



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

During the month of November 2012, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to approximately twelve (12) new cases. The major case investigations involved two (2) burglaries, five (5) fraud / identity theft, one (1) larceny, and one (1) sudden death. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

Police Adventures was concluded with the fall Crossroads session at the Silas Deane Middle School. The program was well attended (15 students), and the culminating stations day meeting was a big success.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Friday, November 2, 2012 at 7:39 PM this department received a call from a citizen reporting an erratic vehicle driving on Highland Street. The citizen was concerned that the operator was drunk. The citizen stated that the vehicle was traveling north on Highland Street and almost hit some parked vehicles. An officer was nearby and observed the car driving east on Prospect Street. The officer followed as the car turned north onto Ridge Road. The officer observed the car cross over the center, double yellow lines on Ridge Road and then return to the northbound travel portion of Ridge Road. The officer stopped the car on Ridge Road. The officer asked the driver for her license, registration and insurance card. The driver had difficulty answering simple questions. When asked if she had been drinking she replied "Yes, yes I have." When asked to get out of her car she was unsteady on her feet. After a few minutes the driver told the officer she wasn't taking any more sobriety tests. As she was being handcuffed she pulled away from the officer. When told to put her hands behind her back she answered with an expletive. She struggled with the officer and a backup officer that arrived to help. This went on for several minutes during

which time she kicked both of the officers. She kicked one officer in the groin and inner thigh area, as well as his right arm. When told to stop kicking, she yelled "I will kick!" When told to stop resisting, she yelled "I am resisting." She flailed her legs and thrashed around, refusing to get into the rear of the patrol vehicle. Once at the Police Department she refused to submit to the breath test. She was charged with Assault on an Officer (2 counts), Interfering with an Officer, Operating under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs and Failure to Maintain Proper Lane. She was released and was scheduled to appear in court on 11-19-12.

On Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 8:34 PM officers were dispatched to a department store on the Silas Deane Highway on the report of a shoplifting. Officers were told that the suspect had exited the store with several jackets and drove away in a black Nissan Maxima and was last seen traveling south on the Silas Deane Highway. The store's security officer stated that shortly before calling the police, he was on the sales floor when he saw a male in the men's department that he'd recognized as a larceny suspect from another one of the chain's stores. In the previous thefts the suspect would enter the store, grab a handful of clothing, then exit the store without paying for the merchandise. The suspect was described as a black male in his forties, bald, medium build, about 6', wearing a black Kango brand hat, and a black zip-up hooded sweatshirt with gray jeans. The security officer watched as the suspect selected 3 pairs of Levi brand jeans (valued at \$24.99 each) from a clothing rack. From the store's surveillance system, the security officer watched as the suspect selected a cream colored Buffalo brand wool jacket valued at \$59.99 followed by 5 black Columbia brand jackets (\$59.99 each.) After selecting the above items, the male exited the store without paying for the 9 items. The security officer stated that he approached the suspect outside of the store and identified himself as store security officer. He asked the suspect to return the merchandise. Instead of returning the items, the suspect got into a black older model Nissan Maxima and drove away. Jones stated that the suspect was the only person inside the vehicle when it drove away. The total cost for the items taken was \$434.91. On this same day at around 8:40 PM the Rocky Hill Police Department tried to stop the suspect vehicle as it was turning onto the I91 northbound onramp from the Silas Deane Highway. The vehicle did not stop and continued onto the highway. On November 24, 2012 a store security officer came to WPD headquarters and provided the identity of the suspect related to this case. A records check of the suspect revealed 41 previous arrests. The investigating officer was able to obtain a recent photograph of the suspect and was able to positively identify the suspect. An arrest of the suspect is pending.

Detective Division

In October 2012, Wethersfield detectives assisted the Patrol Division in making an arrest for armed robbery. The two suspects in the case were both juveniles. One of the juveniles gave a fake name while being processed. Detectives were able to later identify the juvenile and found that he was wanted on an outstanding order to take that juvenile into custody. Detectives located the juvenile and placed him under arrest. He was later properly arrested for the robbery in Wethersfield. This same juvenile was also identified as a person who committed a street type robbery of a male in June 2012. In that case several males chased

down a Wethersfield resident near the Hartford line and punched him in the face while taking his phone. The juvenile suspect was arrested for that robbery as well.

Juvenile Unit

Wethersfield Police department handled approximately 33 incidents, involving approximately 46 juveniles. In these incidents, 5 juveniles were arrested for criminal violations, 8 were diverted to parental punishment, and 1 was referred to the Juvenile Review Board for diversion.

School Resource Officer

During the month of November the SRO covered a total of 14 incidents including activities at the school; these incidents were entered into the School Cop Database. The SRO pulled five case numbers which resulted in two incident reports being completed. Of the two incidents reports, there were a total of three arrests made at the school. The arrest offenses were for Risk of Injury to a Minor, 53-21; Assault 3rd Degree 53a-61; Possession of Marijuana With Intent to Sell, 21a-277(b); and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 21a-267. The SRO investigated suspicious situations at the school and the surrounding areas involving possible trespassing issues.

The SRO assisted Detective Regan with a take into custody order for a Juvenile at the high school. The SRO assisted with traffic and crossing guard responsibilities at WHS and assisted a parent of a student with completing a Family with Service Needs form. The SRO assisted the School Administration with truancy issues at the school.

The School Administration and SRO held several mediations with students in regards to dating relationship disputes, bullying/harassment issues and general disputes.

The SRO advised students on the proper use of social media and internet safety.

The SRO attended STARS/SRBI meetings on Fridays during the month of November pertaining to at risk students.

The SRO participated in the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board which juveniles who reside in town are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to the Board.

