



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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

## September 2020

### SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

There continues to be one vacancy in the detective division. Additionally one detective remains on a light-duty status.

Both School Resource Officers were reassigned to their respective schools effective Monday, August 24, 2020, which coincided with personnel orientation. As the Wethersfield Public Schools are operating on a hybrid schedule, both officers were reassigned to patrol for each Wednesday of the month.

During the month of September 2020, members of the Patrol Bureau made six (6) arrests for Driving Under the Influence. Please note that self-initiated motor vehicle enforcement was lower than normal due to COVID-19 concerns.

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

#### Patrol Division

#### Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

Shoplifting thefts and Family Violence related incidents have continued to be common occurrences, as have incidents of vehicles being stolen or stolen from.

At about 2015 hours on 09/16/2020, a female was struck by a motor vehicle on the Silas Deane Highway. The female was transported to Hartford Hospital, but died of her injuries. The crash is under investigation by the Mid-State Accident Reconstruction team and the lead investigator is Wethersfield Police Officer Albert Whaples.

## **Support Services Bureau**

8 persons were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond; 6 males and 1 females were transported to court throughout the month.

There were 113 phone calls and 25 involving animal control issues. 1386 dog licenses (new and renewals) during the month. There was 2 impound this month; 1 were redeemed by their owners or sold a pets. The incident synopsis for the month is: 5 wildlife complaint (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.) and 25 dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.).

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 981 NG911 emergency phone calls. Text-to-911 is now an active feature in Wethersfield's E911 center.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to, or initiated, 58 calls for service, fire prevention activities, or assists / standbys.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) and Aetna Ambulance were dispatched to a total of 280 medical / ambulance calls this month.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

Officers Patrick McCarthy and Karina Salcedo have transferred to Wethersfield PD and filled two vacancies; one vacancy remains and is being filled ASAP. There are currently two officers on light duty.

There were 38 alarm responses this month. The alarm database is being rebuilt in Nexgen CAD.

## **Detective Division**

### **Criminal Investigations:**

During the month of September, 2020, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to sixteen (16) new cases. These cases involved the following:

- 1 Wanted Person
- 1 Wanted Person – Other Jurisdiction
- 1 Assist Other Jurisdiction
- 3 Sexual Assaults
- 2 Stolen Motor Vehicles – evidence processing
- 1 Suspicious Situation
- 1 Residential Burglary
- 1 Fraud
- 2 Permit Backgrounds
- 1 Sexual Offender Violation
- 1 Well Being Check/ DCF Referral
- 1 Risk of Injury/ DCF Referral

In addition to the above cases, members of the Detective Bureau completed nineteen (19) supplemental reports on follow up investigations for sixteen (16) additional cases, including:

- 1 Stolen Motor Vehicle – arrest warrant served
- 1 Residential Burglary
- 2 Sexual Assaults
- 1 Sexual Assault – arrest warrant served
- 2 Sudden Deaths
- 2 Thefts – arrest warrants served
- 1 Armed Robbery – arrest warrant submitted to court
- 3 Commercial Burglaries
- 1 Suspicious Situation – shots fired
- 1 Robbery
- 1 Theft

Eighteen (18) cases from the current and previous months/years were closed.

#### Pistol Permit/Background Investigations:

Thirty-five (35) new background investigations for pistol permits applicants were received. Year to date pistol permit applications have increased approximately 208% from 2019.

One (1) background investigation for a certified police applicant was started with one (1) additional background for a certified police applicant being completed.

Three (3) background checks were completed for employment in various departments within the Town of Wethersfield.

Year to date background investigations (all types) have increased approximately 83% from 2019.

Two (2) prisoners were transported from other agencies for persons with active Wethersfield arrest warrants that had been detained.

On four (4) occasions prisoners were transported to court and court paperwork was handled on two (2) additional occasions.

### **Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 35 incidents involving approximately 49 Juveniles during the month of September 2020. In these incidents 2 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline, 3 Juveniles were arrested and issued Juvenile Summons and 2 Juveniles were diverted for school discipline.

### **School Resource Officer**

During the month of September, the WHS SRO covered a total of twenty-six (26) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into a database.

