



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

CALEA representatives conducted an on-site assessment of our department from of April 12-15, 2015. Upon completion of the assessment, the department maintained its accredited status.

Officer Shane Murphy and K-9 Marley are expected to complete their out of state Patrol K-9/Narcotics Team certification and return to patrol.

During the month of April 2015, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to thirteen (13) new cases. The major case investigations involved; one (1) burglary, six (6) larcenies, and one (1) sudden death. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in a Mock Stations Day at the Manchester Police Department in preparation for the Cadet Competition held in May of 2015.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 11:17 AM officers were dispatched to a retail store on the Silas Deane Highway on the report of a shoplifting. While responding, dispatch advised that the shoplifter was described as a black male wearing dark jeans and a jean jacket. Wethersfield Police Dispatch advised that the male was currently walking away towards a CT Transit bus stop. Arriving officers immediately noticed a black male wearing dark jeans and a jean jacket walking eastbound on Jordan Lane. There was a store employee pointing in the direction of the black male. When the male suspect saw the officer he began to walk faster eastbound on Jordan Lane. One officer approached the male suspect and ordered the male to stop. The black male walked around the front of the cruiser and appeared to be looking around as if attempting to determine a location to flee towards. The officer quickly

exited his cruiser, approached the suspect and grabbed hold of his arms. Once the officer grabbed him to prevent him from fleeing, a large quantity of women's deodorant fell out of his jacket to the ground. The officer put handcuffs on the male suspect. The man pleaded not to be arrested for shoplifting the items. An officer then located two glass tubes containing burnt copper mesh within his jacket pocket. The officer knew that the glass tubes are commonly referred to as "crack pipes" and are used in the smoking of crack cocaine. The male suspect was then placed under arrest and placed in the rear of the cruiser. A store employee confirmed that she witnessed the suspect enter the store and begin to walk around. She saw the suspect begin to stuff deodorant from the shelf into his jacket. Two employees told him to put the merchandise back. The employee stated that he then exited the store, past all points of purchase and began to walk east on Jordan Lane. A total of 16 individual deodorants were taken by the suspect and that the total value was \$44.08. A check of his criminal history showed 32 prior arrests, including 11 larceny arrests. He was arrested and transported to Police Headquarters where he was charged with Larceny 6th Degree 53a-125b and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 21a-267(a). He was held on bond and brought to court on 4/13/15.

On Saturday April 18, 2015 at 6:10 PM officers were dispatched to retail store on the Silas Deane Highway on the report of a shoplifter. Store Loss Prevention (LP) told the officer that he had witnessed the female suspect on surveillance place a Tommy Hilfiger comforter set (valued at \$79.99) and a Calvin Klein bed sheet set (valued at \$49.99) into an empty carriage. She then proceeded to the cash register where she returned the above items without a receipt and received a store gift card for \$129.98. She was stopped by LP at the store's exit and asked to follow him to the Loss Prevention Office. She was cooperative and admitted to conducting a fraudulent return. The officer took the female suspect into custody and handcuffed her. She was transported to Police Headquarters where she was charged with Larceny in the Sixth Degree. She was released on a non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear in court on 5/4/15.

Support Services Bureau

Eleven persons were taken into custody. Ten males and one female were transported to court.

There were 130 phone calls and 50 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, thirty-five were handled by the part-time animal control officers and fifteen were handled by police officers. Four animals were impounded with two being redeemed and two sold as pets. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for eleven calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for five calls in Wethersfield. Several calls were received about a black bear in the southwest section of town. State of Connecticut Environmental/Conservation Officers arrived on scene, captured the bear and relocated it. Six written warnings were issued for failure to license dog.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed 16 child seats. Both technicians attended a training workshop on updates to child passenger safety.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 904 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 46 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 113 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 247 calls for service.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 22 police-related alarms in month of April. Residential locations made up 13 (57%) of the total, non-residential locations made up 8 (35%), and State / Town government made up 2 (8%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 22 burglar, 1 holdup / panic, and 0 fire. There currently are 1,642 alarm registrations on file, 23 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 98% compliance rate. Fourteen new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$100 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 14 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 10 items of correspondence sent out.

