



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**James Cetran**  
**Chief of Police**

**MAY 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.

Detectives investigated a home invasion that was reported at the end of April, 2020. As a result of their investigation, three (3) juveniles have been criminally charged. This case remains open.

The State of Connecticut has been processing sexual assault evidence from past cases. As a result, the department has been receiving laboratory results from multiple past, closed cases. Detectives have followed up on each of these cases to see if further investigation was necessary.

During the month of May 2020, members of the Patrol Bureau made one (1) arrest for Driving Under the Influence. Please note that most self-initiated motor vehicle enforcement has been suspended due to COVID-19 concerns.

## **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

### **Patrol Division**

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

On Wednesday 5/13/2020, at approximately 0957 hours, Ofc McGee and Ofc Luiz were both working a private duty job on Nott Street just east of the Berlin Turnpike. Ofc McGee was sitting inside of his Police cruiser and the windows were rolled up. Ofc McGee observed a black female wearing hospital scrub type clothing standing at his driver side rear door. Ofc McGee observed tears running down the female's face and that she was holding a knife. Ofc McGee yelled at the female from his cruiser to back away from his vehicle. Ofc McGee stated the female was yelling "I'm going to kill you". Ofc McGee told Ofc Luiz by Police radio that the female by his cruiser had a knife. Ofc Luiz started to drive towards the female. The female became distracted by Ofc Luiz's vehicle and started walking towards his

Police vehicle still holding onto the knife. Ofc McGee got out of his Police vehicle at that time, placed his hand on his Wethersfield PD issued Glock and yelled at the female "Drop the knife". Ofc McGee stated the female threw the knife up in the air towards Ofc Luiz's vehicle. Ofc Luiz also got out of his vehicle but, like Ofc. McGee, never drew his service weapon. The female started walking towards the north driveway of The City Side Inn towards a Kia she had parked there. Ofc McGee and Ofc Luiz used force necessary to control the female. Ofc Diloreto was the first backup Officer from patrol to arrive on scene and assisted Ofc McGee and Ofc Luiz with handcuffing the female. Det. Sullivan arrived on scene and began searching the female while she was handcuffed. The female would then kicked Det. Sullivan and spit at her face, at which time officers held her against the hood of the Kia and put a surgical mask over her mouth. The female was transported to Hartford Hospital for an Emergency Examination due to her being a danger to herself and others. The female was released by Hartford Hospital staff within two to three hours. An arrest warrant was drafted for her on Friday, 05/15/2020, and officers ultimately took the female into custody at a local motel without incident and without any force being used, and without injury to the suspect or any officer.

## **Support Services Bureau**

3 persons were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond; 2 males and 1 females were transported to court throughout the month.

There were 114 phone calls and 54 involving animal control issues. No dog licenses were obtained during the month. There was 2 impounds this month; 2 were redeemed by their owners or sold a pets. The incident synopsis for the month is: 7 wildlife complaint (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.) and 42 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 770 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, 137 calls for service, fire prevention activities, or assists / standbys.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) and Aetna Ambulance were dispatched to a total of 121 medical / ambulance calls this month.

## **Training Division**

During the month of May, this unit continued to support/train/guide this agency by distributing literature through PowerDMS and department email detailing infectious control guidelines issued by the CDC, CCHD and measures established within our own agency to mitigate the impact from the COVID-19 pandemic that continues to affect our agency and the community. All measures established in April were continued in an effort to meet the guidance from federal and state infectious control agencies. CT Reopen Phase 1 did not change guidelines/restrictions that were already established for Safe Workplace Rules for

Essential Workers. Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk participated in regional PPE Distribution Events.

During the month of May, two exposure reports were completed for employees that had significant contact with persons (one was contact with a person that claimed they had tested positive for COVID-19 two weeks prior to the incident and another was for an officer that was spat on by an out-of-control female who was being physically restrained for transportation to a health care facility).

Several courses/classes scheduled to be conducted at our facility and elsewhere were canceled/postponed due to COVID-19.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

The department currently has three officer vacancies that are being filled through the current selection process. The division's budget is being settled in anticipation for the end of the fiscal year.

## **Detective Division**

During the month of May, 2020, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to five (5) new cases. These cases involved the following:

- 3 Commercial Burglaries
- 1 Robbery
- 1 Fraud

In addition to the above cases, members of the Detective Bureau completed twenty-two (22) supplemental reports on follow up investigations for seventeen (17) additional cases, including:

- 3 Frauds
- 1 Strong-arm Robbery
- 4 Stolen Motor Vehicles
- 3 Sexual Assaults
- 4 Residential Burglaries
- 1 Home Invasion
- 1 Theft

Six (6) cases from the current and previous months/years were closed.

Thirty-two (32) new background investigations for pistol permits applicants were received.

Background investigations for police applicants, both certified and entry level continue, with three (3) additional this month. Four (4) background checks for the Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance Association were conducted.

The following are the burglary and robbery statistics for the month of May, 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.

<b>Criminal Activity</b>	<b>May 2019</b>	<b>May 2020</b>
<b>Residential Burglaries:</b>	3 (2)	0 (0)
<b>Commercial Burglaries:</b>	1 (0)	4 (0)
<b>Armed Robberies:</b>	0 (0)	1 (0)
<b>Strong-arm Robberies:</b>	0 (0)	0 (0)

### **Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 19 incidents, involving approximately 32 Juveniles, during the month of May 2020. In these incidents, there were 3 Juvenile Arrests / Summons and 2 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline.

### **School Resource Officer**

N/A

### **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

After complaints for speeding around town, the speed trailer was put out in various spots throughout the town. Many citizens called and emailed offering thanks for the hard work that the Police Department does.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The High School is planning to do a vehicle parade around a portion of town for the graduating seniors.

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

	MAY 2019	MAY 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2020
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	58	36	319	118
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	3	1	4	3
Commercial Burglaries	1	4	3	12
Armed Robberies	0	1	0	2
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	0	4
<b>Family Violence Arrests</b>				
Family Violence Arrests	n/a	8	n/a	26
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	74	33	556	219
DUI	11	1	52	41
MV Crashes	49	22	269	197
Parking Tags	12	3	312	200
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	826	770	3894	3852
Alarm Responses	58	36	211	193
Records Requests	156	107	550	718
Prisoners Transported	n/a	3	n/a	32
Child Car Seat Installations	0	0	21	9