



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

In March, 2017 the Department continued accepting on-line applications for the position of Entry Level Police Officer. As in the past, on-line applications are being accepted through the website, PoliceApp.com.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training Motor Vehicle Stops & Building Searches during the month of March 2017.

On March 24th, 2017, members of the department attended a Wolf Pack Hockey game dedicated in honor of K-9 Thor. Officer Nuno Martins honored his fallen partner by dropping the ceremonial game puck.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Saturday, March 18, 2017 at approximately 5:15 AM an officer observed a vehicle stopped on the Berlin Turnpike facing westbound in the middle of the intersection with Nott Street. As the officer approached the vehicle he noticed the operator appeared to be sleeping, with his head resting against the side window. The officer noted that the engine was running and the vehicle was still engaged in drive. A second officer shut down northbound traffic and a third officer positioned his vehicle in front of the car, preventing the car from moving forward into southbound traffic. The officer opened the door and placed the car into park, at which time the operator woke up. The officer noticed the smell of an alcoholic beverage from the operator and could also see what appeared to be narcotics in plain view in the front seat area. The operator failed field sobriety testing and was charged

with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs, Possession of Narcotics, Possession of less than ½ Ounce of Marijuana and Improper Parking. It was also found that the operator was on parole and violated the terms of such parole. The operator was held on bond and scheduled to appear at G.A.15 in New Britain on March 20, 2017.

On Friday, March 24, 2017 at approximately 0256 hours an officer noticed a vehicle traveling slowly on Griswold Road with no headlights illuminated. Knowing that there have been several stolen vehicle and thefts from vehicles during the overnight hours, the officer turned around and approached the vehicle. At this time the operator had already stopped the car and was walking away. The officer checked the license plate and found that it belonged on a different car out of Bristol, CT. The male operator did not have any registration or insurance paperwork and did not have a driver's license. The operator was charged with Misuse of a License Plate, Insufficient Insurance on a Motor Vehicle, Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle and Operating Without a License. The operator was released from the scene and scheduled to appear at G.A.15 in New Britain on April 10, 2017. On Monday, March 27, 2017 the officer received a phone call from a Bristol Police Officer. The Bristol Officer stated he was investigating a stolen license plate incident in which the plate retrieved from this car stop was being reported stolen in their town. The Bristol Officer was provided with the arrestee information in order to follow up on their case.

Detective Division

During the month of March 2017, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to twelve (12) cases. The major case investigations involved; two (2) burglaries (1 residential and 1 commercial), one (1) sexual assault, four (4) frauds, one (1) accidental shooting and two (2) armed robberies. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 34 incidents, involving approximately 39 juveniles during the month of March 2017. In these incidents there were 5 Juvenile arrests, 2 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline, 7 Juveniles were diverted for School discipline and 4 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB" and Community Resource Board "CRB".

School Resource Officer (High School)

During the month of March the WHS SRO covered a total of thirty-three (33) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The WHS SRO stopped a motor vehicle operator in the lot at dismissal time. Operator was issued a verbal warning for hazardous operation.

- 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 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 monthly Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board meeting.
- The WHS SRO assisted administration in conducting a fire drill. Debriefing held immediately following the drill.

School Resource Officer (Middle School)

During the month of March the SRO covered a total of 46 incidents including activities at the school.

The SRO presented the following:

- RUN HIDE FIGHT Intervention at a Staff Meeting
- Roles and Responsibilities of a SRO and current issues to parents at a PAC meeting
- Search and Seizure laws to a social studies class
- Boundaries in peer relationships as they apply to current issues in all Heath classes for 7th and 8th grades

Support Services Bureau

Ten persons were taken into custody and held requiring 188 hours of incarceration. Seven prisoners were arrested on warrants, three were based on speedy information. Seven males and three females were transported to court throughout the month. The females that were incarcerated required fifty hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were seventy-seven phone calls and forty-five calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for two calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for zero calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for eighteen calls. Seventeen dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were six impounds this month: four were redeemed, and two were sold as pets. The incident synopsis for the month is: ten wildlife complaints (Turkeys, Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), twenty-nine dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), and five warnings issued for unlicensed dogs.

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 808 NG911 emergency phone calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) responded to sixty-eight incidents, and was Aetna Ambulance responded to 326 incidents during the month. There were 340 medical / ambulance calls this month; multiple ambulances may be dispatched to one call which results in dispatched ambulance totals far exceeding the total number of medical calls.

