



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

In compliance with state law, the quarterly E-911 total call count report was provided to the State of Connecticut Department of Public Safety Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications. For the quarter July 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012 Wethersfield Police Dispatchers handled 2542 E-911 calls. Year-to-date E911 total call count is 7501 calls.

Throughout the past year the Wethersfield Police CVSA (Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance) certified officer conducted thirty-four (34) commercial motor vehicle inspections. Several of these inspections resulted in vehicles being taken 'out-of-service' due to violations.

On Sunday, September 2, 2012 the Capital Region Emergency Services Dive Team (CREST Dive), which included Lieutenant Donald Crabtree and Officer Albert Whaples, performed a dive operation on the Connecticut River aiding in the search for a missing swimmer. The body of the swimmer was recovered several hours after being reported missing in the Connecticut River south of the Wethersfield Cove.

On Thursday, September 13, 2012, Dispatchers Barry Skipp and Lauren Hammond began attending a course entitled "**Domestic Violence Intervention.**" This training, instructed by Powerphone, Inc., was hosted by the Wethersfield Police Department Training Unit and held in the WPD Community Room. Due to hosting this course, this Department saved \$420.00 in tuition costs.

The police explorers performed child finger printing at Corn Fest, as part of issuing child identification kits to the public.

During the month of September 2012, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to approximately twenty-five (25) new cases. The major case investigations involved five (5) burglaries, four (4) fraud / identity theft, one (1) sexual

assault, and one (1) sudden death. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On Sunday September 2, 2012, at 4:17 AM several officers were dispatched to the area of 55 Boardman Terrace for a report of a blonde female wearing dark clothing that was going through vehicles. The caller said that the female went into an apartment at the complex on Lancaster Road. Arriving officers found a female matching that description walking on Boardman Terrace away from the apartment complex on Lancaster Road. Other officers met with the caller/witness. This witness identified the female as the one that was going through the vehicle. The officer that originally approached the female reported that as he approached her she began to run towards his cruiser hysterically and flailing her arms, shouting "I accidentally broke into some vehicles and accidentally took some stuff." As this female was being taken into custody, she did not comply. She began to swing her right hand around to the front of her suddenly and began yelling, "I don't want to get arrested." Several officers were needed to safely take her into custody. Once in the rear of the cruiser, she began spitting through the cage towards the front of the cruiser. She continued to scream loudly and kick the windows of the police car and was able to kick the door of the cruiser open. The car owner identified several items that the female had in her possession. The female was charged with Larceny 6th Degree and Interfering with an Officer. She was later released on a \$5000.00 Non-Surety Bond and was scheduled to appear in court on 09/17/12 at 1000 hours.

On Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 1:43 AM officers were dispatched to the area of Highview Avenue near Nott Street on the report of a disturbance. The caller stated there was an altercation between a male and a female on the street. Officers located a male and female at that location. During the course of the investigation, it was determined there was no physical altercation between the male and female. A check with dispatch revealed that the female had an active / original warrant for her arrest from the Vernon Police Department. Once she was arrested for the active warrant, an officer conducted a pat down search of the female and she admitted that she had two bags of cocaine in her pocket. Two bags of cocaine were located in her right front pants pocket. She denied ownership and said the cocaine belonged to someone else. One bag was secured with a hair pin and the other was tied into a knot. She was handcuffed and transported to headquarters for processing. This area contains both residential homes and several public housing units. These units are part of a larger public housing area and are well within 1,500 feet of the incident where she was located. The substance tested positive for cocaine. The cocaine was weighed and found to be five (5) grams. The cocaine was seized as evidence. She was fingerprinted and charged with Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Narcotics within 1,500 feet of public housing. She was released on a \$5,000 Non-Surety bond and was scheduled to appear in

court on 9/20/12 at 1000 hours. She was later turned over to Vernon Police for their active warrant.

Detective Division

Wethersfield Detectives have been following up on a series of fraud and bad check complaints. Several incidents have been reported where suspects with fraudulent checks, find homeless or poor people to open up checking accounts at Wethersfield banks. The homeless people deposit these fraudulent checks and the money is withdrawn prior to the bank realizing there is a fraudulent check. The bank then tries to recoup their loss only to find that the initial opening of the checking account was done so with only \$5.00. Detectives are currently following up on several of these cases and one is pending an arrest by warrant.

Juvenile Unit

Wethersfield Police department handled approximately 48 incidents, involving approximately 65 juveniles. In these incidents, 2 juveniles were arrested for criminal violations, and 5 were diverted to parental punishment.

