



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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

## OCTOBER 2017

### SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

On October 28th, 2017 this division coordinated a DEA Drug Take Back Day that was held at the Wethersfield Police department.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets held their annual fundraising event the Cadet Car Show on 10/01/2017 at Cove Park. The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training, "Motor Vehicle Stops & Felony Motor Vehicle Stops" during the month of October. The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted with the Wethersfield Cove Side Carnival. The Cadets also assisted with the "Stuff-A-Cruiser" event at Marshalls on 10/26/2017.

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

#### Patrol Division

On Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at approximately 11:22 PM officers were dispatched to a local apartment building on the report of an attempted burglary. The victim told officers that a male attempted to force his way into the back door of the apartment. The male was observed by a witness on the rear area of the apartment building. Within a few minutes an officer noticed a male matching the suspect description walking a few streets away from the scene. The male was positively identified by a witness as the one observed at the apartment complex. The male was placed under arrest and charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

On Saturday, October 14, 2017 at approximately 10:00 AM an officer conducted a motor vehicle stop on the Silas Deane Highway. During the course of his investigation, the officer developed probable cause to search the vehicle, which was not registered or insured. During the search of the vehicle the officer discovered 320 baggies of suspected heroin. The

operator was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics with Intent to Sell, and several motor vehicle charges.

## **Detective Division**

During the month of October 2017, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to thirteen (13) new cases. The major case investigations involved one (1) fraud, one (1) stolen car recovery, one (1) armed robbery, four (4) residential burglaries, one (1) attempted residential burglary, one (1) commercial burglary and numerous minor criminal violations and several juvenile cases. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations for new town hires and background investigations for pistol permits applicants.

## **Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 44 incidents, involving approximately 52 juveniles during the month of October 2017. In these incidents there were 3 Juvenile arrests, 3 Juveniles were issued infractions for possession of electronic nicotine delivery system "Vape", 2 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline, 3 Juveniles were diverted for school based discipline and 4 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB" and Community Resource Board "CRB".

## **School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School**

During the month of October the WHS SRO covered a total of thirty (30) incidents activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The WHS SRO took a several complaints of a students vaping on school grounds. Each incident was handled by the SRO.
- Student/parent agreed to have the case diverted to the Juvenile Review Board.
- The WHS SRO spoke with two male students regarding their unruly behavior in the cafeteria during the second lunch wave. Students were advised and one student was issued school based discipline by administration.
- Two female students had a heated argument in the cafeteria prior to the first bell. Each student was sent to the main office. Both were advised to avoid each other on and off of school grounds. The incident stemmed from a previous incident that happened at Buffalo Wild Wings.
- The WHS SRO responded to the residence of a student who is habitually truant. No answer at the door, no contact.
- The WHS SRO met with two female students who were threatening to fight another female student. They were advised they would be arrested if they got into an altercation and stated they didn't care. The other female was spoken to and stated she had no interest in fighting either of the other students. She was

provided with an escort to her transportation at dismissal. Patrol supervisor was provided the information for the evening shift watch at the Cove Carnival.

