



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets held their Open House Event in the Community Room at the Wethersfield Police Department on 09/20/2018. The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted with Wethersfield Cornfest Activities on 09/22/2018 on the Broad Street Green.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On Sunday, September 2, 2018 at approximately 2:34 AM an officer noticed a vehicle travelling south on the Silas Deane Highway with its rear bumper partially off and dragging on the roadway. While catching up to the vehicle the officer observed it swerve into the left travel lane and then back into the right travel lane. Upon stopping the vehicle and speaking with the operator the officer noted an odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the operator's breath. The operator failed the field sobriety tests that he attempted. He was placed under arrest and charged with Operating Under the Influence and Failure to Maintain Proper Lane.

On Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at approximately 9:22 AM officers were dispatched to a local residence on the report of a suspicious person that was reported going into the backyard of a house. Upon arrival an officer located the male walking down the street. The male denied going into a yard but later admitted that he did and turned on an outside hose to clean the place up. Another officer responded to the residence where the male was reported to have been in the backyard and noticed several potted plants turned over and broken, the patio table and chairs flipped over and the water hose running. The residents were not at the house at the time. The male was placed under arrest and charged with Criminal Trespass 3rd Degree and Criminal Mischief.

On Tuesday, September 19, 2018 at approximately 5:17 PM an officer noticed a vehicle travelling south on the Berlin Turnpike. Upon stopping the vehicle he recognized one of the passengers from previous interactions. The officer utilized his Police K9 to search the vehicle. The canine alerted to various areas within the interior of the vehicle. Inside the vehicle was located a wax paper bag containing suspected heroin. Also located within the vehicle were two BB guns, one a replica of a rifle with its orange tip taped over with black duct tape and one a replica of a handgun. The operator was placed under arrest and charged with Weapons in a Motor Vehicle, Misuse of License Plates and Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle. A passenger was charged with Possession of Narcotics.

Detective Division

During the month of September 2018, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to twenty (20) new cases. These cases involved the following:

One (1) bank robbery; One (1) commercial robbery; Two (2) larcenies; Two (2) Weapon Surrender; One (1) overdose; One (1) Found Property; Two (2) cases of persons with warrants were arrested by detectives; One (1) Child Abuse; One (1) False Statement; One (1) case investigated was not a crime;

One (1) Asset Forfeiture; One (1) Identity Theft; One (1) Motor Vehicle Complaint; One (1) Juvenile Take Into Custody Order from Juvenile Court; One (1) Juvenile Narcotics case; One (1) Sexual Assault involving a Juvenile and One (1) Family Services Investigation.

Detectives also followed up and closed seven (7) old cases. Two (2) were cases in which Bad Checks were written to local businesses, both of which were cleared with arrests. One (1) was a larceny in which an employee of a local business stole a coworker's paycheck and deposited it into her own account. She was arrested. The four (4) others were a suicide and a natural death. Also, a larceny and a forgery were both closed as no suspect was developed.

On September 12, 2018 a detective did a presentation to a local bank on bank robbery and fraud procedures.

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 31 incidents, involving approximately 38 juveniles during the month of September 2018. In these incidents there were 3 Juvenile "Summons" arrests issued, 2 Juvenile were diverted for parental discipline and 2 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board.

