



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

During the month of March 2016, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to fourteen (14) new cases. The major case investigations involved; one (1) burglary, three (3) sexual assaults, and three (3) fraud/larcenies. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

The Wethersfield Police Cadet participated in practical skills training D.U.I.

On Thursday, March 10, 2016, Dispatchers Karen Tomczyk, Frank Liberatore and Kerianne Motta began attending a course entitled “**Domestic Violence on Campus**”. This training, instructed by Powerphone, Inc., was hosted by the Wethersfield Police Department Training Unit and held in the WPD Community Room. There was no charge due to this being a pilot course; however Powerphone typically gives us free seats for hosting their programs.

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, 2016 to March 31, 2016 Wethersfield Police Dispatchers handled 2401 E-911 calls.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Thursday March 3, 2016 at approximately 6:00 PM several officers were dispatched to EbLens, 1430 Berlin Turnpike on the report of a shoplifting that just occurred. Dispatch

reported that staff observed a Hispanic male in a grey sweatshirt and grey pants take 3 sweatshirts and run out of the store and run behind the building. One responding officer observed a male in a grey sweatshirt matching the suspect description running east bound on Jordan Lane. This officer watched the male run across the street and into the woods separating Jordan Lane and Goodwin Park. A second officer arrived and saw the first officer chasing the suspect on foot into the woods. The second officer observed the suspect in a grey sweatshirt and grey pants running with what appeared to be a large item in his hands. The officers identified themselves as police officers and yelled at the man to stop. After a short foot pursuit, one officer caught up to the male who surrendered. The officer ordered the man to lie down on his stomach and placed the male in handcuffs. The male stated he had a crack pipe on his person. A search of the ground around the suspect revealed three sweatshirts. Store personnel gave an officer a sworn statement detailing what she observed in the store. She saw a male approximately 25 years old, dressed in a grey sweatshirt and grey pants pace outside the store. She stated that the same male then entered the store and asked to look at "the Levi's". She then stated that the male selected 3 pairs of Levi's and approached the register. The male then asked where the fitting room was. After the male used the fitting room she stated that he left the store and said he would be back. She stated the same male returned approximately 5 minutes later and asked what the total was. She said that he then went to the jerseys but realized they were chained to a fixture. She stated the male went to look at the Champion hooded sweatshirts. He picked up 3 Champion Sweatshirts, (red, black and blue), valued at \$49.99 each and walked towards the register. She said that he walked past the register and out the front door and that is when she called police. She stated that EbLens wanted to press charges. The total value taken was \$149.97. The suspect was arrested and brought to Police Headquarters. He was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Larceny in the Sixth Degree and held on a \$2500 surety bond and is scheduled to appear at G.A.-15 in New Britain on March 4, 2016 at 1000 hours. Later during the booking process, the suspect was further charged with Assault of a Public Safety Officer and Threatening in the Second Degree. He was held on an additional \$10,000 bond and is scheduled to appear at G.A.-15 in New Britain on March 4, 2016 at 1000 hours.

On Monday March 21, 2016, at approximately 9:17 PM officers responded to Marshall's at 1130 Silas Deane Highway for the report of a shoplifter in custody with loss prevention. Arriving officers met with a loss prevention (LP) officer for Marshalls. The LP officer stated he observed a male subject select and remove the following merchandise from the shelves: 3 pairs of Van Heusen socks (worth \$6.99 total), 1 pair of Nautica pants (worth \$24.99), 4 Lacoste shirts (worth \$70.96 total), and one Swiss wallet (worth \$15). The combined total of all the items was \$117.94. LP stated the male placed all of the items into a Marshalls shopping cart and pushed it outside of the store passing all points of purchase. The male never attempted to purchase the merchandise. LP stated he then apprehended the male and brought him back to the security office. LP told the officer that during the time in the office the male kept reaching in his pockets and the LP officer found multiple wax baggies filled with a powder substance inside the male's pockets. LP stated he wanted the male arrested on behalf of Marshalls. The male subject stated he attempted to steal some items from the store. The officer observed seven (7) wax baggies bundled up with a rubber band on the security office table with a grayish powder substance inside. The baggies had a printed blue label of "now and Later" on them. The officer believed the substance was

heroin. Next to the wax baggies was a capped syringe commonly used to inject heroin. The male admitted the baggies and syringe were his. The male was handcuffed and searched. The officer located one more wax baggie filled with a grayish powder substance inside Cunningham's right front pants pocket. The 8 wax baggies weighed 2.2 grams combined total weight and the substance inside tested positive for heroin. He was transported to Police Headquarters where he was booked and charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Larceny 6th Degree. He was held on a \$500 bond scheduling him to be present at GA # 15 New Britain on 3/22/16 at 1000 hours.

