



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

During the month of March 2019 members of the Patrol Bureau initiated or were assigned to 213 cases. These cases included eleven (11) Driving Under the Influence arrests, four (4) assault arrests and four (4) disorderly conduct cases.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training “Domestic Violence Investigations”.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On Saturday, March 9, 2019 at approximately 2:36 AM an officer observed a vehicle traveling south on the Silas Deane Highway swerve several times out of and then back into the lane. The officer also noticed the vehicle had approximately 2 inches of snow covering its roof and rear windshield. The officer stopped the vehicle on the Silas Deane Highway. When checking the operator’s license it was found that the operator was required to use an Ignition Interlock Device. Upon approaching the operator, the officer detected an odor of an alcoholic beverage and the operator stated he had one drink. The operator failed the sobriety tests he attempted. When retrieving the keys from the vehicle, an officer noticed cash in plain view with suspected narcotics folded inside. The operator was placed under arrest and charged with Driving Under the Influence (3rd Offense), Possession of Narcotics, Illegal Operation Without an Ignition Interlock Device, Failure to Maintain Lane and Failure to Remove Snow.

On Sunday, March 24, 2019 at approximately 6:38 AM an officer took a report of a stolen motor vehicle from a local residence. The owner reported that the keys were left inside the unlocked vehicle. On 3/24/2019 at approximately 12:45 PM a friend of the owner noticed the vehicle traveling south on Wolcott Hill Road and called the PD. Officers stopped the vehicle

on the Silas Deane Highway. The operator, a 17 year old male, was charged with Larceny 3rd Degree and released to the custody of his parent.

On Saturday, March 30, 2019 at approximately 7:24 AM officers were dispatched to a motor vehicle verses building accident at a local business. Upon arrival it was found that the vehicle struck a light pole outside of the building. When asked, the operator believed he was in West Hartford. When he stepped out of his vehicle, officers noticed the operator had his jacket on upside down. The operator failed the sobriety tests he attempted. He was placed under arrest and charged with Driving Under the Influence.

Detective Division

During the month of March 2019, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to fourteen (14) new cases. These cases involved the following:

- One (1) Fraud
- One (1) Juvenile Issue
- One (1) Sexual Assault of a Juvenile
- One (1) Assault of a Juvenile
- One (1) DCF Referral
- One (1) Juvenile Threatening
- Two (2) Larcenies
- One (1) person Wanted by our Agency on an outstanding warrant
- One (1) Asset Forfeiture
- One (1) Forgery
- One (1) Assist Other Jurisdiction
- One (1) Commercial Burglary
- One (1) Death Investigation

Detectives also followed up and/or closed four (4) cases from previous months:

- One (1) was a stolen motor vehicle case from November 2018 in the car owner's phone was in the car when the car was stolen. The phone was not in the car when the car was recovered. This case is still under investigation.
- One (1) was a residential burglary case from May 2016. DNA evidence from the State Lab just identified a suspect. A warrant was prepared for the suspect's arrest.
- One (1) was a residential burglary case from July 2018. This case was closed due to lack of any additional evidence and development of any suspects.
- One (1) was a suicide from February 2019 in which the State Lab confirmed the cause of death as a suicide. This case was closed.

Detectives also 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 28 incidents, involving approximately 33 Juveniles during the month of March 2019. In these incidents there were 3 Juvenile "Summons" arrests, 1 Juvenile was diverted for school discipline and 3 Juvenile 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 forty (40) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The WHS SRO learned of a physical altercation at SDMS on the evening of 3/7/19 after a recreation basketball game. Neither party wished to file a formal complaint against the other involved student. Mediation was held and both parties agreed to avoid each other.
- The WHS SRO met with a student who had parked haphazardly in the parking lot blocking another student. Vehicle was moved - verbal warning issued.
- The WHS SRO took a suspicious complaint from an SDMS student. Student reports suspicious vehicle following him when he gets off the school bus near his residence after school dismissal. Patrol division assisted and found it was a local resident who takes his K9 for a walk at a nearby park at the same time every day.
- The WHS SRO met with two SDMS male students after a lunch account was compromised. Both students were advised regarding their part of the theft. No complaint.
- The WHS SRO spoke with a parent regarding an incident involving her son and another WHS student.
- The WHS SRO met with a student who was in possession of someone else's property (ear buds) over the weekend after having them taken at WHS on Friday. Student returned the ear buds before the SRO could follow up on Officer Luiz's case.
- The WHS SRO spoke with the parent of a WHS male student regarding her concerns on the child's well-being.
- The WHS SRO and Detective Mendez and a teacher spoke to a student about his behavior in the classroom.
- The WHS SRO spoke with a student who reported his wallet stolen. Wallet was found to be lost and not stolen.
- The WHS SRO was asked to investigate a suspicious situation when a parent contacted the school because she received an alert that her daughter had called 911. Investigation revealed the student was involved in a motor vehicle collision (after her early dismissal) on Wells Road. Parent notified.
- The WHS SRO responded to SDMS to meet with a DCF case worker after a report made by the SRO the previous school day.
- The WHS SRO met with a freshmen student with Detective Mendez regarding her spiraling behavior, truancy and performance at school.