School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School

During the month of August the Middle School SRO covered activities at the school.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The WHS SRO investigated a suspicious person report. Male was not a WHS student, but was located in the building during Freshman Orientation day. Escorted from the property without incident.
- The WHS SRO addressed a student regarding a parking violation on Jay Street. Verbal warning issued - vehicle moved.
- The WHS SRO escorted a student who left the school without permission back to the building and ultimately his class.
- The WHS SRO and WHS Social Worker met with a truant student and his mother about the student's absences to start the school year. Student refused to go to school and parent will be contacting his counselor.
- The WHS SRO investigated a complaint of a theft from the cafeteria. Suspect identified and school administration advised.
- The WHS SRO responded to the 5th floor and assisted security escorting a defiant student to the office. Student refused to leave the class. Teacher and all other students were removed from the class in an effort to defuse the situation. Student was ultimately escorted to the 2nd floor where he met with a school administrator.
- The WHS SRO was approached by a student who reported his wallet as being lost. He said the only thing of value in the wallet was a debit card which he had already terminated. Unknown if the wallet was lost on school property.
- The WHS SRO took a complaint of vandalism to a student's vehicle. Investigation revealed the incident did not happen at WHS during the date/time the victim provided.
- The WHS SRO assisted school security officer's dealing with a defiant student who was wandering the halls and not going to class. Student caused a scene in the office while yelling at the administration.
- The WHS SRO and a Juvenile Probation Officer responded to the residence of a male who has not been to school yet this year and has a long history of truancy issues. Parent advised they are seeking alternative schooling and will come to WHS on Monday to formally withdraw him from public school.
- The WHS SRO investigated the report of a theft from the cafeteria. Suspect was identified and issued school based discipline by administration.
- The WHS SRO was approached by a parent regarding her daughter. She asked me to speak to her daughter regarding the benefits of the cadet program. The WHS SRO took a lost/stolen cellular phone complaint. The SRO investigated the complaint and the phone was located and discovered to have been misplaced and not stolen.
- The WHS SRO was approached by a student who wished to report suspicious activity involving possible drug sales. The WHS SRO will be investigating.
- The WHS SRO responded to the east side entrance on the report of parents in a physical altercation with their child/student. Investigation showed the matter was merely the school social worker along with a parent attempting to get the defiant student (with special needs) into the building.
- The WHS SRO stopped a motor vehicle operator for a hazardous violation. Verbal warning issued for hazardous and non-hazardous violations.

- The SRO participated in a session 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 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 attended the monthly Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board meeting.
- The WHS SRO assisted school administrator's with two fire drills. A debriefing is conducted at the conclusion of each drill.
- The WHS SRO assisted school administrator's with a lock down drill. A debriefing was conducted at the conclusion of the drill.
- The WHS SRO attended the weekly security and safety meeting with administrators and security staff.
- The WHS SRO presented the Advisory class with a teacher.

School Resource Officer – Silas Deane Middle School

During the month of August the Middle School SRO covered activities at the school.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The SRO assisted the Administration with presenting to families / community members about the role of an SRO in the Middle School during two Open House Assemblies.
- The SRO assisted the Administration with Student Assemblies with regard to Internet Safety.
- The SRO assisted the Administration with an investigation to recover a missing chrome book.
- The SRO met with a student and his parents regarding responsible use of technology and cyber safety. The SRO then followed up with HPD regarding their sexting investigation.
- The SRO met with all 7th & 8th Grade Students regarding appropriate behaviors in the cafeteria pertaining to safety and state law pertaining to larceny.
- The SRO assisted the Crisis Team with a meeting between Juvenile Probation and a DCF representative pertaining to current case load and helpful resources.
- The SRO met with a student and her parents regarding a safety issue pertaining to prescription medications.
- The SRO met with a student regarding his questions about state laws.
- The SRO was interviewed by Tech Ed students regarding topics in law enforcement.
- The SRO assisted with a memorial for the victims of 9/11.
- The SRO met with a student at his Parent's request to discuss safety issues and state laws.
- The SRO instructed an Advisory Group about Decision Making and Peer pressure relevant to Middle School topics.

- The SRO assisted patrol with an investigation impacting 2 students of SDMS and met with their parents regarding social media activity.
- The SRO presented to Social studies classes about the Wethersfield Police Cadet Program and the Open House.
- The SRO assisted with a Fire Drill and Lock Down Drill.
- 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 63 alarms in month of September. Non-residential locations made up 36 (57%) of this total, residential alarms made up 25 (40%), and State government made up 2 (3%). The alarms received were: 52 burglar, 5 holdup / panic, and 6 fire. There currently are 2,000 alarm registrations on file, 52 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Eighteen new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$2,875 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 182 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 152 items of correspondence sent out.

Support Services Bureau

Nine persons were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond. Six males and three females were transported to court throughout the month.

There were eighty phone calls and forty-one calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for eight calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for one call in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for twenty-one calls. Seventy-one dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were four impounds this month; all were redeemed. The incident synopsis for the month is: five wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), thirty-six dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), eight mutual aid calls to Newington, three dog vs human bite cases, and four warnings issued for unlicensed dogs.

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 855 E-911 emergency phone calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to ninety-seven incidents, and was Aetna dispatched to 263 incidents during the month. There were 308 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:

Selective enforcement request received for Longvue Drive for speed and stop sign violations. Request for speed enforcement on McMullen Avenue. Requested to look into the Cove lot for additional signage and placement of rules. A resident provided information on a dangerous drug dealer; detectives are investigating.

