



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

During the month of August 2014, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to eighteen (16) new cases. The major case investigations involved; three (3) burglaries, four (4) fraud / Identity thefts, one (1) robbery, and one (1) sexual assault. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets held their "Cadet Open House" on September 18, 2014 and a Promotion Ceremony was held. The Cadets are focusing on fund raising efforts for the Cadet Post which includes a Car Show to benefit the Cadet Post. The car show will take place on 10/12/14 at Cove Park (State Street near DMV).

In compliance with state law, the quarterly E-911 total call count report was provided to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications. For the quarter July 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014 Wethersfield Police Dispatchers handled 2854 E-911 calls. Year-to-date E911 total call count is 7906 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 safety violations.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, hosted a one day training class entitled Powerphone's Suicide Intervention on Tuesday September 17, 2014. This course was held in the WPD Community Room. Due to hosting this course, this Department saved \$475.00 in tuition costs.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Saturday September 6th 2014 at approximately 3:05 PM several officers were dispatched to a retail establishment on the Silas Deane Highway for a shoplifting complaint that just occurred. Dispatch said that one of the employees was following the male suspect down McMullen Avenue. Once on McMullen Ave, an officer observed a male sweating profusely walking northbound towards the officer. There was a store employee following behind the male. The officer stopped the male who identified himself with his Connecticut identification card. When asked, the male said he came from the store earlier, but he did not buy anything. The store employee said that the male suspect placed the stolen items in the rear of a home on McMullen Avenue. The employee said that they were familiar with the suspect because they believe he previously stole items from the store. Today they saw him walking around the store filling up a shopping basket full of merchandise. The employee watched as the suspect went to the corner of the store and placed the merchandise in his own bag. The employee said that she confronted the suspect and asked him if he was going to pay for the items and he answered in the affirmative, however the suspect then began walking towards the door, continuing to put items in his bag. The suspect then began running and ran out the door. The employee followed the suspect out the door and she notified the police. A store receipt showed the value of the items the suspect took to be \$98.10. The recovered items were photographed and returned to the store. The officer arrested the male suspect and transported him to Wethersfield Police Headquarters. He was processed and charged with Larceny 6th Degree. He was later released on a \$1,000.00 non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear in court on 9/22/2014.

On Friday September 26, 2014 at 7:11 PM several officers were dispatched to a retail establishment on the Silas Deane Highway on the report of a shoplifting. The first arriving officer met with a store loss prevention officer in the parking lot next to a black Chevy Impala. Inside of the vehicle were two females that the loss prevention officer said had shoplifted from the store. The loss prevention officer was holding a large black handbag that contained the shoplifted merchandise (two pair of Coach shoes valued at \$219.98 and a Chi flat iron valued at \$79.99). The total value of the recovered items equals \$299.97. The officer was provided with a Loss Prevention Evidence Sheet itemizing the above merchandise. The officer was told that the two females entered the store with two large purses that appeared empty. One of the females placed her black purse in a shopping carriage and that both parties then proceeded to the Shoe Department. One of the females quickly selected some shoes and placed them inside the carriage next to the purse. Both females then proceeded to the Beauty Department where one of the females selected a flat iron and placed it on top of her purse. One female acted as a lookout while the second concealed the shoes and the flat iron in the purse. Both parties then exited the store together without paying for the merchandise. One of the females told the officer that she left the store with the merchandise without paying for it. Both females were arrested and transported to Police Headquarters. They were each charged with Larceny in the Sixth Degree. Both were released on \$500.00 non-surety bonds and both were scheduled to appear in court on 10/14/14.

Support Services Bureau

Nine persons were taken into custody and held requiring 153 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, eight were arrested on warrants. Five males and four females were transported to court. The females incarcerated by the department required 60 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 126 phone calls and 32 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, twenty-one were handled by the part-time animal control officers and eleven were handled by police officers. Four animals were impounded with all being redeemed. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for six calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Wethersfield. One ACO attended an annual conference which included information on a new state law for reporting animal abuse and new state forms for dog bites.

