



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**James Cetran**  
**Chief of Police**

## JUNE 2019

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

During the month of June 2019 members of the Patrol Bureau made seven (7) arrests for Driving Under the Influence.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets continued to prepare for the NEERLEA Cadet/Explorer Summer Camp scheduled for July 2019. The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted the D.A.R.E Officer with D.A.R.E. Graduations in June of 2019.

### **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Patrol Division**

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

On Monday, June 10, 2019 at approximately 9:47 AM an officer noticed a vehicle traveling in front of his cruiser in which the registration was suspended due to a lack of insurance. Upon stopping the vehicle, the operator verbally identified herself to the officer but stated she did not have any identification with her. The officer noted the smell of marijuana emanating from inside the vehicle. The officer was unable to identify the operator and asked her to step out of the vehicle. Upon doing so, the officer noticed what he would later identify as 10 packets of heroin fall from the operator onto the roadway. As he looked in the vehicle he would locate an additional 20 packets of heroin remaining on the driver's seat. The operator was placed in handcuffs and placed into the backseat of the officer's cruiser. Upon having the operator exit the cruiser at the police department the officer noticed what he would later identify as 50 packets of heroin pushed into the front cage portion where she was sitting. The operator was charged with Possession of Narcotics, Tampering with Evidence and Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a License.

On Saturday, June 16, 2019 at approximately 1:18 AM an officer was traveling in a marked police cruiser in the left travel lane when a vehicle in the right travel lane passed him at such a speed that the cruiser shook from side to side. As the vehicle continued the officer noticed the tires of the vehicle leave the ground for a split second in an area where there is a level

change in the road. Upon stopping the vehicle and speaking with the operator, the officer noted the smell of an alcoholic beverage coming from the operator's breath and that the operator was heavily slurring his speech, to the point of being incomprehensible at times. The operator failed the field sobriety tests he attempted. The operator was charged with Driving Under the Influence, Failure to Maintain Lane and Traveling Unreasonably Fast.

On Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at approximately 10:35 PM officers were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident in which a vehicle struck a parked car and a mailbox. Upon arrival, an officer spoke with a citizen that stated they heard the accident and when they went outside located a vehicle on their neighbor's front lawn. The officer approached the operator of the vehicle that was on the lawn and noted the smell of an alcoholic beverage coming from the operator's breath. The operator failed the field sobriety tests he attempted. The officer was able to determine the operator struck a legally parked and unoccupied car, continued forward and struck a mailbox before coming to a stop on the lawn. The officer noted significant damage to both vehicles and the mailbox. The operator was charged with Driving Under the Influence, Operating a Motor Vehicle Under Suspension and Failure to Drive Right.

## **Detective Division**

During the month of June 2019:

Detectives continue to perform numerous town background investigations for positions at town hall as well as for new police officers and for a dispatcher. Background investigations continue for pistol permits applicants.

## **Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 39 incidents, involving approximately 47 Juveniles during the month of June 2019. In these incidents there were 2 Juvenile "Summons" arrests, 2 Juveniles were issued an infractions related to Vaping, 1 Juveniles was diverted for school discipline, and 4 Juvenile were seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board.

## **School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School**

During the month of May the WHS SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The WHS SRO spoke with a student who reported another student was vaping in the 5th floor bathroom during 3rd period.
- The WHS SRO took a lost cellular phone complaint. Phone was located and returned to its rightful owner.
- The WHS SRO attended a forensic interview with Juvenile Detective Mendez involving a suspect who is a WHS student.
- The WHS SRO took a stolen laptop complaint from a student. No formal complaint from the owner of the laptop which was returned to the student.

