



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training “Handcuffing, Pat Downs and Searches Incident to Arrest during the month of March 2018.

The Training Unit completed Defensive Tactics Training during March 2018. During this training, pursuit policy review and analysis were conducted and Taser review and a practical were conducted by Sergeant Michael Fisher.

On Saturday April 28th, 2018, 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.

Participated in Youth & Police Program including several Middle School Students

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at approximately 6:18 PM an officer was patrolling the Berlin Turnpike when he noticed a 2017 Chevrolet traveling south on the Berlin Turnpike with no front marker plate. A check of the Georgia registration plate on the back of the car revealed it was reported stolen out of New Haven. The vehicle pulled into a business parking lot on the Berlin Turnpike where the officer conducted a motor vehicle stop. Both the operator and passenger were detained. It was later found that the operator had a suspended driver’s license from out of state. A search of the passenger revealed a baggie of marijuana located on his person. Both persons were placed under arrest. The operator was charged with Larceny 1st Degree and Operating a Motor Vehicle without a License. The passenger, who refused to cooperate with officers throughout the booking process, was

charged with Larceny 1st Degree, Possession of Less than ½ Ounce of Marijuana and Failure to Submit to Photographs and Fingerprints.

On Monday, March 26, 2018 at approximately 12:57 PM officers were dispatched to the report of a motor vehicle accident in which one vehicle evaded the scene. Upon arrival officers located the front bumper of the evading vehicle, which still had the license plate attached. The vehicle was registered to a person living in town. An officer responded to the registered owner's address and located the owner who claimed that her vehicle was stolen the night before and that she didn't have time to report it stolen yet. The owner gave a sworn, written statement and completed and signed a Stolen Motor Vehicle Report. The owner gave conflicting statements causing officers to question the truthfulness of the report. Officers checked the area and soon after located the vehicle involved in the evading accident parked behind another car in the driveway of a residence on an adjacent street. Upon contacting the occupant of that residence officers noted that she was the mother of the registered owner and she advised the officers that the vehicle owner parked it there. The owner arrived on scene and stated she recovered the vehicle but did not have time to call the police to advise them. Her statements did not match with the evidence found by the officers and the registered owner was placed under arrest and charged with Providing a False Statement and Providing a False Report for Theft of a Motor Vehicle. An arrest warrant application will be completed for charges relating to the motor vehicle accident.

On Saturday, March 31, 2018 at approximately 1:38 AM an officer was patrolling the Silas Deane Highway when she noticed two vehicles southbound on the Silas Deane Highway parallel to each other traveling at a high rate of speed. She noted that the vehicles were traveling approximately 70 MPH. As she attempted to conduct a motor vehicle stop with one of the vehicles, both stopped. Upon approaching the two separate vehicles the officer detected an odor of alcohol from both operators and both operators failed field sobriety tests they attempted. Both operators were placed under arrest and charged with Operating Under the Influence and Speeding.

Detective Division

During the month of February 2018, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to nineteen (19) new cases. These cases involved two (2) larcenies, one (1) commercial burglary, one (1) trespassing, one (1) forgery, one (1) identity theft, one (1) recovered stolen vehicle, one (1) overdose, one (1) found property, one (1) asset forfeiture, one (1) narcotics, one (1) no insurance, one (1) stolen checks and two (2) bad check cases, three (3) sexual assaults and one (1) child abuse. Detective also followed up and closed two (2) old cases. These were one (1) fraud (no suspect, bad video) and one (1) residential burglary (unable to develop suspect). Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations for new town hires and background investigations for pistol permits applicants.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 36 incidents, involving approximately 50 juveniles during the month of March 2018. In these incidents there were

10 Juvenile "Summons" arrests issued, 3 Juveniles diverted for parental discipline, 5 Juveniles were diverted for school discipline and 4 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board.

School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School

During the month of March the WHS SRO covered a total of twenty nine (29) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

The WHS SRO investigated two sixteen year old students who were involved in a heated verbal exchange. Both were dealt with by administration and faced school based discipline.

The WHS SRO was contacted by a Rocky Hill SRO regarding some WHS student behavior the previous evening at a business in their town. Student was advised consequences of his behavior.

The WHS SRO assisted patrol with a parking violation on Westway. Vehicle left double parked and in a position in which emergency vehicles could not get through. Student operator located and parking ticket issued.

