



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

On November 16, 2016 the Department finished accepting on-line applications for the position of Certified Police Officer. The Department currently has two police officer vacancies. As in the past, on-line applications were accepted through the website, PoliceApp.com. The written examination will be conducted during the month of December 2016.

In accordance with the State EoC exercise / readiness assessments, the Town's emergency messaging system (ctalert.gov) capabilities were spot checked and reviewed. All dispatchers were found to have proper credentials to access to the system. An updated guide for sending emergency messages was created and placed in a common area for dispatchers to utilize if need be.

A full load test of the mobile generator was conducted on 11/17 at the town's south east radio site. The switch over to generator power was made without incident, and all equipment in the shed continued to function normally. It is now confirmed that the radio assets at this location can continue to be utilized despite a protracted power outage.

Portable radio reception from the CRCOPA radio truck was assessed in November. Maps showing radio coverage were drawn from the results; Millwoods and Fire House #3 were utilized as transmit locations during the two separate test sessions.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On November 2, 2016 at 4:45 PM officers were dispatched to 1091 Silas Deane Highway, TJ Maxx to a report of a female shoplifter in custody. Store security noticed the female walking around the store with a shopping cart full of items. The female was taking items and concealing them in a brown bag inside the shopping cart. The female then took items out of

the bag and opened certain packages. The store manager confronted the female in the front of the store after the female passed all points of sale without attempting to pay for the items. The female admitted to stealing items from the store. Store security provided the officer with a sworn written statement stating that on behalf of TJ Maxx he wished to press charges against the female. The list of stolen items included a magnifying glass, eyebrow razor, a bra wash bag, a 10 piece brush set, a mini elegance kit, four different wallets, a beauty bag, notebook, gloves and scissors. The total value of items taken was \$190.39. The female was placed under arrest and handcuffed, which were double locked and checked for tightness. She was transported to Police Headquarters, where she was charged with Larceny 6th. She was released on a non-surety bond and was due at New Britain court on 11/16/16.

On November 3, 2016 at approximately 10:52 PM an officer was traveling westbound on Nott Street approaching Ridge Road. This officer noticed a male wearing all dark clothing walking south on Ridge Road on the western sidewalk. The officer saw that the male was carrying a skateboard. Upon seeing the male, the officer recalled an entry into the dispatch computer of a theft from a motor vehicle in the north end of town involving a male on a skateboard. As the male saw the officer, the male immediately dropped skateboard and began to ride it southbound on the sidewalk. The officer approached the male. The officer identified the male, who said that he was simply trying to get home and that he lived right down the street. When asked where he lived, the male said he was going to stay in a hotel. When asked where he was coming from, he responded from his house on Broad Street. He said he was currently on his way to Motel 6 to meet with a female friend. He was asked if he would consent to a pat down search of his person. The officer discovered a flashlight in his sweatshirt pocket. The officer learned that the male was currently wanted by the Hartford Police Department on an outstanding arrest warrant for Assault 3rd Degree and Unlawful Restraint 2nd Degree. Wethersfield Police Dispatch then confirmed the outstanding warrant with HPD. The male was arrested. A second officer searched the backpack that the male had. During this search, the officer located a Garmin Nuvi 350 GPS unit and a pair of Ray Ban sunglasses. Based on the previously mentioned WPD dispatch computer report, the officers believed that this male could be responsible for local burglary and thefts from motor vehicles. The officers learned that the GPS unit came from a home on Jordan Lane. Officers went to the home on Jordan Lane and the homeowner checked his car and found he was missing an older GPS unit and a pair of Ray Ban sunglasses. The homeowner responded to the scene and positively identified the GPS unit and the sunglasses as his own and said that they were recently taken from his vehicle. The male was transported to Police Headquarters and charged with Burglary 3rd Degree and Larceny 6th Degree. He was held on bond and was scheduled to appear in New Britain court on 11/4/16.

