



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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

## NOVEMBER 2020

### SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

There continues to be one vacancy in the detective division. Additionally one detective remains on a light-duty status.

During the month of November 2020, members of the Patrol Bureau made five (5) arrests for Driving Under the Influence. Please note that self-initiated motor vehicle enforcement was lower than normal due to COVID-19 concerns.

During the month of November, all measures established in recent months continued in an effort to meet the guidance from federal and state infectious control agencies.

There was one significant COVID-19 exposure involving two officers at a medical call. Both officers submitted to COVID-19 Tests that were all Negative. They did not display any COVID-19 symptoms and were instructed to strictly adhere to the current Safe Workplace Guidance.

On Friday, November 6, 2020, two Probationary Police Officers, Abbie Zadrozny and Cody Nichols, graduated from the New Britain Police Basic Recruit Academy – Session 16. Both are currently assigned to the Field Training Program.

Officer Karina Salcedo completed her FTO Program and commenced Solo Patrol on November 23, 2020.

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

#### Patrol Division

#### Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

Shoplifting thefts and Family Violence related incidents have continued to be common occurrences, as have incidents of vehicles being stolen or stolen from.

On 11/12/2020, several officers responded to the area of Prospect Street and Willow Street after a WVFD member reported a serious MV crash where one person died. This continues to be an ongoing investigation.

On 11/25/2020, Officers responded to the report of a bullet that had been fired through the window of a residence. A subject reported that she heard one or two loud bangs. When the subject walked into the adjoining living room they saw what they believed was a bullet hole through the window and damage to blinds on the other side of the window. No injuries reported.

On 11/27/2020, an Officer observed a vehicle parked at the Almar Motel, 35 Arrow Road. The vehicle was running. The Officer later came back and saw that the vehicle was still parked and running. The Officer approached the vehicle and encountered a male driver and female passenger. Both appeared to be semi-conscious and the Officer believed it likely that they had just used narcotics. The driver was charged with Possession of Narcotics/Intent to Sell and the passenger with Possession of Narcotics.

## **Support Services Bureau**

6 persons were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond; 5 males and 1 females were transported to court throughout the month.

There were 63 phone calls and 20 involving animal control issues. 21 dog licenses (new and renewals) during the month. There was 2 impound this month; 1 was redeemed by their owners or sold a pets. The incident synopsis for the month is: 1 wildlife complaint (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.) and 19 dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.).

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected / installed 1 child seats.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 901 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, 58 calls for service, fire prevention activities, or assists / standbys.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) and Aetna Ambulance were dispatched to a total of 276 medical / ambulance calls this month.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

Administrative Services continues to work on hiring due to vacancies. A recent hire, decided to leave and return to his old agency. Records Requests and Freedom of Information requests are a constant.

There were 72 alarm responses this month. The alarm database is being rebuilt in Nexgen CAD.

## **Detective Division**

### **Criminal Investigations:**

During the month of November, 2020, members of the Detective Bureau initiated, assisted with, or were assigned to twenty-four (24) new cases. These cases involved the following:

- 1 Assault – arrest warrant submitted to court
- 5 Thefts of Mail
- 1 Fraud
- 1 Firearms Seizure
- 1 Assist Other Jurisdiction
- 1 Assist Other Jurisdiction – Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision
- 5 Stolen Motor Vehicles
- 1 Attempted Stolen Vehicle
- 1 Residential Burglary
- 5 Commercial Burglaries
- 1 Theft
- 1 Risk of Injury
- Ten (10) cases from the current and previous months/years were closed.
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- **Pistol Permit/Background Investigations:**
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- Fifty-one (51) new background investigations for pistol permits applicants were received. Year to date pistol permit applications have increased approximately 246% from 2019.
- Eight (8) background checks were completed for employment in various departments within the Town of Wethersfield.

## **School Resource Officer**

**Wethersfield High School SRO**

During the month of November, the WHS SRO covered several incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into a database.

- The WHS SRO

There WHS SRO attended a virtual Juvenile Review Board meeting.

The WHS SRO attended the Wethersfield Police Cadets meeting as an advisor.

The WHS SRO assisted WHS administration with a planned fire drill. A debriefing was held immediately after the drill.

The WHS SRO attended the weekly Safety & Security meeting with administration and school security officers.

### **Wethersfield Middle School SRO**

- The SDMS SRO routinely attends all weekly STARS/SRBI (Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program - Scientific Research-Based Intervention) meeting for at risk youths at SDMS.
- The SDMS SRO routinely attends the weekly security and safety meeting with administrators and security staff.
- The SDMS SRO routinely attends and monitors all lunch periods in the cafeteria.
- The SDMS SRO routinely attends and monitors student drop off and pick up.
- The SDMS SRO routinely attends all sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. There is a new case being scheduled for review in December.
- The SDMS SRO conducts regular wellbeing checks of students classified as high risk who are not actively attending school or engaging in classroom activity via the online remote learning option. In the month of November, the SDMS SRO conducted approximately five visits. In some instances, the SDMS SRO has convinced the student and parents that it would be in the best interest of the student's education that he or she attend school in person. The majority of those that have elected to do so have shown great improvement in their grades, tardiness and absenteeism.
- The SDMS SRO assisted school administrators with one fire drill conducted in the Month of November 2020.
- The SDMS SRO conducted a CADET meeting on 11/05/20.
- The SDMS SRO investigated the report of two WHS freshman who were involved in a fight that occurred in class. Pursuant with my investigation both students were issued Juvenile Summons and required to go to Juvenile court. This case is being diverted to the Wethersfield JRB for review.

