



Police Department Monthly Report



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS:

In October, 2011 Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 1233 E-911 emergency phone calls. During and just after Storm Alfred (October 20, 2011 to October 31, 2011), the public safety dispatchers answered 507 E-911 calls. Department members responded to many wire-down calls, medical calls and well-being check calls. As a comparison, during the same time period in 2010 the public safety dispatchers answered 101 E-911 calls.

Three probationary police officers have completed the first of four field training phases and began Phase Two training. This Field Training is under the supervision of Department Field Training Officers. During the Field Training Program these probationary police officers are observed and evaluated on a daily basis while they are expected to perform more duties with each phase.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at about 11:00 PM an officer on patrol was checking the parking lot of the Department of Corrections, located on Wolcott Hill Road. The officer observed a car parked in a corner of the parking lot amongst construction equipment. The officers spoke to the male who exited from the driver's side. When asked, this male said he lived down the street. While talking with the male, the officers smelled marijuana on this person. The male admitted that he and his female passenger smoked some marijuana a little earlier. Officers then performed a search of the car and located a rolled up clear food saver bag. This bag contained a large amount of marijuana, later determined to be 79.2 grams. This male was arrested, transported to Police Headquarters and charged with Possession of Narcotics and Simple Trespass. The male was later released on bond.

Detective Division

In October, 2011 members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow-up to approximately fifteen new cases. Major case investigations included three burglaries, one robbery and two fraud/ identity theft cases. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permit applicants.

Juvenile Unit

In October, 2011 the Wethersfield Police Department Juvenile Unit handled forty-seven incidents involving sixty-one juveniles. In these incidents, two juveniles were arrested, eleven juveniles were diverted to parental punishment and three juveniles were diverted to the Town Youth and Social Services via the newly reformatted Juvenile Review Board.

In October, 2011 The Over the Hill Gang Car Club held a car show to benefit the Wethersfield Police Explorers program. The event was well attended with The Over the Hill Gang raising over \$ 1700 for the program.

School Resource Officer

In October, 2011 the School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to the Wethersfield High School (WHS) reported covering eight incidents which were entered into the School Cop Database. These incidents resulted in three case numbers. The SRO reported investigating a threatening complaint as well as truancy issues at the school during the month.

The SRO attended STARS/SRBI meetings on Fridays in regards to at risk students.

Finally, the SRO spoke to students in a Reading 180 class as well as the SHAPE class in regards to internet safety, criminal laws and motor vehicle laws.

Support Services Bureau

In October, 2011 the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to 107 calls for service.

In October, 2011 there were 108 calls involving animal control issues. Of those calls, seventy-eight were handled by the part-time animal control officers and thirty were handled by police officers. Eleven dogs were impounded with seven being redeemed. Cases included two dog bites and one assist other jurisdiction (Town of Rocky Hill.)

In October, 2011 the Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to eighty-eight medical emergencies and Aetna Ambulance to 248 medical emergencies for a total of 336 medical emergencies.

The Support Services Bureau Commander continues to receive requests for added or replacement road signs. Work orders completed in October, 2011 included installing "CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP" placards on existing stop sign poles on Linden Street at its intersection with Clearfield Road; placing temporary "No Parking" signs near Cove Park in support of the Cove Park Craft Fair; placing temporary "No Parking" signs on numerous streets around Cove Park in support of the annual Keane Foundation Carnival; placing temporary "No Parking" signs, cones and barricades on numerous streets around Garden Street and Broad Street in support of the annual Mikey's Place 5K and placing temporary "No Parking" signs in the area of Highcrest School in support of the annual Highcrest School Fall Festival.

Support Services Bureau, Training Unit

On Tuesday, October 11, 2011 a canine officer, along with his canine, Owen, attended a one day training class entitled "Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training." The canine officer and Owen participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Thursday, October 13, 2011 a lieutenant and a records supervisor attended a class entitled "Records Retention and Freedom of Information Requests." This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Objectives of this course included information on records retention, technology, email, nollers, case erasures, and unsubstantiated allegations.

On Monday, October 17, 2011 a sergeant attended a training class entitled "Preventing Sprains, Slips and Falls." This training was held at the Tolland Fire Training Center, Tolland CT. This class discusses proper body techniques to prevent injuries when lifting and bending.

