



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

On October 7, 2016 this division hosted a “Coffee with a Cop”, a national event at Chip’s Family Restaurant in Wethersfield.

On October 19, 2016 members of the Domestic Violence Team participated in the 14th Annual National Family Violence Apprehension Detail. This department recorded 18 Domestic related arrest warrant attempts and served 3 warrants on domestic offenders.

On October 22, 2016, this division coordinated a DEA Drug Take Back Day that was held at the Wethersfield Police department. A total of 141lbs. in unused prescription medications were dropped off and collected at this department contributing to the overall total of 6194.3 lbs. collected by the DEA during this initiative.

On October 23, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM the Wethersfield Police Cadet held their yearly fundraiser “Cadet Car Show” at Wethersfield Cove Park.

On October 28, 2016 the Training Unit coordinated the LEOSA firearms qualification and HR-218 review for department retirees. Nine former members of the agency participated in the qualifications and training.

The month of October brought four special events: Cove Craft Fair, Keane Carnival, Mikey’s Run, and Jaime’s Run. These events, aside from the craft fair, were staffed by PD personnel for security and / or traffic assistance. The events were successful in their intended purposes as well as from a public safety standpoint.

The carrying of Narcan, a drug that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose (Heroin), by police officers is currently being considered. The SSB has been working toward meeting all requirements in order to bring this to fruition.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On October 6, 2016 at 10:48 PM an officer responded to the Wethersfield Cove on a report of a vehicle doing doughnuts in the parking lot. Upon arrival the officer saw a grey Ford Taurus bearing parked in the rear of the lot. The operator of that car admitted to doing doughnuts in the parking lot. The operator of the car was advised of the sign posted in the front of the Cove which states that the Cove closes after dark. He was issued an infraction ticket for violating C.G.S. 53a-110 Simple Trespass.

On October 9, 2016 at 12:28 AM officers were dispatched to the area of the Berlin Turnpike and Arrow Road for a motor vehicle complaint. The caller reported that he observed a yellow pick-up truck strike the curb numerous times before pulling into the parking lot Elaine's Restaurant on the Berlin Turnpike. It was believed that the operator was under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs based on the operation of the vehicle. The first officer to arrive saw a yellow pick-up truck traveling southbound on the Berlin Turnpike. The officer saw the yellow pick-up truck complete a wide right turn at a very slow speed onto Arrow Road and then a second wide right turn at a very slow speed into the private parking lot of #1855 Berlin Turnpike where the officer was parked. The officer stopped the yellow pickup truck by the gas pumps. The officer spoke to the truck's operator and could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from inside the vehicle. The officer had the operator of the truck perform a series of field sobriety tests. Based on the operator's failure to perform the tests to standards, admission to alcohol consumption and hazardous operation, the operator was placed under arrest and advised of his Miranda Rights. He was transported to Police Headquarters. After explaining to him the penalties for both providing a sample and for refusing to provide a sample, the operator refused to provide a breath sample. He was issued a Misdemeanor Summons charging him with Operation of a Motor Vehicle under the Influence CGS 14-227a, Traveling at a Slow Speed CGS 14-220(a). He was later released on a non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear in court on 10/24/2016.

On October 14, 2016, at 1:54 PM officers were dispatched to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) at 60 State Street to investigate a suspicious person complaint. The caller told dispatch that a white female was walking around the parking lot and possibly attempting to break into motor vehicles. Upon arrival the DMV security officer directed the officers to a white female that was pacing between several parked vehicles in the parking lot while smoking a cigarette. When approached, the female denied trying to break into cars and said it was a misunderstanding. Several DMV employees witnessed the female attempt to break into cars. These employees witnessed her enter an unlocked Mitsubishi Galant and climb the seats into the front of the vehicle. Even with the witnesses account of what was happening, the female continued to deny attempting to break into any vehicles. She was placed under arrest and handcuffed. She was transported to the Wethersfield Police Department for processing. She was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree, 53a-103; Criminal Attempt to Commit Burglary in the 3rd Degree, 53a-49(53a-103); and Criminal Attempt to Commit Larceny in the 6th Degree, 53a-49(53a-125b). She was released on a non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear in court on October 31, 2016.