Support Services Bureau

Thirteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 276 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, four were arrested on warrants. Ten males and three females were transported to court. The females incarcerated by the department required 71 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed 13 child seats.

There were 116 phone calls and 41 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, thirty-one were handled by the part-time animal control officers and ten were handled by police officers. Five animals were impounded with five being redeemed. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for five calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for three calls in Wethersfield.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 861 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 56 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 87 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 259 calls for service.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 29 alarms in month of March. Non-residential locations made up 16 (55%) of this total, residential alarms made up 11 (38%), and State and Town government made up 2 (7%). The alarms received were: 22 burglar, 3 holdup / panic, and 4 fire. There currently are 1,727 alarm registrations on file, 27 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 98% compliance rate. Five new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$950.00 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 76 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 66 items of correspondence sent out.

The ASB has concluded the dispatcher hiring process and is continuing with the certified police officer hiring process. There currently is one vacancy for police officer, and dispatch is now at its (new) full strength.

Detective Division

On 3/22/2016, a Wethersfield resident was called at their home by a person representing themselves as their grandson and that he had been arrested in Mexico while on Spring break. The person stated that his bond was \$36,000 and that he needed to get out of jail. This male also told the victim not to tell his parents because he did not want them to know he had been arrested. The victim told this person that she did not have that much money. A short time later another male called the victim and said that he was the grandson's attorney and that he gotten the bond reduced to \$8,000. The victim went to the bank and withdrew \$8,000 and placed the money hidden inside a magazine, into a manila envelope as instructed by the suspect. A short time after an unidentified male rang the doorbell and the victim handed over the envelope. The male drove away with the money. The victim began to think she had been defrauded of her money. Upon checking the phone number of the "attorney" Wethersfield Police detectives found that the telephone number came back to British Columbia, a common area of phone call scammers. This is a common scam, however, most cases involve the victim sending the money via Western Union, and the money is not usually picked up in person. This case is under investigation.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 42 incidents, involving approximately 52 juveniles during the month of March 2016. In these incidents there were 3 Juvenile arrests, 1 Juvenile was diverted for parental discipline, 4 Juveniles was diverted for school discipline and 2 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB".

School Resource Officer (High School)

During the month of March the WHS SRO covered a total of thirty-seven (37) incidents including activities at the school. Three (3) incident reports were completed. The incident reports included the following: Creating a Public Disturbance (two students), Emergency Committal, and Assault. There was one (1) arrest at the school during the month of March (Assault) and two students were issued Complaint Tickets for Creating a Public Disturbance.

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 a STARS/SRBI (Support Team - Assistance &

Response Early Intervention Program - Scientific Research-Based Intervention) meeting for at risk youths at WHS.

The WHS SRO attended the weekly Attendance Meetings: Topic discussion centered on State of CT mandates for attendance & students with issues this academic school year. The WHS SRO performed selective enforcement on school grounds and for motor vehicle violations. The WHS SRO participated in the Junior Advisory class for the month of March. The WHS SRO attended several Youth Advisory Board meetings for the month of March.

School Resource Officer (Middle School)

During the month of March the SRO covered a total of 45 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. The SRO presented to visiting 6th graders about the Silas Deane Middle School.

The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meetings with BOE, Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security. 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.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town 55 different times for a total of approximately 38 hours 25 minutes. Locations given extra attention included Coppermill Road, Harold Street, Goff Road, Hang Dog Lane, Hartford Avenue and various intersections on the Silas Deane Highway.

The Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study on Longvue Drive in the area of Beverly Road (display facing southbound traffic) over the course of five (5) days. During the 96.5 survey hours, 4,513 cars were recorded. Results from the device showed an average speed of 25.2 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 32 MPH and a top speed of 78 MPH. Based on the results of this survey, an officer was assigned to selective enforcement on three separate occasions. During the approximately 1.5 hours of enforcement three vehicles were stopped for speeding violations.

A traffic study in the area of 42 Goff Road was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of thirteen (13) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 25 MPH. During the 305 survey hours, 30,069 cars were recorded, averaging 98.6 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 33.9 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 34.3 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 40.7 MPH and a top speed of 69 MPH. An officer was assigned to selective enforcement on two separate occasions. During the approximately 1 hour of enforcement one vehicle was stopped for a speeding violation.

