



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**James Cetran**  
**Chief of Police**

## SEPTEMBER 2019

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS**

During the month of September 2019 members of the Patrol Bureau made fourteen (14) arrests for Driving Under the Influence.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets assisted with activities at the Wethersfield Cornfest on 09/21/2019. The Wethersfield Police Cadets held their open house recruitment event at Police Headquarters on 09/19/2019.

### **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Patrol Division**

##### **Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)**

On Friday, September 6, 2019 at approximately 1:42 AM an officer noticed a vehicle stopped in the travel lane of a heavily traveled local road. When the officer approached the vehicle he noticed the operator was sleeping while the vehicle was running. The officer woke the operator, and noted that the vehicle had a strong odor of alcoholic beverages and marijuana coming from inside. The operator failed the field sobriety tests he attempted. The operator was charged with Driving Under the Influence.

On Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at approximately 4:49 PM an officer was stopped at an intersection when he noticed a vehicle traveling hazardously passing other vehicles. The officer stopped the vehicle and asked the operator for his driver's license. The operator handed the officer a fake International Driver's License and a fake Connecticut Identification Card with the same name on both. The operator was taken into custody and transported to police headquarters. When the operator was fingerprinted, the officer used a criminal search feature on the Automated Fingerprint Machine. The database confirmed that the operator was using a fake name and provided the real name of the person based on his fingerprints. The operator had an active felony arrest warrant from Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in Tampa, Florida. The warrant was confirmed and the sheriff's office indicated they would extradite the person back to Florida. The operator was charged with Interfering with an Investigation and various motor vehicle charges. The operator was additionally charged with being a Fugitive from Justice.

## **Detective Division**

During the month of September 2019, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to eleven (11) new cases. These cases involved the following:

- 2 Frauds
- 2 Residential Burglaries
- 1 Sudden Death
- 2 Sexual Assault investigations, still ongoing.
- 1 Family Violence incident involving a Juvenile.
- 1 Assault that was investigated and concluded with no arrest(s) likely.
- 2 Larceny incidents where several Juveniles were arrested for each.

In one of the fraud cases, the investigating officer was able to identify a suspect and an arrest warrant is pending.

In one of the residential burglary investigations, a suspect was identified after a thorough investigation by a Detective.

In the Family Violence incident, an arrest warrant was approved for the suspect.

Detectives also followed up and/or closed cases from the current and previous months:

## **Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 22 incidents, involving approximately 41 Juveniles during the month of September 2019. In these incidents there were 6 Juvenile Arrests/ Summons, 3 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline and 2 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board.

## **School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School**

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The WHS SRO met briefly with a student after he was argumentative and defiant toward a school security guard. Student refused to cooperate and SRO made contact with his mother.
- The WHS SRO worked with staff after a suspicious situation at a freshman student's residence. Report of a domestic assault is being investigated by patrol division.
- The WHS SRO spoke with a student regarding a reported motor vehicle complaint from a citizen. Student admitted making a mistake and was advised.
- The WHS SRO took a complaint of a late reported motor vehicle collision in the school parking lot. The victim chose not to have any police action for the small amount of damage to their parked/unoccupied vehicle. The at fault operator was advised.

