



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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

## OCTOBER 2015

### SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

During the month of October 2015, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to ten (10) new cases. The major case investigations involved; two (2) robberies, two (2) burglaries and five (5) fraud / larcenies. Detectives also assisted and processed the scene of multiple burglaries of storage units that were assigned to the Patrol Division. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training "Motor Vehicle Stops" and the Cadets held their annual fundraiser the Cadet Car Show at Cove Park on 10/11/2015.

Support Services personnel assisted several schools, including both Wethersfield Public Schools and CREC Schools with emergency drills throughout the month.

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

#### Patrol Division

#### Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Saturday, October 3, 2015 at a 6:31 PM officers were dispatched to Marshall's, 1130 Silas Deane Highway for a report of a female shoplifter. It was reported that the store's Loss Prevention (LP) were in the process of detaining the suspect. Arriving officers were directed to the LP office where the female suspect was being detained. The LP employee stated that at about 6:31 PM he observed two females in the Beauty Department pushing a carriage with items in it. He said that one of the females, later identified as the suspect, was observed selecting numerous fragrances and placing them in the carriage. He said that he observed the suspect conceal some of the fragrance items inside a bag located in the carriage. He said that she then went to the Home Goods section where she selected two lamps and a frame. He observed her conceal the rest of the fragrances, a hat, and a pair of gloves. The suspect went to the cash register and only paid for a pair of jeans. She made no attempt to pay for the concealed items and the lamps prior to exiting the store. The total

value of items taken by the suspect and subsequently recovered was \$401.88. While searching the suspect's purse for proper identification, two clear plastic bags containing marijuana were located. The suspect was arrested, transported to Police Headquarters and charged with Larceny 6th degree, Interfering with an Officer (for lying to the officer about her name) and Possession of Marijuana less than 4oz. She was later released on a \$250.00 cash bond and was scheduled to appear in New Britain Court on October 19, 2015.

On Friday, October 16, 2015 at 3:15 PM several officers were dispatched to Rite Aid Pharmacy, 657 Silas Deane Highway on a reported shoplifting and possibly robbery complaint. After officers arrived at the store, it was confirmed that a robbery just occurred. It was reported that a young white male wearing a black jacket robbed the store and left on foot in an unknown direction. Officers secured the store and viewed the store's surveillance video while speaking to the employee that was at the front register. A short time after the robbery was reported, the suspect called the police department and stated that he did something bad at Rite Aid and wanted to see a police officer. He stated that he was near the Dunkin Donuts near Nott Street. Officers responded to that location and took the suspect into custody. The suspect was read his Miranda rights and he stated that he understood his rights. He said that he just robbed the Rite Aid Pharmacy. The suspect also admitted to ditching/leaving his jacket and backpack along the train tracks somewhere one hundred yards north of Ocean State Job Lot. Detectives photographed and retrieved the jacket and backpack. The suspect was transported to police headquarters to complete the booking process. Money taken during the robbery was recovered from the suspect and secured as evidence. The suspect was charged with Robbery in the First Degree and Larceny in the Sixth Degree. He was scheduled to appear in New Britain Court on 11/02/15.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

This department has responded to 78 alarms in month of October. Non-residential locations made up 37 (47%) of this total and residential alarms made up 41 (53%). The alarms received were: 71 burglar, 5 holdup / panic, and 2 fire. There currently are 1,691 alarm registrations on file, 40 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Thirteen new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$2,275 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 91 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 71 items of correspondence sent out.

## **Detective Division**

On 10/2-/2015, the Patrol and Detective Division responded to 1310 Silas Deane Highway, People's Bank on the report of a bank robbery. Upon arrival, officers found that the white male suspect had fled prior to the officer's arrival. Investigation revealed that the lone white male entered the bank with a note stating it was a robbery. The teller handed over money to the suspect who then fled the scene on foot. The suspect was last seen walking across the Silas Deane Highway. Wethersfield Detectives continue to follow leads on this suspect.

## **Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 42 incidents, involving approximately 66 juveniles during the month of October 2015. In these incidents there were no Juvenile arrests made, 9 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline, 3 Juveniles were diverted for school discipline and 2 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB".