School Resource Officer

During the month of September, the SRO covered a total of 26 incidents and activities at the high school; these incidents were entered into the School Cop Database. Ten cases were assigned for high school incidents this month. The SRO completed three incident reports, two supplement reports and one arrest warrant. There was one criminal arrest made (Assault 3rd Degree, 53a-61 and Disorderly Conduct, 53a-182) during this month.

The SRO investigated two Larceny 6th complaints, one suspected child abuse complaint, two trespassing complaints, and a threat complaint with the use of social media.

The school administration and the SRO held several mediations with students in regards to dating relationship disputes, bullying/harassment issues, threatening issues and general disputes.

The SRO assisted the school administration with students that were being defiant and not following school policy.

The SRO advised school administration and students at WHS on the requirements for operating a moped.

The SRO spoke with a few students in regards to internet safety and sexting. The SRO assisted a family of a student at the school with a child custody issue.

The SRO assisted the Guidance Department with a DCF referral.

The SRO attended STARS/SRBI meetings on Fridays during the month of September; the subject matter pertained to at-risk students. The SRO attended freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior orientations.

The SRO participated in the Freshman Experience Program speaking to freshman students in regards to his role and responsibilities at WHS. The freshman students were also given information on motor vehicle and criminal laws.

The SRO also spoke to Mrs. Morrison's shape class regarding the SRO's role and responsibilities at the school.

The SRO assisted a student with a health class project which required being interviewed.

Support Services Bureau

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed three (3) child seats.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 834 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 36 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 95 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 181 calls for service.

There were 140 phone calls and 63 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, thirty-four (34) were handled by the part-time animal control officers and twenty-nine (29) were handled by police officers. Twelve (12) animals were impounded with eight (8) being redeemed, two (2) adopted, one (1) died while at the veterinary hospital and one (1) still held. Cases included: one nuisance/ aggressive dog that the ACO issued two summonses for in the past was surrendered to the ACO and subsequently euthanized; and one raccoon bite. A roaming dog from Great Meadow Road and I-91 was struck by a vehicle on I-91, transported to a veterinary hospital where it died two days later. No owner has been located. There has been an ongoing issue with injured swans on the Spring St. pond. The ACOs have been working with CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Officers and wildlife rehabilitators to help these swans. Several attempts have been made to capture and aid them. One swan was captured at the car wash on the Silas Deane Highway and transferred to rehabilitators, the other remains at the pond.

Twenty (20) persons were taken into custody and held requiring 361 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, ten (10) were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported the prisoners to court, including eighteen (18) males and two (2) females. The females incarcerated by the department required 5 hours of matron coverage.

Support Services Bureau, Training Unit

On Tuesday September 4, 2012, Officer Bridget Camara began attending a training class entitled "**DARE Update Training**". Training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Course objectives included updates to be utilized in the New DARE Curriculum.

On Wednesday, September 5, 2012 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, Sergeant Michael Connolly, and Master Police Officer Luis Gonzalez began attending monthly two-day training.

On Wednesday, September 5, 2012 MPO Ronald Floyd and Officer Justin Lord began attending a three day training class entitled "**Interview and Interrogation Techniques for the Investigator**." Training was held at the Farmington Police Department, Unionville, CT. Course objectives included ability to analyze verbal and written statements, identifying the most common interviewing pitfalls, identifying evasive verbal responses and non-verbal body language.

On Friday September 7, 2012, Officer Eric Knapp began attending a training class entitled "**DARE Update Training**." Training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Course objectives included updates to be utilized in the New DARE Curriculum.

On Friday September 7, 2012, Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk attended a "**Regional Incident Dispatch (RID) Meeting**." This meeting was held at the Plainville Police Department, Plainville, 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 Tuesday, September 11, 2012, Lieutenants Andrew Power and Donald Crabtree and Sergeant Michael Connolly 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 25, 2012 Lieutenant Mark Poisson attended the second session of this training class.

On Thursday, January 13, 2012 Officer Manuel Silva attended a one day recertification class entitled "**NCIC/ COLLECT Recertification Training**." Training was held at the Connecticut State Police Forensics Laboratory, Meriden, CT. This class is a recertification class for persons presently certified on the NCIC/ COLLECT computer system. Recertification is for a period of two years.

On Thursday, September 13, 2012, Dispatchers Barry Skipp and Lauren Hammond began attending a course entitled “**Domestic Violence Intervention.**” Training was held at the Wethersfield Police Department. Course topics included learning what questions to ask and what instructions to give when faced with different types of domestic violence calls.

