers Derek Leab and Jessica Ficara have completed their Field Training phases and have been assigned to solo patrol duties as of Monday July 1, 2013.

Probationary Police Officers Justin Hilchuk has completed thirteen weeks of basic training at the Connecticut Police Academy. Graduation is expected in September, 2013.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in CPR and First Aid Training.

Wethersfield Police Officers assisted other Mid-State towns at two DUI checkpoints, one in Rocky Hill and one in Newington. There are additional checkpoints scheduled in the five Mid-State towns during the next several months.

In compliance with state law, the quarterly E-911 total call count report was provided to the State of Connecticut Department of Public Safety Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications. For the quarter April 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013 Wethersfield Police Dispatchers handled 2655 E-911 calls. Year-to-date E911 total call count is 5022 calls.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Tuesday June 4, 2013 at approximately 9:23 PM several officers were dispatched to the Wethersfield Community Center at 30 Greenfield Street on the report from a nearby resident that there were several young adults that were being extremely loud and shouting profanity well after the park's closing time. The first officer arrived and located four males playing basketball. As the officer approached these males, they abruptly stopped playing basketball and began walking towards their parked vehicle. The officer determined that these males knew they shouldn't be in the park at this hour. They were attempting to leave the area and avoid police contact. Other officers arrived and were able to identify the four males. The four males acknowledged that they were aware that they should not have been playing basketball so late in the evening but they also insisted that they were not using profanity. The officers issued each of the males an infraction ticket for the violation of Creating a Public Disturbance.

On Thursday June 27, 2013 at approximately 4:41 PM several officers were dispatched to a home on Cumberland Avenue for a theft complaint. The caller/victim said that a male in a brown van had just attempted to steal his air compressor from his garage. The caller said that he recovered the air compressor and that the suspect fled west bound on Cumberland Avenue towards Wolcott Hill Road in a brown van. One officer met with the caller while other officers patrolled the nearby streets attempting to locate the van. After a short time, one officer located the van on Robbins Drive. The suspect driving the van was identified and read his Miranda rights and questioned about the burglary and attempted larceny on Cumberland Avenue. The suspect admitted that he attempted to steal an air compressor on Cumberland Avenue. The officers were given consent to search the van and located numerous items that the suspect admitted that he had stolen from Cromwell and Portland earlier in the day. The suspect was arrested and charged with Burglary 3rd Degree, Criminal Attempt at Larceny 6th Degree, Operating Under Suspension and Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle. He was held on a \$25,000 bond and was presented in GA15 New Britain on 6/28/2013 at 1000 hours. The investigation is continuing regarding the other items in the van. Officers will attempt to identify the owners of these items and try to determine if they were stolen.

Support Services Bureau

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 885 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 44 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 78 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 218 calls for service.

One infraction ticket was issued this month due to a violation captured on video from the Student Guardian school bus cameras.

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

There were 112 phone calls and 69 calls for service involving animal control issues in Wethersfield. Of the calls for service, thirty-seven were handled by the part-time animal control officers and thirty-two were handled by police officers. Thirteen animals were impounded with eight being redeemed, two carried over and three adopted. Animal Control Officers dealt with a large number of wildlife including several calls about snapping turtles, fox and bear. There was also a rise in the number of calls of dogs being left inside cars. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for five calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for six calls in Wethersfield.

Fourteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 304 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, eight were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported the prisoners to court, including twelve males and two females. The females incarcerated by the department required 72 hours of matron coverage.

Administrative Services Bureau

The department has responded to 68 alarm calls in month of June. Residential locations made up 27 (40%) of the total, non-residential locations made up 39 (57%), and State / Town government made up 2 (3%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 60 burglar, 4 holdup / panic, and 4 fire. There currently are 1,632 alarm registrations on file, 57 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Six new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$2,275 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 97 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 78 items of correspondence sent out.

The department is conducting a background check of an entry level police officer candidate to fill the current police officer vacancy.