## **School Resource Officer (High School)**

During the month of October the WHS SRO covered a total of forty-three (43) incidents including activities at the school. Five (5) incident reports were completed. The incident reports included the following: suspicious – possible threat to the school, emergency committal, theft of a cellular phone, theft of a cellular phone, creating a public disturbance. There were no arrests at the school during the month of October.

The WHS SRO along with Detective DeRoehn investigated an unsubstantiated third hand rumor of a possible threat toward the school. Three possible names associated with the incident were identified. Each student was interviewed that evening. Further investigation the following day revealed the incident stemmed from a rumor about a student after horseplay in the hallway.

The WHS SRO performed classroom teaching "Civics". A total of four classes were completed. The WHS SRO attended the Emergency Management Table Exercise Training at Wethersfield Town Hall. The WHS SRO assisted administrator's with a lock down drill. A meeting was held after to discuss issues and ways to improve the drill.

The WHS SRO performed selective enforcement both on school grounds and surrounding streets for motor vehicle violations. The SRO participated in the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. The WHS SRO attended the monthly Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board meeting and the Attendance Meeting: Topic discussion centered on State of CT mandates for attendance & students with issues this academic school 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.

## **School Resource Officer (Middle School)**

During the month of October the SRO covered a total of forty - two (42) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

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 fire drills. The SRO attended and observed during three presentations for "Ryan's Story" regarding a middle school student who completed suicide after being bullied and assisted with the emotional needs of students following the presentations.

The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meetings with BOE, Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security. The SRO met with Social and Youth Services to discuss opportunities for Silas Deane Middle School students pertaining to the Police Department.

## **Support Services Bureau**

Nine persons were taken into custody and held requiring 172 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, three were arrested on warrants. Six males and three females were transported to court. The females incarcerated by the department required 49 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 155 phone calls and 47 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, thirty-two were handled by the part-time animal control officers and fifteen were handled by police officers. Thirteen animals were impounded with five being redeemed, six sold as pets, and one carrying over. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for three calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for six calls in Wethersfield. 37 licenses were obtained due to the delinquent dog licensing efforts of the ACOs.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 858 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 53 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 66 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 209 calls for service.

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town 22 different times for a total of approximately 16 hours 15 minutes. Locations given extra attention included Thornbush Road, Silas Deane Hwy./Church St. intersection and Wolcott Hill Road at the entrance to the Wethersfield High School.

A traffic study in the area of 271 Folly Brook Boulevard was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of fourteen (14) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 30 MPH. During the 286.5 survey hours, 20,735 cars were recorded, averaging 72 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 34.9 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 35.3 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 42.3 MPH and a top speed of 79 MPH.

The Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study in the area of 123 State Street (display facing westbound traffic) over the course of five (5) days. The posted speed limit on this road is 30 MPH. During the 93.25 survey hours, 19,629 cars were recorded, averaging 210.5 cars per hour. Results from the device showed an average speed of 25.44 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 34 MPH and a top speed of 84 MPH. This

is a heavily travelled road, especially during the week when the Connecticut State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is open. During hours when DMV was open, State Street averaged 444 cars per hour. During hours when DMV was closed, State Street averaged 91 cars per hour.

The Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study in the area of 271 Garden Street, near Hanmer Elementary School (display facing southbound traffic) over the course of five (5) days. The posted speed limit on this road is 25 MPH. During the 98.5 survey hours, 6,869 cars were recorded, averaging 69.7 cars per hour. Results from the device showed an average speed of 22.2 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 28 MPH and a top speed of 77 MPH.

The Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study in the area of 20 Oxford Street, which is behind Charles Wright Elementary School (display facing westbound traffic) over the course of five (5) days. The posted speed limit on this road is 25 MPH. During the 92.5 survey hours, 3,091 cars were recorded, averaging 33.4 cars per hour. Results from the device showed an average speed of 17.2 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 22 MPH and a top speed of 75 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during October, 2015:

- For the annual Keane Foundation Carnival on October 16-18, 2015, install temporary "No Parking" signs on and around the Cove Park area.
- For the annual Mikey's Place 5K on October 18, 2015 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 7, 2015, members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, MPO Luis Gonzalez, and Officers Jeffrey Poulin and Shane Murphy, began attending monthly two-day training.