On Thursday, September 13, 2012, Sergeant Oscar Rivera and Officer Brent Bowman began attending a course entitled “**Protective Orders and GPS Technology.**” Training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. The training covered updates on the procedure for handling situations when the Police Departments are notified of Protective Order Violations due to a hit through a GPS tracking device. On Friday, September 14, 2012 Officer Elizabeth Taylor and Dispatcher Frank Liberatore attended a second session of this training class.

On Friday September 14, 2012, Lieutenant Donald Crabtree and Officer Albert Whaples attended a one day course entitled “**E.M.I.L.Y. (Emergency Integrated Lifesaving Lanyard.)**” The training was held in Misquamicut, RI. Course topics included a demonstration on the EMILY device which is a remote control flotation device, designed to be sent to a victim who is in distress in a body of water.

On Monday September 24, 2012, Officer Bridget Camara 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 Tuesday September 25, 2012 Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk attended “**Incident Management Team (IMT) Training.**” This training was held at the Regional Communications Center, Manchester CT. The IMT Team is designed to provide personnel that are trained and organized to support emergency response and recovery efforts in event of a large crisis, man-made/ natural disaster etc.

On Thursday September 27, 2012, Officers Norberto Mendez, Manuel Silva and Dispatcher Frank Liberatore, attended a one day training class entitled “**Annual CIT Training Symposium.**” This training was held at Central Connecticut University, New Britain, CT. Course topics include reviewing updates beneficial to crisis intervention officers.

Administrative Services Bureau

The entry level police officer written test was written conducted on the 8th of September at the community Center. The written test is the first phase of the selection process; 431 applicants appeared to take the test. The top ten percent will proceed to the oral board examination in October. The selection process is scheduled to proceed through the various stages until its completion in December. The department has two seats reserved in the January 4th police academy class for the two candidates whom are hired through the current selection process.

The department has responded to 47 alarms in month of September. Non-residential locations made up 22 (41%) of this total, residential alarms made up 36 (59%), and State and Town government made up 0 (0%).) The alarms received were: 53 burglar, 7 holdup / panic, and 1 fire. There currently are 1,535 alarm registrations on file, 54 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Eight new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$4,425 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 172 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 129 items of correspondence sent out.

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.

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement sixteen (16) different times spending approximately 10 hours 15 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town. Locations given extra attention include Two Rod Highway, Thornbush Road and Wolcott Hill Road & Jordan Lane.

A traffic study on Wells Road in the area of #383 was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device for sixteen (16) days. The posted speed limit on this road is 40 MPH. During the 345.75 survey hours, 109,740 cars were recorded, averaging 318 cars per hour and 7624 cars per day. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 38.4 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 39 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 44 MPH and a top speed of 94 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during September, 2012:

- Install 'All Way' plaques under the stop signs at the intersection of Ridge Road & Nott Street.
- For the annual Cornfest on September 15th, cones, barricades, one-way signs and temporary "No Parking" signs were requested to be placed on numerous streets around the Broad Street Green in old Wethersfield.
- For the annual Fall Craft Fair on October 6th, barricades and temporary "No Parking" signs were requested to be placed on and around State Street.
- For the Wethersfield High School home football games, barricades and temporary "No Parking" signs were requested to be placed on the high school property and temporary "No Parking" signs were placed on streets around the high school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The 31st annual Old Wethersfield Fall Craft Fair will be held at Cove Park on Saturday, October 6, 2012 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

- The Keane Foundation's Cove-Side Carnival will be held October 12, 2012 through October 14, 2012 at Cove Park. The hours are Friday 5:00 PM-10:00 PM, Saturday 12:00 PM-10:00 PM and Sunday 12:00 PM-6:00 PM.
- The annual Mikey's Place 5K road race will be held on Sunday, October 14, 2012 at 11:00 AM.
- The annual Jamie's Run 5K road race will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 11:00 AM.

Fall Firearms training for all Department personnel is scheduled for the week of November 15, 2012.

The explorer post will be attending the Over the Hill Car Club car show, which is being held to benefit the post.

Wethersfield detectives are working with the Mid-State Narcotics Task Force, assisting with personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency to investigate local individuals.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	September 2011	September 2012	YTD 2011	YTD 2012
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	78	69	606	662
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	3	5	27	41
Commercial Burglaries	1	0	8	12
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	1	2	6
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	4	10	66	65
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	157	137	1622	1600
DUI	20	5	109	93
MV Accidents	55	40	529	442
Parking Tags	34	152	474	405
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	819	834	7661	7501
Alarm Responses	47	60	541	616
Records Requests	230	232	2060	2269
Prisoners Transported	18	20	109	144

Child Car Seat Installations

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