



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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September 2017

SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted with the Wethersfield Cornfest Event on 09/16/2017. The Wethersfield Police Cadets held their open house event for recruitment on 09/07/2017. The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training "Drill & Ceremony" during the month of September.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

On Monday, September 4, 2017 at approximately 5:57 AM officers were dispatched to the area of Stillwold Drive and Lingbergh Drive on the report of two suspicious vehicles with several persons walking up and down driveways. As officers were responding to the area, the patrol supervisor observed two vehicles traveling north on the Silas Deane Highway at a high rate of speed. The supervisor was able to stop one of the vehicles on Airport Road in Hartford CT. The male operator and female passenger of the vehicle were detained. While searching the vehicle, several items were located that appeared to possibly be taken from other motor vehicles. All of the items were seized. Also located in the vehicle was an electronic defense weapon (stun gun) and drug paraphernalia. The operator was placed under arrest and charged with Simple Trespass, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Weapon in a Motor Vehicle and Traveling Fast. Later that same day residents from the area called to report their unlocked vehicles were entered overnight. Residents were able to identify some of the items seized from the vehicle as having been stolen from their vehicles. Arrest warrant applications will be completed for these crimes.

On Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at approximately 3:08 AM officers were dispatched to the area of Windmill Hill. A resident reported they were awoken by a barking dog and when they looked out the window they observed a vehicle in the middle of the street and a person

rummaging through his vehicle and another person in his neighbor's vehicle along with additional people walking down other neighbors' driveways. Upon arrival the first officer noticed a vehicle, which had been reported stolen out of West Hartford CT, in the middle of the roadway. As the officer approached the vehicle he noticed the brake lights illuminate and saw someone jumping into the rear passenger door just as the vehicle accelerated away. The vehicle operator engaged the officer in pursuit on Windmill Hill and onto Angela Drive. As the vehicle approached the cul-de-sac on Angela Drive all of the occupants jumped out and fled into backyards as the vehicle was still moving. The vehicle continued to move forward until hitting and coming to rest against a basketball hoop pole. The officer pursued the occupants on foot, locating one of the occupants on Trivet Lane. Officers from Newington PD and the Connecticut State Police responded to the area to assist our officers but the additional passengers of the vehicle were not located. Several items that were stolen from various vehicles were recovered. The person located on Trivet Lane was a fifteen year old juvenile, who was placed under arrest and issued a juvenile summons for four (4) counts of Burglary 3rd Degree, Larceny 3rd Degree and Interfering with a Police Officer. The juvenile already had an ankle bracelet on him. He was turned over to the custody of his mother.

On Friday, September 29, 2017 at approximately 1:29 AM an officer was traveling on Ridge Road in the area of the intersection of Nott Street when he noticed a vehicle stopped in the travel portion of the roadway. As the officer approached the vehicle he noticed the operator had his head titled back and his eyes closed and appeared to be sleeping. The officer knocked on the driver's side window, waking the operator. The officer detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the operator's breath. The operator failed field sobriety testing. He was placed under arrest and charged with Driving Under the Influence and Improper Parking.

Detective Division

During the month of September 2017, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to twenty-two (22) new cases. The major case investigations involved three (3) car burglaries, one (1) armed robbery, one (1) residential burglary, one (1) commercial burglary, one (1) attempted commercial burglary, two (2) sudden deaths, one (1) suicide, and numerous minor criminal violations and several juvenile cases. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations for new town hires and background investigations for pistol permits applicants.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 55 incidents, involving approximately 64 juveniles during the month of September 2017. In these incidents there were 11 Juvenile arrests, 3 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline, 3 Juveniles were diverted for school based discipline and 4 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB" and Community Resource Board "CRB".

School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School

During the month of September the WHS SRO covered incidents and activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The WHS SRO investigated the past tense report of an evading motor vehicle collision. The complainant didn't wish to file a complaint, but wanted the incident documented.
- The WHS SRO took a report of found property (cellular phone). It was turned over to the rightful owner. Assisted.
- The WHS SRO took a complaint of a bicycle theft. The bike was left on school property for three days before being reported stolen. It is described as a blue mountain bike with unknown make/model/serial numbers. It is valued at approximately \$150.
- The WHS SRO met with a student who is having behavioral issue at the school. Originally believed to have stolen school property, the student was ultimately issued school based discipline for disrupting a class. The student was advised.
- The WHS SRO spent time with a special education student and student advisor. Student was rewarded for good behavior in the classroom and spent time outside of class.
- The WHS SRO (along with staff) responded to the residence of a student who has been having attendance issues. Student returned to school without incident.
- The WHS SRO and WHS Principal intervened between two male students who had a heated argument that almost became physical. School based discipline only.
- The WHS SRO met with a student regarding a complaint of trespassing by a farmer on Middletown Ave. A teacher asked me to speak to him to ensure he knew what possible consequences could be for further violations.
- The WHS SRO took a complaint of a stolen moped. Moped was located and found on school property. No crime. Assisted.
- The WHS SRO met with a student who was involved in a heated discussion with another student in the cafeteria. The situation was interrupted before any physical contact was made. Assisted.
- The WHS SRO spoke to a female student who admitted smoking on school property. The seventeen year old has been issued a complaint ticket previously. Advised on future discipline if she is found in possession of tobacco.
- The WHS SRO took a larceny complaint of a cellular phone. Phone was located and determined to be "lost" and not "stolen" after being turned in by a good Samaritan student.
- The WHS SRO and a school counselor responded to the residence of a habitually truant student. Student's mother was advised of possible ramifications if the child doesn't regularly attend school. She claimed her child has been sick and would return to school soon.