- The WHS SRO spoke with a student regarding a hazardous motor vehicle violation. Student issued a verbal warning.
- The WHS SRO spoke to three male students regarding their behavior. While it might have seemed like a school kid prank, it could have been interpreted as a much more serious incident. All students were advised and understood the seriousness of the situation.
- The WHS SRO took a suspicious situation complaint. An unknown male was loitering on the lawn near the main driveway off of Wolcott Hill Road. The male turned out to be a former student who was waiting for a female student's dismissal. Checked ok. Student had early dismissal. Advised.
- The WHS SRO met with a student who was receiving threatening text messages from another student. Student didn't want to pursue the issue and had been a participant in the on-going incident. Student advised.
- The WHS SRO met with a student in the cafeteria regarding his immature behavior at lunch. Throwing a full milk carton up and letting it land on the table to splash other students. Student advised.
- The WHS SRO met with a social worker and a parent of a student. The parent has been having problems at home with a student and we attempted to hold mediation with the parent and student, however the student refused to be involved and wouldn't come to school. Parent advised.
- The WHS SRO met with a student (and a witness) who was involved in a physical confrontation the previous day after school dismissal. The cafeteria fight was not known about until it was brought to the attention of staff the next day. No formal complaint from either student or administration. Student advised.
- The WHS SRO met with two students who committed moving violations on school grounds. Advised.
- The WHS SRO was asked to meet with two female students who were having issues with another student. Both students said they wanted to fight the other student. Students were advised and turned over to the social worker.
- The WHS SRO was interviewed by two senior English classes (Mrs. Mucinkas) for their "Values" lesson.
- The WHS SRO assisted school staff with a lock down drill. Debriefing was held immediately afterward.
- The WHS SRO assisted during a fire callout. Room # 110 experienced a Freon leak. Units from CNG/DEEP/WVFD and WPD also responded.
- The WHS SRO attended the weekly Security Staff Meetings held with Administration and Security team.
- The WHS SRO spoke at two assembly sessions regarding the consequences of vaping and being in possession of vaping products. School and legal consequences as well as possible health effects were presented to all freshmen through senior classes.
- The WHS SRO attended the weekly Attendance Meeting: Topic discussion centered on students with attendance issues for this academic 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.
- The WHS SRO presented the weekly Advisory class with a teacher (Mrs. Krawczyk).

## **School Resource Officer – Silas Deane Middle School**

During the month of October the SRO covered a total of 34 incidents including activities at the school.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The SRO presented to all 8th Grade Health classes on CT State Laws pertaining to Underage Drinking.
- The SRO met with Director of Social and Youth Services regarding current case load.
- The SRO conducted a Bus Safety demonstration for students with exceptionalities.
- The SRO assisted Admin with de-escalation of student after receiving a school consequence for violations of school rules.
- The SRO met with a student at the request of the Admin to discuss computer safety. Assisted.
- The SRO attended a PPT at the Admin and Family request to assist with a Family and Truancy issues. (SRO also followed up with DCF case –worker for open case based on previous history with the Family.)
- The SRO met with a student at his request to discuss suspected illegal activity occurring in the community. SRO followed up with Juvenile Detective and the WHS SRO.
- The SRO assisted Administration with investigation and safety conversation with Family for school rule violation.
- 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. 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.

## **Support Services Bureau**

Sixteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 386 hours of incarceration. Seven prisoners were arrested on warrants; nine of which were based on speedy information. Thirteen males and three females were transported to court throughout the month. The females that were incarcerated required forty-seven hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 130 phone calls and fifty-eight cases which involved animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for ten calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for seven calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for twenty-two calls. Fifty-one dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were four impounds this month: three were redeemed, and one was sold as a pet. The incident synopsis for the month is: eleven wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), forty-seven dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), ten mutual aid calls to Newington, and nine warnings issued for unlicensed dogs. The ACOs issued 111 letters to residents for delinquent dog licenses this month.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed three child seats.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 935 NG911 emergency phone calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 139 incidents, and was Aetna dispatched to 295 incidents during the month. There were 342 medical / ambulance calls this month; multiple ambulances may be dispatched to one call which results in dispatched ambulance totals far exceeding the total number of medical calls.

## **Community Relations:**

Speed monitoring devices were rotated around several different locations throughout town. Improvements are being made with the MDC construction project that is currently causing the closure of Middletown Avenue; signage, barrier devices, and traffic reporting apps have been updated.

## **Training Division**

### **Monthly Training Activities:**

On Monday, October 2, 2017 Officer Nuno Martins began **Basic Police Canine / Canine Handler Training**. This training is being conducted in conjunction with the Manchester Police Department. This training takes place Monday through Friday, through December 2017.

On Monday, October 2, 2017 through Friday, October 5, 2017, Master Police Officer David Gove attended **Cellebrite Certified Operator and Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst Training** at the Connecticut Center for Digital Investigations. This course is to prepare MPO Gove for digital investigations.

On Tuesday, October 3, 2017, Sergeant Jennie Rivera, Detective Norberto Mendez and SROs Eric Knapp and Bridget Camara attended **Islam and Muslim Cultural Competency and Current Domestic Violence Laws and Intervention Training**.

On Wednesday, October 4, and Thursday, October 5, 2017, Sergeant Luiz Gonzalez and Officers Shane Murphy and Joel DiLoreto attended **Capital Region Emergency Services Team Training (CREST)**. The CREST Team is the regional SWAT team.