Wethersfield Public Safety dispatchers received and handled 868 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 44 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 102 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 222 calls for service.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technician inspected/installed 2 child seats.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 48 alarms in month of October. Non-residential locations made up 24 (50%) of this total, residential alarms made up 20 (42%), and State and Town government made up 4 (8%). The alarms received were: 38 burglar, 7 holdup / panic, and 3 fire. There currently are 1,596 alarm registrations on file, 44 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Seven new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$1,700 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 61 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 49 items of correspondence sent out.

Detective Division

On 9/15/2014, a Detective spoke with an employee of a Wethersfield Pawn Shop. The employee reported that a male had entered the store attempting to sell a laptop with the Glastonbury Board of Education stamped/engraved on the computer. The employee refused to take the laptop, and instead contacted the detective. The detective found that the same male had pawned laptops several times before this incident. While working with the Glastonbury Board of Education and Glastonbury Police, the detective found that the male was an employee of the Glastonbury Board of Education and had taken the laptops without

permission. The employee later gave a confession to the thefts and was arrested by the Glastonbury Police.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 22 incidents, involving approximately 26 juveniles during the month of September. In these incidents 1 Juvenile was arrested, 1 Juvenile was diverted for parental discipline, 1 Juvenile was diverted for school discipline, and 1 Juvenile was seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

High School Resource Officer

During the month of September the SRO covered a total of thirty-six (36) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

Three (3) incident reports were completed. The incident reports included the following:

Two incidents reports for stolen cellular phones. Both were later located and returned to their rightful owners. Neither case was a criminal act, but merely misplaced and found.

- Felony arrest report for a student found to be on school grounds with a deadly weapon.

There was one arrest at the school during the month of September. The arrests included the following:

- Incident # 1 – Deadly weapon possession on school grounds.

The SRO participated in the sessions 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 SRO assisted school administrator's with fire drills. The SRO conducted selective enforcement on school property, Eagle Drive, Jay Street, and Wolcott Hill Road for hazardous violations after receiving several complaints from the administration, faculty and citizens.

Middle School Resource Officer

During the month of September the SRO covered a total of thirty one (31) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

One incident report was completed. The incident report included the following:

A report for a past tense threatening which occurred over the weekend and a student threatened the other student with the insinuation of a knife. A knife was not displayed and the parents of the students did not wish to press charges. Documentation purposes only.

The SRO participated in the sessions of the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. This is for juveniles who reside in town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to the board. The SRO assisted school administrators with fire drills.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement 19 different times spending approximately 38 hours 2 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town. Locations given extra attention included the Wolcott Hill Road, Middletown Avenue, Maple Street and Coppermill Road.

A traffic study on Hartford Avenue in the area of #292 was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of eighteen (18) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 35 MPH. During the 193 survey hours, 37,962 cars were recorded, averaging 271.3 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 31.1 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 31.3 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 36.3 MPH and a top speed of 78 MPH.

Due to the beginning of the school year, the Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study on Hartford Avenue north of crosswalk at Francis Avenue (southbound traffic only) over the course of five (5) days. The posted speed limit on this road is 25 MPH. During the 99.75 survey hours, 7,636 cars were recorded, averaging 76.55 cars per hour. Results from the device showed an average speed of 22.17 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 29 MPH and a top speed of 69 MPH.

Due to the beginning of the school year, the Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study on State Street east of the posted crosswalk at Meggat Park (westbound traffic only) over the course of four (4) days. The posted speed limit on this road is 30 MPH. During the 73.5 survey hours, 5,078 cars were recorded, averaging 69 cars per hour. Results from the device showed an average speed of 19.62 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 24 MPH and a top speed of 44 MPH.