Training Division

On Wednesday, March 4, 2016 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, MPO Luis Gonzalez, and Officers Ronald Floyd, Jeffry Poulin and Shane Murphy, began attending monthly two-day training.

On Monday, March 7, 2016, Detective Norberto Mendez attended a one day course entitled "**Before You Text**". The training was held at the Middletown Superior Court, Middletown, CT. This training was an update of the laws and repercussions of inappropriate texts to include sexting.

On Wednesday, March 9, 2016, Officer Barry Veilleux began attending a three day training class entitled "**Phase #1-Intermediate Precision Driving School**". This training, instructed the Connecticut State Police, is the first part of a series of courses. After completing all courses, the students will be an instructor in driver training. Phase #1 involved both classroom, and passing a timed course that involved driving, backing and braking through a maze of cones.

On Wednesday, March 9 and Tuesday March 22, 2016, Officer Shane Murphy, along with his canine, Marley, attended a one day training class entitled "**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training**". Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking, and narcotics searches.

On Thursday, March 10, 2016, Dispatchers Karen Tomczyk, Frank Liberatore and Kerianne Motta began attending a course entitled "**Domestic Violence on Campus**". Training was held at the Wethersfield Police Department. This was a pilot course which instructed the students that Domestic Violence is everywhere, college/school campuses, as well as workplace. Students learned what questions to ask and what instructions to give when faced with different types of domestic violence calls.

On Wednesday, March 16, 2016, Officer Justin Hilchuk attended a one day training class entitled "**Medical Response Technician (MRT) Refresher**". This training was held at the West Hartford Police Department, West Hartford, CT. This class enables officers to keep their State of Connecticut MRT certification, which is good for three years.

On Wednesday, March 16, 2016, members of the **Midstate Major Crime Squad (MSMC)**, including Lieutenant Mark Poisson and Detectives Michael Patkoske and Christopher Morris, began attending monthly training. MSMC is a team comprising of Detectives from the Midstate Towns, who work together to investigate major incidents.

On Thursday, February 25, 2016, Lieutenant Donald Crabtree and Sergeant Connolly began attending a course entitled "**Defiance, Denial and Delusions: Ideas and Actions in Threat Assessment**". The training was held at the Converse Headquarters, Boston, MA. The training was an insight into (ATAP) Association of Threat Assessment, Professionals, New England Chapter. ATAP is an organization whose objective is to learn more about how best to protect victims of stalking, harassment and threat situations.

On Wednesday, February 23, 2016, Officer Shane Murphy, along with his canine, Marley, attended a one day training class entitled "**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training**". Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking, and narcotics searches.

On Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 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 Monday, March 28, 2016, Officer Peter Salvatore began attending a five day training class entitled "**Crisis Intervention Team Training**". This training was held at the Veteran's Home and Hospital, Rocky Hill, CT. Training topics include mental illness, substance abuse, safe de-escalation techniques, suicide by cop, suicide assessment and prevention, excited delirium, child mental health and trauma and mental health and the law.

On Thursday March 31, 2016, Officer Kenneth Newton and Dispatcher Lauren Hammond attended a one day course entitled "**Child Passenger Safety Workshop**". The training was held at the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Facility, Newington, CT. Course objectives include proper safety and positioning requirements for children when riding in vehicles.

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 Cadet will participate in practical skills training Motor Vehicle Stops.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

| | March 2015 | March 2016 | YTD 2015 | YTD 2016 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|
| Criminal Arrests | | | | |
| Criminal Arrests | 89 | 61 | 226 | 181 |
| Burglaries and Robberies | | | | |
| Residential Burglaries | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Commercial Burglaries | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Armed Robberies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Strong-Arm Robberies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Family Violence Arrests | | | | |
| Family Violence Arrests | 5 | 7 | 14 | 16 |
| Traffic Related | | | | |
| Infractions/ MV Summons | 170 | 152 | 418 | 388 |
| DUI | 3 | 4 | 8 | 14 |
| MV Crashes | 63 | 52 | 204 | 253 |
| Parking Tags | 16 | 77 | 160 | 269 |
| Miscellaneous Activities | | | | |
| 911 Calls | 864 | 861 | 2688 | 2401 |
| Alarm Responses | 81 | 29 | 231 | 117 |
| Records Requests | 280 | 179 | 695 | 554 |
| Prisoners Transported | 19 | 13 | 37 | 42 |
| Child Car Seat Installations | 6 | 13 | 6 | 13 |