Training Division

On Tuesday, September 4, 2018, Officer Shane Murphy attended **“Police Canine / Police Canine Handler Training.”** Officer Murphy and K9 Marley participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

On Tuesday, September 4, 2018, Officer Joel DiLoreto attended **“Explosive Breacher Training”** at the Bloomfield Police Department. This training was sponsored by C.R.E.S.T.

On Wednesday, September 5, 2018 and Thursday, September 6, 2018, Lieutenant Michael Connolly, Officer Shane Murphy and Officer Joel DiLoreto attended **“Capital Region Emergency Services Team (C.R.E.S.T.) Training.”** C.R.E.S.T. is the regional SWAT team.

On Monday, September 3, 2018, Officer Gary Luiz completed **“COLLECT / NCIC Recertification Training.”** Officer Shane Murphy completed the same training on September 8, 2018.

On Tuesday, September, 11, 2018, Officer Shane Murphy attended **“K9 Unit Critical Care Training.”** This training took place at the New Britain Police Department.

On Thursday, September 13, 2018, Lieutenants Donald Crabtree, Andrew Power, Thomas Mitney and Sergeant Michael Fisher attended, **“The John M. Bailey Seminar on Instruction Re New Legal Developments which Concern Police Policies and Practice.”** This training, which took place at the Connecticut Police Academy, covered new legal updates.

On Friday, September 14, 2018, Officers Barry Veilleux and Peter Salvatore attended the class, **“Understanding Fair and Impartial Policing plus Law Enforcement Active Diffusion Strategies.”** This course was held at the Manchester Police Department.

From Monday, September 17, 2018, through Friday, September 21, 2018, Detective Alison Sullivan attended, **“Advanced Crime Scene Processing.”** This training took

place at the Newington Police Department Training Center on Milk Lane in Newington.

On Tuesday, September 18, 2018, Lieutenants Andrew Power, Michael Connolly, Sergeants Michael Fisher, Thomas Regan, Oscar Rivera, Jennie Rivera, Clerks Tanish Murray, Taneta McCaw, Heather Joly and Administrative Analyst Robert Klin attended the training, "**Freedom of Information Compliance.**" This training took place at the Wethersfield Police Department.

On Wednesday, September 19, 2018, Sergeant Jennie Rivera and Officers Shane Murphy, Nuno Martins and Bridget Camara attended, "**Identifying Hidden Compartments.**" This training was sponsored by the Connecticut Police Work Dog Association and took place in New London, CT.

On Thursday, September 20, 2018. Animal Control Officer Deborah Monde attended the "**33rd Annual Connecticut Animal Control Officers Training Conference.**" This training took place at the Mashentucket Pequot Museum.

On Thursday, September 20, 2018, Sergeant Jennie Rivera attended, "**The John M. Bailey Seminar on Instruction Re New Legal Developments which Concern Police Policies and Practice.**" This training, which took place at the Connecticut Police Academy, covered new legal updates.

On Monday, September 24, 2018, Dispatchers Steven Tyc and Karen Tomczyk attended the training, "**Handling Callers with Mental Health Issues.**" This training took place at the Farmington Police Department.

On Wednesday, September 26, 2018, Lieutenant Andrew Power and Detectives Michael Patkoske and Christopher Morris attended, "**Mid-State Major Crime Training.**" This training, which took place at the Wethersfield Police Department, is for the handling of major crimes in the Mid-State area.

On Thursday, September 27, 2018. Sergeant Michael Fisher attended the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's "**Marine Boating and PWC Certification.**" This training covered enforcement issues related to boating and personal water craft. Additionally, the course provided PWC Certification. This training took place in Old Saybrook, CT.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will hold their annual "Fundraiser Car Show" on 10/07/2018 at Cove Park from 10am-2pm. The Wethersfield Police Cadets will assist with the Cove Side Carnival activities 10/12/18 thru 10/14/2018.

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.

Keane Coveside Carnival 10/12-10/14
 Mikey's Place Run 10/14/2018
 Jaime's Run 11/4/2018

PERFORMANCE MEASURES September 2018

	September 2017	September 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018
Criminal Arrests	75	64	622	578
Residential Burglaries	1	0	15	7
Commercial Burglaries	1	0	14	3
Armed Robberies	1	1	5	2
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	1	0
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	78	91	799	931
DUI	2	9	43	65
MV Crashes	44	55	482	537
Parking Tags	50	122	350	855
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	1068	855	7334	7677
Alarm Responses	63	63	585	511
Records Requests	101	102	1250	1095
Child Car Seat Installations	9	9	97	71