Detective Division

During the month of November 2016, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to fifteen (15) new cases. The major case investigations involved; six (6) burglaries, one (1) attempted murder, and one (1) sudden death. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

On Saturday, 11/19/16 at 2147 hours, the Wethersfield Police responded to a 911 call at an apartment complex on Folly Brook Boulevard. The caller stated that her son had been hurt. Due to a language barrier, the caller was unable to describe exactly what happened.

Responding officers found a 50 year old male inside the apartment bleeding from several stab wounds. The victim was transported to the hospital. Wethersfield Police Detectives were called to the scene. It was later determined that the suspect had been attacked at a different apartment complex and did not know his attacker. Wethersfield Officers followed a blood trail through the neighborhood to determine the crime scene. Wethersfield Detectives processed what little evidence they collected and spoke to several apartment residents. The case is currently under investigation.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 38 incidents, involving approximately 49 juveniles during the month of November 2016. In these incidents 9 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline, 2 Juveniles were diverted for school discipline and 4 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB". There were no Juvenile arrests during the month of November.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in practical skills training in "Motor Vehicle Stops" and "CIT" training.

School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School

During the month of September the WHS SRO covered a total of 22 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO assisted WHS administrators and counselors and several students with various public safety and community policing issues and questions.

The WHS SRO met with administrators and security staff for weekly "Security Update" meetings.

The WHS SRO attended several meetings including the STARS/SRBI, Juvenile Review Board, Youth Advisory Board and attendance meetings.

The WHS SRO conducted motor vehicle enforcement on Jay Street on the report of various violations by residents.

School Resource Officer – Silas Deane Middle School

During the month of September the SRO covered a total of 22 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SDMS SRO presented several classes, including classes for staff, for students and for parents.

The SRO assisted school administrators and personnel with several issues both public safety and community policing related.

The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meetings with BoE, Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security. The SRO participated in the sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

The SRO assisted school administrators with two fire drills.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 27 alarms in month of November. Non-residential locations made up 14 (52%), residential alarms made up 11 (41%), and state government made up 2 (7%) of this total. The alarms received were: 20 burglar, 3 holdup / panic, and 4 fire. There currently are 1,801 alarm registrations on file, 23 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 98% compliance rate. Thirteen new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$2,150 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 64 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 54 items of correspondence sent out.

Support Services Bureau

Fifteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 249 hours of incarceration. Seven prisoners were arrested on warrants, the remainder were based on speedy information. Fourteen males and one female were transported to court throughout the month. The female that was incarcerated required 2 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were sixty-three phone calls and twenty-four calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, eighteen calls were handled by the part-time animal control officers and six were handled by police officers. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for five calls in Newington; Newington Animal Control Officers covered for six calls in Wethersfield. Twenty-six dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were six impounds: one was held for dog bite vs human, one was redeemed, three sold as pets, one was a carryover. The incident synopsis for the month is: three wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), twenty-two dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), and five mutual aid calls to Newington. The ACOs have issued seventy-three letters to residents for delinquent dog licenses.

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 860 NG911 emergency phone calls. Year to date total is 9,451 calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 83 incidents, and Aetna dispatched to 245 incidents during the month. There were 255 ambulance calls this month;

multiple ambulances may be dispatched to one call, resulting in dispatched ambulance totals far exceeding the total number of medical calls.

Community Relations

St. Paul's Church requested no parking signage for their 11/19 fair. Temporary no parking signs were installed on one side of Westway and a short portion of Wolcott Hill Road.

AHEPA staff contacted this bureau seeking council on having a blinking yellow light placed / replaced on Berlin TnPk. in front of their facility. They will contact state DOT and cite the reasons that were discussed in the conversation with the SSB personnel.

A traffic survey for seatbelt use was conducted; results indicted a compliance rate of at least 83.5%.

Training Division

On Tuesday, November 1, 2016, Officer Peter McGee attended "Valor Essentials" at Goodwin College, East Hartford, CT.

On Wednesday, November 2, 2016, Officers Robert Malinowski and Jakub Owczarski attended the course titled, "Effective Police Interaction with Youth." This training took place at the Courtyard Marriott in Cromwell, CT.