The department continues to partner with the Department of Transportation by participating in specialized highway safety activities (DUI, seatbelt, and cell phone patrols).

Detective Division

Wethersfield Detectives assisted in the investigation of a sudden death in an apartment complex on Emerson St. Detectives assisted in the processing of the scene and were able to determine that the death appeared to be natural. This was later confirmed by the State Medical Examiner.

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.

The following are the burglary and robbery statistics for the month of June 2013, 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>June 2012</i>	<i>June 2013</i>
Residential Burglaries:	4(3)	4(1)
Commercial Burglaries:	0(0)	0(0)
Armed Robberies:	1(0)	0(0)
Strong-arm Robberies:	3(2)	0(0)

Juvenile Detective

Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 44 incidents, involving approximately 74 juveniles. In these incidents, 4 juveniles were arrested for criminal violations, 5 were diverted to school punishment, 11 were diverted to parental punishment and 4 was diverted to the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will be receiving Defensive Tactics training during the month of July 2013.

School Resource Officer

During the month of June the SRO covered a total of twenty eight incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

Five incident reports and one motor vehicle accident report were completed. Two of the incident reports were for larceny, two were for criminal mischief (one leading to an arrest) and one was for a juvenile remand to custody order. There was one arrest at the school during the month of June.

Exams ran from Tuesday, June 18, 2013 through Monday, June 24, 2013.

The SRO attended the Senior Prom on June 8, 2013 as a chaperone.

The SRO attended an SRBI (Student Research Based Intervention) meeting during the month of June pertaining to at risk students.

The SRO participated in two sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. This is for juveniles who reside in our town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to our board.

The SRO handled a trespassing complaint regarding a previous student on school grounds during school hours.

The SRO handled three tobacco related issues. Two complaint tickets for possession of tobacco by a minor were issued. One student (of legal age) was given a verbal warning for smoking on school property.

The SRO did selective enforcement on Harold Street for moped violations after receiving several complaints from faculty. Three verbal warnings were issued for non-hazardous operation.

The SRO handled one motor vehicle complaint for hazardous operation on school grounds. One verbal warning was issued and a parent was notified.

The SRO assisted the school nurse with a medical issue at the school involving a student.

The SRO took one juvenile into custody and transported the party to the Hartford Juvenile Detention Center on a remand to custody order.

The SRO made an arrest for Criminal Mischief stemming from an incident at the school.

The SRO investigated a motor vehicle collision on school grounds. A written warning was issued.

The SRO assisted with several disorderly situations regarding various issues with students including unruly behavior in the cafeteria, social media bullying, disruptive behavior in the classroom, and threatening over social media.

The SRO investigated several larceny complaints during the month. Stolen items included three cellular phones, one pair of sneakers, and three iPods. Several items were located and returned to the owner with the victim withdrawing the complaint.

The SRO assisted students with two cases involving another jurisdiction.

The SRO is investigating a criminal mischief incident that involved two youths spray painting various things to the north exterior wall of the building on the night before graduation.

The SRO worked the 2013 graduation ceremony held at Cove Park.

The SRO worked the 2013 "Safe Grad" party held at the Wethersfield Community Center.

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.

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement 13 different times spending approximately 7 hours 28 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town. Locations given extra attention included Wells Farm Drive and Hartford Avenue.

A traffic study on Concord Circle was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of twelve (12) days. There is no posted speed limit on this street. During the 264.5 survey hours, 835 cars were recorded, averaging 3 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 20.3 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 20 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 27.3 MPH and a top speed of 41 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during June, 2013:

- For the annual Keane Foundation 5K Road Race held on Sunday, June 2, 2013, cones, barricades, and temporary 'No Parking' signs were placed on numerous streets in Old Wethersfield.
- For the annual Corpus Christi School Picnic held on Friday, June 14, 2013 barricades and temporary 'No Parking' signs were placed on Cottwell Drive.
- For the Wethersfield High School Graduation held on Monday, June 24, 2013, temporary 'No Parking' signs were placed on numerous streets around Cove Park in Old Wethersfield.
- For various intersections on Brown Street:
 - Brown St./ Wilmont St.
 - Remove existing "2-Way" placard under the stop sign southbound.
 - Install "CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP" placard on both north and southbound existing stop sign poles below the stop sign.
 - Brown St./ Amherst St.
 - Remove existing "2-Way" placard under the stop signs both north and southbound.
 - Install "CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP" placard on both north and southbound existing stop sign poles below the stop sign.
 - Brown St./ Westwood Dr.
 - Remove existing "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here" sign from stop sign pole southbound.

Training Division

On Monday, June 3, 2013 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (CREST)** to include Lieutenant Mark Poisson, Sergeant Michael Connolly, MPO Ronald Floyd, and Officer Jeffry Poulin, attended an annual five-day training session.

On Thursday June 6, 2013, Officers Justin Lord and John Blair assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with "**Practical Skills Day**" for the 340th Training Session. Officers Lord and Blair served as role players in exercises that put into practice the knowledge recruits have gained in the classroom under controlled conditions.

On Tuesday June 11, 2013, Animal Control Officers David Santoro, Deborah Monde and Ronald Plante, attended a class entitled "**Animal Cruelty Investigations.**" Training was held at the Manchester Police Department, Manchester CT. Training topics included what steps need to be taken to properly investigate crimes involving animals.

On Thursday June 13, 2013, Officers Kenneth Newton and Albert Whaples 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 Friday June 14, 2013 Officer Albert Whaples attended a course entitled "**Where and When to Use Traffic Signs, Signals and Markings of a Municipal Legal Traffic Authority (MLTA).**" This training was held at the Windsor Town Hall Chambers, Windsor, CT. Training topics included information on the planning, design, construction, maintenance, operation and management of roads, bridges and public transit.

On Friday June 14, 2013 Officer Norberto Mendez attended a one day course entitled "**The Impact of Trauma in Child Abuse Investigations.**" This training was held at the LA Quinta Inn, New Britain, CT. Course topics included signs/symptoms to look for when investigation child abuse cases.

On Friday June 14, 2013 Sergeants Oscar Rivera and Michael Connolly assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with "**Practical Skills Day (ROCC)**" for the 340th Training Session. Sergeants Rivera and Connolly served as assistant instructors by monitoring and encouraging the recruits to complete very strenuous drills which encompass a variety of techniques they have learned during their entire time at the academy.

On Tuesday June 18, 2013, Sergeant Jennie Rivera and Officer Bridget Camara attended a class entitled "**Safety Planning for Domestic Violence Victims.**" The course was held in the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room. Training included how to help victims make plans to ensure they are safe from future violence.

On Tuesday June 18, 2013, Officer Joseph Baich, along with his canine, Owen, attended a one day training class entitled "**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training.**" Officer Baich and Owen participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Tuesday, June 25, 2013, Chief James Cetran, Lieutenants Mark Poisson, Andrew Power Donald Crabtree and Thomas Mitney, and Sergeant Michael Connolly attended a three hour training class entitled "**Racial Profiling Prohibition Training.**" Training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. This training class briefs attendees on the new Racial Profiling Law and the procedures that must be followed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	June 2012	June 2013	YTD 2012	YTD 2013
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	66	70	442	435
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	6	4	21	16
Commercial Burglaries	2	0	12	0
Armed Robberies	0	0	1	1
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	5	1
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	7	4	41	20
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	189	149	1144	975
DUI	8	5	69	48
MV Crashes	64	43	304	477
Parking Tags	48	10	161	182
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	897	885	4959	5022
Alarm Responses	64	68	386	369
Records Requests	201	182	1292	1273
Prisoners Transported	14	14	83	84
Child Car Seat Installations	8	10	38	51