Detective Division

In January of 2015, a suspect entered an unlocked car in the driveway of a residential home and eventually entered the home, stealing several items. The suspect took items from several vehicles in the same neighborhood. Several days later the stolen vehicle was found in Hartford. Evidence found in the vehicle helped develop a suspect. In April, detectives were able to obtain enough evidence to charge the suspect with breaking into the home and stealing the vehicle.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 34 incidents, involving approximately 49 juveniles during the month of April 2015. In these incidents 2 Juveniles were arrested, 3 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline and 2 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

School Resource Officer (High School)

During the month of March the WHS SRO covered a total of forty (40) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. Four (4) incident reports were completed. The incident reports included the following: Assault / Breach of Peace, Larceny, Emergency Committal, and Creating a Public Disturbance

There were three arrests at the school during the month of April. The arrests included the following: Larceny 6th degree (two arrests), Breach of Peace 2nd degree / Assault 3rd degree

School Resource Officer (Middle School)

During the month of April the SRO covered a total of 40 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO attended Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program - Intervention meeting for at risk youths at SDMS. The SRO attended the weekly Attendance Meetings: Topic discussion centered on State of CT mandates for attendance and at risk youths. The SRO participated in the sessions of the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. The SRO and the Crisis Management Team met with Social & Youth Services to discuss the involvement of youth for Town Youth Programs.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town 3 different times for a total of approximately 1 hour 57 minutes. Locations given extra attention included Prospect Street, the Silas Deane Highway and Thornbush Road.

Based on a complaint from a citizen, the Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used to conduct a traffic survey on Parkview Drive southbound in the area of #27 over the course of five (5) days. During the 96 survey hours, 1,773 cars were recorded, averaging 18.5 cars per hour. Results from the device showed an average speed of 22.26 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 29 MPH and a top speed of 79 MPH (one vehicle).

The Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used to conduct a traffic survey on Spring Street northbound in the area of #147 over the course of four (4) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 30 MPH. During the 73.5 survey hours, 7,871 cars were recorded, averaging 107 cars per hour. Results from the device showed an average speed of 32.74 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 37 MPH and a top speed of 85 MPH (one vehicle).

The following work orders were completed during April, 2015:

- At the Nott Street and Ridge Road intersection install 2" retro reflective strips on all stop sign support poles.

Training Division

On Wednesday, April 1, 2015, members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, MPO Luis Gonzalez, and Officers Jeffry Poulin and Shane Murphy, began attending monthly two-day training.

On Thursday, April 9, 2015, Animal Control Officer David Santoro began attending "**Investigation Cruelty to Animal Complaints.**" This training class was held at the Meriden Police Department. This training gave an insight into proper procedures when investigating Animal Cruelty complaints.

On Tuesday, April 14, 2015 Dispatchers Karen Tomczyk, Frank Liberatore and Welles Hale attended the one day "**2015 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 Monday, April 13, 2015, Officer Shane Murphy and Police Canine Marley, began attending "**Police Canine Basic Training.**" Sponsored by the Castle Police Canine

Training, Mechanicsburg, PA. Officer Murphy and K-9 Marley will receive four-weeks of Patrol Dog and Narcotics Training. Training areas will include obedience, aggression control, tracking, evidence recovery and Narcotics detection.

On Tuesday, April 21, 2015, Sgt. Jennie Rivera attended a one day course entitled "**Lethality Assessment Program: Train the Trainer.**" The training was held at the CT Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Course topics included the following of protocol when it comes to investigation Domestic Violence Cases.

On Thursday, April 23, 2015, Detective Norberto Mendez attended a one day course entitled "**Pediatric Inflicted Head Trauma Conference.**" The training was held at the EASTCONN Conference Center, Hampton, CT. This training helps investigators assess for clues to determine whether or not a child is a victim physical abuse.

On Friday, April 24, 2015, Officer Justin Lord began attending "**Mind Fitness and Resiliency Training for Law Enforcement.**" This training class was held at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, CT. This training was designed for officers to use mediation and exercises to combat stressors associated with Law Enforcement.

On Monday, April 20, 2015, Detective Christopher Morris and Officers Brent Bowman and Justin Lord began attending the five day "**Capitol Region Police Recertification Program.**" This training was held at the Middletown Police Department, Middletown, 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 training including legal updates, bias crimes, patrol procedures, juvenile law and domestic violence laws.

On Thursday April 22, 2015, Officer Kenneth Newton and Dispatcher Lauren Hammond 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will be participating at the Cadet Competition in May. The Wethersfield Police Cadets will be focusing on fund raising efforts for their post.

The annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2015 beginning at 9:00 AM.

The Wethersfield Fireworks will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at the Wethersfield Cove.

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 18 – May 31, 2015.

The annual 5K Keane Foundation Road Race will be held on Sunday June 7, 2015 at 11 AM.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	April 2014	April 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	82	65	228	293
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	1	1	6	5
Commercial Burglaries	5	0	7	0
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	1	0
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	7	12	20	26
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	210	282	507	700
DUI	15	5	26	13
MV Crashes	44	44	142	248
Parking Tags	115	24	177	201
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	813	904	2356	3592
Alarm Responses	62	22	218	253
Records Requests	247	211	659	906
Prisoners Transported	17	11	51	48
Child Car Seat Installations	4	16	19	22