



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

ACO Deb Monde has been trained and certified as a car seat Technician, joining the ranks of Off. Newton and Disp. Hammond as specially trained car seat install technicians.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training, Domestic Violence Education, and also prepared for Stations Day Competition during the month of April 2017.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at approximately 4:50 PM officers were dispatched to Family Dollar on the Silas Deane Highway on the report of a shoplifting. Officers were advised that a uniformed member of the United States Air Force (USAF) was following the suspect northbound on the Silas Deane Highway but lost sight of him in the area of Deming Place. The USAF Airman described the suspect and showed officers where he was last seen. Officers searched the area and located the suspect as he was exiting a rear yard on McMullen Avenue. The suspect was positively identified by store employees as the person that shoplifted from them. The suspect was placed under arrest and charged with Larceny 6th Degree and Breach of Peace. He was held on bond and scheduled to appear at G.A.15 in New Britain on March 5, 2017. The suspect was also found to have an active arrest warrant out of Hartford Police Department for Failure to Appear in court, he was charged accordingly for this.

On Thursday, April 13, 2017 at approximately 12:25 AM an off-duty WPD officer was traveling south on Wolcott Hill Road when he noticed two individuals standing next to a vehicle in a driveway and then run into the rear yard of the residence. Due to the numerous thefts from and of motor vehicles in recent months he believed he interrupted a burglary to a

motor vehicle, which was confirmed. Officers, including a K9 officer responded to the area. The K9 tracked to a side street where one suspect was located. Another officer located two additional suspects on another side street. All three suspects, who are juveniles, were charged with Burglary 3rd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary 3rd Degree, Larceny 6th Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny 6th Degree. All three were issued juvenile summonses and turned over to family members.

On Thursday, April 20, 2017 at approximately 10:20 PM Rocky Hill Police Department requested assistance in locating a possible shooting victim in their town. Several officers and a sergeant responded to the area. The victim was located and WPD Officers administered emergency tactical first aid to the victim until advance medical personnel arrived and took over aid. WPD Officers also searched the building for a possible suspect, but one was not located.

Detective Division

On April 7, 2017 at approximately 4:47 am several patrol officers were dispatched to Valero at 1785 Berlin Tnpk. for the report of a glass break alarm with interior motion. Upon arrival, officers saw the business was closed and a front window was smashed. There was a piece of curbing on the ground next to the smashed window which was used to enter the building. The owner of the Valero arrived on scene and gave officers access to the building through the front door. A search of the building was negative for any suspects inside. The video surveillance on the incident shows one male suspect enter through the smashed window and take the cash drawer and multiple cigarette packages. This suspect appeared to be wearing tan pants with a camouflage shirt and a tan hat. The video showed an additional male suspect who stayed outside during the burglary and appeared to be wearing all black clothing. The male suspects are then observed running towards the east side of the building. A detective arrived on scene and the detective assumed the investigation. This case is still under investigation.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 34 incidents, involving approximately 44 juveniles during the month of April 2017. In these incidents there were 5 Juvenile arrests, 1 Juvenile was diverted for School discipline and 2 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB" and Community Resource Board "CRB".

School Resource Officer (High School)

During the month of March the WHS SRO covered a total of twenty-seven (27) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

Some of the issues The SRO assisted with are:

- The WHS SRO responded to the on-ramp from Silas Deane Highway to route 5/15 southbound where a school bus collision had occurred. The bus contained several WHS students, but no injuries were reported at the time. CSP responded.
- 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 Youth Advisory Board (YAB) - Volunteer Recognition Night.
- The WHS SRO assisted administration in conducting a fire drill. Debriefing held immediately following the drill.
- The WHS SRO attended the weekly Security Update meeting with administration and security officers.
- The WHS SRO participated in the selection process of a privately funded scholarship along with the some WHS Staff and the family that funds the scholarship.
- The WHS SRO attended the Parent Meeting for incoming students currently in the eighth grade.

School Resource Officer (Middle School)

During the month of April the SRO covered a total of 36 incidents including activities at the school.

Some of the issues The SRO assisted with are:

- The SRO conducted one advisory class pertaining to social media and sexting laws.
- The SRO facilitated 2 separate peer mediations at the Students request.
- The SRO met with a student at his parents request to discuss at risk behaviors.
- The SRO presented search and seizure laws to a social studies class.
- The SRO met with the Director of the Public Library to discuss SDMS student current issues.
- The SRO met with a staff member at his request to discuss a safety issue regarding arrival and dismissal protocols. Assisted.
- The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meetings with BOE, Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security.
- The SRO participated in the sessions of the Town of 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.

