



Police Department Monthly Report



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS:

In the last twelve months, a Wethersfield Police Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) certified officer conducted thirty-three commercial motor vehicle inspections. These inspections are a "bumper to bumper" inspection of commercial vehicles that include, but are not limited to, inspections of the vehicles safety equipment, mechanical functions, steering mechanisms, tires, brakes, rims, frame, driver qualifications including medical cards and log books. Several of these inspections resulted in vehicles being taken out-of-service due to violations.

On Wednesday, September 28, 2011 three probationary police officers graduated from the 333rd session of basic training at the Connecticut Police Academy. They have also begun their first phase of the twelve week Field Training program.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at about 10:30 AM officers were dispatched to a commercial business on the Silas Deane Highway on a report of an intruder in the business. The business owner notified dispatch that when he opened for the day he found a male sleeping in his conference room. The business owner said that he did not know the person and that he did not work at the business either. Officers located the male lying on some insulation using a roll of paper towels as a pillow. Officers woke the male and had him stand up. The male said that he was working with his brother and sister in the office cleaning and picking up and then went to sleep. The man was arrested and charged with Criminal Trespass First Degree and Criminal Mischief Third Degree. The male was released on a non-surety bond.

On Thursday September 22, 2011 at about 8:50 PM an officer was dispatched to the area of Wolcott Hill Road and Saxon Road on the report of suspicious activity. The female caller stated that an older male wearing an identifying t-shirt and sweatpants had chased her off of the bus. Once in the area, the officer observed a male matching the description given by the caller on the corner of Jordan Lane and Wolcott Hill Road. The male told the officer that he had taken the bus from South Green in Hartford and that he was on his way to Middletown, CT. He stated that he got off of the bus on Wolcott Hill Road just north of Jordan Lane. He said he got off the bus because he had stomach problems and he needed to go to the bathroom. Investigation at the scene revealed that this man did in fact get off the bus following the female complainant and at one point was running after the female. She was able to avoid him by quickly running to a nearby

home and calling 911. The male was placed under arrest and charged with Breach of Peace. He was held on bond and was presented in court. A records check on this man showed numerous prior arrests to include larceny, narcotics, breach of peace, public indecency, criminal trespass, burglary, forgery and numerous failure to appears.

Detective Division

In September, 2011 members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow-up to approximately twenty-nine new cases. Major case investigations included thirteen fraud complaints, four burglaries, seven larceny complaints, one sexual assault and two sudden death investigations. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permit applicants.

Wethersfield detectives are currently investigating numerous fraud and/or larceny cases involving bad checks. One offender opened a bank account with little money and began writing checks to various jewelry stores for a variety of merchandise. The offender then pawned the items receiving cash for those items. The jewelry stores did not realize the account had little to no money until it was too late. One offender has been arrested for this.

Juvenile Unit

In September, 2011 the Wethersfield Police Department Juvenile Unit handled forty-three incidents involving sixty-seven juveniles. In these incidents, three juveniles were arrested, six juveniles were diverted to parental punishment and one juvenile was diverted to the Town Youth and Social Services via the Juvenile Review Board.

School Resource Officer

In September, 2011 the School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to the Wethersfield High School (WHS) reported covering seventeen incidents which were entered into the School Cop Database. These incidents resulted in ten case numbers, eight incident reports and one accident report. Three arrests were made during the month to include two for Possession of less than 1/2 Ounce of Cannabis Type Substance, PA 11-71 and one for Assault Third Degree and Breach of Peace Second Degree.

The SRO also reported holding several mediations with students in regards to dating relationships, bullying/harassment issues, threatening issues and general disputes. The SRO attended STARS/ SRBI meetings on Fridays during the month of September pertaining to at risk students. The SRO also attended freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior orientations.

Finally, the SRO also participated in the Freshman Experience Program speaking to freshman students in regards to the SRO's role and responsibilities at WHS.

Support Services Bureau

In September, 2011 Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 819 E-911 emergency phone calls.

In September, 2011 the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to thirty-six calls for service.

In September, 2011 there were 118 calls involving animal control issues. Of those calls, ninety were handled by a part-time animal control officer and twenty-eight were handled by police officers. Ten dogs were impounded with all being redeemed. Investigative cases included three dog bites and one failure to license

dog.

In September, 2011 eighteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 190 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, ten were arrested by warrant.

In September, 2011 the Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to seventy-eight medical emergencies and Aetna Ambulance to 219 medical emergencies for a total of 297 medical emergencies.