- The WHS SRO issued two (2) complaint tickets to sixteen (16) year old female students for possession of vaping products on public property.
- The WHS SRO took a report of a lost/stolen wallet. Wallet was returned to the student a short time later by a staff member with all of its contents.
- The WHS SRO spoke with two SDMS male students regarding their conflict earlier in the day. One student also advised on criminal mischief statute. No complaint, the incident will be handled as a civil matter with the BOE.
- The WHS SRO spoke with two males regarding their public disturbance at the Wethersfield Town Library after school. Two males were "pretend fighting" at the entry of town hall.
- The WHS SRO assisted SDMS staff in locating a missing student. Student was quickly located and poor communication from the bus company was the only issue.
- The WHS SRO assisted four (4) students with a project for their Humanities class.
- The WHS SRO detained a WHS male student for patrol officers who investigating a "vehicle taken without permission" complaint. Juvenile was turned over to Officer Malinowski/Officer Gonzalez.
- The WHS SRO went to the residence of a habitually truant freshman with WHS staff.
- The WHS SRO responded to SDMS after a parent meeting was set up at the school. The meetings have been contentious in the past.
- The WHS SRO along with SDMS administration met with a student and his parent regarding an inappropriate sexual video on his cellular phone. Advised and issued school based discipline.
- The WHS SRO met with a parent and her daughter regarding the student's behavior at home. Student has allegedly stolen cellular phones, money, and jewelry from family members and family friends.
- 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 assisted school administrator's with a fire drill. A debriefing was held immediately following the drill.
- The WHS SRO attended the weekly security and safety meeting with administrators and security staff.
- The WHS SRO assisted SDMS administration with a fire drill. A debriefing was held after the drill.
- The WHS SRO attended a Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program meeting for at risk youths at SDMS.
- The WHS SRO attended the monthly Youth Advisory Board meeting.
- The WHS SRO attended Juvenile Review Board meetings. The disciplinary meetings are a diversion for eligible students as a diversion from the judicial system.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 50 alarms in month of March. Non-residential locations made up 15 (30%) of this total, residential alarms made up 30 (60%), and State and Town government made up 5 (10%). The alarms received were: 43 burglar, 3 holdup/ panic, and 4 fire alarms. There currently are 2,035 alarm registrations on file, 37 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 98% compliance rate. Four new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$1,625.00 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 118 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 95 items of correspondence sent out.

Support Services Bureau

Ten persons were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond. Six males and four females were transported to court throughout the month.

There were seventy-eight phone calls and twenty-four calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for one call in Newington this month, and Newington Animal Control Officers were not asked to cover any calls in Wethersfield, and [Wethersfield] police officers covered for seventeen calls (in Wethersfield). Thirty-three 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: three wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), twenty-three dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), one mutual aid call to Newington, and three warnings issued for unlicensed dogs. The ACOs issued forty-one letters to residents for delinquent dog licenses this month.

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 756 NG911 emergency phone calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to seventy-eight incidents, and was Aetna dispatched to 243 incidents during the month. There were 191 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 Unit:

- During March 2019, Wethersfield Officers attended **“Wethersfield Police Department’s Pursuit Policy Review, Taser Review and Defensive Tactics Training.”** This training took place the Wethersfield Police Department’s Community Room.