The WHS SRO dealt with a defiant student who consistently refuses to wear his school issued identification badge. Advised and turned over to administration for follow up.

The WHS SRO and assistant principal responded to the classroom for a student who refused to report to the office as the assistant principal had requested. Student ultimately was escorted to the office and in school suspension room without incident.

The WHS SRO assisted administration during a disciplinary meeting regarding the young males progressively worsening behavior.

The WHS SRO (along with an administrator) spoke to a student who eluded security measures and entered the building without his school issued identification.

The WHS SRO took a complaint of lost/stolen belongings (money, car keys, etc.) from a student. Items were located in her locked vehicle. WPD assisted with gaining entry to her locked vehicle.

The WHS SRO escorted a male student out of the building after he was defiant with the administration. Student left without further incident.

The WHS SRO responded to the report of an altercation between two students. The students were separated after the incident became increasingly heated. Both students dealt with by school officials.

The WHS SRO and approximately ten total WPD officers assisted WHS in the walk out to protest gun violence. The officers were on campus to protect the students during the walkout. Peaceful demonstration was held without incident.

The WHS SRO investigated a trespassing complaint. Two males were issued complaint tickets for simple trespass while on Cottone Field during school hours without a permit.

The WHS SRO and Principal Moore responded to the scene of a motor vehicle collision involving a student. The student reported no injury and his mother was contacted.

The WHS SRO was asked to stand by while a student was addressed by his parent and staff regarding his possession of multiple (3) cellular phones that did not belong to him. Meeting completed without incident.

The WHS SRO dealt with two students who were caught in possession of vaping products. School based discipline issued by administration.

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 the 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.

The WHS SRO attended the monthly Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board meeting.

The WHS SRO assisted school administrator's with a lock down drill.

The WHS SRO presented the Advisory class with a teacher.

School Resource Officer – Silas Deane Middle School

During the month of February the SRO covered a total of 26 incidents including activities at the school.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

The SRO assisted Admin with de-escalation of student after receiving a school consequence for violations of school rules. The SRO then met with Parents of the student to discuss behaviors as they pertain to State law. Advised and assisted.

The SRO met with a student at the request of Administration to discuss safety concern.

The SRO met with three students and their parents concerning social media activity and its impact on other students.

The SRO assisted Administration with difficulty contacting a parent regarding student behavior issues. The SRO and Admin then met with the parent and student to discuss students behaviors as they pertain to State Law.

The SRO assisted the Patrol division as well as SDMS Administration with an incident that occurred in the community involving 2 students and met with Parents as well.

The SRO assisted the WHS SRO with an investigation and support for a student after concerning comments were made and met with Parent as well.

The SRO assisted the Administration with addressing students regarding cafeteria behaviors and CT state laws pertaining to larceny. (12 students, 5 separate incidents) Parents contacted, school consequence issued.

The SRO assisted the Administration with the de-escalation of a parent during Parent and Administration meeting.

The SRO assisted the Administration with a ceremony honoring the students killed as a result of school shootings across the Nation.

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

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The SRO assisted school Administrators with fire drills and test of the 911 system.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 30 alarms in month of March. Non-residential locations made up 15 (50%) of this total, residential alarms made up 13 (43%), and State and Town government made up 2 (7%). The alarms received were: 27 burglar, 3 holdup/ panic, and 3 fire alarms. There currently are 1,942 alarm registrations on file, 26 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 98% compliance rate. Eight new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$925.00 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 87 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 70 items of correspondence sent out.

Support Services Bureau

Thirteen persons were taken into custody and were unable to make bond; twelve males and one female were transported to court throughout the month.

There were 98 phone calls and 33 calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for 2 calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for 0 calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for 18 calls. Nine dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were four impounds this month: three were redeemed, and one was sold as a pet. The incident synopsis for the month is: one wildlife complaint (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), thirty-two dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), and two mutual aid calls to Newington. The ACOs issued four letters to residents for delinquent dog licenses this month. Newington Police have hired an ACO to fill the vacancy, and the officer is scheduled to be working in full capacity by the end of April.

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 818 NG911 emergency phone calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 97 incidents, and Aetna Ambulance was dispatched to 258 incidents during the month. There was a total of 224 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.

