



Police Department Monthly Report



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS:

In October, 2010 a selection process commenced for a new canine handler. Memos of interest from sworn personnel are being submitted and a selection will be made by the end of November, 2010. A canine has also been selected and final arrangements are being made with the breeder. There will be no funds paid from the Town budget for the canine unit.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Thursday October 21, 2010 at 9:18 PM officers from the Wethersfield Police Department were dispatched to a business on the Berlin Turnpike on the report of a theft of a purse. While responding, officers learned that the purse was retrieved, however the suspect, a Hispanic female wearing a red sweat shirt with grey sweat pants, was able to leave the scene and was last seen running away from the business in an easterly direction. The victim told the officers that she put her purse on top of her shopping cart and then noticed a young woman grab her purse and run away towards the exit of the store. The victim stated that she screamed "stop her, she has my purse" to a male who was standing at the end of an aisle near the store exit. A male bystander grabbed onto the female just as she ran out of the store. The male was able to retrieve the purse and that the female suspect began pleading with the male bystander to let her go. The male let the suspect go. Officers have a thorough description of the female suspect and continue to investigate.

On Thursday, October 28, 2010 at about 8:55 AM officers from the Wethersfield Police Department responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on the Berlin Turnpike northbound in the area of the City Side Inn, 1680 Berlin Turnpike. Officers found that a four car motor vehicle accident just occurred and that the offending vehicle fled the scene. The offending vehicle was described as a blue 4-door sedan, possibly a Nissan or a Ford being operated by a white female which fled from the scene northbound on the Berlin Turnpike. The evading vehicle would have significant front end damage to the front right bumper and fender of the vehicle with white paint transfer. The evading vehicle has not been located and officers continue to investigate this accident.

Detective Division

In October, 2010 members of the Detective Division initiated or were assigned follow-up to sixteen new

cases. Major case investigations included one death investigation, three larcenies, two frauds, one identity theft, one assault and one sexual assault. Detectives also continue to perform local background investigations and background investigations for pistol permit applicants.

Detective Division (Case of Interest)

In October, 2010 the Detective Division investigated a burglary of a residence in Wethersfield in which of a large amount of jewelry was taken. The detective assigned to the case worked with the victims to obtain possible suspects. After learning that one of the suspects had been arrested by another agency, the detective was able to interview the suspect and obtain a written confession detailing the theft.

Juvenile Unit

The Wethersfield Police Department, Juvenile Unit handled thirty-eight incidents involving sixty-four juveniles. In these incidents, six juveniles were arrested for criminal violations, ten were diverted to parental punishment, and five were diverted to school punishment.

The Police Adventures Crossroads program began at the Silas Deane Middle School. The program is enjoying its third year. This Fall there is a waiting list to participate. The Fall edition of Police Adventures will conclude on November 29, 2010 with a "stations day."

School Resource Officer

In October, 2010 the School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to the Wethersfield High School (WHS) reported covering ten incidents which were entered into the School Cop Database. These ten incidents resulted in two incident reports. These reports included one arrest for Assault Third Degree and the second incident involved an arrest for Assault Third Degree and Breach of Peace Second Degree.

On October 5-7, 2010 and October 12-14, 2010 the SRO attended the CT School Resource Officer Training Program which was held in the Community Room at Wethersfield Police Headquarters.

The SRO reported investigating truancy issues which resulted in locating students off school grounds and transporting them back to WHS. The SRO, along with a WHS vice-principal, held two mediations with students who were disputing amongst each other.

Finally, the SRO reported attending STARS meetings on Fridays in regards to at risk students and assisted in a Parent Conference, addressing concerns which a parent brought to the SRO's attention.

Support Services Bureau

In October, 2010 Wethersfield Communications Unit personnel dispatched the Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance to 103 medical emergencies and Aetna Ambulance to 234 medical emergencies for a total of 337 medical emergencies.

In October, 2010 Wethersfield Communications Unit personnel dispatched the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department to fifty-one calls for service.

