



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

Members of the Police Department have begun training in use of the Lethality Assessment Program. This is a program to better assist victims during domestic violence situations.

SSB will beginning a new disaster plan / continuity for operations initiative for public safety & town communication systems.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

On Saturday, November 4, 2017 at approximately 10:30 AM an officer was patrolling through the parking lot of a local motel when he noticed an improperly parked vehicle. A check of that vehicle revealed that it was reported stolen out of Willimantic, Connecticut. Through their investigation officers placed a male, who was a guest at the motel, under arrest and charged him with Larceny 3rd Degree.

On Monday, November 20, 2017 at approximately 2:46 PM dispatch received a 911 call from Marshalls Loss Prevention reporting a shoplifting. Two male suspects were running with a shopping cart full of merchandise while a female suspect was walking in a different direction. As loss prevention personnel followed the male suspects, one male took a large branch and began to chase the loss prevention personnel. The males abandoned the shopping cart, which contained over \$500 of stolen merchandise, on the Silas Deane Highway. The males, one of which was a juvenile, were located by officers in the inner courtyard of a local apartment complex and the female was located by officers in the parking lot of a local business. All three were placed under arrest and charged with robbery and larceny charges.

On Friday, November 24, 2017 at approximately 4:10 AM officers were dispatched to the area of Coppermill Road on the report of two vehicles driving without their lights on. The complainant believed the occupants were breaking into cars in driveways due to observing them running from parked cars. As they approached the area an officer observed a vehicle matching the description given traveling eastbound on Maple Street. The vehicle was stopped on Maple Street near Middletown Avenue. Investigation found that the vehicle was reported stolen from Guilford, Connecticut. Property from a local residence was also found inside the vehicle. The two juveniles were placed under arrest and charged with burglary and larceny charges.

Detective Division

During the month of November 2017, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to ten (10) new cases. These cases involved two (2) larcenies, one (1) forgery, one (1) stolen car, one (1) murder, one (1) residential burglary, one (1) disorderly, one (1) narcotics, one (1) weapon surrender and one (1) counterfeit money. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations for new town hires and background investigations for pistol permits applicants.

School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School

During the month of November the WHS SRO covered a total of thirty-two (32) incidents at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The WHS SRO spoke with a parent regarding some issues between students and young adults stemming from an incident the previous weekend. The parent was given advice on how to handle the situation.
- The WHS SRO met with a student who reportedly was operating a vehicle at an excessive speed on campus. Student told of possible consequences by administration and law enforcement.
- The WHS SRO assisted with a fire drill. Smell of "electric" odor coming from room 222. WVFD responded.
- The WHS SRO met with a student who was having issues with a Newington High School student on social media. Student was posting negative things about WHS homicide victim. Contact was made with NHS SRO who spoke to the student regarding the issue. WHS student blocked NHS student from her social media accounts. Email with posts was sent to NHS SRO.
- The WHS SRO investigated the complaint of counterfeit money being passed at the cafeteria.
- The WHS SRO took a complaint of vandalism to the concession building on Cottone Field. A door was left unsecured and either members of the boosters or student helpers haphazardly threw items in the storage room. No vandalism/unfounded.

- The WHS SRO spoke to a student about his behavior during a fire alarm call for service the previous week. Student advised of his actions and how it could have jeopardized the safety of other students
- The WHS SRO spoke to two students about their disruptive behavior in the cafeteria. Students were advised to keep their hands to themselves and to eat and carry themselves in a mature manner.
- The WHS SRO met a student who was making inappropriate posts on a school sanctioned social media account. One post mentioned a physical altercation and the other mentioned the student using vaping products. Confirmed the posts were made in a joking/attention seeking manor. Advised.
- The WHS SRO and an administrator investigated a past tense complaint of a disorderly situation in the cafe between two freshman boys. The investigation revealed a much larger issue with some bullying behavior. One male was to the point where he was planning to physically confront the other. Both students were addressed and mediation was held. The boys shook hands and agreed to act their age and respect each other.
- The WHS SRO met with three students regarding theft from the cafeteria. No official complaint was made and the students were advised and given school based punishment. One was determined to have no part of the theft.
- The WHS SRO met with a student who was concerned about her living situation. No violence in the residence, but the student wanted to obtain a restraining order against her mother. Advised.
- The WHS SRO investigated the complaint of a larceny by a female student. The male suspect was identified and the phone charger was returned to the proper owner. Student did not want the other student arrested. Advised.
- The WHS SRO assisted administration with an investigation into two juvenile (male) students who were believed to be vaping and/or in possession of vaping materials on school grounds. No contraband found.
- The WHS SRO spoke to a student regarding his driving habits on school grounds. The student had been observed by a staff member driving in a hazardous manner. Advised.
- The WHS SRO met with administrators regarding an alarming social media post by a female student. The post was likely directed toward another female WHS student. Assisted.
- The WHS SRO presented the Advisory class with a teacher.
- The WHS SRO attended the WPTSA meeting for discussion on the current vaping issues with young adults at WHS.
- The WHS SRO attended the weekly Security Staff meetings held with administration, and the security team.
- The WHS SRO attended the Attendance Meeting: Topic discussion centered on students with attendance issues for this academic year.
- 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.
- The WHS SRO attended the monthly Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board meeting.
- The WHS SRO assisted school administrator's with a fire drill.