## Training Division

From Monday, November 2, 2020, through Friday, November 6, 2020, Detective Christopher Morris and Officers Jessica Blank and Jakub Owczarski attended **Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training** in Middletown, CT. This training provides mandated and elective areas of training towards officer recertification with POSTC.

On Wednesday, November 4, 2020, and Thursday, November 5, 2020, Lieutenant Connolly, Sergeant Gonzalez and Officers Murphy, DiLoreto, Hilchuk and Mendes attended **Capital Region Emergency Services Team (C.R.E.S.T.) Training**. WPD is an agency member of C.R.E.S.T. (a regional SWAT team).

On Monday, November 9, 2020, through Friday, November 20, 2020, Officer Gary Luiz attended **Crash Reconstruction**. This two-week course is designed for officers who wish to advance to the level of reconstructionist. OFC Luiz is a member of the Mid-State Accident Reconstruction Team of which WPD is an agency member.

On Monday, November 9, 2020, through Thursday, November 12, 2020, OFC Zadrozny attended **Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC)** at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, CT. Officer Zadrozny had to complete this mandatory training as a requirement for Basic Recruit Training/Police Officer Certification.

On Tuesday, November 10, 2020, through Friday, November 13, 2020, Officer Jessica Blank attended **CALEA Fall 2020 Virtual Conference**. This conference is a great resource for professional networking and receiving relevant training related to the accreditation process and other contemporary public safety issues.

On Tuesday, November 10, 2020, Officer Nuno Martins, along with his canine, Jax, took part in a one-day training class titled **Police Canine/Police Canine Handler Training**. Officer Martins and Jax participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams.

On Tuesday, November 10, 2020, Officer Shane Murphy, along with his canine, Marly, attended a one-day training class titled **Police Canine/Police Canine Handler Training**. Officer Murphy and Marly participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams.

On Thursday, November 12, 2020, Sergeant Oscar Rivera assisted POSTC's Basic Recruit Academy with **Building Searches/Room Entries** at the Veteran's Home and Hospital in Rocky Hill, CT.

On Monday, November 16, 2020, through Wednesday, November 18, 2020, Detective Alison Sullivan attended **L.E.A.D.S. (Law Enforcement Active De-escalation Strategies) & Fair/Impartial Policing Instructor Certification Training**. This is a conflict resolution de-escalation instructor certification course designed to qualify students in L.E.A.D.S. Plus T – Policing.

On Monday, November 16, 2020, through Thursday, November 19, 2020, Officer David Gove attended **Advanced Digital Forensic Analysis: iOS & Android – Virtual Training**. This course provides the fundamental knowledge and skills necessary to preserve, acquire, and analyze data on iOS® devices (iPod Touch®, iPhone®, and iPad®), as well as various Android™ devices.

On Monday, November 16, 2020, Officers Abbie Zadrozny and Cody Nichols participated in **Taser/Handcuffing/Baton/OC Training** at the Wethersfield Police Department. Officer Jessica Blank was the primary instructor, assisted by Lieutenant Anthony DeMonte and Officer Barry Veilleux. At the conclusion of this training, Officers Zadrozny and Nichols were certified to carry their assigned Taser.

On Tuesday, November 17, 2020, and Wednesday, November 18, 2020, Sergeant Joseph Baich attended **Fair and Impartial Policing – Train the Trainer**. This course will certify SGT Baich to train officers on the effect of implicit bias and give them the information and skills needed to reduce and manage bias.

**On-line COLLECT/NCIC Recertification** training began on November 19, 2020 for two sworn officers. WPD Dispatchers and Officers are mandated to complete this training on a bi-annual cycle.

On Monday, November 23, 2020, Officer Justin Hilchuk attended **Street Sourcing – Developing Sources of Information and Confidential Informants**. This course is designed to provide the criminal investigator a working knowledge of the risks and rewards surrounding investigative methods involving the use of human assets.

On Monday, November 30, 2020, through Friday, December 4, 2020, Officers Robert Arduini, Robert Malinowski and Peter Salvatore attended **Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training – Class 214 in Zoom (Online Format)**. This recertification training provides mandated and elective areas of training towards officer recertification with P.O.S.T.C.

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Selective enforcements requests continue to be sent to Lt. Demonte, who is requiring patrol officers to go to each location and report back activity. This seems to be working very well as it is very responsive.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

With the Corona Virus continuing to be a factor, all road races and public events have been cancelled.

Detectives continue to work on a regional basis with several different task forces in an effort to solve criminal cases throughout the area.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets have resumed their monthly meetings and training.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES November 2020

	November 2019	November 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2020
Criminal Arrests	55	45	636	387
Residential Burglaries	2	0	19	11
Commercial Burglaries	1	5	9	27
Armed Robberies	0	1	2	5
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	1	4	7
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	66	32	992	443
DUI	10	5	115	61
MV Crashes	81	69	630	619
Parking Tags	120	17	581	252
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	1043	901	9497	9779
Alarm Responses	87	76	668	650
Records Requests	104	95	1190	1387
Child Car Seat Installations	7	1	62	13