



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**Chief of Police**

**April 2018**

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS**

The CALEA reaccreditation onsite inspection has been conducted. The department will be furnished with the assessor's report when completed, and the CALEA board will make the final determination if the department is reaccredited this coming July.

This department participated in the DEA Prescription Drug Takeback on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, located at the Wethersfield Police Department.

Participated in Youth & Police Program and Planning including several Middle School Students

During the month of April 2018 the Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in a review of practical skills trainings covered during the fall and winter sessions in preparation of Stations Day competition on 05/05/2018 at CT Police Academy in Meriden. The Wethersfield Police Cadets attended a Mock Stations Day at the Manchester Police Department on 04/21/2018

## **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

### **Patrol Division**

#### **Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)**

On Monday, April 30, 2018 at approximately 11:20 AM officers were dispatched to a local residence on the report of a possible burglary in progress. The witness observed two people walk into the neighbor's back yard and into the neighbor's house while the neighbor was away. While officers were responding the two people walked out and away from the house. The witness continued to watch the two people and upon arrival to the area officers stopped the two as they were entering a vehicle in the parking lot of a local business in the area. Numerous items located with the two were identified by the property owner as belonging to him. Both people were placed under arrest and charged with Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Larceny 6<sup>th</sup> Degree, Conspiracy to Commit

Larceny 6<sup>th</sup> Degree, Criminal Mischief 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Criminal Mischief 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. One was additionally charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at approximately 3:01 AM an officer was patrolling on Prospect Street when he noticed a silver Chrysler travelling west on Prospect Street with only one headlight illuminated and no front license plate attached. The officer conducted a motor vehicle stop with the vehicle. Upon approaching the vehicle the officer detected an odor of marijuana emanating from within the vehicle and noticed a baggie containing suspected marijuana in plain view. The operator admitted that the vehicle was not registered or insured and that he had no driver's license. A search of the inside of the vehicle revealed a stolen handgun, nineteen baggies of suspected marijuana packaged for sale, several bundles of suspected heroin also packaged for sale, several baggies of suspected crack cocaine along with paraphernalia for narcotics. Also located was a blender containing a white/yellowish fine powder. The operator was placed under arrest and charged with the following: Criminal Possession of a Firearm, Carrying a Pistol without a Permit, Larceny 6<sup>th</sup> Degree, Possession of Narcotics with Intent to Sell, Possession of Narcotics, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Operating a Motor Vehicle without Insurance, Operating a Motor Vehicle while Under Suspension along with several other motor vehicle charges.

## **Detective Division**

During the month of April 2018, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to fourteen (14) new cases. These cases involved two (2) larcenies, two (2) residential burglaries, one (1) armed robbery, two (2) assist other jurisdictions, one (1) fraud, one (1) narcotics, one (1) bad check, two (2) sexual assaults, one (1) domestic assault and one (1) juvenile offense. Detective also followed up and closed three (3) old cases. These were one (1) child abuse in which an arrest was made, one (1) bad check case in which the suspect made restitution and one (1) identity theft (no suspect). Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations for new town hires and background investigations for pistol permits applicants.

## **Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 37 incidents, involving approximately 44 juveniles during the month of April 2018. In these incidents there were 4 Juvenile "Summons" arrests issued, 2 Juveniles diverted for parental discipline and 2 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board.

## **School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School**

During the month of April the WHS SRO covered incidents/activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

The WHS SRO was asked by Officer Luiz and a student parent to speak with a male student regarding his behavior at their residence. Student advised on possible consequences.

The WHS SRO spoke with a student who lost his wallet and created a disturbance at the residence of another student who found (and returned) the wallet. The senior male student blamed the female freshman student for stealing the money from the wallet prior to returning the wallet. No formal complaint.

The WHS SRO spoke with a parent and received information about an impending issue that could become a problem between two male students.

The WHS SRO spoke with a student regarding a situation at her residence over the spring break from school. There was no crime and the student was advised.

The WHS SRO assisted when a fire alarm was pulled due to a smell in the cafeteria.

The WHS SRO took a found property complaint. Wallet was turned over to its rightful owner.

The WHS SRO spoke to multiple youths about their parking violations along Eagle Drive. Verbal warnings issued.

The WHS SRO spoke with two females on behalf of a patrol division investigation regarding a trespass complaint at Pine Acres. Students advised on trespass laws.

The WHS SRO responded to the residence of a student who is habitually truant. Student transported to school without incident.

