



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

During the month of April 2019 members of the Patrol Bureau made seventeen (17) arrests for Driving Under the Influence.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in the Cadet Station's Day Competition which was held on May 4, 2019 at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden. The Cadets were very successful at the competition.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On Saturday, April 6, 2019 at approximately 1:59 AM an officer stopped a motor vehicle for a traffic violation on the Berlin Turnpike. Upon approaching the operator, the officer detected an odor of an alcoholic beverage and noticed a 'nip' size bottle of whiskey in the center console cup holder. The operator failed the sobriety tests he attempted. An officer noticed a pistol in the vehicle console. The pistol, which was loaded, was not reported stolen and not found to be registered. The operator does not have an issued pistol permit. The operator was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of a Firearm without a Permit, Weapon in a Motor Vehicle, Driving Under the Influence, Operating under Suspension and Failure to Maintain Lane.

On Monday, April 15, 2019 at approximately 2:18 AM an officer stopped a motor vehicle for a traffic violation on the Berlin Turnpike. The operator of the vehicle refused to give the officer any identifying information. A second officer approached the vehicle and noticed a handgun in plain view inside the vehicle. When the operator was asked to step out of the vehicle he refused to do so and engaged the officers in a pursuit, which was later terminated. The officer was tentatively able to identify the operator. This case remains under investigation.

On Saturday, March 30, 2019 at approximately 7:24 AM officers were dispatched to a motor vehicle verses building accident at a local business. Upon arrival it was found that the vehicle struck a light pole outside of the building. When asked, the operator believed he was in West Hartford. When he stepped out of his vehicle, officers noticed the operator had his jacket on upside down. The operator failed the sobriety tests he attempted. He was placed under arrest and charged with Driving Under the Influence.

Detective Division

During the month of April 2019, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to four (4) new cases. These cases involved the following:

- One (1) Identity Theft
- One (1) Search Warrant where weapons were seized
- One (1) Sexual Assault of a Juvenile
- One (1) Officer Involved Shooting

Detectives also followed up and/or closed two (2) cases from previous months:

- One (1) was a larceny case from March 2019 in which Vernon PD located items from a burglary in their town at a pawnshop in our town. A Wethersfield detective prepared an arrest warrant and arrested the suspect for being in possession of stolen items.
- One (1) person was arrested at court by a detective on a warrant from October 2018.

Detectives also continue to perform numerous town background investigations for positions at town hall as well as for new police officers and for a dispatcher. Background investigations continue for pistol permits applicants.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 55 incidents, involving approximately 66 Juveniles during the month of April 2019. In these incidents there were 2 Juvenile "Summons" arrests, 3 Juveniles were issued infractions related to Vaping, 3 Juveniles were diverted for school discipline, 4 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline and 4 Juvenile were seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board.

School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School

During the month of March the WHS SRO covered a total of twenty nine (29) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The WHS SRO issued a complaint ticket to a student for possession of vaping materials in a public place by a minor.

- The WHS SRO met with a student regarding a stolen piece of electronics. Item was found and discovered to have been lost, not stolen.
- The WHS SRO met with a 9th grade female student who was making staff aware that her friend was being "stalked" by a male student. Met with the involved female who said she was receiving unwanted/alarming texts from another student. She did not wish to have me speak with the male and said she would avoid him and block him on her phone.
- The WHS SRO assisted Officer Luiz with an investigation that involved one or two WHS students. One student was interviewed regarding his involvement in a larceny case.
- The WHS SRO took a complaint for a lost item.
- The WHS SRO spoke with a student who was involved in a minor motor vehicle collision. The collision happened off campus and both operators chose not to have police involvement.
- The WHS SRO met with a teacher who was having an issue with squatters at the residence of a deceased family member. WPD Officer McGee is the original case officer.
- The WHS SRO met with a student who was making inappropriate hand/facial gestures in class. He claimed they were a tribute to a rapper/musician he idolizes.
- The WHS SRO responded to the guidance office/main office/main entrance after a parent was causing a scene. She was asked to leave the building and left without major incident.
- The WHS SRO issued an infraction ticket to a student for possession of vaping materials on public property by a minor.
- The WHS SRO assisted with a fire alarm activation due to the reported odor of natural gas emanating from the second floor girls bathroom. WVFD responded to the scene. Checked out alright.
- The WHS SRO assisted an SDMS guidance counselor with an issue involving a student's parent. The protective order was determined to no longer be valid.
- The WHS SRO met with three students and assisted them with a project for their film class.
- The WHS SRO along with patrol officer's responded to Harold Street where it was reported there was an unconscious driver slumped over the steering wheel. EMS responded and the eighteen year old refused medical treatment. Student said she was sleeping while waiting to pick up her younger sibling. Checked okay.
- The WHS SRO issued an infraction ticket for possession of vaping materials by a minor to a student.
- The WHS SRO and Officer DiLoreto responded to a church on Main Street on the report of an emotionally disturbed male student. Student's guidance counselor was transported to the scene to assist. Parents were on scene and the male was found not to be a harm to himself or anyone else. Turned over to parents.
- The WHS SRO spoke to a student regarding his negative behavior.
- The WHS SRO spoke to a male student regarding his aggressive behavior.
- 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 WHS weekly Attendance Meeting: Topic discussion centered on students with attendance issues for this academic year.
- The WHS SRO attended a weekly WHS meeting (Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program - Scientific Research-Based Intervention) meeting for at risk youths at WHS.
- The WHS SRO attended a weekly SDMS meeting (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 WHS school administrators with a fire call for service.
- The WHS SRO assisted SDMS school administrators with a fire drill.
- 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.

Administrative Services Bureau

Support Services Bureau

Seven persons were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond. Six males and one female were transported to court throughout the month.

There were sixty-seven phone calls and thirty-six calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for two calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for no calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for twenty calls. Seventeen dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were five impounds this month: two were redeemed, two were sold as a pets. The incident synopsis for the month is: two wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), thirty-four dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), and two mutual aid calls to Newington. The ACOs issued five letters to residents for delinquent dog licenses this month.

Animal Control officers are working with the Doggie Daycare business on Beaver Road on noise abatement issues.

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

Training Unit:

Community Relations:

Speed signs were deployed on Windmill Hill and Old Reservoir @ Baneberry La.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will prepare for the NEERLEA Cadet/Explorer Summer Camp scheduled in July of 2019.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	APRIL 2018	APRIL 2019	YTD 2018	YTD 2019
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	71	57	243	261
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	2	1	2	1
Commercial Burglaries	0	0	0	1
Armed Robberies	1	0	1	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	0	0
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	199	181	443	482
DUI	4	17	29	41
MV Crashes	41	58	217	221
Parking Tags	113	22	244	300
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	803	842	3193	3068
Alarm Responses	32	48	176	153
Records Requests	126	127	471	402
Child Car Seat Installations	8	4	24	21