The Support Services Bureau Commander continues to receive requests for added or replacement road signs. Work orders completed in September, 2011 included replacing the existing Boardman Terrace/ Longvue Drive street signs so that northbound traffic has a clear understanding of the street locations at that intersection, placing temporary signage around the Broad Street green in support of the Cornfest held September 17, 2011, placing temporary signage on State Street in support of the annual Fall Craft Fair held on October 1st and finally placing temporary signage near the Wethersfield High School in support of the home football games.

Support Services Bureau, Training Unit

On Wednesday, September 7, 2011 five members of the Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (CREST) began attending monthly two-day training.

On Monday, September 12, 2011 an officer began attending a five day training class entitled "Basic Survival Spanish for Law Enforcement." Training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Course objectives included understanding Hispanic culture and ethnicities, phrases for gathering information, verbal commands and simple interviewing and key phrases for officer safety.

On Tuesday, September 13, 2011 a canine officer, along with his canine, Owen, attended a one day training class entitled "Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training." The canine officer and Owen participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Tuesday, September 13, 2011 a lieutenant and a training sergeant 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 20, 2011 three lieutenants attended the second session of this training class.

On Monday, September 15, 2011 a dispatcher attended a "Regional Incident Dispatch (RID) Meeting." This meeting was held at the Manchester Police Department, Manchester, CT. The RID Team is a group of approximately twelve telecommunicators comprised from local law enforcement agencies. The RID Team is designed to supplement area Dispatch Centers in the event of a large crisis, man-made/ natural disaster etc.

On Thursday, September 15, 2011 a part-time animal control officer attended a one day course entitled "CMACOA Animal Control Conference." Training was held at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum, Mashantucket, CT. The training consisted of updates of Animal Control Officers responsibilities and properly investigating animal cruelty complaints.

On Friday, September 16, 2011 a sergeant attended "Basic Police Firearms Instructor Pre-Test." This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. The purpose of this training is to pre-qualify the sergeant for the actual Basic Police Firearms course which will be held in October, 2011.

On Monday, September 19, 2011 a detective 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 Thursday, September 22, 2011 two sergeants and four officers attended a one day training class entitled "Annual CIT Training Symposium." This training was held at Central Connecticut University, New Britain, CT. Course topics included reviewing updates beneficial to crisis intervention officers.

On Tuesday, September 27, 2011 a dispatcher began attending a course entitled "Fire Service Dispatch." This training was held at the Gales Ferry Fire Company, 1772 Route 12, Gales Ferry, CT. Course topics included handling situations related to fire emergency calls in the communication center.

On September 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30, 2011 sworn personnel received annual training on "Arrest & Control, Handcuffing, ASP, Taser, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC), 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 (OC) 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 also put through a stressful workout then were required to show their proficiency in the training they received.

Administrative Services Bureau

In September, 2011 police personnel responded to forty-seven police related alarms to include forty-three burglar alarms and four hold-up/ panic alarms. Locations included twenty-one residential alarms, twenty-two non-residential alarms and four state/ town government alarm. A total of 1,529 alarm permits are currently on file with the Police Department. During the month, forty-three locations experienced a false alarm resulting in a 97% compliance rate. This month there were sixty-two items of correspondence sent in connection with billing, registration, and false alarm violations with \$ 2,350 in alarm billing.

As of September 30, 2011 the Wethersfield Police Department has expended \$141,601 on overtime. This is equivalent to 31% of the Department's total budgeted overtime for this fiscal year. In September, 2011 ninety shifts were staffed with no shifts staffed below critical staffing levels.

As of September 30, 2011 the Department has no police officer vacancies and is at its authorized strength of forty-seven sworn officers. Three probationary police officers are currently in phase one of the FTO training program. Finally, as of September 30, 2011 the Department has one officer assigned to light duty due to a work-related injury.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Support Services Bureau officers continue 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 at several town schools. To address these complaints, officers performed selective enforcement at numerous locations throughout town. In September, 2011 officers performed selective enforcement two different times and spent approximately fifty-four minutes doing selective enforcement on these identified roads.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall firearms training for all Department personnel is scheduled for the week of November 14, 2011.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

	September 2010	September 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	72	78	540	606
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	7	3	32	27
Commercial Burglaries	0	1	2	8
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	2	0	3	2
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	9	4	79	66
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	199	157	2060	1622
DUI	11	20	125	109
MV Accidents	46	55	452	529
Parking Tags	23	34	887	474
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	834	819	7278	7661
Alarm Responses	51	47	556	541
Records Requests	232	230	n/a	2060
Prisoners Transported	18	18	130	109
Child Car Seat Installations	10	9	79	74