



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

Wethersfield Police Department, with the assistance of other Mid-State Police Departments held a DUI Checkpoint on Thursday, June 26, 2014 on the Berlin Turnpike south of Nott Street. 968 vehicles were briefly stopped by officers with 23 motorists being flagged by the officers for DUI testing or other investigation.

- Nine (9) motorists were charged with Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle
- Five (5) motorist were charged with Operating with a Suspended License and/or Registration
- Three (3) motorists were charged with Driving without a License
- One (1) motorist was charged with Possession of Less Than One-Half Ounce of a Cannabis-Type Substance
- One (1) motorist was charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle without Insurance
- One (1) motorist was charged with Failure to Display Plates

In compliance with state law, the quarterly E-911 total call count report was provided to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications. For the quarter April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 Wethersfield Police Dispatchers handled 2638 E-911 calls. Year-to-date E911 total call count is 5054 calls.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets are focusing on fund raising efforts for the Cadet Post which includes a Car Show to benefit the Cadet Post. The car show will take place on 10/12/14 at Cove Park (State Street near DMV).

Probationary Police Officer Peter Salvatore completed 11 weeks of Field Training and is scheduled to be on his own around the middle of July 2014.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 8:41 AM officers were dispatched to a home on Bristol Street on a report of an attempted burglary that just occurred. Dispatch stated that the suspect was a Hispanic male wearing a red shirt, hat, and carrying a backpack. He left on a bicycle. A detective located a male matching the description on Campfield Avenue in Hartford. The male was positively identified. After being read his Miranda rights, he was asked what happened on Bristol Street. He stated that he met a white male in Goodwin Park and agreed to sell him a hypodermic needle. He said that he followed the male, described as white, short, skinny and about 47 years old to the home on Bristol Street. The suspect said that he lost sight of the male in the backyard. The suspect said he walked into the backyard, which is fenced in, and did not see the male. He said he thought the male went into the house so he opened a window. Another male then told the suspect to leave so he did. While one officer was speaking to the suspect, a detective went to the home on Bristol Street and spoke to the complainant. The complainant positively identified the suspect as the man who had tried to gain access to his house. The suspect was arrested for Criminal Attempt of Burglary in the Third Degree and Criminal Trespass in the Third Degree. He was transported to police headquarters for processing. His bicycle was also brought to headquarters. He was held on bond and was presented in New Britain court on 6-5-2014.

On June 10, 2014 at 1:21 PM officers were dispatched to a retail store on the Silas Deane Hwy for a report of a shoplifting that just occurred. Arriving officers spoke to Loss Prevention. The Loss Prevention personnel stated he witnessed a male enter the food aisle. This male was immediately recognized from previous shoplifting incidents that happened in the Wethersfield store. After entering the food aisle, he quickly selected three bottles of vinegar and walked into the pet aisle where he selected a dog item. The male then concealed the three bottles of vinegar and the dog item into his side khaki-shorts pockets. He then went to the front of the store and exited where he passed all point of sale and made no attempt to pay for the concealed merchandise. Loss Prevention stopped him inside the vestibule where he identified himself as Loss Prevention and asked him to come to the back of the store with him. The total value of merchandise stolen was \$69.96. After being read his Miranda rights, the male admitted to concealing the three bottles of vinegar and pet item into his pant pockets and that he had no intention of paying for the items. The male was arrested and brought to the Wethersfield Police Department for processing. He was charged with Larceny in the 6th Degree. He was released on bond and was scheduled to appear in court in New Britain on 06/24/14.

Support Services Bureau

Twenty-four persons were taken into custody and held requiring 350 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, seventeen were arrested on warrants. Twenty-one males and three females were transported to court. The females incarcerated by the department required 23 hours of matron coverage.

There were 144 phone calls and 79 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, sixty-six were handled by the part-time animal control officers and thirteen were handled by police officers. Six animals were impounded with four being redeemed and one sold as a pet. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for fourteen calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for fourteen calls in Wethersfield. Cases included two dog bites. An infraction was issued to the owner of a persistently roaming dog.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 906 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 34 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 118 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 214 calls for service.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 70 alarms in month of June. Residential locations made up 28 (40%) of the total, non-residential locations made up 37 (53%), and State / Town government made up 5 (7%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 64 burglar, 2 holdup / panic, and 4 fire alarms. There are currently 1,580 alarm registrations on file, 59 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Eight (8) new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$2,975 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 219 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 193 items of correspondence sent out.

Detective Division

During the month of June 2014, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to twenty-four (24) new cases. The major case investigations involved; 5 residential burglaries, 10 commercial burglaries (offices in commercial buildings,) two (2) fraud / Identity thefts, and two (2) sudden deaths. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

On June 15th an unknown suspect or suspects entered several commercial office buildings on or near the Silas Deane Hwy. Wethersfield detectives responded to process several of the scenes. The suspect(s) were in and out of the buildings quickly and only took currency. At this time no identification has been made, but the investigation continues.