Community Relations

Residents of 33 Mill Street complained of a hazardous condition caused by a long term and on-going road excavation. They stated that motorists were disregarding the temporary traffic signal, and while pulling out of their lot, their line of site was completely blocked by privacy fabric on the site fencing. The issue was not rectified for some time, but the SSB of the police department became involved and the situation was remedied the next day (removal of said fabric and restoring motorists view of Mill Street.

The parking situation on Dale Road was looked into; employees of the market are parking close to residents' driveways. A interim solution of some off coning near the driveways was the only workable solution, as parking is at a premium in that area.

The bus turn around area / no parking zone at 100 Executive Square was studied and long term solutions were proposed to town engineering.

Several selective enforcement activities were carried out, and we are already receiving request for the speed signs.

Training Division

During March 2018 Wethersfield Officers attended yearly **Arrest and Control / Defensive Tactics Training**. This training consisted of Pursuit Policy Review and Analysis, Taser Review, Handcuffing and Room Clearing Tactics.

On Wednesday, March 7, 2018 through Friday, March 9, 2018, Officer Jessica Blank attended **Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) Women's Instructor Training**. This training, which took place at the Newington Police Department's Training Facility, provides Officer Blank the certification to teach the RAD program to the community.

On Wednesday, March 7 and Thursday, March 8, 2018, Sergeant Luis Gonzalez and Officers Justin Hilchuk, Shane Murphy and Joel DiLoreto attended **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team Training (CREST)**. The CREST Team is the regional SWAT team.

On Thursday, March 8, 2018, Sergeants Michael Fisher, Luis Gonzalez, Kevin O'Leary, Jennie Rivera, Oscar Rivera and Officers John Blair, Joel DiLoreto, Robert Malinowski, Nuno Martins, Peter Salvatore, Detective Christopher Morris and Dispatcher Christopher Sinsigalli were assigned **COLLECT / NCIC Recertification Training**. This on-line recertification program is presented by CJIS.

On Monday, March 12, 2018, Detective Alison Sullivan attended **Alcohol and Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault Investigations** Training at Fairfield University.

On Thursday, March 15, 2018, Lieutenant Andrew Power attended **Weapons and Permits Training** at the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

On Friday, March 16, 2018, Officer Jessica Blank attended **Cooper Tester Certification Training**. This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy and has certified Officer Blank as an agency tester for Cooper Standards.

On Monday, March 19, 2018 through Friday, March 23, 2018, Officers Kenneth Newton, John Blair and Joseph Baich attended **Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training**. Officer attending this course became certified Crisis Intervention Team members. CIT members have specialized training in dealing with persons in crisis.

On Tuesday, March 20, 2018, Officer Nuno Martins and canine Jax 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 evidence recovery and tracking.

On Wednesday, March 21, 2018, Lieutenant Michael Connolly and Sergeant Kevin O'Leary attended **Applied Leadership Principles Training**. This supervisory training was conducted by Van Meter and Associates and was hosted at the Wethersfield Police Department.

On Friday, March 23, 2018, Lieutenants Donald Crabtree and Michael Connolly attended **Practical Skills Day – Recruit Officer Combat Crucible (ROCC)** at the Connecticut Police Academy. This training is a high stress and physically challenging practical skills day for academy recruits.

On March 27, 2018, Animal Control Officers David Santoro, Ronald Plant and Deborah Monde attended the training titled, **Assessing the Behavior of Shelter Dogs**. This training, presented by the Connecticut Humane Society, was worth 4 CEU hours.

On Wednesday, March 28, 2018, Officer Shane Murphy and K9 Marley 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, March 29, 2018, Lieutenant Andrew Power and Detectives Michael Patkoske and Christopher Morris attended **Mid-State Major Crime Team Training**. This training, which took place at the Wethersfield Police Department, is comprised of area agency detectives working together to investigate major crimes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Day Parade will be held in May.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	APRIL 2017	APRIL 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests				172
Burglaries and Robberies				

Residential Burglaries				0
Commercial Burglaries				2
Armed Robberies				0
Strong-Arm Robberies				0
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons				244
DUI				25
MV Crashes				176
Parking Tags				331
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls				2390
Alarm Responses				144
Records Requests				345
Child Car Seat Installations				13