In October, 2010 there were twenty-nine calls involving animal control issues. Of those calls, eight were handled by a part-time animal control officer and twenty-one were handled by police officers.

In October, 2010 eight persons were taken into custody and held requiring 106 hours of incarceration. Of the

persons held, one was arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported eight prisoners to court to include six males and two females.

The Support Services Bureau Commander continues to receive requests for added or replacement street signs. Work orders completed in October, 2010 include placing temporary signage in support of several events to include the annual Cove Park Fall Craft Fair, "Mikey's Place 5K Run," the annual Keane Foundation Cove Side Carnival, the annual Highcrest School Fall Festival and a Wethersfield High School Football Game. Also, a "Private Drive Beyond This Sign" sign was attached to an existing pole in the island at the end of Wedgewood Drive.

Support Services Bureau, Training Unit

On Friday October 1, 2010 a detective attended a one day training class entitled "Advanced Internet Searching." This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden CT. Course topics include how to properly use Internet search engines to assist in investigations.

On Tuesday October 5, 2010 two lieutenants began attending a three day training class entitled "The Human Dynamics & Investigation of the Use of Deadly Force." This training was held at the Aetna Training Center, Hartford CT. Course topics include considering officers perception when investigating the use of deadly force.

On Thursday October 7, 2010 a sergeant and two officers attended a one day training class entitled "Annual CIT Training Symposium." This training was held at Central Connecticut University, New Britain, CT. Course topics include reviewing updates beneficial to crisis intervention officers.

On Friday October 8, 2010 a sergeant and an officer attended a one day training class entitled "Protective Orders: The Secret to Safety-Response & Enforcement by the Law Enforcement Community." This training was held at the Marriot Hotel, Hartford, CT. Course topics included educating officers on how to properly enforce protective orders.

On Monday October 18, 2010 a detective began attending a course entitled "Basic Police Firearms Instructor." This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden CT. Topics included handgun and shotgun qualifications, low-light shooting, use of force and use of deadly force, liability issues, tactical qualification and correcting problem shooters. As a result of this class, the detective is now able to train and give credit hours to other police officers in mandated firearms training for both handgun and shotgun training.

On Monday October 25, 2010 a dispatcher attended a course entitled "COLLECT V2 Release." This training was held at the Connecticut State Police Headquarters, Middletown, CT. Course topics included updates on the new version of COLLECT which will be used in the near future.

On Tuesday, October 26, 2010 a canine officer, along with his canine, Hunter, attended a one day training class entitled "Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training." The canine officer and Hunter participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

Administrative Services Bureau

In October, 2010 police personnel responded to sixty-three police related alarms to include sixty burglar alarms and three hold-up/ panic alarms. Locations included thirty residential alarms, thirty-two non-residential alarms and one state/ town government alarm. A total of 1,430 alarm permits are currently on file with the Police Department. During the month, fifty-six locations experienced a false alarm resulting in a 96% compliance rate. This month there were ninety-eight items of correspondence sent in connection with billing,

registration and false alarm violations with \$3,475.00 in alarm billing.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

In October, 2010 the Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed four child seats. The Support Services Division receives requests for this service via the Wethersfield Police Department website as well as phone requests.

The Support Services Bureau continues 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 several town schools. To address these complaints, officers performed selective enforcement at numerous locations throughout town. In October, 2010 officers performed selective enforcement twenty-four times and spent a total of eleven hours doing selective enforcement on various roads in town.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fall Firearms training for all Department personnel is scheduled for the week of November 15, 2010.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

	October 2009	October 2010	YTD 2009	YTD 2010
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	53	59	630	599
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	6	6	80	85
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	168	193	2458	2253
DUI	13	17	190	142
MV Accidents	54	60	545	512
Parking Tags	101	22	650	909
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	905	867	8544	8010
Alarm Responses	49	63	624	610
Records Requests	n/a	220	n/a	n/a
Prisoners Transported	9	8	153	138