



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**Chief of Police**

## June 2016

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

During the month of June 2016, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to ten (10) new cases. The major case investigations involved; two (4) burglaries, one (1) attempted robbery and one (1) sudden death. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets honored Cadets Patrick McCarthy and Brendan Aceto for their years of service to the Wethersfield Police Cadet Program at the June 2016 Cadet Meeting. Both McCarthy and Aceto aged out of the program this year.

On Saturday, June 4, 2016 the Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce Fireworks event was held at Cove Park. The event began at 6:00 PM with the fireworks show at 9:15 PM. The event was attended by several thousand spectators.

On Sunday, June 5, 2016 the annual Keane Foundation 5K road race was held. The road race stepped off at 11:00 am. The event was attended by several hundred participants, including several running groups from the Wethersfield Public Schools.

On Wednesday, June 15, 2016 the Wethersfield High School held its graduation ceremony at Cove Park.

### **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Patrol Division**

##### **Patrol Division (Case of Interest)**

On Thursday June 9, 2016 at 8:10 PM officers were dispatched to Marshall's at 1130 Silas Deane Highway on the report of a female shoplifter in custody. Arriving officers met the

store's loss prevention (LP) detective, who had detained a female. Once identified, dispatch noted that she had two PRAWN warrants for Violation of Probation. LP said he saw the female enter the store and conceal packages of men's underwear and shirts in the handbag that she carried in the store with her. She then exited the store making no attempt to pay for the items. LP stopped her outside and asked her to go back to his office with him. She was cooperative. The theft was on video. The stolen items were photographed and returned to Marshall's. She had taken two packages of men's underwear for a value of \$33.98 and two packages of men's undershirts for a value of 39.98. The total value of the theft was \$73.96. The female was arrested and transported to Police Headquarters for processing. She was charged with Larceny in the Sixth Degree. She was later released. She was scheduled to appear in court on 6/24/16. She was also charged with the Violation of Probation warrants, each with a court imposed bond of \$1000.00.

On Wednesday June 15, 2016 at approximately 11:44 AM officers responded to Stop & Shop 1380 Berlin Turnpike, on the report that loss prevention (LP) officials were detaining a male suspected of shoplifting a large quantity of frozen lobster tails. They identified him from a previous shoplifting incident. Responding officers learned that the suspect had just been arrested the previous day by a Wethersfield officer for attempting to steal a large quantity of meat products from the same Stop & Shop location. Because of this incident, the officer had given the suspect an official advisement that on behalf of Stop & Shop management that he was no longer allowed inside or on the store grounds. Upon arriving, officers went to the LP office where the suspect was being detained. LP observed the suspect enter the store and immediately proceed to the frozen seafood section. Knowing that he had been arrested yesterday for attempting to steal a large quantity of meat products, LP continued to monitor the suspect's actions. LP then observed the suspect select a large quantity of frozen lobster tails and place them into the hand basket he was carrying. The suspect then proceeded to the front of the store where he passed all points of purchase without making any attempt to purchase the lobster tails he had selected. LP then approached the suspect outside the store where he identified himself as LP. A total of twelve (12) packs of frozen lobster tails, valued at \$127.84, were recovered. The suspect was arrested and transported to Police Headquarters where he was charged with Larceny 6<sup>th</sup> Degree and Criminal Trespass in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. A check of the suspect's criminal history revealed that he had been arrested on twenty-two (22) previous occasions, primarily on larceny and trespass violations. The suspect was held on a \$1,000 bond and was scheduled to be presented in court on June 16, 2016.

## **Support Services Bureau**

Eighteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 282 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, ten were arrested on warrants. Seventeen males and one female were transported to court. The female incarcerated by the department required 6 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 172 phone calls and 76 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, sixty-three were handled by the part-time animal control officers and

thirteen were handled by police officers. Six animals were impounded with five being redeemed and one carrying over. Cases investigated included three dog v. human bites. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for eleven calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for twenty-one calls in Wethersfield. Eighteen warnings were issued for not having a dog licensed.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 977 NG911 emergency phone calls. Year to date total is 5,125 calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 47 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 76 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 263 calls for service.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

This department has responded to 67 police-related alarms in month of June. Non-residential locations made up 23 (34%) of this total, residential alarms made up 42 (63%), and State and Town government made up 2 (3%). The alarms received were; 59 burglar, 4 holdup / panic, and 4 Fire. There currently are 1,758 alarm registrations on file, 58 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Thirteen new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$1,325 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 104 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 84 items of correspondence sent out.