- The WHS SRO responded to a roaming dog complaint on school grounds. The owner was on scene and the K9 was corralled and left with its owner.
- The WHS SRO spoke to a parent who was concerned about his student's behavior. Student was a suspect in an incident at Mill Woods Park the previous evening. Student was allegedly driving without a license and driving recklessly on town property. No damage, student and both parents were advised.
- The WHS SRO was asked to have a presence in the main office due to a contentious parent meeting with administration.
- The WHS SRO spoke to a student regarding his disruptive behavior in the cafeteria.
- The WHS SRO and a school counselor responded to the residence of a habitually truant student. No contact was made at the time.
- The WHS SRO took a complaint of lost headphones. Student reported losing the headphones the previous day. SRO spoke to a witness who placed them in the Lost and Found bin. Another student (special needs) removed the headphones. Suspect identified and the headphones were returned to their rightful owner who did not wish to make a formal complaint.
- The WHS SRO investigated a suspicious situation. An unattended backpack was found on school grounds upon student arrival time. Backpack was left on school grounds all weekend and it was discovered to belong to a student. Checks okay.
- The WHS SRO took a complaint of found/abandoned property on school grounds. A reddish/brown bicycle was left for several days near the track. A check of NCIC system shows the serial number is negative. Due to its poor condition, the bike was discarded.
- The WHS SRO is investigating the theft of a bicycle. The incident happened at 0748 hours. A male student from SDMS arrested.
- The WHS SRO received some information regarding a student committing a crime. Parent contacted and advised.
- The WHS SRO received information from a 2019 graduate about a suspicious incident with a current WHS Junior student. I met with the male and ultimately walked the student to the guidance office to sit with the school social worker.
- The WHS SRO was approached by a female student regarding an incident with her boyfriend's parents. Parents allegedly told the girl not to have any verbal contact with their son or they were going to take legal action.
- The WHS SRO met with a student regarding his possible involvement with a theft. Unable to develop probable cause.
- The WHS SRO was asked by the school social worker to speak with a female student regarding a situation at her residence.
- The WHS SRO issued an infraction ticket to a 16 year old male for possession of vaping materials on public property.
- The WHS SRO took a complaint of a bike theft from the east side of the building. Bike was not secured. Multiple arrests made.
- The WHS SRO spoke to a student's parent regarding his daughter's truancy violation and parental custodial issues/violations. He was advised to communicate with his daughter's mother and to get in touch with family court and school administrators regarding the problems.
- The WHS SRO did an interview for a student and her advisory class.

- The WHS SRO received information from another Wethersfield officer about a group of WHS athletes talking to another student using derogatory names. This officer was off duty and reported the incident to the SRO. SRO spoke with the male who said they were friends of his and the names were used in good fun and not meant to be mean spirited or in a derogatory manner.
- The WHS SRO along with school administrators met with students who had created and or passed along a doctored image of the WHS mascot holding a gun at the pep rally on Friday, 9/27.
- The WHS SRO spoke with a parent who had called to advise him about an incident that happened over the weekend. Someone yelled a profanity followed by the student's last name as they drove by his residence that weekend evening around midnight. Parent just wanted the SRO to keep an eye on her child for the sake of his well-being.
- The WHS SRO was asked by the principal to escort two students off of school grounds due to their behavior at the WHS football game. Students were defiant and rude as they were escorted by the SRO and Detective Patkoske.
- The WHS SRO spoke to several students regarding their behavior at the WHS Eagles football game.
- The WHS SRO investigated a suspicious incident reported by the custodian. Four students were hanging around the 5th floor window near the elevators looking out the window to the parking lot. Youths were using a walkie-talkie radio system to communicate. Advised to not bring the radio's to the school and to report to the cafeteria where they are supposed to wait for the first bell.
- The WHS SRO attended the 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 the required two fire drills and one lock down. A debriefing was held following each drill.
- The WHS SRO attended the weekly security and safety meeting with administrators and security staff.
- The WHS SRO attended the annual preparation for a crisis team meeting.

### **School Resource Officer – Wethersfield Middle School**

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The SDMS SRO assisted with returning two students that were new to the district on the first day of school that were accidentally dropped off by their parents at the High School.
- The SDMS SRO assisted in locating a student who was mistakenly instructed to walk home after the first day of school. The student should have been placed on the special needs bus for transportation home. The student was located walking home on Wolcott Hill Road and turned over to his mother who responded to my location without further incident.

