



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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MARCH 2020

SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

Due to the closure of the schools with the Covid-19 pandemic, the School Resource Officers and D.A.R.E. officer were reassigned to the patrol bureau effective March 17, 2020.

A search was conducted to fill an existing vacancy in the detective bureau with several officers expressing interest and submitting the proper information. After reviewing all officers' paperwork, Officer Kevin Foster was selected to become the next detective. Effective shift change in April, Officer Kevin Foster will be reassigned from the patrol bureau and assigned as a detective in the detective bureau.

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The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training Motor Vehicle Stops.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

Support Services Bureau

11 persons were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond; 9 males and 2 female were transported to court throughout the month.

There were 70 phone calls and 46 involving animal control issues. No dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were 5 impounds this month; 3 were redeemed by their owners or sold a pets. The incident synopsis for the month is: 16 wildlife complaint (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.) and 30 dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.).

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected / installed no child seats.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 767 NG911 emergency phone calls. Text-to-911 is now an active feature in Wethersfield's E911 center.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to, or initiated, 47 calls for service, fire prevention activities, or assists / standbys.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) and Aetna Ambulance were dispatched to a total of 295 medical / ambulance calls this month.

Administrative Services Bureau

The police officer selection process is continuing there will be five positions to fill by the end of April. All positions stand to be filled by May.

Detective Division

During the month of March, 2020, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to ten (10) new cases. These cases involved the following:

- 1 False Report/False Statement
- 3 Commercial Burglaries
- 1 Strong Arm Robbery
- 1 Suspicious Incident
- 1 Well Being Check
- 1 Assist Other Jurisdiction
- 1 Fraud
- 1 Stolen Motor Vehicle

In addition to the above cases, members of the Detective Bureau completed twelve (12) supplemental reports on follow up investigations for eight (8) additional cases, including:

- 1 Robbery/ Carjacking
- 1 Sudden Death/ Overdose
- 1 Residential Burglary
- 2 Sexual Assaults
- 1 Fraud
- 1 Disorderly Conduct
- 1 Stolen Motor Vehicle

Twelve (12) cases from the current and previous months/years were closed.

Seven (7) new background investigations for pistol permits applicants were received.

Background investigations for police applicants, both certified and entry level continue, with four (4) additional this month. Three (3) background checks for various town departments were conducted.

The following are the burglary and robbery statistics for the month of March, 2020, along with comparative statistics for the same period of last year. The figures in the parenthesis represent the number of cases cleared by arrest, or in which the perpetrators have been identified.

Criminal Activity	March 2019	March 2020
Residential Burglaries:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Commercial Burglaries:	1 (0)	7 (1)
Armed Robberies:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Strong-arm Robberies:	0 (0)	1 (0)

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 24 incidents, involving approximately 31 Juveniles during the month of March 2020. In these incidents there was 1 Juvenile Arrest/ Summon and 2 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board.

School Resource Officer

N/A – Schools closed for COVID

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A citizen called about a hazardous parking situation on Crest Street, west of Ridge Road, by the basketball court. The complaint was that when cars park on the north side of the road, it creates a safety hazard when cars travel in opposite directions, up and down the hill. An evaluation is being conducted to determine if additional No Parking signs will be appropriate.

Training Division

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On-line COLLECT/NCIC Recertification training continued throughout the month of March. Officers are mandated to complete this training on a bi-annual cycle.

On Tuesday, March 3, 2020, Officer Nuno Martins, along with his canine, Jax, attended a one-day training class entitled "**Police Canine/Police Canine Handler Training**". Officer Martins and Jax participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams.

On March 3, 2020 and March 11, 2020, Officers Peter McGee and Nuno Martins completed **Emergency Medical Responder Recertification** training. Nationally Registered EMRs (NREMR) are required to renew their certification every two years.

On Wednesday, March 4, 2020 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (CREST)**, including Lieutenant Michael Connolly, Sergeant Luis Gonzalez, and Officers Shane Murphy, Joel DiLoreto and Justin Hilchuk, attended monthly training.

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On Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 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 Wednesday, March 11, 2020, Officer Peter Salvatore attended **Emergency Medical Dispatcher** training. This course is an essential component of the EMS System and is required training/certification for dispatchers and dispatch certified officers.

On Tuesday, March 17, 2020, Officer Nuno Martins, along with his canine, Jax, attended a one-day training class entitled "**Police Canine/Police Canine Handler Training**". Officer Martins and Jax participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. This training included building searches supporting a tactical team and acclimating the canine to gun fire.

On March 18, 2020 and March 25, 2020, Officers Shane Murphy, Robert Malinowski, Layau Eulizier, Daniella Sanzo and Joel DiLoreto (Instructor) attended **Emergency Medical Responder Recertification** training. Nationally Registered EMRs (NREMR) are required to renew their certification every two years. On March 25, 2020, instruction was provided using a virtual, on-line, training platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on groups greater than five.

On Tuesday, March 23, 2020, 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 a recertification process for the canine team (patrol/narcotics).

All other scheduled training was canceled/postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Detectives continue to work on a regional basis with several different task forces in an effort to solve criminal cases throughout the area.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	March 2019	March 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2020
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	65	31	204	162
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	0	0	0	1
Commercial Burglaries	1	7	1	7
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	1	0	3
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	X	4	X	14
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	133	40	301	164
DUI	10	4	24	19
MV Crashes	60	39	169	158
Parking Tags	94	58	278	197
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	756	767	2226	2436
Alarm Responses	50	43	145	131
Records Requests	128	175	275	498
Prisoners Transported	X	11	X	27
Child Car Seat Installations	4	0	17	9