Detective Division

During the month of October 2016, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to fourteen (14) new cases. The major case investigations involved; four (4) burglaries, two (2) frauds, and one (1) robbery. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

On Saturday, October 29, 2016 officers from the Wethersfield Police Department responded to an alarm and a report of a robbery at TD Bank, 25 Wells Road shortly after 11:00 a.m. The suspect showed a note demanding money and the teller complied. The robber fled on foot, in an unknown direction. Nobody was hurt during the robbery. Now weapon was shown or implied. Wethersfield Detectives are investigating this incident and comparing the suspect to several similar robberies in the New England area.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 43 incidents, involving approximately 58 juveniles during the month of October 2016. In these incidents there were 5 Juvenile arrests, 4 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline, 2 Juveniles were diverted for school discipline and 4 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB".

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in practical skills training in "Motor Vehicle Stops" and "CIT" training.

School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School

During the month of September the WHS SRO covered a total of 39 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO assisted WHS administrators and counselors and several students with various public safety and community policing issues and questions.

The WHS SRO met with several students regarding a law enforcement career choice, they were provided with information regarding the WPD Cadet program. The WHS SRO spoke with four Senior English classes regarding their "values/morals" lesson. The WHS SRO met with administrators and security staff for weekly "Security Update" meetings.

The WHS SRO attended several meetings including the STARS/SRBI, Juvenile Review Board, Youth Advisory Board and attendance meetings.

The WHS SRO conducted motor vehicle enforcement on Jay Street on the report of various violations by residents.

The WHS SRO assisted school administrator's with two fire drills and a lock down drill.

School Resource Officer – Silas Deane Middle School

During the month of September the SRO covered a total of 29 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SDMS SRO presented several classes, including classes for staff, for students and for parents.

The SRO assisted school administrators and personnel with several issues both public safety and community policing related.

The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meetings with BoE, Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security. The SRO participated in the sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 51 alarms in month of October. Non-residential locations made up 27 (53%) of this total, residential alarms made up 23 (45%), and State and Town government made up 1 (2%). The alarms received were: 42 burglar, 5 holdup / panic, and 4 fire. There currently are 1,798 alarm registrations on file, 44 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Nine new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$3,475 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 80 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 70 items of correspondence sent out.

Support Services Bureau

Thirteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 203 hours of incarceration. Ten prisoners were arrested on warrants, the remainder were based on speedy information. Nine males and four females were transported to court throughout the month. The females incarcerated by the department required 76 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were seventy-one phone calls and fifty calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, thirty-eight calls were handled by the part-time animal control officers and twelve were handled by police officers. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for eleven calls in Newington; Newington Animal Control Officers covered for two calls in Wethersfield. Twenty-eight dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were seven impounds: one was held for dog bite vs human, one was held for dog vs dog bite incident, one was a carryover - six of the seven were redeemed. The incidents included: eight misc. wildlife (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), forty-two dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), and eleven mutual aid calls to Newington. Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed 7 child seats.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 847 NG911 emergency phone calls. Year to date total is 8,591 calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to, or initiated, 65 calls for service, fire prevention activities, or assists / standbys.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 76 incidents, and Aetna dispatched to 271 incidents during the month. Multiple ambulances may be dispatched to one call.

Community Relations

A traffic speed complaint on Spring Street by Sharon Lane was received through the town manager's office. Patrol conducted selective enforcement early in the month, and the speed trailer was placed at that location from the 10/18 – 10/28.

New stop signs were installed at the WHS entrance from Wolcott Hill to the north (new) parking lots following research by the SSB. This came about after Principle Moore noted that the new north student lot would be opening soon, and vehicle traffic would start to cross a major pedestrian crossing while making a right turn. The new stop signs increase pedestrian safety.

A "Blind Drive Ahead" sign was installed on Marsh St at the curve just prior to the town garage. This sign increases safety in the area due a lack of sightline of the trucks pulling into the roadway from town garage.

A citizen requested a "Slow Children" sign Brookside Circle, which stemmed from her perception of speeding vehicles. The Stealth Stat was utilized from 10/24 – 10/28. Stealth Stat info does not support any further action, as vehicles are traveling at or near the speed limit.

BoE security director raised concern about election day parking at the middle school. The SSB researched the area and completed a work order to include temporary no parking signs on Darwell Drive and Fairmont Street for election day.

A local business representative called about speeders / building shaking at art studio 431 Hartford Ave. SSB personnel located two road construction patches that were sinking, resulting in significant bumps for passing traffic. The patches were reported to Physical Services, who contacted MDC to have the area repaired. This is expected to remedy the vibration problems at the art studio, and the speed trailer will be placed at that location after Halloween.