On Wednesday, October 7, 2015, Officer Nuno Martins, along with his canine, Thor, attended a one day training class entitled "**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training**". Officer Martins and Thor participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Tuesday, October 11, 2015 Chief James Cetran and Lieutenant Andrew Power attended the "**Capital Region Chief's of Police Recertification**" training held in Rocky Hill, CT. This recertification program, which is required every three years, is open to Chiefs of Police and Second in Command Officers only. Topics include Leading and Influencing, Executive Liability, Legal Updates, Policy Development, Police Suicide, Sexual Harassment, Juvenile Law, Gang Update and Ethical Decision Making. This training is held once per month concluding in May 2016.

On Monday, October 12, 2015, Officer Gary Luiz began attending a two week training class entitled "**Basic Police Motorcycle Operator Training**". This training class was an intensive class, instructed by personnel from the Hartford Police Department, Traffic Services Unit.

Training areas included cone courses, curve negotiation, firearms training on a motorcycle, night time road ride, broad slides and rear wheel skids.

On Wednesday, October 14, 2015, Officer Jeffrey Poulin attending a three day training course entitled “**Interpretation and Mapping of Records**”. The training was held at the Northeast State Police Information Network Headquarters in Franklin MA. This course gives advanced training to investigators in using cell phone records to track suspects by linking them to cell phone towers, therefore determining if a suspect is in close proximity to a particular crime.

On Wednesday, October 14, 2015, members of the **Midstate Major Crime Squad (MSMC)**, including Lieutenant Mark Poisson and Detectives Michael Patkoske and Christopher Morris, began attending monthly training. MSMC is a team comprising of Detectives from the Midstate Towns, who work together to investigate major incidents.

On Thursday, October 15, 2014, Dispatchers Christopher Sinsigalli and Kerianne Motta attended a four hour training class entitled “**Offender Based Tracking System**”. This training was held at the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, East Hartford, CT. This training is mandatory for personnel to access and use the state’s Offender Based Tracking System.

On Thursday, October 15, 2015, Officer Shane Murphy, along with his canine, Marley, attended a one day training class entitled “**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training**”. Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking, and narcotics searches.

On Monday, October 19, 2015, Detective Robert DeRoehn began attending the five day “**Capitol Region Police Recertification Program**”. This training was held at the Middletown Police Department, Middletown, CT. This forty hour class is mandatory every three years to keep officers certified in the State of Connecticut. The training encompasses a wide variety of training including legal updates, bias crimes, patrol procedures, juvenile law and domestic violence laws.

On Thursday, October 22, 2015, Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk, attended a one day recertification class entitled “**NCIC/ COLLECT Recertification Training**”. Training was held at the Connecticut State Police Headquarters, Middletown, 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.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wethersfield Detectives are assisting with patrol personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Administration to investigate local individuals.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in practical skills training “Domestic Violence Investigations”.

Fall Firearms (low-light) training for all Department personnel is scheduled for the week of November 9, 2015.

The annual Jamie’s Run 5K road race will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 9:00 AM.

The Wethersfield High School versus Newington High School football game is scheduled for Wednesday night, November 25, 2015 at the Wethersfield High School.

The Chamber of Commerce Holidays on Main event will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 5:00 PM.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	October 2014	October 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	70	47	696	701
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	3	1	28	14
Commercial Burglaries	0	78	23	84
Armed Robberies	0	1	1	5
Strong-Arm Robberies	1	1	3	3
<b>Family Violence Arrests</b>				
Family Violence Arrests	4	6	66	71
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	130	157	1777	1740
DUI	5	4	78	58
MV Crashes	63	76	485	635
Parking Tags	53	91	829	603
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	1001	858	8035	9484
Alarm Responses	66	78	574	594
Records Requests	190	195	2029	2157
Prisoners Transported	18	9	166	146
Child Car Seat Installations	6	0	32	24