The following are the burglary and robbery statistics for the month of June 2014, 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 2013</i>	<i>June 2014</i>
Residential Burglaries:	4(1)	5(4)
Commercial Burglaries:	0(0)	10(0)
Armed Robberies:	0(0)	0(0)
Strong-arm Robberies:	0(0)	0(0)

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 46 incidents, involving approximately 68 juveniles during the month of June. In these incidents 2 Juvenile were arrested, 2 Juveniles were issued infractions, 3 juveniles were diverted for parental discipline, 1 Juvenile was diverted for school discipline, and 1 Juvenile was seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

School Resource Officer

During the month of June the SRO covered a total of sixteen (16) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. Two (2) incident reports were completed: emergency committal and arrest report for coercion / risk of injury to a minor. The arrest involved student on student crime in incidents that happened off of school grounds and not during school hours.

There was one arrest during the month of June for an incident that did not happen on school grounds or during school hours. The SRO attended a STARS/SRBI (Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program - Scientific Research-Based Intervention) meeting for at risk youths at WHS as well as attending the senior prom as a chaperone at the Aqua Turf.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement three

different times spending approximately 1 hour 18 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in Wethersfield. Locations given extra attention included the Nott Street and Maple Street.

A traffic study on Dale Road was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of sixteen (16) days. The posted speed limit on this road is 30 MPH. During the 303.5 survey hours, 9,245 cars were recorded, averaging 30.5 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 28 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 28 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 35 MPH and a top speed of 60 MPH.

Based on a complaint about speeding vehicles, a traffic study on Garden Street in the area of #311 (northbound traffic only) was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of five (5) days. The posted speed limit on this road is 25 MPH. During the 95.5 survey hours, 5,416 cars were recorded, averaging 56.7 cars per hour. Results from the device showed an average speed of 24.98 MPH and the 85th percentile speed of approximately 31 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during June, 2014:

- For the annual Keane Foundation 5K Road Race held on Sunday, June 1, 2014, cones, barricades, and temporary 'No Parking' signs were placed on numerous streets in Old Wethersfield.
- Install 'Pedestrian Crossing' warning sign with 'Diagonal Downward Pointing Arrow' supplemental plaque at crosswalk on Main Street southbound in front of 211 Main Street. 'No Parking' sign should be remounted on same pole below the supplemental plaque.
- Remove current 'School Crossing Assembly' sign on Main Street northbound in front of 212 Main Street and replace with 'Pedestrian Crossing' warning sign with 'Ahead' supplemental plaque.
- Replace 'No Parking Anytime' sign on Main Street in front of 212 Main Street
- Install 'No Parking Anytime' sign on Main Street in front of 280 Main Street. Mount sign below current 'Pedestrian Crossing' warning sign.

Training Division

On Monday, June 9, 2014 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (CREST)** to include Lieutenant Mark Poisson, Sergeant Michael Connolly, and Officers Jeffrey Poulin and Shane Murphy attended an annual five-day training session.

On Tuesday, June 17, 2014, Sergeants Delroy Warmington, Kevin O'Leary and Michael Fisher attended a one day class entitled "**Domestic Violence Overview Training.**" Training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. The training was a review of the new State Domestic Violence Policy.

On Thursday, June 19, 2014, Sergeants Delroy Warmington and Kevin O'Leary attended a one day class entitled "**Critical Incident Management Initial Response.**" Training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Course topics include proper response and management of a supervisor during serious/critical incidents.

During the week of June 2-6, 2014 the WPD Training Unit conducted "**Spring 2014 Firearms Training.**" Forty-two (42) officers participated in this training. Training was held at the Berlin Police/ Mattabasset Gun Range, Berlin, CT. Officers were required to complete a 60 round qualification course, which all officers successfully passed. Officers also completed two point-instinctive courses. The first point-instinctive course emphasized moving and shooting. The second point-instinctive course emphasized close quarter combat shooting while under timed, stressful circumstances. Officers were required to take a written test on the nomenclature of the Glock handgun. All officers passed this test. Fourteen (14) Officers also qualified with the Colt AR-15 patrol rifle. Several officers were also certified in Non-Division Issued Firearms.

During the week of June 2-6, 2014 the WPD Training Unit conducted "**Spring 2014 Mossberg Shotgun and Less Lethal Training.**" Training was held at the Berlin Police/ Mattabasset Gun Range, Berlin, CT. Eleven (11) officers participated in this training. Training included qualification on the Department shotgun, Mossberg, Model 590A1, less lethal sock rounds as well as training scenarios with the less lethal ammunition.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Some of the Wethersfield Police Cadets will be attending the CT Cadet Police Academy sponsored by NERLEEA.

NCIC/COLLECT inquiry recertification for select department personnel is scheduled for July, 2014.

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.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	JUNE 2013	JUNE 2014	YTD 2013	YTD 2014
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	70	88	435	392
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	4	5	16	16
Commercial Burglaries	0	10	0	18
Armed Robberies	0	0	1	1
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	1	1
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	4	10	20	41
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	149	172	975	956
DUI	5	9	48	47
MV Crashes	43	38	477	235
Parking Tags	10	27	182	409
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	885	906	5022	4180
Alarm Responses	68	70	369	349
Records Requests	182	248	1273	1166
Prisoners Transported	14	24	84	93
Child Car Seat Installations	10	0	51	22