



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in “Drill and Ceremony” and “Defensive Tactics” practical training during the month of October.

Support Service Bureau Officer Albert Whaples completed all required classes in the Connecticut Municipal Legal Traffic Authority program and thus received a certificate from this program, which is conducted through the University of Connecticut – Connecticut Transportation Institute Technology Transfer Center.

D.A.R.E. Officer Robert Arduini assisted Incarnation Church with their Senior Fair. Officer Arduini set up a table with various information including topics such as identity theft.

During the month of October 2014, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to fourteen (14) new cases. The major case investigations involved; three (3) burglaries, five (5) fraud / Identity thefts, and one (1) forgery. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Saturday, October 4, 2014 at approximately 2:24 PM officers were dispatched to a retail establishment on the Berlin Turnpike on the report of a shoplifting. Arriving officers met with a loss prevention (LP) officer. He was with a male shoplifting subject that was sitting in a chair in the office. Spread out on the desk were several items that the LP officer observed the suspect conceal in his pants. A search of his belongings revealed several more items that were concealed in his backpack. The LP officer provided a written, signed, sworn statement to the officer. The LP officer said he observed via CCTV the suspect select

several packs of 3-Pack Orbit gum off of the shelf. He watched as the suspect concealed them in his loose fitting pants. The suspect then walked past all points of purchase to the front of the store. The LP officer watched as the suspect attempted to exit the store without making any attempt to pay for the concealed product. While the concealment was viewed via the CCTV, the LP officer said that he couldn't produce a copy of the video for evidence due to an unknown problem. The LP officer then escorted him to the security office and asked him to remove everything he had stolen out of his pants. He removed the gum (six packages), four packs of razors (multipacks) and two (6 packs) of 5 Hour Energy drinks. Once with the suspect, the officer searched the suspect and his belongings and found two travel size cans of shaving cream. The suspect told the officer that he had a bad heroin problem and was presently sick. The suspect admitted stealing the merchandise. The stolen items include the following: Six (6) packs of Orbit/Spearmint Gum (3packs) valued at \$2.99 each (total \$17.94); Two (2) Travel size shaving cream cans valued at \$1.29 each (total \$2.58); Four (4) packs of multi-pack razors valued at \$7.99 each (total \$31.96); Two (2) packs of energy drinks (6 pk) valued at \$15.99 each (total \$31.98). The total value of stolen merchandise is \$84.46. The suspect signed and was issued a Misdemeanor Summons charging him with Larceny 6th Degree. He was released on a \$250 Non-Surety Bond scheduling him to appear in court on 10/20/14.

On Thursday, October 9, 2014, at about 7:36 PM officers were dispatched to a retail establishment on the Berlin Turnpike for a shoplifting that occurred several days earlier. An officer arrived on scene and spoke with the loss prevention (LP) officer. He told the officer that he was approached by a store manager and advised that a large quantity of coffee was missing from the shelves. The LP officer said that management noticed this was missing on October 5, 2014 but did not tell him until October 9. The LP officer said that he reviewed store surveillance from October 5 and observed the coffee and Red Bull Energy Drink being shoplifted. The LP officer and the officer watched the security tape together. The officer noticed a skinny, dark haired, Hispanic male with a prominent mustache and wearing a black baseball cap entered the store at about 12:42 PM. The male walked into the aisle where the coffee is sold and began loading a large quantity into the shopping cart. The camera is too far away from the area where this is occurring to count how much coffee is being placed into the shopping cart. The LP officer told the police officer that the store's inventory system showed that 35 boxes valued at \$3.59 a box were missing. The male then walks further down the aisle to where Red Bull Energy Drinks are sold individually. The male begins loading a large quantity of Red Bull into the shopping cart. The LP officer told me that the store's inventory system showed that 22 cans of Red Bull valued at \$3.79 a can were missing. The male finishes loading the shopping cart at about 12:47 PM. The male then walks through the store in areas where there are no cameras until he can be seen on camera leaving the store at about 12:50 PM. The male then walks north, away from the store, and out of the range of cameras. The LP officer and the police officer reviewed camera video of all the registers and points of purchase between 12:47 and 12:50 PM and the male cannot be seen on any camera making a purchase. The total value of the goods shoplifted is \$209.03. The LP officer said that he recognized the male and had suspected him of stealing gum from the store in the past. The LP officer said that the identity of the male is unknown and that the Wethersfield Police Department has not arrested the male at the store previously. The LP officer gave the officer a signed, sworn, written statement that detailed what he observed while watching the video and investigating the incident. He said that he would alert the Police Department should he locate the male stealing in the store

again. The officer seized a DVD copy of the store's surveillance cameras during the time that the male was within the store.

