



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The SRO has been assisting with the DUI Fatal Crash Reenactment scheduled for May 14, 2013.

On April 30th, 2013, several police personnel attended a Parks and Recreation meeting with residents to address quality of life/ safety concerns at the town's Greenfield Street Park.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in a Mock Stations Day at the Manchester Police Department.

The Town of Wethersfield, Wethersfield Public Schools and the Wethersfield Police Department entered into an agreement with RedFlex Student Guardian for the installation of cameras on school buses set to record violations of vehicles passing stopped school buses. Cameras were installed on two buses and were put into operation on Monday, April 22, 2013. Support Services Bureau Officers were trained in the system on Friday, April 26, 2013. One infraction ticket was issued this month as a result of this program.

Wethersfield Police Officers have assisted other Mid-State towns at two DUI checkpoints, one in Berlin and one in Newington. There are additional checkpoints scheduled in the five Mid-State towns during the next several months.

During the month of April 2013, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to approximately sixteen (16) new cases. The major case investigations involved; three (3) burglaries, three (3) fraud / Identity thefts, and one (1) fatal fire investigation. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

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held in the WPD Community Room. By hosting this training, the police department ends up receiving one free training seat.

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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Thursday April 18, 2013, at 9:11 PM officers were dispatched to a retail store on the Berlin Turnpike for a report of a shoplifting. Officers arrived and spoke with store security, who stated that he observed an Hispanic male wearing dark clothing with a dark baseball hat take Gillette shaving razors off the shelf. Security said he observed the male holding the razors under his jacket trying to hide them. While keeping constant surveillance, security watched the male pass all points of purchase without paying for the razors. Security stated he stopped the male at the exit door of the store. The male told the security officer that he only had pizza under his jacket. Security asked the male to open his coat and the male pushed him out of the way and left the store. The male suspect was last seen running eastbound on Jordan Lane then northbound on Ridge Road towards Hartford. The male ran out of the store with 2 packages of Gillette Proglide razors worth \$23.98 total. One officer responded to that area with his police K9 partner Owen. K9 Owen is certified in tracking individuals. K9 Owen tracked eastbound on Jordan Lane in front of the rear entrance of 1310 Berlin Turnpike. K9 Owen tracked northbound on Ridge Road then eastbound through a wooded area east of Ridge Road. K9 Owen tracked through the wooded area and located the suspect lying down behind a log. He surrendered without incident. He had the two packages of razors on his person. He admitted to stealing because he needs money to support narcotic addiction. The suspect was arrested, booked and processed and was charged with Robbery in the 3rd Degree and Larceny in the 6th Degree. He was held on a \$5,000 bond scheduling him to appear at GA # 15 New Britain on 4/19/13 at 1000 hours.

On April 24, 2013 at 6:25 PM officers were dispatched to a retail store on the Silas Deane Highway for a report of shoplifters in the store. While the officers were on the way to the store, security was reporting that the suspects were known shoplifters who have stolen from several stores numerous times before. Security told the officers that the suspects, who they knew by name from prior incidents, were repeat offenders and were known to steal large quantities of items and walk out the store with the items concealed in a shopping cart. It was also reported that they had a child with them and were known to use children to conceal the stolen items in the shopping cart. Officers arrived and waited for the suspects to leave the store. After a short time, the suspects left the store without paying for anything. There was a child being used to conceal the items in the cart. Officers could see a large amount of stolen items in the cart. Security stated that he watched both of the suspects enter the store with the child. One suspect grabbed a shopping cart and all 3 went to the men's section. This

suspect started taking items off of the racks and removed the hangars from the items. She then placed the items in the shopping cart. This suspect was also seen in the children's section defeating the security tags on some items. After a few minutes they all met up and the cart was pushed past all points of sale and out of the store without paying for any of the items. The two suspects were placed under arrest. Officers then checked the vehicle that the suspects drove in. They looked inside the vehicle and in plain view could see two bags of clothing, loose articles of clothing, and two child's toys, still in the retail packaging, inside the passenger compartment of the vehicle. Officers believed that these items were probably stolen from a retail store in East Hartford. They were seized. The suspects were arrested and transported to Police Headquarters. The child was turned over to a relative at the scene. The total amount of items stolen/recovered was \$858.38. The two suspects were charged with Risk of injury to a minor, Larceny 5th degree and Conspiracy to commit larceny 5th degree. The male was held on \$15,000 bond and appeared at GA 15 in New Britain on 04/25/13. The female was held on \$10,000 bond and appeared at GA 15 in New Britain on 04/25/13.

Support Services Bureau

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 829 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 28 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 69 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 248 calls for service.