- On Monday, March 4, 2019, and Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Officers Kevin Foster and Kevin Lawless attended the training titled, “**Background Investigations.**” This one and a half day course, presented by Law Enforcement Seminars, focused on how to conduct proper background investigations of prospective employees. This training took place in the Wethersfield Police Department’s Community Room.
- On Monday, March 4, 2019 through Friday, March 15, 2019, Officer John Blair attended the training titled “**Advanced Crash Investigations.**” This training, conducted by SRR Training, is part two of the three classes needed for crash investigators. This training took place at the Plainville Fire Department.
- On Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Officer Nuno Martins and K9 Jax participated in the training titled, “**Police Canine / Canine Handler Training.**” This canine training involved several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.
- On Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Officer Joel Diloreto attended **Explosive Breacher Training.** This monthly training, which takes place at the Bloomfield Police Department, is for area SWAT Team Breachers.
- On Wednesday, March 6 and March 7, 2019, Lieutenant Michael Connolly, Sergeant Luis Gonzalez, Officer Shane Murphy, Officer Joel DiLoreto and Officer Justin Hilchuk attended “**Capital Region Emergency Services Training.**” CREST is the regional SWAT team and this was their monthly training.
- During March 2019 Wethersfield Officers were trained in the new Records Management System “**NexGen.**” This training is in anticipation of our agency switchover to Nexgen on April 1, 2019.
- On Tuesday, March 12, 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 Monday, March 14, 2019 through Friday, March 18, 2019, Officers Kevin Foster and Peter McGee attended **Capitol Region Review Training (Recertification Training).** This training, which took place at the Middletown Police Department, covers mandated and elective in-service training required to maintain certification as a police officer.
- On Monday, March 18, 2019 through Wednesday, March 20, 2019, Officer Kevin Foster attended **Crime Scene Investigation Training.** This training took place at the Manchester Police Department.
- On Tuesday, March 19, 2019 Chief James Cetran and Lieutenants Andrew Power and Michael Connolly attended **Capital Region Review Training (Recertification Training).** This command level training, which took place at the Rocky Hill Police

Department, covers mandated and elective in-service training required to maintain certification as a police officer.

- On Tuesday, March 19, 2019, Lieutenant Donald Crabtree, Officer John Blair and Officer Gary Luiz attended the training titled, “**Lethal Weapon – Crash Investigations.**” This training was provided by the States Attorney’s Office and took place at the Connecticut Police Academy.
- On Tuesday, March 19, 2019, Sergeant Jennie Rivera attended the training titled, “**Stress and Mental Health Awareness Training.**” This training was a makeup class for a class Sergeant Rivera could not attend during recertification training. This training took place at the Rocky Hill Police Department.
- On Wednesday, March 20, 2019, Officer Albert Whaples attended the training titled, “**North American Standard Truck Inspection Review training (NASTI).**” This classroom portion of training, which took place at the Connecticut Police Academy, is part of the recertification for truck inspectors.
- On Thursday, March 21, 2019, Sergeant Oscar Rivera attended, **Capital Region Review Training (Recertification Training)**. This supervisory level training, which took place at the Southington Police Department, covers mandated and elective in-service training required to maintain certification as a police officer.
- On Tuesday, March 26, 2019, Lieutenant Donald Crabtree, Officer John Blair and Officer Gary Luiz attended the training titled, “**Lethal Weapon – Crash Investigations.**” This training was provided by the States Attorney’s Office and took place at the Connecticut Police Academy.
- On Wednesday, March 27, 2019, Lieutenant Donald Crabtree and Officers James Buyak, Eric Knapp, Kevin Lawless, Gary Luiz, Kenneth Newton and Gustavo Rodriguez attended **NexGen Training**. This training took place in the Wethersfield Police Department’s Training Unit Conference Room.
- On Thursday, March 28, 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.

Community Relations:

Checks of areas in town where streetlights have been requested continued.

SSB is currently evaluating the possibility of having a convex mirror installed on Hang Dog Lane at Cross Hill.

SSB is evaluating a request for no parking area on the north end of Middletown Ave.

SSB is working with the BoE on traffic flow improvements at Charles Wright School

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in numerous practical skills training gearing up to the Cadet Station's Day Competition being held on May 4, 2019 at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden.

On Saturday April 27th, 2019, 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 2018	MARCH 2019	YTD 2018	YTD 2019
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests		65	172	204
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries		0	0	0
Commercial Burglaries		1	2	1
Armed Robberies		0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies		0	0	0
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons		133	244	301
DUI		10	25	24
MV Crashes		60	176	169
Parking Tags		94	331	278
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls		756	2390	2226
Alarm Responses		50	144	145
Records Requests		128	345	275
Child Car Seat Installations		4	13	17