



Police Department Monthly Report



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS:

In September, 2010 the Wethersfield Police Department submitted their statistics to the Connecticut Police Chief's Association (CPCA) for the 2010 Labor Day weekend. This time period included Friday, September 3, 2010 12:01 AM through Monday, September 6, 2010 at midnight. The CPCA collects the statistics from each local department in four statistical areas. During this time period the Wethersfield Police Department recorded sixty-three motor vehicle stops, two driving under the influence arrests, six motor vehicle accidents and no motor vehicle accidents involving a fatality.

On Wednesday September 8, 2010, an officer began attending a two day class entitled "Mossberg Shotgun Armorer," which was hosted at the Wethersfield Police Department in the Community Room. By hosting this class, the officer was able to attend the course for free saving the Town the tuition cost of approximately five hundred dollars.

On Friday, September 20, 2010, nine Wethersfield Police Department retirees successfully completed classroom and range qualifications under provisions of the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 (HR218.) These qualified retirees can now carry, with some restrictions, a concealed firearm throughout the United States. This training was held at the Berlin Police/ Mattabassett Rifle & Pistol Club Range in Berlin, CT.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Friday September 3, 2010, at about 12:10 AM numerous Department officers were dispatched to a restaurant located on the Silas Deane Highway for a report of a large fight in progress. Officers arrived to find two patrons fighting with restaurant personnel. Upon seeing the officers, one male who had been fighting attempted to run past an officer. The officer was able to physically control the male and handcuff him. Several other officers restrained a second patron that was also fighting with restaurant security. The restaurant's manager reported that the two patrons had previously caused problems in the restaurant. On this particular night, the two patrons were attempting to instigate a fight with other patrons. While officers were still on-scene each of the arrested subjects made specific threats to two police officers. Once placed into the rear seat of a police cruiser, one patron kicked out the rear window of the police cruiser. One patron was charged with Criminal Mischief First Degree, Interfering with an Officer, Threatening Second Degree, and Breach of Peace Second Degree. The second patron was charged with Interfering with an Officer,

Threatening Second Degree, and Breach of Peace Second Degree.

Detective Division

In September, 2010 members of the Detective Division initiated or were assigned follow-up to twenty new cases. Major case investigations included seven burglaries, one larceny, three frauds, one identity theft and one missing person. Detectives also continue to perform local background investigations and background investigations for pistol permit applicants.

Detective Division (Case of Interest)

On September 13, 2010 Wethersfield Patrol Officers were dispatched to a local residence on the report that the homeowner had just spotted someone breaking into his house and that the burglar had just run away. Officers surrounded the area and searched for the suspect. A short time later, officers found the suspect several miles away on a bicycle. A subsequent investigation by the Detective Division led detectives to the suspect's motel room. Detectives located and seized numerous pieces of jewelry and electronic devices. The suspect was arrested and charged with Burglary Second Degree, Possession of Burglary Tools, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Larceny Third Degree.

School Resource Officer

In September, 2010 the School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to the Wethersfield High School (WHS) reported covering twenty-two incidents which were entered into the School Cop Database. These twenty-two incidents resulted in six incident reports and one accident report. These reports include one arrest for Assault Third Degree. Also reported was a larceny complaint, a youth complaint, a risk of injury to a minor complaint and two medical incidents.

The SRO also reported handling truancy issues, defiance issues involving students and trespassing issues at the school. Several mediations with students at WHS were also conducted.

The SRO instructed a Freshman Experience class covering disciplinary procedures and criminal and motor vehicle laws. The SRO also attended all four of the "Welcome Back" assemblies held at WHS and attended the STARS meetings on Fridays in regards to at risk students.

Support Services Bureau

In September, 2010 Wethersfield Communications Unit personnel dispatched the Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance to eighty-three medical emergencies and Aetna Ambulance to 218 medical emergencies for a total of 301 medical emergencies.

In September, 2010 Wethersfield Communications Unit personnel dispatched the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department to forty calls for service.

In September, 2010 there were thirty calls involving animal control issues. Of those calls, nine were handled by a part-time animal control officer and twenty-one were handled by police officers.

In September, 2010 eighteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 426 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, seven were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported eighteen prisoners to court to include fourteen males and four females.

Support Services Bureau, Training Unit

On Wednesday, September 1, 2010, Chief James L. Cetran attended a three hour training class entitled "Police Chief's Legal Update." This training was held at the Office of the Chief State's Attorney in Rocky Hill, CT. The CT Division of Criminal Justice and POSTC briefed local Police Chiefs on changes, additions, deletions, and modifications to Connecticut laws.

On Wednesday, September 1, 2010 four Department members of the Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (CREST) began attending monthly two-day training.

On Tuesday, September 7, 2010 an officer, who is a member of the CREST team, attended a one day class entitled "Explosive Breaching School." Training was held at the West Hartford Police Department. This training included updates to explosives used by SWAT teams in breaching buildings.