- The WHS SRO took a complaint of girls in a bathroom in possession of a JUUL. Students are 18 years old and not in violation of a criminal statute.
- The WHS SRO was approached by a female student who was involved in a physical altercation while attending the fireworks show on Saturday, June 1st. Advised.
- The WHS SRO issued a complaint ticket to a 16 year old female student for possession of vaping materials on public property (school) - first offense.
- The WHS SRO spoke with an SDMS student regarding his behavior. He clubbed a teacher on the head with a pillow. School based discipline
- The WHS SRO arrested an SDMS female student after she assaulted another female in a crowded hallway.
- The WHS SRO issued a ticket to a 17 year old male for possession of vaping materials on school grounds (public property) by a minor.
- The WHS SRO issued a ticket to a 16 year old male for possession of vaping materials on school grounds (public property) by a minor.
- The WHS SRO spoke to an 18 year old male regarding his possession of vaping materials on school grounds (public property). Advised.
- The WHS SRO addressed (separately) the 7th graders and 8th graders at SDMS regarding their behavior issues. Each group was advised by the principal, assistant principal and the SRO.
- The WHS SRO and Officer Foster investigated the complaint of a suspicious male who was attempting to enter the school after hours. Male was later identified as the brother of a student who was facing discipline after school hours.
- The WHS SRO met with the brother of an SDMS student who was reportedly missing from the school. Found to be home with parent. Checks okay.
- The WHS SRO investigated a suspicious substance that a student was found to be in possession of. Identified as scented tobacco and not contraband.
- The WHS SRO assisted school counselor staff with a custody issue. Student is living with a grandaunt and not going home to her father's house on a consistent basis.
- The WHS SRO investigated a one vehicle accident involving a female student. Vehicle jumped the curbing and collided with a tree. Info exchange only.
- The WHS SRO responded to a motor vehicle collision on Wolcott Hill Road on the report of a student involved in the accident. Parent arrived on scene and no major injuries reported. Vice principal also on scene.
- The WHS SRO responded to a three vehicle collision on Wells Road involving two WHS students. Parents were contacted and arrived on scene. Both students received injuries and were turned over to their parents and/or EMS. Principal on scene with SRO.
- The WHS SRO responded to SDMS on the report of a student who was having a difficult time after the recent death of a parent.
- The WHS SRO issued a verbal warning for a hazardous violation on school grounds.
- The WHS SRO took a complaint from a parent regarding her son being threatened by another student. Parent just wanted to make sure her son was safe on the last day of exams heading into the summer.

- The WHS SRO was asked to stand by in the human resources department while a WHS employee was being dismissed from his duties.
- The WHS SRO attended/worked at the class of 2019 graduation ceremony.
- The WHS SRO attended/worked at the 2019 Safe Grad event.
- The SRO participated in the 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 WHS SRO and Detective Sullivan attended the career fair at WHS.
- The WHS SRO attended a meeting preparing for a special bon-fire pep-rally event in November 2019.
- The WHS SRO met with a town residence regarding parking issues on Eagle Drive.
- The WHS SRO attended the Attendance Meeting: Topic discussion centered on students with attendance issues for this academic year.
- The WHS SRO also attended the SDMS Attendance Meeting: Topic discussion centered on students with attendance issues for this academic year.
- The WHS SRO attended a STARS/SRBI (Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program - Scientific Research-Based Intervention) meeting for at risk youths at WHS.
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- The WHS SRO attended the monthly Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board meeting.
- The WHS SRO presented the Advisory class with a teacher.
- The WHS SRO attended the weekly security and safety meeting with administrators and security staff.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

### **Support Services Bureau**

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

There were 129 phone calls and 50 calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for seven calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for twenty-seven calls. 1,200 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: fourteen wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), thirty-six dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), seven mutual aid calls to Newington, and no warnings issued for unlicensed dogs due to the recent licensing deadline.

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 878 NG911 emergency phone calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) and Aetna Ambulance were dispatched for a collective 304 occurrences.