One (1) incident report was completed. The incident report included the following:

- DCF referral – allegations made against a parent.

One (1) supplemental report was completed. The supplement report included the following

- Suspicious situation – student made alarming claim.

There were no arrests at the school during the month of September.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Selective enforcements requests continue to be sent to Lt. Demonte, who is requiring patrol officers to go to each location and report back activity. This seems to be working very well as it is very responsive.

### Training Division

During the month of September, all measures established in recent months continued in an effort to meet the guidance from federal and state infectious control agencies. Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk participated in two regional PPE Distribution Events.

No COVID-19 significant exposures were reported in the month of September. In the month of September, Chief Cetran and Lead Dispatcher Tomczyk attended three planning meetings (as Unified Command in an Emergency Operations Center capacity) lead by the Wethersfield Emergency Management and Central Connecticut Health District (CCHD) to discuss and plan for Coronavirus (COVID-19) mitigation, future preparations, response and recovery for the Town of Wethersfield. Lieutenant Connolly attended a meeting, led by CCHD's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, to discuss operations, logistics and security for the Flue Drive-Thru Clinic that was scheduled to take place in October at the Community Center.

Training venues that were able to accommodate students, while adhering to Safe Workplace Guidance, began hosting classes that several of our officers attended. Virtual training continued throughout the month of September.

**On-line COLLECT/NCIC Recertification** training continued in September 2020 for one WPD Dispatcher. WPD Dispatchers and Officers are mandated to complete this training on a bi-annual cycle.

From Monday, August 31, 2020 through Friday, September 4, 2020, Officers Kevin Lawless and Manuel Silva attended the training titled, **“Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training.”** This was the first recertification training that was conducted in-person since the restrictions for COVID-19 were implemented. This training provides mandated and elective areas of training towards officer recertification with POSTC.

On Tuesday, September 1, 2020, Officer Joel DiLoreto attended **Explosive Breacher Training**. This training is conducted monthly for area SWAT Breachers and took place at the Bloomfield Police Department.

On Wednesday, September 2, 2020 through Friday, September 4, 2020, Lieutenant Connolly, Sergeant Gonzalez and Officers Murphy, DiLoreto, Hilchuk and Mendes attended **Capital Region Emergency Services Team (C.R.E.S.T.) Training**. WPD is an agency member of C.R.E.S.T. (a regional SWAT team.) An extra day, Friday, 9/4/20, was added to make up for missed training due to COVID-19 Restrictions.

On Friday, September 4, 2020, sworn officers and animal control officers were assigned **Bloodborne / Airborne Pathogen Training**. This training was self-directed and scheduled to be complete by Friday, September 18, 2020.

On Tuesday, September 8, 2020, Officer Daniella Sanzo began **CABLE's Basic Crisis Intervention Academy via Live Zoom (Virtual Training)**. This basic course consists of four sequential, live online instructor led, 4 hour modules. This course will prepare OFC Sanzo to respond to incidents as a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officer.

On Wednesday, September 9, 2020, Detective Norberto Mendez and School Resource Officer Eric Knapp attended **Restorative Justice 101: Webinar for Juvenile Review Board Members – Online via Zoom**. This webinar, sponsored by Connecticut Youth Services Association, along with Restorative Justice 201, is a requirement for JRB Boards that receive DCF Funding.

On Thursday, September 10, 2020, Lieutenant Anthony DeMonte and Sergeants Michael Wren and Gustavo Rodriguez attended **Capitol Region Review Training (Recertification Training)**. This supervisory level training, which took place at the Southington Police Department, covers mandated and elective in-service training required to maintain certification as a police officer.

On Friday, September 11, 2020, Chief James Cetran and Lieutenant Thomas Mitney attended the mandatory training session titled: **John M. Bailey Seminar Re: New Legal Developments which Concern Police Policies and Practices via Zoom Training (online)**. This training was provided by POSTC in conjunction with the Office of the Chief's State's Attorney and Connecticut Chiefs of Police Association.

