



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

On Saturday September 17th, the Chamber of Commerce held its annual Cornfest on the Broad Street green. Two police officers were assigned to the event for security and traffic control. The event went off without incident, and the plan for traffic control and signage around the green functioned as intended.

Department members completed and signed off on an annual review of the Domestic Violence policy.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Thursday September 1, 2016 at 11:05 AM an officer was dispatched to Liberty Bank located at 171 Silas Deane Highway on the report of a fraud that took place. The Complainant/Victim told the officer she was just "scammed" out of \$2,400. She explained to the officer that 2 days ago she got an e-mail from an unknown person who said that she worked for a company called PLS Check Cashing and could get her a job with the company cashing checks. The victim told the unknown woman she was interested. The victim was told that she would deposit checks into her personal bank account and that she would then take the cash out and turn it over to her. The victim then gave her cell phone number to the woman and they began to exchange text messages. During one of the conversations, the victim gave the unknown woman her username and password for her on-line banking account with the bank and said she would soon be electronically depositing 4 checks. The victim said 4 checks were then deposited on 8/31/2016 totaling \$2,400. The victim received a text very early in the morning on 9/1/16 and told her to go to Liberty Bank and withdraw \$2,400 and turn it over to her. The victim said she got to the bank right when it opened at 0900 hours and made the withdrawal then texted the unknown woman. The unknown woman said that her brother would meet her in the Mercury Gas Station parking lot which is right next to Liberty Bank (151 Silas Deane Hwy.). The victim said she took the money and

got into her car and drove to the exit of the Liberty Bank driveway and that there was a white Mercedes parked next to her in the Mercury Gas parking lot. The victim said a Hispanic male got out of the passenger side of the Mercedes and walked over to her. The victim at this time she reached out to hand him the envelope and he snatched it away from her quickly. The victim said the guy then shook her hand and turned around and got back into the passenger side of the Mercedes and it drove away. The victim said she started to suspect something was wrong. The victim said she later got a call from Liberty Bank who told her that the checks were fraudulent. The victim said she went back to the bank and they explained that the checks were no good so she called the police. The unknown woman conducted the same scheme on 9/2/16, however the police were able to intercept the suspects during the time the suspects were being handed the money from the victim. On Friday, 9/2/2016 two suspects were arrested in the parking lot of Mercury Gas operating a white Mercedes. The two suspects were charged with Larceny in the 3rd Degree 53a-124, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 3rd Degree 53a-48 (53a-124) and Conspiracy to Commit Forgery 53a-48 (53a-139). Both were held on a \$50,000 bond and were scheduled to appear in court on 9/6/2016.

Detective Division

During the month of September 2016, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to fifteen (15) new cases. The major case investigations involved; five (5) burglaries, seven (7) frauds, and one (1) sexual assault. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

Wethersfield Detectives are investigating three separate incidents where vandals have broken into the former Wethersfield Health Care on Jordan Lane. These incidents have resulted in damage to doors, windows, the inside facility and the spraying of graffiti throughout the building. There has been extensive damage and the investigation is ongoing.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 29 incidents, involving approximately 38 juveniles during the month of September 2016. In these incidents there was 1 Juvenile arrest, 3 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline and 4 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB".

The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted with activities associated with the Wethersfield Cornfest. The Wethersfield Police Cadets had a successful Open House for recruitment during the month of September.

School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School

During the month of September the WHS SRO covered a total of thirty-six (36) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. Four (4) incident reports were completed. The incident reports included the following: Two (2) Larcenies, one Narcotics Paraphernalia and one Criminal Mischief/ Breach of Peace. There

was one (1) arrest at the school during the month of September for Criminal Mischief / Breach of Peace.

The SRO assisted WHS administrators and counselors with several students that have had excessive non-attendance issues. The WHS SRO spoke with the parent of student who had concerns about her son, the parent was advised on strategies to assist her family matters. The WHS SRO met with an administrator, teacher and a councilor regarding a student who has some behavioral issues. A preventive plan was enacted to curb any future negative behaviors.

The WHS SRO met with several students regarding a law enforcement career choice, they were provided with information regarding the WPD Cadet program. The WHS SRO spoke with four Senior English classes regarding their "values/morals" lesson. The WHS SRO met with administrators and security staff for weekly "Security Update" meetings.

The WHS SRO attended the following meetings: weekly Attendance Meeting: Topic discussion centered on students with attendance issues for this academic year, STARS/SRBI (Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program - Scientific Research-Based Intervention) meeting for at risk youths at WHS and the quarterly WHS Safety Committee meeting.