School Resource Officer – Silas Deane Middle School

During the month of October the SRO covered a total of 19 incidents including activities at the school.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The SRO assisted Admin with de-escalation of student after receiving a school consequence for violations of school rules.
- The SRO met with a student at the request of her Parents after she witnessed an incident which occurred in the community and had some questions about police protocols and safety.
- The SRO met with a student at the request of Administration to discuss safety concern.
- The SRO assisted the Detective Division with an investigation based on information relative to a former student.
- The SRO attended a DCF meeting to discuss current issues and protocols of SRO and JRBs.
- The SRO assisted Administration with investigation and safety conversation with Family for school rule violation.
- The SRO followed up with a student at the Administration's request to address his behavior after an incident which occurred in the community after school was reported.
- 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. This is for juveniles who reside in our town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to our board.
- The SRO assisted school administrator's with fire drills.

Support Services Bureau

There were Ninety-nine phone calls and thirty-seven calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for fourteen calls. Thirty-five dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were seven impounds this month: five were redeemed, and two were sold as pets. The incident synopsis for the month is: three wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), thirty-three dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), four mutual aid calls to Newington, and eight warnings issued for unlicensed dogs. The ACOs issued thirty letters to residents for delinquent dog licenses this month.

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 862 NG911 emergency phone calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 127 incidents, and was Aetna dispatched to 284 incidents during the month. There were 322 medical / ambulance calls this month; multiple ambulances may be dispatched to one call which results in dispatched ambulance totals far exceeding the total number of medical calls.

Community Relations:

The speed monitoring sign was placed in the area of 151 Two Rod Highway to impact speeders. The new speed sign was installed on Willow Street Street at the start of the school zone, northbound.

A no outlet sign was requested on Alison Lane due to Middletown Ave closure traffic attempting to cut through. Adjustments continue to be made in order to make the road closure as low-impact as possible.

SSB is currently researching a request for "school property" warning signs to be posted at Charles Wright school; the signs will inform persons who use the east side path that they may not do so during school hours.

Training Division

Monthly Training Activities:

Throughout November, Officer Nuno Martins continued **Basic Police Canine / Canine Handler Training**. This training is being conducted in conjunction with Officer Robert Johnson of the Manchester Police Department. This training takes place Monday through Friday and is expected to continue through mid-December 2017.

On Wednesday, November 1 and Thursday, November 2, 2017, Sergeant Luiz Gonzalez and Officers Shane Murphy and Officer Joel DiLoreto attended **Capital Region Emergency Services Team Training (CREST)**. The CREST Team is the regional SWAT team.

On Monday, November 6, 2017 through Friday, November 10, 2017, Lieutenant Thomas Mitney attended the **FBI-LEEDA Executive Leadership Institute**. This executive level leadership training took place at the Manchester Police Department.

During November 2017, members of the Wethersfield Police Department attended **Wethersfield Police Department Medical Training**. The training covered Airborne/Bloodborne Pathogens, CPR, First Aid, Combat Tourniquet use and Narcan deployment. This course was taught by Lead Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk and Officer Joel DiLoreto.

On Thursday, November 9, 2017, Officer Shane Murphy attended **Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training**. Officer Murphy and K-9 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 14, 2017, Officers Richard Holton and Michael Forrest attended **COLLECT/NCIC Recertification Training** at the Hartford Police Department Training Academy in Hartford, CT. This training renewed their COLLECT/NCIC certification for a two year period.

On Wednesday, November 15, 2017, Sergeant Michael Fisher took part in the **Thomaston Police Department Sergeant's Oral Board**.

On Thursday, November 16 and Friday, November 17, 2017, Detective Michael Patkokse attended the **Connecticut Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators Arson Investigators Seminar**.

On Monday, November 27, 2017 through Friday, December 1, 2017, Detective Alison Sullivan attended **Intermediate Crime Scene Investigations**. This training took place at the Newington Police Department Training Center on Milk Lane in Newington.

On Monday, November 27, 2017, Officer Manuel Silva attended **Improving Survivability for Mass Casualty Events**. This took place at Hartford Hospitals Center for Education, Simulation and Innovation at Hartford Hospital (CESI). This training involved learning to provide emergency medical care during mass casualty and active fire type events.

Administrative Services Bureau

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

This department has responded to 48 alarms in month of November. Non-residential locations made up 21 (44%), residential alarms made up 25 (52%), and state government made up 2 (4%) of this total. The alarms received were: 45 burglar and 3 holdup / panic. There currently are 1,908 alarm registrations on file, 43 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Eight new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$2,175 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 52 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 43 items of correspondence sent out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holidays on Main, 12/7/2017

Wethersfield Detectives are assisting with patrol personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Administration to investigate local individuals.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES November 2017

	NOV 2016	NOV 2017	YTD 2016	YTD 2017
Criminal Arrests	50	65	558	749
Residential Burglaries	4	4	24	23
Commercial Burglaries	2	2	15	17
Armed Robberies	0	0	2	6
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	1	1
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	83	99	1129	971
DUI	6	2	66	50
MV Crashes	84	55	759	602
Parking Tags	24	20	801	374
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	860	862	9451	9131
Alarm Responses	70	48	608	677
Records Requests	224	112	2024	1498
Child Car Seat Installations	5	6	56	106