



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**Chief of Police**

## NOVEMBER 2018

### SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training “Motor Vehicle and Felony Motor Vehicle Stops”.

During the month of November officers took a total of fourteen (14) reports for stolen motor vehicles. In most of these cases the vehicles were left unlocked and running at a residence or business in town. In some of the cases the vehicles were left unlocked with the keys inside the vehicle. Officers continue to give extra attention to unattended, unlocked and running vehicles throughout town.

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

#### Patrol Division

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

On Thursday, November 1, 2018 at approximately 9:07 AM officers were dispatched to the report of an evading motor vehicle accident. The complainant reported his vehicle was struck by another vehicle that left the scene of the accident. The complainant was following the vehicle that struck him. Two officers working a traffic detail noticed the evading vehicle and stopped it. The operator admitted to being involved in an accident and leaving the scene. The operator was placed under arrest and charged with Evading Responsibility and Unsafe Movement of a Stopped Vehicle.

On Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at approximately 6:29 PM an officer was dispatched to a disabled motor vehicle that was located in a ditch. Upon his arrival the officer approached the female operator, who was still inside the running vehicle, and smelled the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. The operator stated she was coming from New Britain and driving to Manchester and believed she was in Southington. Based on evidence on scene the officer determined that the operator travelled the wrong way on a one-way

road, then backed down a hill and traveled off the road on grass before becoming stuck in some mud. The operator failed the field sobriety tests she attempted. She was placed under arrest and charged with Operating Under the Influence, Unsafe Backing and Fail to obey a Traffic Control Sign.

On Monday, November 26, 2018 at approximately 7:28 AM officers were dispatched to a report of a robbery of a 13 year old student at a school bus stop. The victim stated there were approximately 7 suspects in two different vehicles. Two of the suspects, who were described as being approximately 16 years old, exited the cars and pushed the victim to the ground and punched and kicked him. They took his cell phone and backpack. The backpack was later recovered in a stolen vehicle in Hartford and eventually returned to the victim. The suspects in this case are suspects in other violent crimes in the region. Officers continue to investigate this case. Officers also continue to give extra attention to school bus stops and vehicles that are left unattended, unlocked and running in the morning hours.

## **Detective Division**

During the month of November 2018, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to sixteen (16) new cases. These cases involved the following:

One (1) Strong Arm Robbery; Two (2) Commercial Burglaries; One (1) Residential Burglary; Three (3) Larcenies; One (1) Sexual Assault; One (1) Sexual Assault that was unfounded; One (1) Fraud; One (1) Vandalism; One (1) Missing Person; One (1) DCF Referral; One (1) Asset Forfeiture; One (1) Stolen Car Recovery and One (1) person wanted by a warrant from another jurisdiction.

Detectives also followed up and closed five (5) old cases: One (1) was burglary into a car, in which an arrest was made on scene. The rest of the recovered property was returned to the proper owners. One (1) was a very lengthy larceny case from 2016 which was determined to be a civil matter, not a criminal case. One (1) was a pistol permit that ended up being approved for the applicant; One (1) was a sexual assault in which the court did not approve the arrest warrant and declined to prosecute. The last case was an incident at a local pawn shop in which someone pawned a stolen camera. The subject was arrested by an arrest warrant.

Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations for new town hires and background investigations for pistol permits applicants.

## **Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 28 incidents, involving approximately 34 Juveniles during the month of November 2018. In these incidents there were 3 Juveniles diverted for parental discipline, 1 Juvenile was diverted for school discipline and 4 Juveniles was seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board.

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

During the month of August the Middle School SRO covered activities at both the High School and Middle School.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The WHS SRO and SDMS School Psychologist Pepitone spoke with several students regarding disruptive behavior and the alleged use of racial slurs. All students were advised and the two main perpetrators agreed to cease any further animosity.
- The WHS SRO contacted DCF after alarming photographs were found on a student's phone. School administrators were aware of the incident.
- The WHS SRO investigated an accident and then found out neither involved party wished to have police action. Small fender bender involving a parked vehicle in the lot involving no injuries. Assisted with information exchange.
- The WHS SRO met with an SDMS student involving an incident at the town library on Friday, 11/16/18. Following up with the victim of a prank that involved a minor injury. Officer Hilchuk handled the initial complaint.
- The WHS SRO stopped a motor vehicle operator (student) for a hazardous violation at the intersection of Jay St / Eagle Drive. Verbal warning issued.
- The WHS SRO met with an SDMS special needs student regarding his behavior. Student pushed his paraprofessional and caused a minor injury.
- The WHS SRO spoke with a student who committed a larceny through a banking error. Advised the student how to handle the incident.
- The WHS SRO spoke with an SDMS student regarding threats made over social media to two other students. Student was advised on the possible ramifications to their actions and her progressively poor behavior. Grandparent/guardian was on scene and attended the meeting.
- The WHS SRO was contacted by a parent looking for information and/or advice regarding his son's downward spiraling behavior. Assisted.
- The WHS SRO assisted a student who lost her cellular phone. Phone was located. Assisted.
- The WHS SRO followed up with a middle school student who was the victim of a violent crime. Student was very brave and assisted officers with the details surrounding the incident.
- The WHS SRO assisted administrators with a planned fire drill.
- The WHS SRO met with an SDMS student regarding her inappropriate use of social media. Advised on the dangers of dealing with unknown males and the possible consequences.
- The WHS SRO met with two male students who were having long term problems getting along after an incident in September. The students said they would be able to coexist with each other and not have any physical confrontation. Advised on consequences.
- The WHS SRO took a report for a found property call. A cellular phone was returned to its rightful owner.
- The WHS SRO took a motor vehicle complaint from a staff member. Student advised on consequences for speed and teen driving laws. Parent notified by administration and student facing school parking suspension.