The WHS SRO met with two female students regarding a loud verbal altercation in the cafeteria prior to the first bell. Students were advised to get along with each other. Both apologized for their actions and agreed to handle similar future situations accordingly.

The WHS SRO ticketed four vehicles for various parking violations.

The WHS SRO spoke with a complainant regarding her parking concerns on Eagle Drive. The situation was discussed and follow up will be handled.

The WHS SRO was notified about a motor vehicle violation on school grounds by Principal Moore. Student was advised and issued a verbal warning.

The WHS SRO responded to the pool for a medical call for service. Student was taken to the nurse's office and ultimately transported to CCMC. Parent contacted and arrived at WHS.

The WHS SRO responded to the residence of a student to check on his welfare. Freshmen male student defiantly left school after an altercation with staff. Met with parent.

The WHS SRO assisted the Rocky Hill Police Department with an open case involving both Wethersfield and Rocky Hill students (including adult and juvenile ages).

The WHS SRO responded to the scene of a motor vehicle collision on Westway in which WHS students were occupants in the vehicles. Students checked ok/no injuries.

The WHS SRO met with the superintendent regarding social media on a WPS Facebook page.

The WHS SRO arrested a student for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

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.

The WHS SRO attended the Attendance Meeting: Topic discussion centered on students with attendance issues for this academic year.

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 monthly Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board meeting.

The WHS SRO assisted school administrator's with a fire call for service.

The WHS SRO presented the Advisory class with a teacher.

The WHS SRO attended the weekly security and safety meeting with administrators and security staff.

## **School Resource Officer – Silas Deane Middle School**

During the month of April the SRO covered a total of 17 incidents including activities at the school.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

The SRO met with a parent at her request to discuss CT State Laws as they pertain to her custody agreement.

The SRO met with a student at the request of Administration to discuss safety concern.

The SRO assisted a student and parent at the student's request with an intervention.

The SRO met with a student and his parent concerning social media activity and its impact on other students.

The SRO assisted the Administration and a parent with additional resources for concerning behaviors demonstrated in the school.

The SRO met with two students and their parents regarding their behaviors as a safety concern.

The SRO met with Social and Youth Services to review upcoming case load for JRB/CRB referrals as well as Police and Youth activities.

The SRO assisted Admin with de-escalation of student after receiving a school consequence for violations of school rules. The SRO then met with Parents of the student to discuss behaviors as they pertain to State law. Advised and assisted.

The SRO assisted a Parent and student with a personal matter upon request of the parent.

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.

The SRO assisted school Administrators with fire drills.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

This department has responded to 32 alarms in month of April. Non-residential locations made up 14 (44%) of this total, residential alarms made up 15 (47%), and State and Town government made up 3 (9%). The alarms received were: 27 burglar and 5 holdup/panic. Currently there are 1,949 alarm registrations on file, 29 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 98% compliance rate. Two new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$1,625.00 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 84 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 68 items of correspondence sent out.

## **Support Services Bureau**

Eighteen persons were taken into custody and were unable to make bond; fifteen males and three female were transported to court throughout the month.

There were 108 phone calls and forty-eight cases involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for six calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for twenty-two calls in Wethersfield. Thirty dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were four impounds this month: three were redeemed, and one will carry over into May. The incident synopsis for the month is: five wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), forty-three dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), six mutual aid calls to Newington, and twenty-two warnings issued for unlicensed dogs. No warning letter for

delinquent licensing, as the renewal date in June is approaching; letters shall resume after that point.

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

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 803 E-911 emergency phone calls.

## **Community Relations**

Spring welcomes in selective enforcement and quality of life requests:

4/30 Stillman Dr, speed , stop sign, “undesirable people”. Selective enf. being conducted

4/23 complaint re: parking issues on Eagle Dr. – PD requested painted lines on roadway

4/21 citizen complained re: parking on Caliber La during soccer season. Extra attn.

4/21 citizen called in about making stop signs more visible on Hang Dog La E/B direction

4/20 complaint re: Eagle Dr. stop sign violations @ folly Brook. Selective / EA

4/18 Harold Dr. resident called about no parking issues Eagle Dr . Announcement made @ WHS, selective and EA to area.