The School Security Liaison Team members continue to work with their respective schools to assist with problems and concerns.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technician inspected/installed two child seats.

The Animal Control regionalization agreement between the Towns of Wethersfield and Newington was put into effect on Monday, April 1, 2013. There were 77 phone calls and 52 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, thirty-four were handled by the part-time animal control officers and seventeen were handled by police officers. Nine animals were impounded with six being redeemed, and three carried over. Cases included one dog bite. Animal Control also assisted the Mid-State Narcotics and Detective Division with securing animals at a residence during the execution of a search warrant. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for six calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for three calls in Wethersfield.

Eighteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 333 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, nine were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported

the prisoners to court, including eleven males and seven females. The females incarcerated by the department required 118 hours of matron coverage.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 46 alarms in month of April. Non-residential locations made up 25 (54%) of this total, residential alarms made up 21 (46%), and State and Town government made up 0 (0%). The alarms received were: 40 burglar, 3 holdup / panic, and 3 fire. There currently are 1,606 alarm registrations on file, 42 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Seven new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$1,725 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 116 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 100 items of correspondence sent out.

The ASB continues the certified police officer hiring process and has two finalists to fill the two vacancies in staffing. The department will be at full strength when the two new officers are appointed.

The Clerk III position was filled at the end of April by new hire, Miguel Robles.

The ASB will be preparing a grant application for a School Resource Officer for the Silas Deane middle School pending approval from the Board of Education, Town Council, and Town Manager's Office.

Detective Division

On 4/15/2013, Wethersfield Officers were dispatched to a home on Glenwood Drive on the report of a house fire. Arriving officers found the garage area of the home on fire and a female resident outside of the home. A second resident was still inside of the home. As fire fighters worked to extinguish the flames, the second resident was eventually located in the home, deceased. A Wethersfield Detective, trained in arson investigation, was assigned to investigate this case along with the Wethersfield and State Fire Marshals. As of this time the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Wethersfield Detectives are working with the Mid-State Narcotics Task Force, assisting with personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency to investigate local individuals.

Juvenile Detective

Wethersfield Police Department Juvenile Unit handled approximately fifty-three incidents involving approximately sixty-seven juveniles. In these incidents, four juveniles were charged with delinquent violations, one was diverted to school punishment, eleven were diverted to parental punishment and one was diverted to the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

School Resource Officer

During the month of March the SRO covered a total of twenty two incidents at the High School; these incidents were entered into the School Cop database. One incident report was completed for larceny (theft from a gymnasium locker room.) School was not in session from April 15, 2013 through April 19, 2013 due to spring vacation. There were no arrests at the school during the month.

The SRO assisted the school administration with truancy issues at the school, held mediations with four students over disputes and defiance issues stemming from social media harassment, and spoke to an English class to assist with their interviewing project.

The SRO attended an ADP class in a “get to know each other” question and answer session; this class has several troubled students enrolled in the program.

The SRO attended the SHAPE (Self Help Personal Enrichment) class and SRBI (Student Research Based Intervention); both of these programs are aimed at assisting at-risk students.

The SRO participated in three sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. Local juveniles who are accused of a delinquent act are deferred from the formal juvenile justice system to the local review board for assessment and disposition. The SRO also attended a Juvenile Review Board statewide workshop at the Waterford Police Department and a statewide gang meeting at the New Britain Police Department.

The SRO helped the Senior Class Advisor plan a “Pre Prom DWI Reenactment” for the Junior and Senior class on Tuesday, May 14th (rain date = May 17th).

The SRO conducted in-depth mentoring and assistance for at least six students.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Support Services Bureau officers continue to address citizen complaints involving traffic, parking violations and other motor vehicle violations. Citizens regularly complain of a variety of different violations on various town streets and at several town schools.

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement twelve different times spending approximately 7 hours 49 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town. Locations given extra attention included Linden Street and Middletown Avenue.

A traffic study on Hang Dog Lane was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of nine (9) days. The speed limit in this area is posted at 25 MPH. During the 181 survey hours, 8,205 cars were recorded, averaging 45 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 31 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 31.5 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 36.5 MPH and a top speed of 57 MPH.

Training Division

On Monday, April 1, 2013 Sergeant Oscar Rivera assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with "**Indoctrination Training**" for the 341st Training Session. Sergeant Rivera served as an instructor by providing motivation by having recruits conduct marching drills and various physical exercises.

On Wednesday April 3, 2013 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, Sergeant Michael Connolly, MPO's Luis Gonzalez and Ronald Floyd, began attending monthly two-day training.