On Friday, October 6, 2017, Lieutenant Thomas Mitney attended the **John M. Bailey Seminar on Instruction: Re New Legal Developments which Concern Police Policies and Practices**. This training is a legal update covering constitutional law, case law, juvenile law and housing law updates.

On Wednesday, October 11, 2017, Officer Shane Murphy attended **Police Canine/Police Canine Handler Training**. Officer Murphy and K-9 Marley participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

On Monday, October 16, 2017 through Friday, October 20, 2017, Detectives Christopher Morris and Alison Sullivan attended **Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training**. This training, which took place at the Middletown Police Department, covers multiple areas and training mandates to provide officers the necessary training to maintain their POSTC Certification.

On Monday, October 16 and Tuesday, October 17, 2017, Dispatcher Steven Tyc attended **Suicide Intervention Training for Dispatchers**. This training took place at the Suffield Volunteer Ambulance Training Center, Suffield, CT.

On Wednesday, October 18, 2017, Lieutenant Andrew Power and Detectives Michael Patkoske and Christopher Morris attended **Mid-State Major Crime Squad Training**. This training is comprised of regional investigators that work together on major cases.

On Wednesday, October 18, 2017, Officer Justin Hilchuk attended the training titled, **"Housing Matters - Mediation, Investigation and Enforcement."** This training covered issues involving housing laws and investigations.

On Monday, October 23 and Tuesday, October 24, 2017, Detective Michael Patkoske attended the **Arnold Markle Symposium**. This symposium covered Investigation of Fire and Arson Deaths. This training took place at the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science at the University of New Haven.

On Tuesday, October 24, 2017, Detectives Norberto Mendez and Alison Sullivan attended the **Second Opioid Investigator's Training**. This program included an update on the opioid crisis, and how to handle fentanyl amongst other things.

On Wednesday, October 25 and Thursday, October 26, 2017, Officer Joel DiLoreto attended the training titled, **"Medical Preparedness and Response for Bombing Incidents."** This training took place at the East Haddam Fire Department.

On Wednesday, October 25, 2017, Lieutenant Donald Crabtree, Sergeant Kevin O'Leary, Sergeant Oscar Rivera, Sergeant Thomas Regan, Sergeant Luis Gonzalez and A/Sergeant Michael Wren attended **Lethality Assessment Program Training** at CCADV in Wethersfield, CT.

On several Mondays in October and November, Wethersfield Officers received **Department Medical Training**. The training covered Airborne/Bloodborne Pathogens, CPR, First Aid, Combat Tourniquet use and Narcan deployment. This course was taught by Lead Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk and Officer Joel DiLoreto.

On Monday, October 30, 2017, Master Police Officer David Gove attended **NCIC/COLLECT Recertification Training** at the West Hartford Police Department. This training renewed his NCIC/COLLECT certification for a two year period.

On Monday, October 30, 2017, Dispatcher Christopher Sinsigalli to the online course **CISS User Search Training**.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

This department has responded to 44 alarms in month of October. Non-residential locations made up 18 (41%) of this total, residential alarms made up 25 (57%), and State and Town government made up 1 (2%). The alarms received were: 39 burglar, 4 holdup / panic, and 1 fire. There currently are 1,900 alarm registrations on file, 40 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Eleven new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$3,150 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 96 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 83 items of correspondence sent out.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will assist with the "Thanksgiving Food Drive" at Stop and Shop on 11/05/2017. The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in practical skills training, "EDP" during the month of November 2017.

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## PERFORMANCE MEASURES October 2017

	October 2016	October 2017	YTD 2016	YTD 2017
Criminal Arrests	44	62	508	684
Residential Burglaries	1	4	20	19
Commercial Burglaries	2	1	13	15
Armed Robberies	1	1	2	6
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	1	1
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	94	73	1046	872
DUI	8	5	60	48
MV Crashes	70	65	675	547
Parking Tags	41	4	777	354
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	847	935	8591	8269
Alarm Responses	51	44	538	629
Records Requests	248	136	1800	1386
Prisoners Transported	13	16	114	112
Child Car Seat Installations	7	3	51	100