



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets held their annual "Fundraiser Car Show" on 10/07/2018 at Cove Park. The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted with the Cove Side Carnival activities on 10/12/18 thru 10/14/2018.

On October 27th, 2018 this division coordinated a DEA Drug Take Back Day that was held at the Wethersfield Police department

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On Thursday, October 11, 2018 at approximately 4:26 AM officers were dispatched to a condominium complex on the report of an active burglary. While responding, officers were advised that a resident confronted two male suspects in his garage and they had already taken a dirt bike and bicycle. With the assistance of Newington Police and the Connecticut State Police, officers created a perimeter and began a search using a CSP K9. During the search a BB gun was located and one male was located in a wooded area near the complex. Both the dirt bike and bicycle were recovered. Upon further investigation officers located a stolen vehicle that was used by the suspects which had several items later identified as having been stolen from burglaries in various towns in the area. The suspect was placed under arrest and charged with two (2) counts of Burglary 1st Degree, Larceny 1st Degree, Larceny 3rd Degree, Larceny 4th Degree, two (2) counts of Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree and Interfering with Police. Investigation continues to identify the additional suspect.

On Friday, October 19, 2018 at approximately 9:24 PM an off duty WPD sergeant noticed a vehicle on the front lawn of a local residence that appeared to have been involved in a recent accident. Upon approaching the vehicle the sergeant noted the operator of the vehicle had an odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from his breath and also noticed

narcotics in plain view. The operator failed the field sobriety tests that he attempted. He was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Less Than ½ Ounce of Marijuana, Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Operating Under the Influence and Failure to Drive Right.

On Friday, October 19, 2018 at approximately 11:26 PM officers were dispatched to a local motel on the report of an assault with a knife. Upon arrival officers located two victims, one stabbed in the back and one in the chest. Both victims were transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. A female was placed under arrest and charged with Assault 1st Degree, Assault 2nd Degree, Assault 3rd Degree and Disorderly Conduct.

Detective Division

During the month of October 2018, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to fourteen (14) new cases. These cases involved the following:

Two (2) larcenies; One (1) Found Property; One (1) case of persons with warrants were arrested by detectives; One (1) Juvenile incident; One (1) Prisoner Transport, One (1) Pistol permit Application denial; One (1) Missing Person; One (1) Assist Other Jurisdiction; One (1) Evading Responsibility; One (1) Lost Marker Plate; Two (2) Residential Burglaries and one (1) Burglary into an unlocked motor vehicle.

Detectives also followed up and closed ten (10) old cases: Two (2) were residential burglaries, one of which a suspect was developed, however there was not enough probable cause to make an arrest and there other one was closed because a suspect was never developed; One (1) was a commercial burglary in which we made an arrest via an arrest warrant. One (1) other was a commercial burglary in which we never developed a suspect; One (1) was a larceny in which an arrest was made; One (1) was a False Statement; One (1) was a sex assault which resulted in the suspect being arrested by warrant: One (1) was an armed robbery which resulted in an arrest of a juvenile via arrest warrant. Two (2) others were breach of peace 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 38 incidents, involving approximately 45 Juveniles during the month of October 2018. In these incidents there were 3 Juvenile "Summons" arrests issued, 3 Juvenile were diverted for parental discipline, 3 Juveniles were diverted for school discipline and 1 Juvenile was seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board.

School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School

During the month of August the Middle School SRO covered activities at the school.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The WHS SRO investigated a suspicious situation during arrival time. A text message notification indicated a 'Sex Offender' had logged into the building as a visitor. The Raptor system gave a positive hit on a male visitor. He was located and further investigation revealed the visitor was indeed a different person with a similar name and not on the sex assault registry.
- The WHS SRO investigated a larceny complaint. Suspect identified and the stolen property was returned to its rightful owner. Victim chose not to file a formal complaint with the police.
- The WHS SRO was approached by a student who was having issues with another student. Both students were talked to about avoiding each other and getting along.
- The WHS SRO met with a staff member who was notified by her son/student about a possible candy infused narcotic being given out in a classroom. Investigation revealed to be false information and deemed a prank.
- The WHS SRO met with a student who was upset after found to be in possession of vaping materials. Student issued school based discipline.
- The WHS SRO was approached by a student regarding a family matter. Student advised to contact the family court for her situation.
- The WHS SRO was notified about an incident in which a parent approached a student and accosted her for approximately twenty minutes on campus. SRO was asked to attend the after school hours volleyball game to ensure no further disturbance will occur.
- The WHS SRO met with two students who were aggressively approached at the Keane Cove Carnival by several other students. The other students intended to get into a physical altercation with the females, but they were able to avoid further conflict at that time. The complainants did not wish for me to intervene at this time. Advised.
- The WHS SRO was approached by a student in the cafeteria about a suspicious matter. The student claimed she observed another male make a gun gesture toward another student. Investigation showed the student was merely pointing at his friends as he walked by their lunch table.
- The WHS SRO was asked to give extra patrol attention to the parking lot in Wintergreen Woods due to suspected marijuana and vape usage by students at dismissal.
- The WHS SRO spoke with a parent of a middle school student who reported a suspicious situation a few days prior. The student was walking toward SDMS (after school hours) for soccer practice. The student was approached by a vehicle/operator and asked about where she was going. Student and parent advised.
- The WHS SRO was approached by a student regarding an on-going matter between her and her ex-boyfriend. She is accusing him of vandalism (off site) and disruptive behavior on campus. Student advised and turned over to school administration.
- The WHS SRO was notified of a disorderly situation in the SDMS front lobby. A defiant student was upset with staff because she was facing discipline due to a physical confrontation with another student.
- The WHS SRO responded to the hallway outside a classroom where a student was acting extremely defiant and refusing to leave the room as directed by

administration. Prior to law enforcement involvement, the student reported to the in-school suspension room. No police contact/involvement.

