



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

Officer Nuno Martins and K-9 Thor were recertified as a "Patrol Dog Team" by the Connecticut State Police Emergency Services Unit.

During the month of April 2016, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to ten (10) new cases. The major case investigations involved; three (3) burglaries, 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 on 04/16/16

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Saturday, April 2, 2016 at approximately 2:57 PM officers were dispatched to Stop and Shop (1380 Berlin Tnpk.) for the reported female shoplifter in custody. Police Dispatch stated Loss Prevention (LP) staff had the female in their office. Arriving officers met with the LP employee. The suspected female shoplifter was sitting in the LP office. She stated she did not have identification. She was read her Miranda Rights, which she stated she understood and waived. She was then handcuffed. The LP employee stated the store manager observed the female walking towards the store exit with a coat covering merchandise. He stated she exited the store through the north entrance, passed all points of purchase and made no attempt to pay for the merchandise. She returned to the office when they asked and was cooperative at all times. Stop and Shop wished to press charges and did not want the female to return to the store. The stolen merchandise included many food

items, which totaled \$163.87. A warrant check revealed two active failure to appear warrants. She was transported to WPD Headquarters where she was searched by a female officer. She was processed and charged with Larceny in the Sixth Degree. She was held on bond and was scheduled to appear in court on 4/4/2016 at 1000 hours.

On Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 2:04 PM an officer observed a black Acura 2.3CL traveling south on the Berlin Turnpike near Nott St. A DMV registration check showed that the marker plate on the Acura was listed as stolen. The officer stopped the black Acura on the Berlin Turnpike near Pawtucket Ave. Upon speaking with the driver, she stated that the vehicle was her sisters and she was just using a different plate that she had borrowed from a friend. A DMV check revealed that woman driver did not have a driver's license. A check of the VIN showed that that vehicle was properly registered. After speaking with the driver, it was determined that although she was in possession of the stolen license plate, the officer did not believe she was the one who actually stole it. Consequently, she was charged Possession of Stolen Plate rather than Larceny Sixth Degree. She subsequently signed and was issued a Misdemeanor Summons charging her with Possession of Stolen Plates and Operating a Motor Vehicle without a License. She was released at the scene on a written promise to appear in court on 5/2/16 at 1000 hours.

On Tuesday April 19, 2016 at approximately 6:46 PM an officer was dispatched to a home on Hart Street on the report of a past tense bicycle theft. The officer arrived and spoke with the victim. He informed the officer that over the weekend of 4/16-4/17, he was away from his home; however his parents stayed at his home. He stated that when he returned home from his weekend trip, he checked his tool shed. He found his tool shed was in place and nothing appeared to be missing, however when he checked his detached garage, he found that his Trek men's mountain bicycle was missing. Also missing from the garage was a bicycle car carrier attachment. He stated that the doors to his garage are routinely left open, allowing easy access to his garage and its contents. He provided a copy of his sales invoice from Newington Bicycle. The invoice described the missing bicycle as a blue/white Trek mountain bicycle S/N WTU105C6034G (valued @ \$649.99). The invoice described the bicycle car carrier attachment as a Gateway- 2 bike carrier (valued @ \$149.99). The missing bicycle was entered as stolen into NCIC.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 48 alarms in the month of April. Residential locations made up 29 (60%) of the total and non-residential locations made up 19 (40%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 42 burglar, 1 holdup / panic, and 5 fire. There currently are 1,733 alarm registrations on file, 45 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Nine new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$1,100 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 71 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 58 items of correspondence sent out.

The department is finalizing the police officer hiring process and is preparing to hire two certified officers; this will bring the department to full strength and eliminate attrition related overtime costs.

Detective Division

On December 16, 2015, Wethersfield Detectives investigated robbery that occurred at a gas station on the Berlin Turnpike. A male suspect entered the gas station and obtained a cup of coffee. After some small talk, the suspect told the clerk that his friend had a gun and that the suspect wanted all the money from the register. The clerk handed over the money from the cash drawer. The suspect then fled. During the investigation a suspect was developed that matched the description of a suspect in an out of town robbery. On April 16, 2016, the suspect was arrested and charged with Robbery and Larceny.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 39 incidents, involving approximately 53 juveniles during the month of April 2016. In these incidents there were 2 Juvenile arrests, 2 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline, 2 Juveniles were diverted for school discipline and 2 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB."

School Resource Officer (High School)

During the month of April the WHS SRO covered a total of twenty (20) incidents including activities at the school. Two (2) incident reports were completed. The incident reports included the following: DCF Referral (involving two students) and Breach of Peace (involving two students.) There were two (2) arrests at the school during the month of April; Breach of Peace (two students charged.)

The SRO participated in the 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 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 weekly Attendance Meetings: Topic discussion centered on State of CT mandates for attendance and students with issues this academic school year.

The WHS SRO performed selective enforcement on school grounds and for motor vehicle violations.

The WHS SRO participated in the Junior Advisory class for the month of April. The WHS SRO attended the Youth Advisory Board meetings for the month of April. The WHS SRO assisted school administrators with a lock-down drill.

School Resource Officer (Middle School)

During the month of April the SRO covered a total of 22 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO assisted with interviews for candidates applying for full time positions in the school. The SRO attended Safety, Crisis and Administrative meetings. The SRO instructed a class with regard to current safety issues and internet safety.