Support Services Bureau

Eighteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 311 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, thirteen were arrested on warrants. Twelve males and six females were transported to court. The females incarcerated by the department required 96 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

Six infraction tickets were issued this month due to 'Passing a Standing School Bus' violations captured on video from the Student Guardian school bus cameras.

There were 116 phone calls and 34 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, twenty-six were handled by the part-time animal control officers and eight were handled by police officers. Four animals were impounded with one being redeemed and two sold as pets. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for seven calls in Wethersfield. One ACO attended a training class on animal abuse cases. There have been several bear sightings around town with no issues. This has been reported to D.E.E.P. and it was found that the bear was originally tagged in Middletown.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 1001 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 49 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 98 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 262 calls for service.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technician inspected/installed 6 child seats.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 66 alarms in month of November. Non-residential locations made up 33 (50%) of this total, residential alarms made up 30 (45%), and State and Town government made up 3 (5%). The alarms received were: 59 burglar, 4 holdup / panic, and 3 fire. There currently are 1,603 alarm registrations on file, of which 51 experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Seven new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$4,425.00 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 81 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 71 items of correspondence sent out.

Detective Division

On Wednesday, 10/29/14, at 1027 hours, Patrol Officers were dispatched to a residence near the Hartford border on the report a burglar alarm going off. A detective in the area was first to arrive and spoke with a neighbor, who stated that he heard the alarm, looked outside, and saw a male walking just north of the residence. The neighbor was able to describe the clothing of this person walking away. A patrol officer went into the Goodwin Gold Course and found a male walking away from the home and stopped the male. Officers that arrived at the home where the alarm went off found that someone had broken into the home. The male the officer stopped denied committing a burglary or even being on the street the burglary occurred. He gave an alibi that was quickly found to be false. A Police K-9 from the Rocky Hill P.D. tracked a scent from the home to the burglary suspect. This male found in the park was placed under arrest for breaking into the home and held on bond until he could be brought to court..

The following are the burglary and robbery statistics for the month of October 2014, along with comparative statistics for the same period of last year. The figures in the parenthesis represent the number of cases cleared by arrest, or in which the perpetrators have been identified.

<i>Criminal Activity</i>	<i>October 2013</i>	<i>October 2014</i>
Residential Burglaries:	1(0)	3(1)
Commercial Burglaries:	0(0)	0(0)
Armed Robberies:	0(0)	0(0)
Strong-arm Robberies:	0(0)	1(1)

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 32 incidents, involving approximately 43 juveniles during the month of October. In these incidents 3 Juveniles were arrested, 4 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline, 1 Juvenile was diverted for school discipline, and 1 Juvenile was seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

School Resource Officer – High School

During the month of October the SRO covered a total of thirty-nine (39) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

Six (6) incident reports were completed. The incident reports included the following:

- Breach of Peace involving a physical altercation between two male students.
- Emergency Committal for a student threatening to harm himself.

- Larceny (phone reported stolen, found at a later time).
- Breach of Peace/Assault 3rd Degree involving a physical altercation between two male students.
- DCF referral for a female student.
- Larceny – theft of property.

There were four (4) arrests at the school during the month of October. The arrests included the following:

- Incident # 1 – Breach of Peace (2 arrests).
- Incident # 2 – Breach of Peace/Assault (2 arrests).

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 a fire drill. The 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 Attendance Meeting: Topic discussion centered on students with truancy issues for this academic school year.

School Resource Officer – Middle School

During the month of October the SRO covered a total of 26 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. Two (2) incident reports were completed: suspicious incident concerning an adult staff member from the library and a WHS student, and a past tense assault in Hartford, but on a school bus involving SDMS students.

The SRO handles bullying incidents, proactive safety issues at bus stops and for walkers, emergency medical calls within the school, as well as addressing incidents which affect students at school but have occurring during “home hours.”

The SRO spoke to a Family and Consumer Science Class with regard to law enforcement & youths in crisis. The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meeting with Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security. The SRO attended a Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program - Intervention meeting for at risk youths at SDMS. The SRO attended the weekly Attendance Meetings: Topic discussion centered on State of CT mandates for attendance and at risk youths. The SRO participated in the sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. This is for juveniles who reside in town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to our board. The SRO assisted school administrator's with fire drills and lock down drills.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town 5 different times for a total of approximately 3 hours 56

minutes. Locations given extra attention included the Berlin Turnpike, Goff Road and Hartford Avenue.