Support Services Bureau

Fourteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 276 hours of incarceration. Seven prisoners were arrested on warrants, seven were based on speedy information. Nine males and five females were transported to court throughout the month. The females that were incarcerated required fifty-one hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were eighty-nine phone calls and forty-five calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for two calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for twenty-two calls. Twenty-seven dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were four impounds this month: all were redeemed. Two warnings were issued for unlicensed dogs. ACO Monde presented a dog safety class for children at the CREC Soundbridge School.

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 887 NG911 emergency phone calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to thirty-nine incidents, and was Aetna dispatched to 312 incidents during the month. There were 313 medical / ambulance calls this month; multiple ambulances may be dispatched to one call which results in dispatched ambulance totals far exceeding the total number of medical calls.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

St. Paul's Church was assisted with sign posting to regulate parking in the interest of pedestrian safety for their fair.

Selective enforcement was conducted upon citizen complaint regarding stop sign violations on Kelley Avenue @ Ezekial Porter Road.

Selective Enforcement is being conducted, and the speed monitor sign was placed, on McMullen Ave for speeders cutting through from Hartford. While putting up the sign, two stops were made- arrests were made for speed, suspended ,licensed, uninsured and unregistered MV, etc.

The SSB is evaluating the possible need for, and feasibility of, a crossing guard at Wells / Jay for WHS students.

Vehicles turning at Progress Drive / Wells remains an issue and is being researched an addressed locally and with the DoT.

Training Division

On April 24, 2017, the Wethersfield Police Department laterally hired retired Hartford Police Officer Richard Holton III. The Wethersfield Police Training Unit began Officer Holton's orientation process that day. Officer Holton was assigned to FTO John Blair as his primary FTO and began Field Training with Officer Blair on Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

Monthly Training Activities:

On Tuesday, April 4, 2017, Dispatcher Kerianne Motta attended **911 Liability Training** presented by PowerPhone. This 8 hour training took place at the Wethersfield Police Department.

On Tuesday, April 4, 2017, Officer Shane Murphy and Canine Marley attended **Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training**. Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

On Tuesday, April 4, 2017, Commanders Andrew Power, Thomas Mitney and Sergeant Michael Connolly attended CIRMA's **Online Workers Compensation Claim Reporting Training**. This 2 hour training was presented at the Wethersfield Town Hall.

On Wednesday, April 5 and Thursday, April 6, 2017, MPO Luis Gonzalez, Officer Shane Murphy and Officer Joel DiLoreto attended monthly **Capital Region Emergency Services Team (CREST) Training**. CREST is the region SWAT team.

On Thursday, April 6, 2017, Commander Donald Crabtree, Sergeant Michael Connolly, MPO David Gove, Detective Christopher Morris and Officers Albert Whaples, Barry Veilleux and Eric Knapp, attended the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) **2017 Marine Law Enforcement Seminar**. The seminar discussed boating laws and changes for 2017. This training took place at the Department of Veteran Affairs in Rocky Hill.

On Thursday, April 13, 2017, Commanders Donald Crabtree and Michael Connolly attended **Crowd Control and Management: Protecting First Amendment Rights**. This training took place at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden.

On Monday, April 17, 2017, Detectives Michael Patkoske, Christopher Morris and Jeffrey Poulin attended **Heroin / Opioid Overdose Death Investigations Training**. This training took place at the Connecticut Police Academy.

On Wednesday, April 25, 2017, Sergeant Michael Fisher and Lead Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk attended the **2017 Connecticut Emergency Management Symposium**. This event took place at the Radisson Hotel Conference Center in Cromwell, CT.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 56 alarms in month of April. Non-residential locations made up 22 (39%) of this total, residential alarms made up 33 (59%), and State and Town government made up 1 (2%). The alarms received were: 46 burglar, 5 holdup / panic, and 5 fire. There currently are 1,833 alarm registrations on file, 50 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Two new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$450.00 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 49 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 42 items of correspondence sent out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A DUI checkpoint is scheduled for early May.

Junior Prom is planned for May 13.

Memorial Day Parade is being planned and is set for May 27th.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in Cadet Stations Day Competition at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden on 05/06/17.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	April 2016	April 2017	YTD 2016	YTD 2017
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	75	88	256	271
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	1	2	7	7

Commercial Burglaries	1	1	2	4
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	2
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	0	0
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	198	116	586	335
DUI	12	7	26	19
MV Crashes	64	50	317	248
Parking Tags	173	13	442	126
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	849	887	3250	2556
Alarm Responses	48	56	165	271
Records Requests	204	171	758	738
Prisoners Transported	11	9	53	36
Child Car Seat Installations	1	10	14	39