



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**Chief of Police**

**MAY 2019**

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS**

During the month of April 2019 members of the Patrol Bureau made eight (8) arrests for Driving Under the Influence.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in the Cadet Station's Day Competition which was held on May 4, 2019 at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden. The Cadets were very successful at the competition. The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted with the Wethersfield Memorial Day Parade.

## **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

### **Patrol Division**

#### **Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)**

On Saturday, May 18, 2019 at approximately 7:46 PM an officer received an alert from a License Plate Reader that a stolen motor vehicle had travelled southbound on the Silas Deane Highway. The officer checked the area, including local shopping centers and located the vehicle in the parking lot of CVS. The vehicle was occupied, with a male walking up to the driver's door. The officer approached the male, who was later identified as the driver of the vehicle, and detained him. A passenger of the vehicle, who gave the officers a false name, was also detained. Through their investigation it was determined that the passenger stole the vehicle from a business in Hartford the day before. It was also determined that the driver had just stolen items from CVS. The passenger was placed under arrest and charged with Larceny 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Interfering with an Officer and Criminal Impersonation. The driver was placed under arrest and charged with Larceny 6<sup>th</sup> Degree.

On Monday, May 27, 2019 at approximately 9:30 AM an officer stopped a motor vehicle for traffic violations. Upon approaching the vehicle, a transit van, he noticed numerous dogs loose inside and several more in cages in the back. The officer also noted an overwhelming odor of dog urine and feces. The officer contacted both Newington Animal Control and

Rocky Hill Animal Control for assistance with the dogs. While the dogs were being off loaded and transferred to the animal control vehicles, they were found to be dirty, smelled like urine and feces with many having eye or ear infections. In all, 21 dogs were removed from the vehicle and taken to a nearby animal control facility. The operator of the vehicle was placed under arrest and charged with Cruelty to Animals.

### **Detective Division**

During the month of May 2019, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to seven (7) new cases. These cases involved the following:

- Two (2) Forgeries
- One (1) Fraud
- One (1) Harassment
- One (1) Firearms Seizure
- One (1) Emotionally Disturbed Person (EDP)
- One (1) Juvenile Offense

Detectives also followed up and/or closed seven (7) cases from previous months:

- One was a domestic assault from April 2018 in which firearms were seized. The firearms were recently ordered destroyed.
- One was a case from December 2017 in which juveniles crashed a stolen car. Detective continue to pursue leads and serve search warrants.
- One was a bank robbery case from December 2018. Both suspects were recently indicted on Federal charges for our robbery.
- One was a commercial burglary case from August 2018. No new evidence was developed. This case was closed.
- One was a fraud case from October 2018 in which no new evidence was developed. This case was closed.
- One was a sexual assault case that was reported in September 2018 during which the victim claimed in happened in 1983 or 1984. No evidence was developed. This case was closed.
- One was a residential burglary that was reported in May 2016. The suspect was arrested in May 2019 via an arrest warrant.

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 40 incidents, involving approximately 47 Juveniles during the month of May 2019. In these incidents there were 2 Juvenile "Summons" arrests, 1 Juveniles was issued an infractions related to Vaping, 2 Juveniles were diverted for school discipline, 5 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline and 4 Juvenile were seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board.

## **School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School**

During the month of May the WHS SRO covered a total of forty three (43) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The WHS SRO met with a student on a follow up to a previous incident. Student had been removed from her residence through DCF. Assisted.
- The WHS SRO met with a student and her father on a follow-up to an incident the previous day on school grounds. The victim's vehicle was either vandalized or struck after school hours.
- The WHS SRO and a patrol officer responded to the residence of a student after she posted an alarming comment on her social media account. Checked alright.
- The WHS SRO met with a student and her father on a follow-up to an incident the previous day on school grounds. The victim's vehicle was either vandalized or the student hit curbing to cause the front passenger tire to go flat.
- The WHS SRO attended a case conference for a student who suffered a tragic incident in his family.
- The WHS SRO met with a student who reported six senior females were standing on his truck and posting a picture on social media. Female's advised and no permanent damage to the vehicle.
- The WHS SRO met with three SDMS students regarding their aggressive actions and abusive language toward a resident on the way home from school. Each student received school based punishment.
- The WHS SRO spoke with an SDMS student regarding the student's behavior and inappropriate language in class.
- The WHS SRO met with an SDMS student and his father regarding inappropriate school and home behavior. Both parent and student were advised.
- The WHS SRO met with SDMS staff regarding a student who is frequently absent from school. Student also leaves early with parent permission. Checked okay.
- The WHS SRO met with an SDMS student regarding his defiant and rude behavior toward staff during class. Advised.
- The WHS SRO (along with an administrator and counselor) responded to the residence of a student who is habitually absent from school. The student has severe needs and was unable to attend school that day.
- The WHS SRO attended a parent meeting regarding an on-going situation involving her daughter and several other students. Advised.