The WHS SRO along with an administrator responded to Wells Road where a student involved motor vehicle collision had taken place. The student reported no injury and reported to school after WPD completed the investigation. The SRO issued a verbal warning to a student parked illegally on Eagle Drive. Two motor vehicle operators were stopped for violations on school grounds with verbal warnings issued for hazardous violation. Motor vehicle selective enforcement was performed on Harold Street on the report of various violations by residents.

The WHS SRO attended WHS Men's Soccer game for security (Newington game).

The WHS SRO assisted school administrator's with two fire drills. Along with the Fire Marshall, Director of Security and several administrators attended an evaluation of the drill meeting.

School Resource Officer – Silas Deane Middle School

During the month of September the SRO covered a total of 41 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. Two incident reports were completed. Incident reports included the following: one Public Accident and one Disorderly Conduct.

The SDMS SRO presented the following classes: a bicycle safety class to a group of students, a presentation to parents and students about the role of the SRO during Open House on four separate occasions, personal boundaries class with relation to peer conflicts during Health classes, current safety issues and internet safety, 4 classes on Stress and Stress Management to an Advisory Group, and the effects of alcohol during the 7th Grade Health classes

The SRO assisted school administrators and personnel with several issues including the construction of safety plans for students, disorderly behavior in the cafeteria and hallway, a safety assessment for a student, peer mediations at the students request on three separate occasions (nine different students).

The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meetings with BOE, Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security.

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.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 69 alarms in month of September. Non-residential locations made up 22 (32%) of this total, residential alarms made up 43 (62%), and State government made up 4 (6%). The alarms received were: 60 burglar, 2 holdup / panic, and 7 fire. There currently are 1,789 alarm registrations on file, 60 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Four new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$2,600 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 93 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 78 items of correspondence sent out.

Support Services Bureau

Seven persons were taken into custody and held requiring 277 hours of incarceration; court was closed for Columbus Day. Two prisoners were arrested on warrants, the remainder were based on speedy information. Seven males and two females were transported to court throughout the month. The females incarcerated by the department required 48 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 111 phone calls and 57 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, forty calls were handled by the part-time animal control officers and seventeen were handled by police officers. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for fourteen calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for two calls in Wethersfield. Forty-five dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were four impounds: 3 were redeemed, one was sold as a pet; 0 euthanized, one held for dog bite vs human, one held for dog vs dog bite incident, 0 carryover. The first quarter report for the Rocky Hill rental of pound space will be available shortly. The incidents included: thirteen misc. wildlife (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), forty-four dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), and fourteen mutual aid calls to Newington.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed 8 child seats.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 805 NG911 emergency phone calls. Year to date total is 7,744 calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to, or initiated, 36 calls for service, fire prevention activities, or assists / standbys.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 64 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 244 calls for service.

Community Relations

The following work orders were completed during September 2016: Install new No Parking signs on Palmer Drive; barricades, cones, and signs placed around the green to make it one-way, as well as designation of handicapped and no parking areas for the Cornfest.

A resident complained that vehicles were driving too fast Lancaster Road. The Stealth Stat speed survey device was set up for seven days. The survey showed an 85th percentile speed of 27mph, but it did show several cars traveled 40+ mph. The resident was provided with a report from the survey, and the Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was placed on Lancaster Road in an attempt to slow traffic on the street.

A resident complained of cars being parked on both sides of Palmer Drive near Butler Field. The complaint was that roadway width was restricted and this caused a public safety concern, limiting the ability of fire and ambulance vehicles to pass. The residents of the area were sent a letter soliciting their comments, and the area was investigated for solutions. The situation was ultimately addressed by creating a no parking zone on the south side of Palmer Drive, which left the areas of the north side of the roadway and the field's peripheral areas for athletic event parking.

Training Division

On Thursday, September 1, 2016, Chief James Cetran attended the John M. Bailey Seminar on Instruction Re New Legal Developments Which Concern Police Policies and Practices. This four hour seminar took place at the Connecticut Police Academy and is required by all Command Level and Training Officers. The training covered updates concerning case law update, firearms seizures related to domestic violence incidents, legislative updates, juvenile law updates and housing law updates. On Tuesday, September 20, 2016, Commanders Mark Poisson, Andrew Power, Donald Crabtree and Sergeants Michael Connolly and Michael Fisher attended this same training. On Tuesday, September 27, 2016, Commander Thomas Mitney attended this same training.

On Wednesday, September 7, 2016, Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk attended the Public Act 15-161 working revision session. This took place at the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Headquarters in Middletown.