On Tuesday September 14, 2010 a lieutenant attended training entitled "CIRMA Supervisor Incident Investigation." This training was held at the Wethersfield Public Library, 515 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT. Course topics included handling and investigation of employee injuries.

On Wednesday, September 15, 2010 two lieutenants attended a three hour training class entitled "New Legal Developments Concerning Police Policies and Practices." Training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. This training class briefs attendees on the new Public Acts adopted by the State of Connecticut and other recent case law developments affecting law enforcement. On Wednesday, September 22, 2010 two additional lieutenants and the training sergeant attended the second session of this training class.

On Friday September 17, 2010 a dispatcher attended a one day course entitled "Hostage Negotiation for Dispatcher." This training was held at the Enfield Police Department, 293 Elm Street, Enfield, CT. Course topics included handling hostage situations within the communication center. The course gave students the skills they need to deal with hostage situations.

On September 13,14,15 16, and 17, 2010 sworn personnel received annual training on "Arrest & Control, Handcuffing, ASP, Taser, Oleoresin Capsicum, Use of Force and Pursuit Policy." Each officer received an eight hour block of instruction. Officers received instruction on unarmed arrest and control techniques, ASP expandable baton techniques, oleoresin capsicum and annual pursuit policy training. Officers were recertified in the use of the Taser X26 which is required annually. Officers were given written tests on Use of Force, ASP, department motor vehicle pursuit policy, handcuffing, OC, and Taser. Officers were put through a stressful scenario in order to show their proficiency in the training they received. Training was conducted by department certified instructors.

On Tuesday, September 21, 2010 two sergeants attended a one day training class entitled "Legal Training on Housing Matters." This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Topics included lockouts and self-help evictions, unlawful entry, no-heat and termination of essential services and criminal damage to a landlord's property.

On Thursday September 23, 2010 two lieutenants attended a one day course entitled "2010 Statewide Law Enforcement Summit on Traffic Safety Priorities." This training was held at Central Connecticut State University, New Britain CT. Course topics included updates on the Click It or Ticket campaign which stresses enforcement on seatbelts and new traffic enforcement regulations.

On Monday, September 27, 2010 two officers began attending the five day "Capitol Region Chiefs of Police Review Training." This training was held at the Manchester Police Department, Manchester, 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 topics including ICS training, PRAWN training, legal updates, bias crimes,

patrol procedures, juvenile law and domestic violence laws.

On Wednesday, September 29, 2010 a canine officer, along with his canine, Hunter, attended a one day training class entitled "Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training." The canine officer and Hunter participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

Administrative Services Bureau

In September, 2010 police personnel responded to fifty-one police related alarms to include fifty burglar alarms and one hold-up/ panic alarm. Locations included twenty-six residential alarms, twenty-three non-residential alarms and two state/ town government alarms. A total of 1,421 alarm permits are currently on file with the Police Department. During the month, forty-seven locations experienced a false alarm resulting in a 96% compliance rate. This month there were 103 items of correspondence sent in connection with billing, registration, and false alarm violations with \$2,400.00 in alarm billing.

In September, 2010 the Administrative Services Bureau began coordinating a lieutenant's promotional process. With the recent retirement of the Detective Bureau Commander, there is one lieutenant's vacancy within the Department. This promotional announcement was made on September 3, 2010. The written examination is scheduled for November, 2010.

During the week of September 20, 2010 the Administrative Services Bureau began coordinating an entry-level hiring process. This hiring process was announced on Thursday, September 23, 2010. The Police Department currently has two entry-level, police officer vacancies. Applications can only be made online at www.policeapp.com. Applications will be accepted until November 21, 2010. The written examination is scheduled for December 4, 2010.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

In September, 2010 the Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed ten child seats. The Support Services Division receives requests for this service via the Wethersfield Police Department website as well as phone requests.

The Support Services Bureau continues to address citizen complaints involving traffic, parking violations, and other motor vehicle violations. Citizens regularly complain of a variety of different violations on various town streets and several town schools. To address these complaints, officers performed selective enforcement at numerous locations throughout town. In September, 2010 officers performed selective enforcement twenty-eight times and spent a total of 17.75 hours doing selective enforcement on various roads in town.

With traffic in and around all of the schools being a concern at the start of the year, the Support Services Commander, Training Unit Supervisor, and two Support Services officers visited all of the schools on the first day of school and during the first week of school. There were no major problems reported. Officers also performed selective enforcement for parking violations at both Webb Elementary School for approximately 2 hours 20 minutes and at the Wethersfield High School for approximately 2 hours 59 minutes.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fall Firearms training for all Department personnel is scheduled for the week of November 15, 2010.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

	September 2009	September 2010	YTD 2009	YTD 2010
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	76	72	577	540
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	17	9	74	79
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	206	199	2290	2060
DUI	14	11	177	125
MV Accidents	58	46	491	452
Parking Tags	27	23	549	887
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	806	834	7639	7143
Alarm Responses	73	51	575	547
Records Requests	n/a	232	n/a	n/a
Prisoners Transported	20	18	144	130