



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



---

---

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

## MARCH 2014

### SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

During the month of March 2015, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to eight (8) new cases. The major case investigations involved; one (1) burglary, two (2) frauds, and one (1) sexual assault. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training during the month of March with the focus on D.U. I. training.

On Tuesday, March 10, 2015, Officer Kenneth Newton and Dispatcher Lisa Fournier attended a course entitled "Non-Emergency Call Handling." Due to this training being held at the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room, the department received two training seats free of charge.

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 January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015 Wethersfield Police Dispatchers handled 2688 E-911 calls.

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

#### Patrol Division

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

On Tuesday, March 3, 2013, at 2:45 PM an officer was dispatched to a retail establishment on the Silas Deane Highway for a report of a male shoplifter. The store's loss prevention had the shoplifter in custody. The loss prevention employee had detained the suspected shoplifter. The loss prevention person stated that he observed on closed circuit television a male subject selecting several Tropical Queso de Papa blocks of cheese and concealing them under his shirt. The suspect was then observed passing all points of purchase without making any attempt to purchase the products. Once the suspect exited the store, loss

prevention approached him and identified himself as Loss Prevention. The value of merchandise was \$49.90. The stolen items were recovered from the suspect. They were photographed and turned back over to the store. The suspect was arrested, handcuffed and transported to headquarters for processing. A records check of the suspect showed thirteen previous arrests for Larceny, Possession of a Shoplifting Device, Burglary, Possession of Burglary Tools, Failure to Appear, Narcotics, Violation of Probation, Assault and Criminal Trespass. He was charged with Larceny 6<sup>th</sup> and was later released on a Non-Surety Bond and was scheduled to appear in court on 3/17/15.

On Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 12:51 PM an officer was dispatched to a retail establishment on the Berlin Turnpike on report of an active shoplifting. Dispatch had received a call from store Loss Prevention (LP) indicating that a male suspect had shoplifted some shrimp and that LP was following him as he ran out the door. It was further relayed that LP had succeeded in stopping the male, and that he was co-operating as police responded. As the officer arrived he observed the male suspect sitting on the curb. Standing over him was the LP officer. LP indicated that he had followed the suspect as he ran north through the lot. LP stated that he had observed the suspect conceal multiple bags of shrimp within his jacket and that the suspect then passed all points of purchase without paying for the items. Once outside of the store the shrimp was dropped on the ground. The shrimp was valued at \$84.00. The officer read the suspect Miranda Rights and he stated he understood them. He admitted to stealing the shrimp to support his drug habit. He was placed under arrest for Larceny in the Sixth Degree. He was handcuffed and transported to WPD HQ. At HQ, the suspect was processed. A records check showed sixteen (16) prior arrests to include multiple narcotics violations, burglaries and Failure To Appear (FTA's). The suspect was held on bond and was presented in court on the following morning 3/09/2015.

On Tuesday March 17, 2015, at 1:07 PM officers were dispatched to a retail establishment on the Berlin Turnpike for the report of a shoplifting that occurred on Friday 3/13/15. The officer met with Asset Protection Coordinator, who stated he went into the Wethersfield store on 3/17/15 to review CCTV footage for possible thefts that occurred in the last week. He stated that when he was reviewing footage from Friday 3/13/15 he noticed a male subject enter the store from the pharmacy entrance at approximately 5:30 PM. He stated the male then walked around the store with three reusable bags in a carriage. The male removed 16 containers of Café Bustelo Coffee worth \$3.59 each (\$57.44 total), 1 dozen of Stop and Shop eggs worth \$2.39, 7 containers of Dove Soap worth \$9.29 each (\$65.03 total), 2 containers of Dove White Soap worth \$6.99 each (\$13.98 total), 7 packages of Gillette Fusion Razors worth \$36.39 each (\$254.73 total), 5 packages of Fusion Razor Cartridges worth \$11.49 each (\$22.98 total), 2 packages of Fusion Razors worth \$11.49 each (\$22.98 total), 1 Fruit of the Loom Shirt worth \$15.99, 2 No Nonsense Socks worth \$5.49 each (\$10.98 total), and 3 Reusable Stop and Shop Bags worth \$0.99 each (\$2.97 total). The total for all the items stolen was \$511.44. The male suspect passed all points of purchase without paying for the items. The male got into a red SUV with the merchandise and drove off. The male was a passenger in the red SUV. An investigation by the officer revealed that the suspect has recently been arrested by both the Newington and Bloomfield Police Departments for shoplifting. The officer was able to positively identify the suspect as the same person that was arrested recently in Newington and Bloomfield. A records check of the suspect showed 14 prior arrests including 10 arrests for Larceny. An arrest warrant for the suspect is pending.

## **Support Services Bureau**

Nineteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 335 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, seventeen were arrested on warrants. Fifteen males and four females were transported to court. The females incarcerated by the department required 66 hours of matron and/or female officer coverage.

There were 82 phone calls and 31 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, twenty-two were handled by the part-time animal control officers and nine were handled by police officers. Three animals were impounded with one being redeemed, one sold as a pet and one euthanized. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for five calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Wethersfield.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed 6 child seats.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 864 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 104 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 211 calls for service.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

This department has responded to 81 alarms in month of March. Non-residential locations made up 38 (47%) of this total, residential alarms made up 37 (46%), and State and Town government made up 6 (7%). The alarms received were: 76 burglar, 3 holdup / panic, and 2 fire. There currently are 1,640 alarm registrations on file, 57 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Ten new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$4,375 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 163 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 125 items of correspondence sent out.