- The SDMS SRO was actively involved in several administration meetings involving a student and her parents regarding custody of the child and the stipulations of a newly issued temporary restraining order. These meetings took place over a three day period at the beginning of the school year.
- The SDMS SRO was involved in assisting administration and special education teachers in the restraint of a special needs student who was demonstrating hostile outbursts due to a severe anxiety attack they were experiencing in the classroom. This violent outburst resulted in the school going into a soft lockdown. Student was removed from class and brought to office without further incident through the use of verbal de-escalation.
- The SDMS SRO assisted a female student who was assaulted last year by fellow female student. Student was concerned and fearful that she was not safe in school. Student was assured that her attacker would no longer be attending SDMS.
- The SDMS SRO was involved in assisting administration with incident involving student who sent insulting picture to female student who was dating his friend. Student acknowledged that what he did was wrong. Claimed he did it as joke and did not think of emotional harm it caused female student. Student was issued verbal warning from principal and instructed to complete five paragraphs on the consequences and harmful effects of cyberbullying.
- The SDMS SRO assisted school administrators with a fire drills held on 09/09/19 & 09/20/19.
- The SDMS SRO assisted school administrator's with a lock down drill. A debriefing was conducted at the conclusion of the drill.
- The SDMS SRO assisted the school psychologist with a DCF referral.
- The SDMS SRO collaborated with the health teacher on teaching lesson plan to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on the topics of assault, harassment, threatening and domestic violence.
- The SDMS SRO assisted vice-principal with investigation regarding male student who was found to be in possession of vaping pen and allegedly expressed to other students that he was selling "Jule" vaping cartridges to other students. Student was interviewed by vice-principal while I monitored. Student acknowledged guilt and was very remorseful. School elected to handle incident with no additional police action. Student parents advised. Student received one day in school suspension.
- The SDMS SRO assisted vice-principal with investigation regarding 8<sup>th</sup> grade male student who was alleged to be harassing and bullying an 8<sup>th</sup> grade female student who he had been in dating relationship with. Male student acknowledged guilt and was apologetic but clearly has anger management issues. Investigation did not establish that any criminal action that warranted arrest was committed. School elected to handle incident with no additional police action. Male student's father advised. Student received three day out of school suspension for his actions.
- The SDMS SRO assisted the WHS SRO with criminal investigation of a stolen bicycle that was taken from the High School. Suspect was determined to be SDMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade student with prior juvenile criminal history. Student provided statement acknowledging guilt. Statement provided in the presence of his mother and adult sister who was acting on behalf of mother due to translation barrier. Student was issued juvenile summons for Larceny 6<sup>th</sup> Degree. Incident may be referred to JRB.

- The SDMS SRO assisted the WHS SRO with criminal investigation of a stolen bicycle that was taken from the High School. Suspect was determined to be Charles Wright 6<sup>th</sup> grade student who I had prior interaction with as a DARE Officer. WHS SRO to complete investigation and take necessary enforcement.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

### **Support Services Bureau**

Eight people were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond. Seven males and one female were transported to court throughout the month.

There were Seventy-three phone calls and forty calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for one calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for no calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for twenty-four calls. Forty-two dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were twenty-seven impounds this month: four were redeemed, two were adopted out as pets, and twenty-one were carry over from the ongoing animal abuse criminal case. The incident synopsis for the month is: six wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), thirty-four dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), one mutual aid call to Newington, and four warnings issued for unlicensed dogs due to the recent licensing deadline.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 837 NG911 emergency phone calls.

Seven car seats were installed this month by the WPD certified technician.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) and Aetna Ambulance were dispatched for a collective 281 times this month.

### **Training Unit:**

- On Tuesday, September 3, 2019, Officer Joel DiLoreto attended the training titled, “**Explosive Breacher Training.**” This is required monthly training as part of a tactical team.
- On Wednesday, September 4, 2019 through Friday, September 6, 2019; Wednesday, September 18, 2019 through Friday, September 20, 2019 and Wednesday, September 25, 2019 through Friday, September 27, 2019, Officers Jessica Blank and Justin Hilchuk attended, “**Connecticut Arrest and Control Instructor Training.**” This training prepared them to become Arrest and Control Instructors.
- On Friday, September 6, 2019 Officers Barry Veilleux, Gustavo Rodriguez, Joseph Baich and Peter McGee attended the training titled, “**CT Red Book Criminal Law Update.**” This training took place at the Cheshire Fire Department.