Training Division

On Tuesday, October 4, 2016, Sergeant Michael Fisher and Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk attended the Eversource Energy Community Emergency Response Plan Meeting. This meeting hour took place Eversource Energy's Offices at 410 Sheldon Street in Hartford. The training covered Eversource's emergency management and response protocol.

On Wednesday, October 5, 2016, Records Clerk Tanta McCaw attended Records Retention and Freedom of Information Training at the Bristol Public Library.

On Wednesday, October 5, 2016, Commander Andrew Power, Sergeant Michael Fisher, Sergeant Michael Connolly, Detective Anthony DeMonte, Detective Norberto Mendez, Officer Kenneth Newton, Officer Peter McGee and Officer Bridget Camara attended Lethality Assessment Program Training at the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The training program is a precursor to instituting a lethality assessment as part of investigating domestic violence incidents.

On Thursday, October 6, 2016 and Friday, October 7, 2016, Officer Luis Gonzalez, Detective Jeffrey Poulin and Officer Shane Murphy attended Capital Region Emergency Services Team (CREST) Training.

On Tuesday, October 11, 2016, Dispatcher John Brymer attended NCIC / COLLECT Recertification Training at the East Hartford Police Department.

On Wednesday, October 12, 2016, Dispatcher Welles Hale attended Domestic Violence Intervention Training at the Wethersfield Police Department.

On Thursday, October 13, 2016, Dispatcher John Brymer attended NextGen 911 Training in New Haven, CT.

From Monday, October 17, 2016 through Friday, October 21, Detectives Michael Patkoske, James Darby, Jeffrey Poulin and Norberto Mendez attended Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training. This training covers required areas needed for sworn officers to maintain their certification as a police officer.

On Tuesday, October 18, 2016 through Thursday, October 20, 2016, Officers David Gove and Peter McGee attended Police Peer Support Training. This training covered how to start, operate and manage a peer support program.

On Tuesday, October 18 and Wednesday, October 19, 2016, Chief James Cetran, Commander Donald Crabtree, Detective Robert DeRoehn, Officer Luis Gonzalez, Officer Eric Knapp, Officer Kevin Foster, Officer Joseph Baich, Officer Joel DiLoreto and Officer Justin Hilchuk attended KTI's CT Chief's Report Writing and Records Management Training.

On Wednesday, October 18, 2016, Dispatcher John Brymer attended Advanced Emergency Medical Dispatch Training at American Ambulance in Norwich, CT.

On Wednesday, October 18, 2016, Commander Mark Poisson and Detective Christopher Morris attended Mid-state Major Crime Squad (MSMC) Training. MSMC is a team comprised of Detectives from the Mid-State Towns, who work together to investigate major incidents.

On Thursday, October 19, 2016, Sergeant Michael Fisher attended Terminal Agency Coordinator Training at the Department Emergency Services and Public Protection headquarters in Middletown, CT.

On Monday, October 24, 2016 through Friday, November 4, 2016, Officer Justin Hilchuk attended Police Motorcycle Operator's Training at Hartford Police Department. Upon completion of the program, Officer Hilchuk became certified as a Motorcycle Officer.

On Monday, October 31, 2016 through Friday, November 4, 2016, Sergeant Jennie Rivera attended Internal Affairs Investigations Training at the Southington Police Department.

On Monday, October 24, 2016, Detectives Michael Patkoske and Christopher Morris attended the 25th Annual Arnold Markle Symposium at the University of New Haven's Henry C. Lee Institute. The symposium covered financial crimes investigations.

On Tuesday, October 25, 2016, Officer Nuno Martins and canine Thor attended monthly 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 Friday, October 26, 2016, Officer Shane Murphy and canine Marley attended Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training. Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The town will be participating in a state level emergency preparedness exercise on November 2, 2016.
- Fall firearms training is scheduled for November 14, 2016 through November 21, 2016.
- Holidays on Main will be held on December 1, 2016.
- Arrest and Control Training is scheduled for November 28, 2016 through December 6, 2016.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	OCT 2015	OCT 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	47	44	701	508
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	1	1	14	20
Commercial Burglaries	78	2	84	13
Armed Robberies	1	1	5	2
Strong-Arm Robberies	1	0	3	1
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	157	94	1740	1046
DUI	4	8	58	60
MV Crashes	76	70	635	675
Parking Tags	91	41	603	777
Miscellaneous Activities				

911 Calls	858	847	9484	8591
Alarm Responses	78	51	594	538
Records Requests	195	248	2157	1800
Prisoners Transported	9	13	146	114
Child Car Seat Installations	0	7	26	51