Due to the beginning of the school year, the Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study on Nott Street west of the posted crosswalk at Garden Street (eastbound traffic only) over the course of five (5) days. The posted speed limit on this road is 30 MPH. During the 94.25 survey hours, 12,593 cars were recorded, averaging 133.61 cars per hour. Results from the device showed an average speed of 27.6 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 33 MPH and a top speed of 57 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during September, 2014:

- For the annual Cornfest on September 20, 2014 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 4, 2014 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.

Training Division

On Wednesday, September 3, 2014 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (CREST)**, including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, MPO Officers Luis Gonzalez, and Officers Jeff Poulin and Shane Murphy began attending monthly two-day training.

On Tuesday, September 9, 2014, Detective Norberto Mendez attended a training class entitled "**Pediatric Inflicted Head Trauma Conference.**" This training was held at the Yale West Campus Conference Center, Orange, CT. This training helps investigators assess for clues to determine whether or not a child is a victim physical abuse.

On Tuesday, September 11, 2014, Lieutenants Mark Poisson, 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 30, 2014 Lieutenant Thomas Mitney attended the second session of this training class.

On Friday, September 12, 2014, Lieutenant Donald Crabtree and Sergeants Michael Connolly and Oscar Rivera assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with "**Practical Skills Day (ROCC)**" for the 345th Training Session. Sergeant Connolly served as an assistant instructor by monitoring and encouraging the recruits to complete very strenuous drills which encompass a variety of techniques they have learned during their entire time at the academy.

On Monday, September 15, 2014, Officers Robert Arduini, Joel Diloreto and Jessica Ficara, began attending a five day training class entitled "**Crisis Intervention Team Training.**" This training was held at the Veteran's Home and Hospital, Rocky Hill, CT. Training topics include mental illness, substance abuse, safe de-escalation techniques, suicide by cop, suicide assessment and prevention, excited delirium, child mental health and trauma and mental health and the law.

On Wednesday, September 17, 2014, Dispatchers Frank Liberatore and Welles Hale attended a one day training class entitled "**Suicide Intervention.**" This training, instructed by Powerphone, Inc., was hosted by the Wethersfield Police Department Training Unit and held in the WPD Community Room. Course topics included dispatcher tactics to protect officers, radio dispatch procedures and etiquette in incidents such as possible suicide.

On Monday, September 22, 2014, Officer Nuno Martins and Police Canine Thor began attending "**Police Canine Basic Training.**" Sponsored by the CT State Police Canine Training Unit, Officer Martins and Thor will receive approximately sixteen-weeks of Patrol Dog Training. Training areas will include obedience, aggression control, tracking, evidence recovery.

On Monday, September 22, 2014, Officer Alison Sullivan began attending the five day "**Capitol Region Police Recertification Program.**" This training was held at the Bristol

Police Department, Bristol, 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 training including legal updates, bias crimes, patrol procedures, juvenile law and domestic violence laws. This particular training class was designed specifically for police supervisors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

The October 2014 Cadet Meetings will focus on practical skills including Motor Vehicle Stops and Drill and Ceremony. The Wethersfield Cadet Car Show is scheduled for October 12, 2014

The 33rd annual Old Wethersfield Fall Craft Fair will be held at Cove Park on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The Keane Foundation's Cove-Side Carnival will be held October 17, 2014 through October 19, 2014 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 19, 2014 at 11:00 AM.

Annual Arrest & Control, ASP, Handcuffing, Taser, Use of Force and Pursuit Policy review training is scheduled for October 2014. This training will be held in the WPD Community Room.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	September 2013	September 2014	YTD 2013	YTD 2014
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	81	64	707	626
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	5	2	28	25
Commercial Burglaries	0	1	3	23
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	1
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	1	1	2
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	7	5	21	62
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	56	322	1490	1647
DUI	10	6	92	73
MV Crashes	44	43	600	422
Parking Tags	21	149	266	776
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	849	868	7722	7034
Alarm Responses	52	48	570	508
Records Requests	191	198	1871	1839
Prisoners Transported	16	9	140	148
Child Car Seat Installations	2	2	66	26