A traffic study on Old Reservoir Road (north side) in the area Acorn Way was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of twelve (12) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 30 MPH. During the 163 survey hours, 3,767 cars were recorded, averaging 23.1 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 31.55 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 32.75 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 38.25 MPH and a top speed of 66 MPH.

In order to increase the awareness in school areas, the Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study on Garden Street just north of Francis Avenue (northbound traffic only) over the course of five (5) days. The posted speed limit on this road is 25 MPH. During the 97 survey hours, 9,843 cars were recorded, averaging 101.5 cars per hour. Results from the device showed an average speed of 21.13 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 27 MPH and a top speed of 68 MPH.

In order to increase the awareness in school areas, the Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study on Wells Road west of Crest Street on the property of Webb Elementary School (eastbound traffic only) over the course of three (3) days. The posted speed limit on this road is 40 MPH. During the 51 survey hours, 13,974 cars were recorded, averaging 274 cars per hour. Results from the device showed an average speed of 38.31 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 44 MPH and a top speed of 66 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during October, 2014:

- On Folly Brook Boulevard north of Wells Road install “No Parking Here to Corner” sign in front of 725 Folly Brook and “No Parking Anytime” sign just north of the intersection.
- For the annual Keane Foundation Carnival on October 17-19, 2014, install temporary “No Parking” signs on and around the Cove Park area.
- For the annual Mikey’s Place 5K on October 19, 2014 cones, barricades, one-way signs and temporary “No Parking” signs were placed on numerous streets around Garden Street and the Broad Street Green in Old Wethersfield.

Training Division

On Wednesday, October 1, 2014 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (CREST)**, including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, MPO Officers Luis Gonzalez, and Officers Jeff Poulin and Shane Murphy began attending monthly two-day training.

On Thursday, October 2, 2014, Dispatcher John Brymer attended a one day recertification class entitled “**NCIC/ COLLECT Recertification Training**”. Training was held at the Connecticut State Police Forensics Laboratory, Meriden, CT. This class is a recertification class for persons presently certified on the NCIC/ COLLECT computer system. Recertification is for a period of two years.

On October 6, 2014, sworn personnel received annual training on “**Arrest & Control, Handcuffing, ASP, Taser, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC), Use of Force and Pursuit Policy**”. Each officer received an eight hour block of instruction. Officers received instruction on unarmed arrest and control techniques, ASP expandable baton techniques, oleoresin capsicum (OC), and annual pursuit policy

training. Officers were recertified in the use of the Taser X26, which is required annually. Officers were given written tests on Use of Force, ASP, Department motor vehicle pursuit policy, Handcuffing, OC and Taser. Officers were put through a stressful workout then were required to show their proficiency in the training they received. Training was conducted by instructors Lieutenant Donald Crabtree, Sergeant Michael Connolly, and Detective Anthony DeMonte.

On Monday, October 27, 2014, Lieutenant Donald Crabtree and Sergeant Michael Connolly began attending a one day class entitled "**Taser Instructor Recertification**". This training was held at the Manchester Police Department. This recertification course is required every two years. This certification enables both officers to renew Department member certification on all of Taser's Law Enforcement products.

On Wednesday, October 29, 2014, Sergeant Jennie Rivera, Detective Norberto Mendez and Officers Robert Arduini, Eric Knapp, Peter McGee, Bridget Camara, Joel Diloreto and Jessica Ficara, 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 Wednesday, October 29, 2014, Officer Alison Sullivan attended a one day training class entitled "**Legal Training on Housing Matters**". This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Topics included lockouts and self-help evictions, unlawful entry, no-heat and termination of essential services and criminal damage to a landlord's property.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wethersfield Detectives are working with the Mid-State Narcotics Task Force, assisting with personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency to investigate local individuals.

The November 2014 Cadet Meetings will focus on practical skills, including Motor Vehicle and Felony Stops.

The annual Jamie's Run 5K road race will be held on Sunday, November 2, 2014 at 11:00 AM.

The Chamber of Commerce Holidays on Main event will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

Fall Firearms (low-light) training for all Department personnel is scheduled for the week of November 10, 2014.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	October 2013	October 2014	YTD 2013	YTD 2014
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	105	70	812	696
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	1	3	29	28
Commercial Burglaries	0	0	3	23
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	1
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	1	1	3
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	6	4	27	66
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	184	130	1674	1777
DUI	13	5	105	78
MV Crashes	49	63	649	485
Parking Tags	69	53	335	829
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	739	1001	8461	8035
Alarm Responses	64	66	634	574
Records Requests	272	190	2143	2029
Prisoners Transported	21	18	161	166
Child Car Seat Installations	12	6	78	32