The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meetings with BOE, Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security. The SRO attended Safety meetings with the Director of Security for the BOE. The SRO participated in the sessions of the 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 SRO assisted school administrator's with fire drills.

Support Services Bureau

Eleven persons were taken into custody and held requiring 359 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, six were arrested on warrants. Nine males and two females were transported to court. The females incarcerated by the department required 79 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 140 phone calls and 39 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, thirty were handled by the part-time animal control officers and nine were handled by police officers. One animal was impounded with one being sold as a pet. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Wethersfield. There were several calls about a goose with a zip tie stuck on its bill. After several attempts the goose was captured and the zip tie was removed.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed 1 child seat.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 849 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 42 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 92 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 251 calls for service.

Training Division

On Friday, April 1, 2016, Officer Luis Gonzalez and Edwin Dailey attended a one day recertification class entitled “**NCIC/ COLLECT Recertification Training.**” Training was held at the Middletown Police Department, Middletown, CT. This class is a recertification class for persons presently certified on the NCIC/ COLLECT computer system. Recertification is for a period of two years.

On Wednesday, April 6, 2016 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, MPO Luis Gonzalez, and Officers Ronald Floyd, Jeffry Poulin and Shane Murphy, began attending monthly two-day training.

On Tuesday, April 7, 2016, Officer Shane Murphy, along with his canine, Marley, attended a one day training class entitled “**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training.**” Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking, and narcotics searches.

On Tuesday, April 12, 2016 Dispatchers Lisa Fournier, Karen Tomczyk and Steven Tyc attended the one day “**2016 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 Tuesday, April 12, 2016, Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk began attending “**Incident Management Training.**” This training class (evening hours) was held at the Regional Communications Center, Manchester CT. The IMT Team is designed to provide personnel that are trained and organized to support emergency response and recovery efforts in event of a large crisis, man-made/ natural disaster etc.

On Wednesday, April 13, 2016, Sergeant Michael Fisher, Detective Christopher Morris and Officers John Blair, Robert Malinowski, Joel Diloreto and Peter Salvatore, attended a one day recertification class entitled “**NCIC/ COLLECT Recertification Training.**” Training was held at the Glastonbury Police Department, Glastonbury, CT. This class is a recertification class for persons presently certified on the NCIC/ COLLECT computer system. Recertification is for a period of two years.

On Monday, April 18, 2016, Officers Peter Salvatore and Michael Forrest 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 Friday, April 19, 2016, Sergeants Delroy Warmington, Kevin O'Leary, Oscar Rivera and Jennie Rivera and Officer Nuno Martins, attended a one day recertification class entitled "**NCIC/ COLLECT Recertification Training.**" Training was held at the Meriden Police Department, Meriden, CT. This class is a recertification class for persons presently certified on the NCIC/ COLLECT computer system. Recertification is for a period of two years.

On Wednesday, April 20, 2016, members of the **Midstate Major Crime Squad (MSMC)**, including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, Detectives Michael Patkoske and Christopher Morris, began attending monthly training. MSMC is a team comprising of detectives from the Midstate police departments, who work together to investigate major incidents.

On Monday, April 25, 2016, Officer Joseph Baich began attending a four day training class entitled "**Field Training Officer Program.**" This training was held at the West Hartford Police Department, West Hartford, CT. This training allows students to become certified Field Training Officers. Training areas included FTO liability, standardized evaluation guidelines, remedial training and completion of daily observation reports.

On Tuesday, April 26, 2016, Officer Nuno Martins, along with his canine, Thor, attended a one day training class entitled "**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training.**" Officer Martins and Thor participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town nine different times for a total of approximately 17 hours 9 minutes. Locations given extra attention included Jordan Lane, Goff Road, Highland Street and Maple Street.

The Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study in the area of 170 Middletown Avenue (display facing northbound traffic) over the course of ten (10) days. During the 171 survey hours, 23,915 cars were recorded. Results from the device showed an average speed of approximately 36 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 41 MPH and a top speed of 67 MPH.

A traffic study in the area of 591 Goff Road was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of fifteen (15) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 25 MPH. During the 288.5 survey hours, 31,549 cars were recorded, averaging 109 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 37 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 37 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 42 MPH and a top speed of 84 MPH.

A traffic study in the area of 444 Highland Street was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of twelve (12) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 35 MPH. During the 276 survey hours, 69,785 cars were recorded, averaging 253

cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 34 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 34 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 40 MPH and a top speed of 78 MPH.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Firearms is scheduled to take place the week of May 23 -27, 2016.

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.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in the Cadet Stations Day Competition at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden on 05/07/16.

A DUI Checkpoint is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2016.

The annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2016 beginning at 9:00 AM.

The Wethersfield Fireworks will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Wethersfield Cove.

The annual 5K Keane Foundation Road Race will be held on Sunday June 5, 2016 at 11 AM.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	APRIL 2014	APRIL 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	65	75	228	256
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	1	1	6	7
Commercial Burglaries	0	1	7	2
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	1	0
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	12	6	20	22
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	282	198	507	586
DUI	5	12	26	26
MV Crashes	44	64	142	317
Parking Tags	24	173	177	442
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	904	849	2356	3250
Alarm Responses	22	48	218	165
Records Requests	211	204	659	758
Prisoners Transported	11	11	51	53
Child Car Seat Installations	16	1	19	14