- The WHS SRO was interviewed in three sophomore English classes for a lesson on debating topics.
- The SRO participated in a session 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 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 attended the monthly Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board meeting.
- The WHS SRO assisted SDMS school administration with a fire drill.
- The WHS SRO attended the weekly security and safety meeting with administrators and security staff.
- The WHS SRO presented the Advisory class with a teacher.
- The WHS SRO presented an Advisory class at SDMS.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 63 alarms in month of October. Non-residential locations made up 25 (40%) of this total, residential alarms made up 35 (55%), and State and Town government made up 3 (5%). The alarms received were: 55 burglar, 7 holdup / panic, and 1 fire. There currently are 2,001 alarm registrations on file, 54 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Six new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$2,425 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 83 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 64 items of correspondence sent out.

Support Services Bureau

Sixteen persons were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond. Thirteen males and three females were transported to court throughout the month.

There were 111 phone calls and forty-two calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for eight calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for five calls in Wethersfield, and [Wethersfield] police officers covered for twelve calls. Thirty-seven dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were six impounds this month: two were redeemed, one was sold as a pet, three remain carried over. The incident synopsis for the month is: four wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), thirty-eight dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), eight mutual aid calls to Newington, and two warnings issued for unlicensed dogs.

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 830 NG911 emergency phone calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 100 incidents, and was Aetna dispatched to 297 incidents during the month. There were 336 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:

A food drive will be held on Nov. 11th at Stop and Shop, 1380 Berlin Tnpk, from 8a-4p.

Operational plans and work orders were completed this month for Mikey's Run, Jaimie's Run, the Kean Foundation Cove Carnival, and St. Paul's Church fair.

Signage was studied and modified if necessary on Hawthorn Way, Broad Street, and Middletown Ave.

Training Division

On Tuesday, October 2, 2018, Officer Nuno Martins attended "**Police Canine / Police Canine Handler Training.**" Officer Martins and K9 Jax participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Tuesday, October 2, 2018, Officer Joel DiLoreto attended "**Explosive Breacher Training**" at the Bloomfield Police Department. This training was sponsored by C.R.E.S.T.

On Tuesday, October 2, 2018, Officer Justin Hilchuk attended "**Police Motorcycle Operator Training.**" This training was sponsored by the Hartford Police Department.

On Wednesday, October 3, 2018, Lieutenant Thomas Mitney attended the training titled, "**Understanding Roadway Safety Data.**" The class, put on by the University of Connecticut's Technology Transfer Center, was held in Storrs, CT.

On Wednesday, October 3, 2018 and Thursday, October 4, 2018, Lieutenant Michael Connolly, Sergeant Luis Gonzalez, Officer Justin Hilchuk, Officer Shane Murphy and Officer Joel DiLoreto attended "**Capital Region Emergency Services Team (C.R.E.S.T.) Training.**" C.R.E.S.T. is the regional SWAT team.

On Thursday, October 4, 2018 and Friday, October 5, 2018, Lieutenant Michael Connolly attended the **National Conference on Active Shooters**. This conference was held in Orlando, FL.

On Tuesday, October 9, 2018, Dispatcher John Brymer completed **“COLLECT / NCIC Recertification Training.”** This training was held on-line.

On Thursday, October, 11, 2018, Officer Shane Murphy and canine Marley attended **“Police Canine / Police Canine Handler Training.”** Officer Murphy and K9 Marley participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

On Tuesday, October 16, 2018, Chief James Cetran and Lieutenants Andrew Power and Michael Connolly attended, **“Capital Region Recertification Training.”** This training, took place at the Rocky Hill Police Department.

On Friday, October 19, 2018, Lieutenant Michael Connolly attended the training titled, **“ConnPERLA Boot Camp.”** This course dealt with managing absent employees.

On Monday, October 22, 2018 through Friday, October 26, 2018, Detectives Michael Patkoske, Norberto Mendez and Jeffrey Poulin attended **“Capital Region Recertification Training.** This week long recertification training took place at the Middletown Police Department.

On Friday, October 26, 2018, **“Retirees Firearms Qualification and Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act Review Training”** was held at the Berlin Police Firing Range.

On Wednesday, October 31, 2018, Officers Justin Hilchuk, Michael Forrest and John Blair attended the training titled, **“Emergency Medical Responder Recertification Training.”** This recertification was taught by Officer Joel DiLoreto and took place in the Wethersfield Police Department’s Community Room.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in practical skills training “Motor Vehicle and Felony Motor Vehicle Stops” during the month of November 2018.

Jaime’s Run in Old Wethersfield Nov. 4th

Holidays on Main December 6th

PERFORMANCE MEASURES October 2018

	October 2017	October 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018
Criminal Arrests	62	71	684	649
Residential Burglaries	4	2	19	9
Commercial Burglaries	1	0	15	3
Armed Robberies	1	0	6	2
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	1	0
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	73	94	872	1025
DUI	5	10	48	75
MV Crashes	65	70	547	607
Parking Tags	4	20	354	875
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	935	830	8269	8507
Alarm Responses	44	63	629	574
Records Requests	136	137	1386	1232
Child Car Seat Installations	3	6	100	77