The SRO spoke in Mrs. Zaleski's social studies in regards to criminal & motor vehicle laws, search & seizure laws, and juvenile laws.

The SRO attended the Names Program at the school which is an Anti-bullying Program for the freshman class.

Support Services Bureau

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 842 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 42 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 89 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 222 calls for service.

There were 102 phone calls and 54 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, thirty-five (35) were handled by the part-time animal control officers and nineteen (19) were handled by police officers. Eleven animals were impounded with six being redeemed, two adopted and three are still being held. Cases included a woman attacked by a stray cat and an injured turkey.

Fourteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 211 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, eleven were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported the prisoners to court, including eight males and six females. The females incarcerated by the department required forty-seven hours of matron coverage.

Support Services Bureau, Training Unit

On Monday, November 5, 2012 Officers Elizabeth Taylor and Kevin Foster began attending a seven day training class entitled "**Public Safety Telecommunicator Training.**" This training was held at the Connecticut Department of Public Safety in Middletown, CT. Training topics included interpersonal communications, stress management, basics of radio broadcasting, telephone techniques and telecommunicator liability issues. This class is one of several mandated training classes in order to be certified as a telecommunicator by the State of Connecticut.

On Wednesday, November 7, 2012 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, Sergeant Michael Connolly, Master Police Officers Luis Gonzalez and Ronald Floyd, and Officers Jeffrey Poulin and Justin Lord began attending monthly two-day training.

During the week of November 12, 2012 the WPD Training Unit conducted **Fall 2012 Low Light Firearms Training.** Thirty (36) officers participated in this training, which was held at the Berlin Police Range in Berlin, CT. Training consisted of three hours of low-light/ no light firearms training and one hour of classroom training. Officers were required to complete a 60 round qualification course in low light conditions, which all officers successfully passed. Officers also completed two point-instinctive courses and a stress/motor vehicle stop course. Both the point-instinctive courses required officers to quickly and accurately identify and shoot at multiple threats. The stress/motor vehicle course required officers to properly approach a vehicle, use their flashlight, and use good skills to quickly and accurately identify and decide to shoot or not shoot a possible threat. Prior to this training, officers received instruction on the Department Deadly Force and were given a written examination on the Department's Use of Deadly Force policy. Twelve (12) Officers also qualified with the Colt AR-15 patrol rifle and were required to complete a written examination on the same.

On Wednesday November 14, 2012 Officer Kevin Foster attended a one day training class entitled "**Medical Response Technician (MRT) Refresher.**" This training was held at the

West Hartford Police Department, West Hartford, CT. This class enables Officer Foster to keep his State of Connecticut MRT certification, which is good for three years.

On Tuesday November 27, 2012 Officers Elizabeth Taylor and Kevin Foster began attending a three day training class entitled "**NCIC/ COLLECT Certification.**" This training was held at the State Department of Public Safety, Middletown, CT. This three day class certifies Officers Taylor and Foster in the use of the NCIC/ COLLECT computer. Certification is for a period of two years. This class is a prerequisite for becoming a certified as a dispatcher.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 73 police-related alarms in month of November. Of the 73 chargeable alarms: non-residential locations made up 39 (53%) of this total, residential alarms made up 33 (45%) and state / local government was 1. The alarms received were: 58 burglar and 6 holdup / panic and 9 fire related. There currently are 1,562 alarm registrations on file, 63 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 95% compliance rate. Nine new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$2,875 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 140 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 96 items of correspondence sent out.

As of October 31, 2012 the department has two police officer vacancies in its authorized strength of forty-seven sworn officers. A hiring process is being conducted and is in the ending stages. As of November 30, 2012 the Department has two officers assigned to light duty due to work-related injuries.

As of November 30, 2012, the Wethersfield Police Department has expended \$281,625 on overtime. This is equivalent to 48% of the Department's total budgeted overtime for this fiscal year.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Support Services Bureau officers continue to address citizen complaints involving traffic, parking violations and other motor vehicle violations. Citizens regularly complain of a variety of different violations on various town streets and at several town schools.

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement three (3) different times spending approximately 1 hour 51 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town.

The following work orders were completed during November, 2012:

- For the annual Jamie's Run 5K on November 4, 2012 cones, barricades, one-way signs and temporary "No Parking" signs were placed on numerous streets around Garden Street and the Broad Street Green in Old Wethersfield.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wethersfield detectives are working with the Mid-State Narcotics Task Force, assisting with personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency to investigate local individuals.

The Police Explorers will be attending Holiday on Main Street on Thursday, December 6th. The post will be augmenting police officer presence as well as providing child fingerprinting.

“Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program” will begin in January 2013 at the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room. This class will meet once per month for a total of 5 classes.

NCIC/COLLECT inquiry recertification for select department personnel is scheduled for January, 2013.

- The Chamber of Commerce Holidays on Main event will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 5:00 PM.
- Officers from the Wethersfield Police Department will be participating and aggressively enforcing seatbelt violations during the upcoming Annual “Click It or Ticket” enforcement period being held December 3rd – 16th, 2012.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	November 2012	November 2012	YTD 2011	YTD 2012
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	69	57	725	793
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	3	2	31	51
Commercial Burglaries	1	0	11	13
Armed Robberies	0	0	1	1
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	2	7
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	4	7	75	82
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	195	134	2009	1844
DUI	18	11	140	108
MV Accidents	63	70	667	568

Parking Tags	39	38	533	458
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Miscellaneous Activities

911 Calls	1069	842	9963	9191
Alarm Responses	87	73	688	761
Records Requests	179	183	2421	2662
Prisoners Transported	9	14	126	172
Child Car Seat Installations	4	-	83	49