On Monday, October 17, 2011 an officer began attending a five day training class entitled "Crisis Intervention Team Training." This training was held at the East Hartford Police Department, East Hartford, CT. Training topics included mental illness, substance abuse, safe de-escalation techniques, suicide by cop, suicide assessment and prevention, excited delirium, child mental health and trauma and mental health and the law.

On Monday, October 17, 2011 a sergeant 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, use of deadly force, liability issues, tactical qualification and correcting problem shooters. As a result of this class, this sergeant is able to train and give credit hours to other police officers in mandated firearms training for both handgun and shotgun training.

On Wednesday, October 19, 2011 three officers attended a one day training class entitled "Medical Response Technician (MRT) Refresher." This training was held at the West Hartford Police Department, West Hartford, CT. This class enables these three officers to maintain their State of Connecticut MRT certification, which is good for a period of two years.

On Tuesday, October 25, 2011 a canine sergeant and Narcotic Canine Elaine began attending a three day training class entitled "Narcotics Detection Canine In-Service Training." The sergeant and Canine Elaine attended training at the Connecticut State Police Training Unit, Meriden, CT. This in-service training is conducted quarterly in order to maintain certification through the Connecticut State Police.

On Tuesday, October 25, 2011 a lieutenant and two officers attended one day "CREST - Dive Team" training. This training was held in Hartford, CT. This training is conducted on a monthly basis with several other area law enforcement agencies that comprise CREST. This month's activities included a search for evidence in the Connecticut River.

On Thursday, October 27, 2011 a detective attended "Caliber Press Street Survival Training." This training was held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Windsor CT. Course objectives included statistics on officers killed and assaulted each year and ways to combat those numbers.

Administrative Services Bureau

In October, 2011 police personnel responded to sixty police related alarms to include fifty-four burglar alarms and six hold-up/ panic alarms. Locations included thirty-two residential alarms, twenty-seven non-residential alarms and one state/ town government alarm. A total of 1,543 alarm permits are currently on file with the Police Department. During the month, fifty-four locations experienced a false alarm resulting in a 96% compliance rate. This month there were 111 items of correspondence sent in connection with billing, registration, and false alarm violations with \$ 4,000 in alarm billing.

As of October 31, 2011 the Wethersfield Police Department has expended \$192,218 on overtime. This is equivalent to 43% of the Department's total budgeted overtime for this fiscal year. In October, 2011 ninety-three shifts were staffed with no shifts staffed below critical staffing levels.

As of October 31, 2011 the Department has no police officer vacancies and is at its authorized strength of forty-seven sworn officers. Three probationary police officers are currently in phase two of the FTO training program. Finally, as of October 31, 2011 the Department has one officer assigned to light duty due to a work-related injury and a second officer on workers compensation due to a work-related injury.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Support Services Bureau officers continue 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 at several town schools. To address these complaints, officers performed selective enforcement at numerous locations throughout town. In October, 2011 officers performed selective enforcement ten different times and spent approximately 5.3 hours doing selective enforcement on these identified roads.

The Town Manager's Office recently received a complaint regarding speeding vehicles and requesting stop signs in the Valley Crest Drive area. In October, 2011 a traffic study was completed. A speed monitoring device was used over the course of two weeks. Sporadic spikes in speed were covered through the use of selective enforcement. In regards to the stop sign requests, it was found that the intersections do not meet the warrants listed in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) to make them multi-way stops. An email was forwarded to the Patrol Division for extra attention to include overnight parking violations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Firearms (low-light) training for all Department personnel is scheduled for the week of November 14, 2011.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

	October 2010	October 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	59	51	599	656
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	1	1	33	28
Commercial Burglaries	0	2	2	10
Armed Robberies	0	1	0	1
Strong-Arm Robberies	1	0	4	2
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	6	5	85	71
Traffic Related				

Infractions/ MV Summons	193	192	2253	1814
DUI	17	13	142	122
MV Accidents	60	75	512	604
Parking Tags	22	20	909	494
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	867	1233	8145	8894
Alarm Responses	63	60	619	601
Records Requests	220	182	n/a	2242
Prisoners Transported	8	8	138	117
Child Car Seat Installations	4	5	83	79