From Monday, September 14, 2020 through Friday, September 18, 2020, Detective Alison Sullivan and Officers Albert Whaples and Shane Murphy attended the training titled, **"Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training."** This was the second recertification training that was conducted in-person since the restrictions for COVID-19 were implemented. This training provides mandated and elective areas of training towards officer recertification with POSTC.

On Tuesday, September 15, 2020, Officer Shane Murphy, along with his canine, Marly, attended a one-day training class titled **Police Canine/Police Canine Handler Training**. Officer Murphy and Marly participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams.

On Tuesday, September 15, 2020, through Friday, September 18, 2020, Officer Jakub Owczarski attended **Certified Car Seat Technician** at the New Haven Fire Training Academy. This training was postponed twice due to COVID-19 Restrictions.

On September 15, 2020 and September 16, 2020, seven sworn officers and one dispatcher attended both **Emergency Medical Responder Recertification** and **AED/CPR/Narcan Training**. This training took place at the Wethersfield Police Department and was instructed by Master Patrol Officer DiLoreto.

On Friday, September 18, 2020, Lieutenants Donald Crabtree and Anthony DeMonte and Sergeants Jennie Rivera and Oscar Rivera attended the mandatory training session titled: **John M. Bailey Seminar Re: New Legal Developments which Concern Police Policies and Practices via Zoom Training (online)**. This training was provided by POSTC in conjunction with the Office of the Chief's State's Attorney and Connecticut Chiefs of Police Association.

On September 21, 2020 through October 2, 2020, Officer Anthony Mendes attended a two-week **Capitol Region Basic SWAT School**. OFC Mendes is the newest WPD Officer to join the Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (C.R.E.S.T), which our department is an agency member of this regional SWAT Team. On several days throughout this course, Master Patrol Officer Diloreto and Officer Shane Murphy participated at the Basic SWAT School as instructors.

On Monday, September 21, 2020 through Friday, September 25, 2020, Sergeant Joseph Baich attended **First Line Supervisor Training**. This training is to prepare newly appointed Supervisors for their role as Sergeant. This training took place at the Derby High School/Middle School Campus.

On Monday, September 21, 2020, and Tuesday, September 22, 2020, Sergeant John Blair and Officer Gary Luiz attended **Mid-State Accident Reconstruction Team – LTI Instrument/Measurement Training**. SGT Blair and OFC Luiz are members of the Mid-State Accident Reconstruction Team, which WPD is an agency member.

On Tuesday, September 22, 2020, six dispatchers attended **AED/CPR/Narcan Training**. This training took place at the Wethersfield Police Department and was instructed by Master Patrol Officer Diloreto.

On Thursday, September 24, 2020, Officer Shane Murphy, along with his canine, Marly, attended a one-day training class titled **Police Canine/Police Canine Handler Training**. Officer Murphy and Marly participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams.

On Monday, September 28, 2020, Detective Norberto Mendez and School Resource Officer Eric Knapp attended **Restorative Justice 201: Webinar for Juvenile Review Board Members – Online via Zoom**. This webinar, sponsored by Connecticut Youth Services

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

With the Corona Virus continuing to be a factor, all road races and public events have been cancelled.

Detectives continue to work on a regional basis with several different task forces in an effort to solve criminal cases throughout the area.

The following are the burglary and robbery statistics for the month of September, 2020, along with comparative statistics for the same period of last year. The figures in the parenthesis represent the number of cases cleared by arrest, or in which the perpetrators have been identified.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will resume monthly meetings and training starting in November of 2020.

Fall Firearms 2020 – Handgun, Shotgun, Less Lethal Impact Munitions and Rifle Training/Qualifications from October 16, 2020 through October 23, 2020.

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## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	September 2019	September 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2020
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	62	46	517	264
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	2	3	14	8
Commercial Burglaries	2	2	6	19
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	3
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	3	6
<b>Family Violence Arrests</b>				
Family Violence Arrests	-	9	-	65
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	76	50	883	379
DUI	14	6	91	54
MV Crashes	50	36	477	481
Parking Tags	4	9	423	217
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	855	981	7513	7816
Alarm Responses	89	38	521	502
Records Requests	74	127	956	1196
Prisoners Transported	-	8	-	63
Child Car Seat Installations	7	2	2	11