## **Detective Division**

In November of 2014, Wethersfield Detectives investigated a robbery of a gas station in which the suspect used a stun gun as a weapon. The same individuals were suspects in other robberies in area. Detectives from Wethersfield and surrounding towns worked together to put together a list of suspects, eventually gaining enough evidence to charge these suspects with the Wethersfield crime. In March, the last of the three suspects was arrested and charged with their involvement in this case.

## **Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 42 incidents, involving approximately 55 juveniles during the month of March 2015. In these incidents 4 Juveniles were arrested, 1 Juvenile was issued an infraction, 1 Juvenile was diverted for school discipline, 3 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline and 3 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

## **School Resource Officer (High School)**

During the month of March the WHS SRO covered a total of forty (40) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. Four (4) incident reports were completed. The incident reports included the following: Assault / Breach of Peace, Larceny, Emergency Committal and Creating a Public Disturbance

There were three arrests at the school during the month of March. The arrests included the following:

- Incident # 1 – Larceny 6<sup>th</sup> degree (two arrests)
- Incident # 2 – Breach of Peace 2<sup>nd</sup> degree / Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> degree

The SRO participated in 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 attended the Attendance Meeting, the monthly Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board meeting, and the Police and Youth Grant Training at Cromwell. The WHS SRO performed selective traffic enforcement on Wolcott Hill Road near the WHS entrance at arrival time.

## **School Resource Officer (Middle School)**

During the month of March the SRO covered a total of 13 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. The SRO assisted with two bullying investigations. Both determined to be no crime.

The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meeting, Staff Security Meetings, and Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program (Intervention meeting for at risk youths at SDMS.) The SRO attended the weekly Attendance Meetings and participated in the sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. The SRO and the Crisis Management Team met with Social & Youth Services to discuss the involvement of youth for Town Youth Programs. The SRO assisted with numerous issues at the school.

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Due to the large amount of snowpack on the ground, extra attention was given to the streets around the Wethersfield High School and Charles Wright School, especially at the afternoon dismissal times.

## **Training Division**

On Monday, March 2, 2015, Officer Ronald Floyd began attending a training class entitled “**DEA Basic Narcotics School.**” This week long class gives officers a basic understanding in Narcotics and how to properly investigate and document these cases.

On Wednesday, March 4, 2015, members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, MPO Luis Gonzalez, and Officers Jeffrey Poulin and Shane Murphy, began attending monthly two-day training.

On Tuesday, March 10, 2015, Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk began attending “**Incident Management Training.**” This training class was held at the Regional Communications Center, Manchester CT. The IMT Team is designed to provide personnel that are trained and organized to support emergency response and recovery efforts in event of a large crisis, man-made/ natural disaster etc.

On Tuesday, March 10, 2015, Officer Kenneth Newton and Dispatcher Lisa Fournier attended a course entitled “**Non-Emergency Call Handling.**” This training was held at the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room. This course prepares Dispatchers to professionally respond to all types of calls from the community – while reinforcing and refining essential communication skills.

On Friday, March 13, 2015, Sergeant Michael Connolly assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with “**Practical Skills Day (ROCC)**” for the 347<sup>th</sup> Training Session. Sergeant Connolly served as an assistant instructor 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, March 17, 2015, Officer Albert Whaples attended a course entitled “**North American Standard Driver-Vehicle (NASDI) In-Service Training.**” The training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Course topics included informational review of driver and vehicle inspections for commercial motor vehicles. Officer Whaples is part of the regional traffic team.

On Tuesday, March 17, 2015, Officer Kevin Foster began attending a five day course entitled the “**Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement.**” The training provided extensive hands on training in enforcing violators who Drive Under the Influence of Alcohol.

On Wednesday, March 18, 2015, Dispatchers Frank Liberatore and Welles Hale attended a training course entitled “**Public Safety Group: Crimes in Progress.**” This training was held at the Vernon Police Department. This course provides communication and techniques that will help dispatchers when they are taking complaints of an active crime.

On Thursday, March 19, 2015, Officer Nuno Martins, along with his canine, Thor, attended a one day training class entitled "**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training.**" Officer Martins and Thor participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Tuesday, March 31, 2015, Officers Lawless and Malinowski attended a one day course entitled "**Confidential Informant Operator's Course-Basic.**" This course was held at the Hartford Fire Department Training Academy, Hartford, CT. This course provided the officers with the proper way to use and document the use of Confidential Informants.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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.

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will conduct an on-site assessment April 12, 2015 to April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, examining all aspects of the Wethersfield Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

First Aid/CPR/AB BB training for department personnel is scheduled for April, 2015.

**CONTINUED TO NEXT PAGE**

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	MARCH 2014	MARCH 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	71	89	184	226
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	0	1	5	4
Commercial Burglaries	0	0	0	0
Armed Robberies	1	0	1	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	0	0
<b>Family Violence Arrests</b>				
Family Violence Arrests	6	5	19	14
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	246	170	496	418
DUI	19	3	30	8
MV Crashes	45	63	137	204
Parking Tags	90	16	163	160
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	872	864	2407	2688
Alarm Responses	61	81	181	231
Records Requests	252	280	672	695
Prisoners Transported	12	19	33	37
Child Car Seat Installations	0	6	20	6