On Wednesday, November 2, 2016 and Thursday, November 3, 2016, Officer Luis Gonzalez and Detective Jeffrey Poulin attended Capital Region Emergency Services Team (CREST) Training.

On Thursday, November 3, 2016, our agency hosted the University of Connecticut Transportation Institute's class title, "Understanding Roadway Safety Data." No members of our agency attended this class.

On Friday, November 4, 2016, Sergeant Michael Connolly attended, "Taser Instructor Recertification Training." This training took place at the Farmington Police Department.

On Monday, November 7, 2016 and Tuesday, November 8, 2016, Commander Thomas Mitney, Detectives Jeffrey Poulin, Michael Patkoske, Norberto Mendez, and Officers Jessica Blank, Peter McGee, Bridget Camara, Kevin Lawless, Manuel Silva, Nuno Martins and Robert Arduini attended KTI's, "CT Chief's Report Writing and Records Management Training."

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016 through Thursday, November 10, 2016, Officers Jakub Owczarski, Peter Salvatore and Michael Forrest attended "Emergency Medical Response Refresher Training." This training took place at the Rocky Hill Police Department. WPD Officer Joel DiLoreto was one of the lead instructors of this course.

On Wednesday, November 9, 2016, Commander Donald Crabtree, Sergeant Michael Fisher, Sergeant Jennie Rivera and Records Clerk Taneta McCaw attended the training titled, "Records Retention and Freedom of Information." This training took place at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden.

Yearly Fall Firearms Training was conducted at the Berlin Police Department Firing Range on Monday, November 14, 2016, Tuesday, November 15, 2016, Thursday, November 17, 2016, Friday,

November 18, 2016 and Monday, November 21, 2016. This department wide training was attended by all able sworn personnel on their assigned dates. During this training, all attendees qualified on their department issued firearm and all rifle certified officers qualified on their patrol rifle. Additionally, all department personnel tested on the Glock Firearm Nomenclature and Used of Deadly Force Policy. Additionally, all rifle certified officers took the department rifle exam.

On Tuesday, November 15, 2016, Officer Shane Murphy and canine Marley attended Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training. Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

On Tuesday, November 15, 2016, Commanders Mark Poisson and Donald Crabtree attended the training titled, "Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training." This training covers required areas needed for sworn personnel to maintain their certification as a police officer.

On Wednesday, November 16, 2016, Detectives Christopher Morris and Michael Patkoske attended Mid-state Major Crime Squad (MSMC) Training. MSMC is a team comprised of Detectives from the Mid-State Towns, who work together to investigate major incidents.

On Thursday, November 17, 2016, Officer Nuno Martins and canine Thor attended monthly Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training. Officer Martins and Thor participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Thursday, November 17, 2016 and Friday, November 18, 2016 Detective Michael Patkoske attended the training titled, "Arson Investigator's Seminar." This training took place at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel.

On Monday, November 28, 2016, Tuesday, November 29, 2016 and Wednesday, November 30, 2016, all able sworn members of this agency attended Arrest and Control Training. This training covered practical skills in defensive tactics and Taser. In addition to hands on defensive tactics and Taser use, all sworn personnel took written Taser tests, a Use of Force Test and Pursuit Test. This training took place at the Wethersfield Police Department.

On Wednesday, November 30, 2016, Officer Peter McGee attended the training titled, "Legal Training on Housing Matters." This training took place the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Holidays on Main will be held on December 1, 2016.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	NOV 2015	NOV 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	61	50	762	558
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	1	4	15	24
Commercial Burglaries	2	2	86	15
Armed Robberies	1	0	6	2
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	3	1
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	130	83	1870	1129
DUI	8	6	66	66
MV Crashes	62	84	697	759
Parking Tags	32	24	635	801
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	910	860	10394	9451
Alarm Responses	57	70	651	608
Records Requests	184	224	2341	2024
Prisoners Transported	6	15	152	129
Child Car Seat Installations	15	5	39	56