



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets had their annual fundraiser Wethersfield Police Cadet Car Show on 10/13/2019. The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted with activities at the Keane Foundation Cove Side Carnival on 10/18/2019 thru 10/20/2019. The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training, Motor Vehicle Stops, in the month of October 2019.

During the month of October 2019, members of the Patrol Bureau made fourteen (14) arrests for Driving Under the Influence.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at approximately 8:16 PM an officer noticed a vehicle having the same license plate as a previous vehicle he stopped, in which he found out that the license plate was fake. After stopping the vehicle, the officer noticed a marijuana cigarette inside the vehicle. Upon searching the vehicle the officer located two gallon sized baggies containing suspected marijuana. The officer also located other narcotics and paraphernalia commonly used to repackage and distribute narcotics. The operator was charged with Possession of Greater Than 4 Ounces of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Sell, Falsified Registration and other motor vehicle charges. The passenger was charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Less Than ½ Ounce of Marijuana.

On Sunday, October 27, 2019 at approximately 12:39am, a WPD Lieutenant was returning from a serious motor vehicle accident in another jurisdiction and located a motor vehicle accident in town. When speaking with the operator and a witness it was found that the at

fault vehicle evaded from the scene. Several citizens stopped at the scene and reported a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle disabled approximately a ½ mile away. Officers approached the suspect vehicle and noticed heavy front end damage with both airbags being deployed. The officers noted the suspect driver had a distinct odor of alcohol, slurred his speech and appeared confused and uneasy on his feet. The operator failed the field sobriety tests he attempted. It was found the operator was also carrying a firearm, which he has a permit to carry. The operator was charged with Driving Under the Influence, Evading Responsibility of an Accident, Possession of a Firearm while Under the Influence of Alcohol and Failure to Obey a Stop Sign.

Support Services Bureau

Seven people were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond. Four males and three females were transported to court throughout the month.

There were 114 phone calls and thirty-six calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for no calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for twenty calls. The total number of dog licenses obtained during the month will be reported in the November report. There were twenty-two impounds this month: one was were redeemed, and twenty-one were carry over from the ongoing animal abuse criminal case. The incident synopsis for the month is: two wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), thirty-four dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), and two warnings issued for unlicensed dogs.

The Susanne Eser animal abuse case remains ongoing, in both criminal and civil court. The case was continued again in criminal court and is scheduled for 11/25/2019. Ms. Eser apparently wants to go to trial. Both ACO Monde and the animal advocate attorney submitted petitions to the civil court to expedite that court date, which is scheduled for Dec 9th. Ms. Eser refuses to surrender the dogs and allow them to continue to live at the kennel which is not in the best interest of the animals. There are several parties involved with the case and caring for the dogs who have now put liens on the defendant for non-payment. Total is estimated 20K of unpaid bills and the number continues to increase with time.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 941 NG911 emergency phone calls.

Three car seats were installed this month by the WPD certified technician.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) and Aetna Ambulance were dispatched for a collective 296 times this month.

Administrative Services Bureau

Not available for this month.

Detective Division

During the month of October 2019, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to fifteen (15) new cases. These cases involved the following:

- 1 Fraud
- 2 Commercial Burglaries
- 1 Larceny
- 1 Bad Check
- 2 Residential Burglaries
- 4 Gun Permit Backgrounds
- 1 Accidental Shooting with Injury
- 1 Sudden Death
- 2 reported Juvenile Sexual Assaults

In the bad check case, the suspect was identified and an arrest warrant was submitted.

In one of the commercial burglaries, a suspect was identified.

In one of the residential burglaries, a suspect was identified and an arrest warrant was approved.

In the accidental shooting, it was determined that the victim accidentally shot himself with a handgun. The investigation did not indicate there was any suspicion of criminal activity and no charges are forthcoming.

The sudden death took place at the end of September 2019 but was investigated by a Detective in October 2019 and was ultimately determined to be a drug overdose.

In one of the juvenile sexual assaults, it was determined that there would be no criminal prosecution. The other juvenile sexual assault was referred to another jurisdiction.

Detectives also followed up and/or closed at least twenty-three (23) cases from the current and previous months/years

Detectives also continued to perform background investigations for new police officers. Background investigations continue for pistol permits applicants. Four (4) were submitted in October of 2019.

There was one additional residential burglary investigated by Patrol.

There were two reported armed robberies investigated by Patrol. One was at a business, the other took place on a residential street and involved an assault. For the latter, the victim

originally wanted the incident pursued and knew the suspect, but eventually said that he did not want police to investigate.

The following are the burglary and robbery statistics for the month of October 2019, 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 2018</i>	<i>October 2019</i>
Residential Burglaries:	6 (4)	3 (1)
Commercial Burglaries:	2 (2)	2 (1)
Armed Robberies:	0 (0)	2(1)
Strong-arm Robberies:	0 (0)	0 (0)

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 25 incidents, involving approximately 28 Juveniles during the month of October 2019. In these incidents there was 1 Juvenile Arrest/ Summon, 1 Juvenile was diverted for parental discipline and 4 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board.

School Resource Officer

The SDMS SRO assisted vice-principal with vandalism investigation regarding male student who was found to be damaging paper towel dispenser in classroom and urinating on floor. Student was interviewed by vice-principal the SRO monitoring. Student acknowledged guilt. School elected to handle incident with no additional police action. Student parents advised. Student to receive in school discipline and was required to assist custodial staff with cleanup of bathroom.

The SDMS SRO routinely attends all weekly STARS/SRBI (Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program - Scientific Research-Based Intervention) meeting for at risk youths at SDMS.

The SDMS SRO routinely attends the weekly security and safety meeting with administrators and security staff.

The SDMS SRO routinely attends and monitors all lunch periods in the cafeteria.

The SDMS SRO routinely attends and monitors student drop off and pick up.

The SDMS SRO participated in a session of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board on 10/24/19.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The SSB continues to utilize high visibility speed detection devices throughout town in order to change motorist behavior and reduce speeding occurrences on the streets. The SSB has been assisting on traffic issues, block party, special events, and working out parking issues for several large residential communities who are repaving their parking lots.

Training Division

During the month of October 2019, there were twenty-two training orders written by this unit. There were nineteen training events attended by members of this agency. One training was hosted at the Wethersfield Police Department, one was online issued through Nexgen, one was online issued through CJIS and one was online through CIRMA. All other trainings took place at outside venues.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holidays on Main, December 2019

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in practical skill training, EDP. The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in an Oral Board process for promotions in the month November.

A trial regarding a 2017 Homicide started at the end of October 2019 and continued into November of 2019. Training regarding the CISS and Ring for Law Enforcement databases continues. In November, Detectives and Dispatchers will also receive training regarding 3si GPS tracking software, which will assist police in seeing the location of items stolen from local businesses in real time if equipped with a GPS device sold and maintained by 3si.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES October 2018

	October 2018	October 2019	YTD 2018	YTD 2019
Criminal Arrests	71	64	684	581
Residential Burglaries	2	3	19	17
Commercial Burglaries	0	2	15	8
Armed Robberies	0	2	6	2
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	1	1	4
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	94	43	872	926
DUI	10	14	48	105
MV Crashes	70	72	547	549
Parking Tags	20	38	354	461
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	830	941	8269	8,454
Alarm Responses	63	60	629	581
Records Requests	137	130	1386	1,086
Child Car Seat Installations	6	3	100	55