Training Division

Overview / Unit News:

During the month of March 2017, there were 19 training orders written by this unit. There were 17 different training events attended by members of the department. There were 28 attendance slots as a result of trainings and those 28 attendance slots were filled by 21 different members of this agency. Of the 17 events attended by members of this agency, all were hosted at outside venues.

Monthly Training Activities:

On Friday, March 3, 2017 Records Clerk Supervisor Tanisha Murray attended **Creative Leadership for Managers, Supervisors and Team Leaders**. This training took place at the Radisson Hotel Conference Center in Cromwell, CT.

On Monday, March 6, 2017 through Wednesday, March 8, 2017, Officers Gary Luiz, Peter McGee, Robert Malinowski and Shane Murphy attended the training titled, "**Emergency Medical Response (EMR) Refresher**." This training is required for EMR recertification. Training was hosted by the Rocky Hill Police Department. Officer DiLoreto was a co-instructor at this training.

On Tuesday, March 7 through Thursday, March 9, 2017, Officer Jessica Blank attended **Public Safety Telecommunicator Training** at the Connecticut Police Academy. This training is a prerequisite for dispatch certification.

On Monday, March 13, 2017, Dispatchers Abigail Biafore and Kerianne Motta attended **NCIC / COLLECT Recertification Training** at the New Britain Police Department.

On Monday, March 13, Wednesday, March 15, 2017 and Thursday, March 16, 2017, MPO David Gove attended **First Line Supervisor's School** at the Connecticut Police Academy.

On Friday, March 17, 2017, Detectives Michael Patkoske, Norberto Mendez and Officer Alison Sullivan attended **Forensic DNA Training** at the State of Connecticut Forensics Laboratory in Meriden.

On Saturday, March 18, 2017, Officer Shane Murphy and Canine Marley attended **Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training**. Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this

canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

On Tuesday, March 21, 2017, Lead Dispatcher / Emergency Management Assistant Director Karen Tomczyk attended **Incident Management Team (IMT) Ebola Outbreak Exercise**.

On Tuesday, March 28, 2017, Officer Albert Whaples attended **North American Standard Truck Inspection (NASTI) In-Service Training**.

On Tuesday, March 28, 2017, Commander Donald Crabtree attended the “**Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training**.” This command level recertification training took place at the Rocky Hill Police Department.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 58 alarms in month of March. Non-residential locations made up 29 (50%) of this total, residential alarms made up 27 (47%), and State and Town government made up 2 (3%). The alarms received were: 48 burglar, 5 holdup/ panic, and 5 fire alarms. There currently are 1,831 alarm registrations on file, 56 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Eight new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$800.00 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 123 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 99 items of correspondence sent out.

The ASB is continuing with the certified police officer hiring process. There currently is two vacancies for police officer, and dispatch is at full strength.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A complaint of speed violations on Hartford Avenue prompted the use of the speed trailer.

Oxford Drive received extra attention for reckless driving and other classes of violations.

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.

The K-9 Unit will begin the process to procure a new canine to be partnered with Officer Nuno Martins.

On Saturday April 29th, 2017, the Wethersfield Police Department will participate in the DEA's one-day nationwide "Prescription Drug Take-Back initiative" by hosting a drop off site. This initiative will provide an opportunity for the public to surrender pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for destruction.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

| | March 2016 | March 2017 | YTD 2016 | YTD 2017 |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Criminal Arrests | | | | |
| Criminal Arrests | 61 | 60 | 181 | 183 |
| Burglaries and Robberies | | | | |
| Residential Burglaries | 1 | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| Commercial Burglaries | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Armed Robberies | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Strong-Arm Robberies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Traffic Related | | | | |
| Infractions/ MV Summons | 152 | 71 | 388 | 219 |
| DUI | 4 | 5 | 14 | 12 |
| MV Crashes | 52 | 63 | 253 | 198 |
| Parking Tags | 77 | 33 | 269 | 113 |
| Miscellaneous Activities | | | | |
| 911 Calls | 861 | 808 | 2401 | 1669 |
| Alarm Responses | 29 | 58 | 117 | 215 |
| Records Requests | 179 | 162 | 554 | 567 |
| Prisoners Transported | 13 | 10 | 42 | 27 |
| Child Car Seat Installations | 13 | 16 | 13 | 29 |