- The WHS SRO was notified there were a group of females that were looking to get into a physical altercation with a freshman girl. The issue was centered around a girl posting negative comments on a social media site. All four females were advised on their anticipated inappropriate response to the female. All were advised of the consequences of their suggested actions. Administrators took steps to protect the female target.
- The WHS SRO initiated a motor vehicle stop and issued a verbal warning to a student operator for a hazardous violation. The WHS SRO was interviewed by two senior English classes (Mr. Nicholas) for their "Values" lesson.
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- The WHS SRO attended the weekly Attendance Meeting: Topic discussion centered on students with attendance issues for this academic year.
- The WHS SRO attended a STARS/SRBI (Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program - Scientific Research-Based Intervention) meeting for at risk youths at WHS.
- The WHS SRO assisted school administrator's with a fire drill. A debriefing was held immediately following the drill.

School Resource Officer – Silas Deane Middle School

During the month of September the SRO covered a total of 27 incidents including activities at the school.

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- The SRO presented to Parents the roles and responsibilities of an SRO at both open house events.
- The SRO presented to all 8th Grade Health classes on CT State Laws pertaining to Domestic Violence during the Healthy Relationships Unit.
- The SRO met with a Student at her request to discuss a personal issue pertaining to her parent's custody agreement. Assisted.
- The SRO met with a student at the request of the Admin to discuss computer safety. Assisted.
- The SRO met with a student and his Father to follow up with support after an incident in the community as advised by another Officer. He was advised about CT Laws and appropriate behaviors. Assisted.
- The SRO assisted the Administration with Personnel detail.
- The SRO and Guidance Counselor assisted with a Family and Truancy issues.
- The SRO assisted Administration with investigation and addressing a student and parent regarding appropriate social media activity.
- 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.
- The SRO assisted school administrator's with fire drills.

Support Services Bureau

Sixteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 279 hours of incarceration. Eight prisoners were arrested on warrants, and eight were based on speedy information. Eleven males and five females were transported to court throughout the month. The females that were incarcerated required fifty-nine hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 111 phone calls and seventy-one calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for six calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for eleven calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for twenty-eight calls. Twenty-nine dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were four impounds this month: three were redeemed, and one was sold as a pet. The incident synopsis for the month is: eleven wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), sixty dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), six mutual aid calls to Newington, and seven warnings were issued for unlicensed dogs. The wild turkey has relocated from Rt.3 / Middletown Ave. to Main / Marsh St.; no action will be taken or requested to relocate the turkey from this location, unless an unsafe condition reveals itself.

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 1,068 NG911 emergency phone calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 88 incidents, and Aetna Ambulance was dispatched to 278 incidents during the month. There were 226 total medical / ambulance calls this month; multiple ambulances may be dispatched to one call, which results in dispatched ambulance totals far exceeding the total number of medical calls.

Community Relations:

Hanmer School / BoE security requested signage to make the public aware that the field and play area adjacent to Francis Street are school property, and entry is limited during school hours. Signs were installed at the end of the month.

Traffic safety improvements were requested for Webb School. Pavement markings and an additional sign are being installed.

High visibility speed warning devices were rotated through several areas of town.

Traffic light retro-reflective backings were requested at the Wells Road / Emerson Williams traffic signal. The mater is being researched by the town garage.

Administrative Services Bureau

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

This department has responded to 71 alarms in month of September. Non-residential locations made up 28 (39%) of this total, residential alarms made up 41 (58%), and State government made up 2 (3%). The alarms received were: 60 burglar, 3 holdup / panic, and 8 fire. There currently are 1,889 alarm registrations on file, 62 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Nine new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$3,200 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 95 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 77 items of correspondence sent out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Cove Park Craft Fair | Oct. 7 |
| Keane Cove Side Carnival | Oct. 13-15 |
| Mikey's Run | Oct. 15 |

PERFORMANCE MEASURES September 2017 101 record checks

| | September 2016 | September 2017 | YTD 2016 | YTD 2017 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| Criminal Arrests | 45 | 75 | 464 | 622 |
| Residential Burglaries | 3 | 1 | 13 | 15 |
| Commercial Burglaries | 4 | 1 | 6 | 14 |
| Armed Robberies | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Strong-Arm Robberies | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Traffic Related | | | | |
| Infractions/ MV Summons | 78 | 78 | 952 | 799 |
| DUI | 6 | 2 | 52 | 43 |
| MV Crashes | 57 | 44 | 605 | 482 |
| Parking Tags | 38 | 50 | 736 | 350 |
| Miscellaneous Activities | | | | |
| 911 Calls | 805 | 1068 | 7744 | 7334 |
| Alarm Responses | 69 | 71 | 487 | 585 |
| Records Requests | 188 | 101 | 1552 | 1250 |
| Prisoners Transported | 7 | 16 | 101 | 96 |
| Child Car Seat Installations | 8 | 9 | 44 | 97 |