- The WHS SRO investigated a found property complaint. Medication (pills) were located in a classroom. Investigation revealed the medication was not prescribed medicine.
- The WHS SRO assisted administration with a student who has behavioral issues.
- The WHS SRO responded to the scene of a motor vehicle crash involving a student. One involved party suffered an injury. The student involved reported pain and was being taken to seek medical attention by his parents who were on scene.
- The WHS SRO met with a student who reports her pink calculator was stolen out of a classroom. No formal complaint.
- The WHS SRO addressed an irate student who was extremely agitated and swearing loudly in the hallway. Advised.
- The SRO participated in a session 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 weekly 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 SDMS school administration with a fire drill.
- The WHS SRO attended the weekly security and safety meeting with administrators and security staff.
- The WHS SRO presented the Advisory class with a teacher.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

This department has responded to 27 alarms in month of November. Non-residential locations made up 10 (37%), residential alarms made up 14 (52%), and state government made up 3 (11%) of this total. The alarms received were: 24 burglar, 1 fire, and 2 holdup / panic. There currently are 1,988 alarm registrations on file, 24 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 98% compliance rate. Eight new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$1,975 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 66 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 56 items of correspondence sent out.

## **Support Services Bureau**

Ten persons were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond. Nine males and one female were transported to court throughout the month.

There were 79 phone calls and twenty-three calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for one call in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Wethersfield, and [Wethersfield] police officers covered for thirteen calls. Seven dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were

four impounds this month: the four were adopted out to new owners. The incident synopsis for the month is: one wildlife complaint (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), twenty-two dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), and one mutual aid calls to Newington..

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 867 NG911 emergency phone calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 93 incidents, and was Aetna dispatched to 238 incidents during the month. There were 276 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:**

SSB, town engineering and contractors / utilities met several times this month to ensure a safe and effective traffic plan at several of the current and future project sites in town.

## **Training Division**

- On Thursday, November 1, 2018 and Friday, November 2, 2018, Officers Justin Hilchuk, Michael Forrest and John Blair completed “**Emergency Medical Responder Recertification Training.**” This recertification was taught by Officer Joel DiLoreto and took place in the Wethersfield Police Department’s Community Room.
- On Friday, November 2, 2018, Sergeant Jennie Rivera, Detective Norberto Mendez and Officers Kenneth Newton and Jessica Blank attended the **2018 Crisis Intervention Team Refresher Symposium.** This training took place at Goodwin College in East Hartford.
- During the week of November 5, 2018, Wethersfield Police Officers attended **Fall Firearms Training.** This training consisted of low-light firearms training and qualification, as well as use of deadly force policy and scenario based training.
- On Monday, November 5, 2018 through Friday, November 9, 2018, Officer Joseph Baich attended **Basic Instructor Development Training.** This training was hosted by the Manchester Police Department and put on by Spector Training. This training will allow Officer Baich to be a certified Police Instructor in Connecticut.
- On Monday, November 5, 2018, through Thursday, November 8, 2018, Officer Gary Luiz attended **Crash Reconstruction Training from Video Evidence.** This training was held at the South Windsor Emergency Management Agency and was put on by the Traffic Safety Training Center.

- On Tuesday, November 6, 2018, Officer Joel DiLoreto attended “**Explosive Breacher Training**” at the Bloomfield Police Department. This training was sponsored by C.R.E.S.T.
- On Wednesday, November 7, 2018 and Thursday, November 8, 2018, Lieutenant Michael Connolly, Sergeant Luis Gonzalez, Officer Justin Hilchuk, Officer Shane Murphy and Officer Joel DiLoreto attended “**Capital Region Emergency Services Team (C.R.E.S.T.) Training.**” C.R.E.S.T. is the regional SWAT team.
- On Friday, November 9, 2018, Detective Norberto Mendez attended the training titled, “**Facebook 101 for law Enforcement.**” This training took place at the Connecticut Police Academy.
- On Tuesday, November 13, 2018, Officer Nuno Martins attended “**Police Canine / Police Canine Handler Training.**” Officer Martins and K9 Jax participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.
- On Tuesday, November 20, 2018, Officer Shane Murphy attended “**Police Canine / Police Canine Handler Training.**” Officer Murphy and K9 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 20, 2018, Sergeant Oscar Rivera attended the training titled, “**Critical Legal Issues for Law Enforcement Supervisor’s and executives.**” This training took place at the Connecticut Police Academy.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Holidays on Main December 6<sup>th</sup>

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will assist with the Wethersfield “Holiday on Main” Event on 12/06/2018. The Wethersfield Police Cadets will have their Holiday gathering in the Community Room at Police Headquarters on 12/20/2018.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES October 2018

	November 2017	November 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018
Criminal Arrests	65	69	749	718
Residential Burglaries	1	1	23	10
Commercial Burglaries	0	2	17	5
Armed Robberies	0	0	6	2
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	1	1	1
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	83	72	971	1097
DUI	6	5	50	80
MV Crashes	84	74	602	681
Parking Tags	24	71	374	946
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	860	867	9131	9374
Alarm Responses	70	27	677	601
Records Requests	224	152	1498	1384
Child Car Seat Installations	5	7	106	84