On Wednesday, September 7 and Thursday, September 8, 2016 MPO Luis Gonzalez and Officer Shane Murphy attended the Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (CREST) monthly training.

On Friday, September 9, 2016, Officer Gary Luiz attended NCIC / COLLECT recertification training at the Waterbury Police Department training center. On Thursday, September 15, 2016, Officer Shane Murphy attended the same training at the Connecticut State Forensics Laboratory in Meriden, CT.

On Monday, September 12, 2016 Officers Joseph Baich, Michael Forrest, Kevin Foster and Jessica Blank attended the Tactical Emergency Casualty Care program at Hartford Hospital's Center for Center for Education, Simulation and Innovation (CESI). This 8 hour program trained officers in providing emergency care to fellow officers and injured civilians in critical incident situations.

On Wednesday, September 14, 2016, Officer Nuno Martins and canine Thor attended monthly Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training. Officer Martins and Thor participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Thursday, September 15, 2016, Animal Control Officer Deborah Monde attended Connecticut Municipal Animal Control Officers Association Annual Conference in Pequot Connecticut.

On Thursday, September 15, 2016, Commander Donald Crabtree and Sergeant Michael Connolly attended a 4 hour Public Information Officer Training sponsored by the Newington Police Department.

On Thursday, September 15, 2016, Commander Andrew Power and Sergeant Michael Fisher attended the Taser Risk Management Summit at the Marriott in Hartford, Connecticut. This 4 hour program covered how the Taser works and legal updates on Taser use.

On Monday, September 19 through Friday, September 23, 2016. Officer John Blair attended the Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training (Recertification Training) at the Bristol Police Department. This training is part of the required 60 hours needed by officers to renew their Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) certification.

On Tuesday, September 20, 2016 and Wednesday, September 28, 2016 Officer Shane Murphy and canine Marley attended bi-monthly Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training. Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this bi-monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

On Tuesday, September 20, 2016, Officer Peter McGee attended Mental Health First Aid for Law Enforcement. This 8 hour training took place at the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) in Wethersfield. This training provided insight into dealing with persons with mental illness.

On Wednesday, September 21, 2016, members of the Mid-state Major Crime Squad (MSMC), including Commander Mark Poisson and Detectives Michael Patkoske and Christopher Morris, attended the monthly training. MSMC is a team comprising of Detectives

from the Midstate Towns, who work together to investigate major incidents. This 8 hour training took place in the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room.

On Monday, September 26, and Tuesday, September 27, 2016, Commander Mark Poisson, Sergeants Michael Connolly and Jennie Rivera, Detectives James Darby and Christopher Morris, and Officers Albert Whaples and Shane Murphy attended CT Chiefs Report Writing and RMS Training. This training took place in the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room.

On Thursday, September 29, 2016, Officers Kenneth Newton, Albert Whaples, Barry Veilleux and Michael Wren attended the training, "Policing and Prosecuting Impaired Driver's Cases: Serious Physical Injury and Fatality Considerations." This 4 hour training, hosted by the Rocky Hill Police Department, went over the steps crash investigators should take when investigating and preparing cases for DWI crashes involving serious physical injury or death.

On Friday, September 30, 2016, Sergeant Jennie Rivera, Detective Norberto Mendez and Officers Joel DiLoreto, Peter McGee, Bridget Camara and Robert Arduini attended Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Refresher Training at the Marriott in Windsor, Connecticut. This 7.5 hour training is a refresher for CIT Officers.

On Friday, September 30, 2016, Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk attended Incident Management System Training at the East Hartford Police Department.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Keane Foundation's Cove-Side Carnival will be held October 14, 2016 through October 16, 2016 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 16, 2016 at 11:00 AM.
- Jamie's Run 5K road race will be held on Sunday, October 30, 2016.
- Wethersfield Detectives are assisting with patrol personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Administration to investigate local individuals.
- The Wethersfield Police Cadets will have their yearly fundraiser "Cadet Car Show" at Wethersfield Cove Park on 10/09/2016 (10am-3pm) with a Rain Date of 10/23/16.
- Arrest and Control Training is scheduled for October 24, 2016 through October 28, 2016.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	SEPT 2015	SEPT 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	75	45	654	464
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	2	2	13	19

Commercial Burglaries	1	3	6	11
Armed Robberies	2	0	4	1
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	2	1
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	157	78	1583	952
DUI	5	6	54	52
MV Crashes	47	57	559	605
Parking Tags	19	38	512	736
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	868	805	8626	7744
Alarm Responses	48	69	508	487
Records Requests	198	188	1839	1552
Prisoners Transported	9	7	148	101
Child Car Seat Installations	2	8	26	44