## **Detective Division**

In April of 2016, Wethersfield Detectives arrested two males accused of being in possession of fraudulent credit cards. The males had numerous fraudulent credit cards and both males were from the State of Florida. A Detective followed up on evidence form the original case, and found that this fraud was part of a large scale ring of people from out of state that steal credit card numbers by way of a skimming device, most likely placed at gas stations. Once the numbers are obtained, the thieves make fake credit cards with the stolen information on the card. The thieves then make large scale gift card purchases and then sell the gift cards. In June, the Wethersfield Detective was able to work with the State of Connecticut Financial Crime Task Force and they are currently investigating numerous cases throughout Connecticut.

## Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 41 incidents, involving approximately 54 juveniles during the month of June 2016. In these incidents there were 3 Juvenile arrests and 2 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB".

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town 12 different times for a total of approximately 6 hours 36 minutes. Locations given extra attention included Silas Deane Highway, Goff Road, Hartford Avenue and Mill Street.

The Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study in the area of 360 Main Street (display facing northbound traffic) over the course of twelve (12) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 30 MPH. During the 266.5 survey hours, 59,372 cars were recorded. Results from the device showed an average speed of approximately 27 MPH and the 85th percentile speed of approximately 33 MPH.

A traffic study in the area of 108 Charter Road was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of ten (10) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 30 MPH. During the 208 survey hours, 42,643 cars were recorded, averaging 205 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 25 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 25 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 31 MPH and a top speed of 58 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during June, 2016:

- For the Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce Fireworks Event on Saturday, June 4, 2016 barricades and temporary "No Parking" signs were placed on numerous streets around the Wethersfield Cove Park.
- For the annual Keane Foundation 5K Road Race held on Sunday, June 5, 2016, cones, barricades, and temporary 'No Parking' signs were placed on numerous streets in Old Wethersfield.
- For the Wethersfield High School Graduation held on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, temporary 'No Parking' signs were placed on numerous streets around Cove Park in Old Wethersfield.
- Install 'No Parking Beyond This Sign' sign on the east side of Main Street near #280 Main St.
- On Robeth Lane complete the following:
  - On the north side of the road approximately 150' from Highland Street install new 'Speed Limit 25 MPH' sign.
  - Attach "No Outlet" with arrow placard on top of the existing street sign for Robeth Lane, at the intersection of Highland Street.
- In the area of the State Street & Hartford Avenue intersection complete the following:

- Install Pedestrian Crossing warning signs with Diagonal Downward Pointing Arrow supplemental plaque at crosswalk on State Street at Hartford Avenue in both directions.
- Install Pedestrian Crossing warning sign with 'Ahead' supplemental plaque on the north side of State Street 150' east of crosswalk at Hartford Avenue.
- Install Pedestrian Crossing warning sign with 'Ahead' supplemental plaque on the west side of Hartford Avenue in front of #299.
- Install 'No Parking Beyond This Sign' sign on the north side of State Street 25' east of crosswalk at Hartford Avenue.
- Install 'No Parking This Side of Sign' sign on the east side of Hartford Avenue just south of the Solomon Welles House entrance.
- Add 'Ahead' supplemental plaque to the existing School Crossing Assembly sign on Nott Street across from Mikey's Place.
- Add 'Ahead' supplemental plaque to the existing Pedestrian Crossing sign on Garden Street north of Nott Street.
- Add 'All Way' plaques under the stop signs at the intersection of Nott Street and Hartford Avenue.

## **Training Division**

N/A

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wethersfield Detectives are assisting with patrol personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Administration to investigate local individuals.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will be taking a Rank Test for promotions which will occur during the July 2016 meeting. The Cadet Academy at the University of Hartford will take place from 07/24/16 thru 07/30/2016

Middletown Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 2, 2016 on the Connecticut River in Middletown. The WPD Marine Patrol Unit has been requested for assistance with this event.

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## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	June 2015	JUNE 2015	YTD 2015	YTD 2016
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	44	39	405	341
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	1	2	6	13
Commercial Burglaries	1	0	1	2
Armed Robberies	1	0	2	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	1	1	1	1
<b>Family Violence Arrests</b>				
Family Violence Arrests	3	4	36	32
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	142	62	1039	762
DUI	4	5	30	38
MV Crashes	54	57	376	427
Parking Tags	89	31	449	633
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	1017	977	5698	5125
Alarm Responses	45	67	351	269
Records Requests	182	138	1301	1106
Prisoners Transported	13	18	77	77
Child Car Seat Installations	1	0	24	15