- The WHS SRO and an administrator held mediation between several female students regarding an on-going behavioral problem between two factions of students. The students agreed to avoid each other stated they would contact adults in the building if further issues arise between.
- The WHS SRO assisted four students with a video for their video production class.
- The WHS SRO took a motor vehicle complaint call for service from a vice principal. Student issued a verbal warning for hazardous operation on school grounds.
- The WHS SRO investigated a motor vehicle collision on school grounds. Student struck a parked/unoccupied vehicle causing minor damage. Owners chose to not involve the police and exchanged information. Advised.
- The WHS SRO is investigating a physical altercation that occurred in a tech ed classroom.
- The WHS SRO and vice principal met with a student and a parent regarding the student's possession of vaping material. Student referred to Community Resource Board.
- The WHS SRO met with the SDMS assistant principal and several students regarding alleged sexting violation and also involving an investigation into a student's safety.
- The WHS SRO issued a complaint ticket to a WHS male 16 year old student for possession of vaping materials on school grounds.
- The WHS SRO spoke with a senior student regarding her driving issues on her way to school and on campus as reported by Officer Vielluex. Verbal warning issued.
- The WHS SRO responded with an SDMS administrator to the residence of a habitually truant student. Unsuccessful attempt to get the 8th grade student to school. BOE staff will follow up with likely CRB referral.
- The WHS SRO took a complaint for a stolen cellular phone. Investigation revealed the phone was lost and not stolen. It was returned to the student shortly after it was reported. Assisted.
- The WHS SRO took a complaint of a theft of a phone charger. Student knew the suspect and didn't wish to make a formal complaint. Assisted with the return of the property. Parent contacted and returned the item from the male suspect's residence. Advised.
- The WHS SRO responded to the guidance office where it was an emotionally disturbed student was located. Suicidal notes were written. She was transported to CCMC on an emergency committal.
- The WHS SRO spoke with a student who was looking for advice on a past tense suspicious situation where she works. She was approached by a male that made some disturbing comments. Advised.
- The WHS SRO met with an SDMS student regarding a disturbing SnapChat post she received. She was advised to block the unknown sender. Advised on appropriate use of social media.
- The WHS SRO issued an infraction ticket to a 17 year old male student for possession of vaping on public property - school.

- The WHS SRO met with an SDMS student regarding his reckless behavior in the hallway. While swinging a phone charger, he hit another student on the head with the charger. Advised. School discipline issued by administration.
- The WHS SRO (at the direction of Officer Gove) spoke to two students regarding their actions while playing the WHS senior game "Assassins". Advised.
- The WHS SRO interrupted a disorderly exchange between several students on the school bus at dismissal time. Two students approached another student regarding a property issue. Advised.
- The WHS SRO met with two SDMS male students regarding a threat of a physical altercation that was being planned. Mediation was held and both students agreed they would be able to coexist in the school without further issues. Advised.
- 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.
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- 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.
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- The WHS SRO attended the monthly Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board meeting.
- The WHS SRO assisted school administrator's with a fire drill.
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- The WHS SRO presented the Advisory class with a teacher.
- The WHS SRO attended the weekly security and safety meeting with administrators and security staff.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

### **Support Services Bureau**

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

There were 138 phone calls and forty-four calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for two calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for nine calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for twenty calls. No dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were twenty-seven impounds this month: one was were redeemed, two were sold as a pets, one was euthanized (medical / humane) two dogs held for quarantine (bite to human), 2 held in quarantine (dog vs dog),

twenty three held in carry over. The incident synopsis for the month is: three wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), one dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), two mutual aid calls to Newington. The ACOs issued fifteen letters to residents for delinquent dog licenses this month.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 826 NG911 emergency phone calls.

## Training Unit:

## Community Relations:

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will prepare for the NEERLEA Cadet/Explorer Summer Camp scheduled in July of 2019. The Wethersfield Police Cadets will assist the D.A.R.E Officer with the upcoming D.A.R.E. Graduations.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	MAY 2018	MAY 2019	YTD 2018	YTD 2019
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	82		325	261
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	1	3	3	4
Commercial Burglaries	3	1	3	2
Armed Robberies	0	0	1	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	0	0
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	111		554	482
DUI	7		36	41
MV Crashes	72	74	289	294
Parking Tags	121		345	300
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	898	826	4091	3894
Alarm Responses	60	58	236	211
Records Requests	135	156	606	158
Child Car Seat Installations	4	0	28	21