### **Training Unit:**

- On Sunday, June 2, 2019 Detective James Darby, and Officers Robert Arduini, Layau Eulizier, Justin Hilchuk and Manuel Silva were assigned training. The training, “**COLLECT / NCIC recertification Training**,” was provided online through CJIS.
- On Monday, June 3, 2019 through June 7, 2019, Officer Layau Eulizier attended geant Luis Gonzalez and Officers Shane Murphy and Justin Hilchuk attended week long CREST training. CREST is the regional SWAT team.
- On Monday, June 3, 2019 through June 7, 2019, Officer Layau Eulizier attended the training titled, “**Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT)**” This training took place at the Mashentucket Police Department. This training helps officers understand and better work with persons in crisis.
- On Wednesday, June 5, 2019 and Thursday, June 6, 2019 Detective Chrostopher Morris attended the training titled, “**Spotlight on Fraud VII.**” This training, which took place at the Mohegan Sun Conference Center in Uncasville, is a two-day seminar on fraud investigations and is put on by the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI).
- During the week of Monday, June 10, 2019, Wethersfield Officers attended **Spring Firearms Training and Qualification**. This training took place at the Berlin Police Range in Berlin, CT. Class included marksmanship drills, firearm qualification, use of force review, use of deadly force review, shooting decisions training, rifle training and qualification for rifle certified officers and shotgun review and qualification for supervisors and commanders.
- On Tuesday, June 11, 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 Tuesday June 11, 2019 and Wednesday, June 12, 2019, Lieutenants Michael Connolly and Andrew Power attended the training titled, “**CT Regional Public Information Officer Conference.**” This training took place in Niantic, CT.

- On Tuesday June 11, 2019 and Wednesday, June 12, 2019, Lieutenant Donald Crabtree, Sergeant Michael Fisher and Officers Kevin Foster and Robert Malinowski attended the training titled, “**Behavioral Detection Training.**” This training took place at the Connecticut Police Academy and was put on by the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA).
- On Monday, June 17, 2019, Sergeants Michael Fisher and Oscar Rivera attended the training titled, “**Crowd Control and Management: Protecting First Amendment Rights.**” This training took place at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden and was put on by Daigle Law Group.
- On Monday, June 17, 2019 through Friday, June 21, 2019, Officer David Gove and Supernumerary Robert DeRoehn attended the training titled, “**Capitol Region Review Training (Recertification Training).**” This training, which took place at the Manchester Police Department, covers mandated and elective in-service training required to maintain certification as a police officer.
- On Monday, June 17, 2019 through Friday, June 21, 2019, Officer Jessica Blank attended the training titled, “**Triple Instructor Certification.**” This training, which took place at the Bloomfield Police Department, was training to become a handcuffing, baton and OC spray instructor. This training was put on by KFD Consulting and Training.
- On Wednesday, June 19, 2019, Lieutenant Michael Connolly and Sergeant Luis Gonzalez attended the training titled, “**Tactical Operation Liability.**” This training, put on by Daigle Law Group, took place at the Connecticut Police Academy.
- On Friday, June 21, 2019, this agency held **Retiree Firearms Qualification / Law Enforcement Offices Safety Act Training.** This training, which took place at the Berlin Police Department Range, was attended by 9 retired Officers.
- On Tuesday, June 25, 2019, Sergeant Oscar Rivera, Detective Anthony DeMonte and Officer Joseph Baich attended the training titled, “**First Responder Wellness: Breaking the Chains.**” This training took place at the Hawk’s Landing Country Club in Southington, CT.
- On Wednesday, June 26, 2019, Supernumerary Robert DeRoehn attended **Spring Firearms Training and Qualification.** This training took place at the Berlin Police Range in Berlin, CT. Class included marksmanship drills, firearm qualification, use of force review, use of deadly force review and shooting decisions training.
- On Thursday, June 27, 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.

- On Thursday June 27, and Friday June 28, 2019, Officer Anthony Mendes attended the training titled, “**Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Education (ARIDE).**” This training is advanced training in the detection and investigation of operators driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages and drugs, bridging the gap between the SFSTs and Drug Recognition Expert program. This training took place at the Waterford Police Department.

### **Community Relations:**

Speed monitoring and high visibility seed warning was conducted on McMullen Avenue, Broad Street, Dale Road.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

The 7 Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in the NEERLEA Cadet/Explorer Summer Camp scheduled for July 14, 2019 thru July 20, 2019.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

	<b>JUNE 2018</b>	<b>JUNE 2019</b>	<b>YTD 2018</b>	<b>YTD 2019</b>
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	69	38	394	357
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	1	1	4	5
Commercial Burglaries	0	0	3	2
Armed Robberies	0	0	1	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	3	0	3
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	82	102	636	658
DUI	14	7	50	59
MV Crashes	73	47	362	316
Parking Tags	222	54	567	366
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	1015	878	5106	4772
Alarm Responses	43	64	279	275
Records Requests	120	101	721	659
Child Car Seat Installations	4	3	32	24