On Tuesday, April 9, 2013 Dispatchers Frank Liberatore, Barry Skipp and Lauren Hammond attended the one day "**2013 Telecommunicator Conference.**" This conference was held at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, CT. Training objectives included risk management, problems in the 911 Center, 10 things that get 911 Dispatchers in trouble.

On Wednesday April 10, 2013, Officer Nuno Martins began attending a two day course entitled "**Entry Level Patrol Rifle Operator.**" The course was held at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden as well as the CT State Police Range in Simsbury. The training consisted of both classroom and range time and certifies the officer to carry the patrol rifle.

On Monday April 15, 2013, Animal Control Officer Deborah Monde attended a one day Training Course entitled "**The NACA 100 Level II Training Academy.**" The course was held at the Candlewood Suites Hotel Windsor Locks, CT. The purpose of this training is to assist its members to perform their animal control duties in a professional manner.

On Monday, April 15, 2013 Sergeant Thomas Regan began attending an eight-day course entitled "**First Line Supervisory Leadership.**" This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden, CT. Training objectives include understanding and developing leadership skills, identifying the responsibilities of a supervisor and ways to improve decision

making and problem solving. This course also includes a three day Critical Incident Management course.

On Friday April 19, 2013, Detective Norberto Mendez and Officers Eric Knapp and Bridget Camara attended a one day training course entitled “**Alcohol and Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault Investigations.**” This course was held at the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room. Course topics included proper procedures/investigation techniques that are helpful when investigation sexual assaults where alcohol and drugs are a factor.

On Monday, April 22, 2013 Sergeant Michael Connolly began attending a three day course entitled “**Police Response to the Active Shooter Instructor.**” This training was held at the Groton Police Department, Groton, CT. The course included both classroom and hands on instruction. By completing this course, Sergeant Connolly is now able to instruct officers in proper Active Shooting Response.

On Monday April 22 and 26, 2013, MPO Luis Gonzalez who is one of the WPD firearms instructors, assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with “**Basic Firearms Training**” for the 340th training session. Officer Gonzalez assisted for a total of four days, which included handgun, tactical and shotgun training.

On Monday, April 22, 2013 Detective Robert DeRoehn and Officer Joseph Baich began attending the five day “**Capital Region Police Officer Recertification Training.**” This training was held at the East Hartford Police Department, East Hartford, CT. This forty hour class is mandatory every three years to keep officers certified in the State of Connecticut. The training encompasses a wide variety of topics including legal updates, bias crimes, patrol procedures, emotionally disturbed persons, suicide prevention, juvenile law and domestic violence laws.

On Monday April 22, 2013, Detective Norberto Mendez attended a one day course entitled “**Child Death and Homicide Investigations.**” The training was held at the CT Police Academy. Course topics included signs to look for in the death of a child to determine if it is natural or a homicide.

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On Thursday April 25, 2013, Officer Kenneth Newton attended a one day course entitled “**Child Passenger Safety Workshop.**” The training was held at the Central Connecticut State University Student Center, New Britain CT. Course objectives include proper safety and positioning requirements for children when riding in vehicles.

On Thursday, April 25, 2013 Sergeants Oscar Rivera and Jennie Rivera attended “**Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program.**” This training was held in the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room. This training is mandatory every three years and is open only to supervisory personnel. The training this month was on the topics of Legal Update. This training is held once per month concluding in May, 2013.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Cadets will be participating at the NERLEEA Stations Day at the Police Academy in Meriden.

The annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Saturday May 25, 2013 beginning at 9:00 AM.

Officers from the Wethersfield Police Department will be participating and aggressively enforcing seatbelt violations during the upcoming Annual “Click It or Ticket” enforcement period being held May 20 – June 2, 2013.

The Department will bring a grant opportunity for a school resource officer to the town council in May 2013.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, will be hosting one day of the Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program. This five day course, which began in January, will be held in the WPD Community Room on May 23, 2013. This is the last day of certification which ran every Thursday from January to May 2013.

Spring Firearms if scheduled to take place the week of May 20-24, 2013.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	APRIL 2012	APRIL 2013	YTD 2012	YTD 2013
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	74	106	297	302
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	5	3	15	10
Commercial Burglaries	4	0	9	0
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	1	0	1
Family Violence Arrests				
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Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	183	180	802	593
DUI	10	10	49	29
MV Crashes	38	33	183	176
Parking Tags	20	30	126	148
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	773	829	3077	3196
Alarm Responses	63	46	262	223
Records Requests	230	291	859	896
Prisoners Transported	18	18	54	52
Child Car Seat Installations	3	2	21	29