## **Training Division**

On Tuesday, April 3, 2018, Officer Nuno Martins and canine Jax attended **Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training**. Officer Martins and K9 Jax participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Tuesday, April 3, 2018, Officer Shane Murphy and K9 Marley attended **Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training**. Officer Murphy and K9 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 3, 2018, Officer Justin Hilchuk attended **Police Motorcycle Operator Training**. This is in-service training to maintain operator proficiency.

On Wednesday, April 4, 2018, Lead Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk attended the **2018 Connecticut Emergency Symposium** held at the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell, CT.

On Wednesday, April 4, 2018 and Thursday, April 5, 2018, Sergeant Luis Gonzalez and Officers Shane Murphy, Joel DiLoreto and Justin Hilchuk attended **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team Training (CREST)**. The CREST Team is the regional SWAT team.

On Thursday, April 5, 2018, Lieutenant Donald Crabtree, Officer Albert Whaples and Officer Gary Luiz attended the 2018 Law Enforcement Marine Seminar. The seminar discussed current boating laws and changes. This training took place at the Department of Veteran Affairs in Rocky Hill.

From Monday, April 9, 2018 through Friday, April 20, 2018, Officer Justin Hilchuk attended CREST Basic SWAT School. This training provides the officer with the basic required knowledge and skills to act as a SWAT operator.

From Monday, April 9, through Friday, April 13, 2018, Officers Shane Murphy and Richard Holton attended “**Capital Region Chiefs of Police Review Training.**” This recertification training took place at the Manchester Police Department.

On Wednesday, April 11, 2018, Master Police Officer David Gove and Detective Christopher Morris attended **Apple Incorporated’s Law Enforcement Training.** This training took place at the Connecticut Police Academy.

On Thursday, April 12, 2018, Detective Norbert Mendez attended the training, “**Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement.**” This training, which took place at the Milford Police Department, covered law enforcement related psychological and lifestyle issues.

On Monday, April 16, 2018, Head Records Clerk Tanisha Murray and Clerks Heather Joly and Taneta McCaw took online training. The course, **Emotional and Psychological Disorders**, was taken online through CIRMA.

On Tuesday, April 17, 2018, Officer Peter Salvatore attended the **Glock Armorer’s Course.** The course, which place at the Metacon Gun Club, provided Officer Salvatore certification as a Glock armorer for Flock firearms.

On Tuesday, April 17, 2018 through Thursday, April 19, 2018, Officers Joel DiLoreto and Joseph Baich attended **Law Enforcement Active Diffusion Strategies plus Tactical Options training (LEADS+T).** This de-escalation training was a train the trainer course and will provide the officers the ability to present the course to others. This training took place at the Wethersfield Police Department.

On Wednesday, April 18, 2018, Lieutenant Andrew Power and Detective Alison Sullivan attended the **United States Secret Service Terrorism Conference** which was held at the Connecticut Police Academy.

On Monday, April 23, through Friday, May 4, 2018, Master Police Officer David Gove attended **Basic Computer Forensic Examiner Training.** This training took place at the Royal Caribe in Orlando, FL.

On Wednesday, April 25, 2018, Dispatcher Michael Girard attended **NextGen 911 Training.** This training took place in Meriden, CT.

On Wednesday, April 25, 2018, Lieutenant Andrew Power and Detectives Michael Patkoske and Christopher Morris attended **Mid-State Major Crime Scene Training**. This training consists of local area detectives working together on major cases.

On Thursday, April 26, 2018, Lieutenant Donald Crabtree and Officer Gary Luiz attended **Mid-State Accident Reconstruction Team Training**. This training took place at the Rocky Hill Police Department.

On Monday, April 30, 2018, Sergeant Oscar Rivera and Detective Anthony DeMonte began **Peer Support Training**. This training, provided by CABLE, took place at the Wethersfield Police Department.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Day Parade will be held in May.

Members of the K-9 Unit have been scheduled to attend several specialized canine training offered free of charge by CPWDA.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will participate in the Stations Day competition on 05/05/2018 at CT Police Academy in Meriden. Wethersfield Police Cadets will assist in the Memorial Day Parade.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	APRIL 2017	APRIL 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	88	71	271	243
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	2	2	7	2
Commercial Burglaries	1	0	4	0
Armed Robberies	0	1	2	1
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	0	0
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	116	199	335	443
DUI	7	4	19	29
MV Crashes	50	41	248	217
Parking Tags	13	113	126	244
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	887	803	2556	3193
Alarm Responses	56	32	271	176
Records Requests	171	126	738	471
Child Car Seat Installations	10	8	39	24