- On Saturday, September 7, 2019, Officer Nuno Martins attended **Police Canine / Police Canine Handler Training**. Officer Martins and K9 Jax participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included patrol work, evidence recovery and tracking.
- On Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 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 patrol work, evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.
- On Tuesday, September 10, 2019, Master Police Officer David Gove attended the training titled, **“A Proactive Strategy for Public Sector Cybersecurity.”** This training took place at the Sheraton South Hotel in Rocky Hill.
- During September 2019 Chief Cetran, 4 Lieutenants and 2 Sergeants, attended the training titled, **“John M. Bailey Seminar on Instruction: Re New Legal Developments which Concern Police Policies and Practice.”** This legal update training took place at the Connecticut Police Academy.
- During September 2019 Wethersfield Personnel took part in the training titled, **“CPR, First Aid, Tourniquet and Narcan.”** This training took place in the WPD Community Room.
- On Thursday, September 12, 2019, Master Police Officer David Gove attended the training titled, **“How to Convict a Child Pornographer.”** This training was online.
- On Monday, September 16, 2019 through Friday, September 20, 2019, Officer Joel DiLoreto attended the training titled, **“Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training (Recert Training).”** This training provides instruction in areas required for police officer recertification.
- On Monday, September 16, 2019, A/ Lieutenant Anthony DeMonte, Detectives Alison Sullivan, Christopher Morris, Michael Patkoske, James Darby and Norberto Mendez, Officers Barry Veilleux, Jessica Blank and Dispatcher Frank Liberatore attended the training titled, **“Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS).”** This training took place at the Wethersfield Police Department.
- On Friday, September 20, 2019, Lieutenant Michael Connolly attended the training titled, **“Recruit Officer Combat Crucible (ROCC).”** This training is a stations day training for police academy recruits.
- On Monday, September 23, 2019, through Wednesday, September 25, 2019, Officers Peter Salvatore, Zachary Gonzalez, Gary Luiz and Jakub Owczarski attended the training titled, **“Emergency Medical Responder Training (EMR).”** This class was a recertification class for the listed officers to renew their state license.
- On Monday, September 23 and Tuesday, September 24, 2019, Master Police Officer David Gove attended the training titles, **“NetMotion Mobility Certification.”** This certification course was online.”
- On Monday, September 23, 2019, Detective James Darby and Officer Kevin Foster attended the training titled, **“Federal Equitable Sharing Training.”** This asset forfeiture training took place at the North Providence, RI Police Department.
- On Wednesday, September 25, 2019, Sergeant Michael Fisher and Detective Norberto Mendez attended the training titled, **“Forensic Experimental Trauma Interview (FETI).”** This training took place at Saint Francis Medical Center in Hartford.
- On Thursday, September 26, 2019, Chief James Cetran attended the training titled, **“Recent Connecticut Labor Arbitration Decisions.”**

## Community Relations:

The SSB continues to utilize high visibility speed detection devices throughout town in order to change motorist behavior and reduce speeding occurrences on the streets. The SSB has been assisting on traffic issues, block party, special events, and working out parking issues for several large residential communities who are repaving their parking lots.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Craft Fair, Cove Park Oct.5<sup>th</sup>

Keane Foundation Cove Side Carnival Oct. 18 – 20<sup>th</sup>

Mikey's Run Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will have their annual fundraiser "Wethersfield Police Cadet Car Show" on Sunday, 10/13/2019 (10am-2pm) at Wethersfield Cove Park. The Wethersfield Police Cadets will assist with activities at the Keane Foundation Cove Side Carnival on 10/18/2019 thru 10/20/2019. The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in practical skills training Motor Vehicle Stops in the month of October 2019.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES September 2019

	September 2018	September 2019	YTD 2018	YTD 2019
Criminal Arrests	64	62	578	517
Residential Burglaries	0	2	7	14
Commercial Burglaries	0	2	3	6
Armed Robberies	1	0	2	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	0	3
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	91	76	931	883
DUI	9	14	65	91
MV Crashes	55	50	537	477
Parking Tags	122	4	855	423
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	855	837	7677	7513
Alarm Responses	63	89	511	521
Records Requests	102	74	1095	956
Child Car Seat Installations	9	7	71	52