



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**Chief of Police**

**APRIL 2020**

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

Provide further agency-wide training via CIRMA e-learning, PowerDMS and Daigle Law Group Virtual Online Training.

Sixteen (out of twenty-three) sworn members have met POSTC Recertification Requirements. Three other officers will meet their requirements with Recertification Training set in May and June. The remaining four sworn members are Supernumerary Officers and have been given guidance to meet their requirements. All POSTC Certifications that expire on 6/30/2020 have been extended to 12/31/2020.

Due to the closure of the schools with the Covid-19 pandemic, the School Resource Officers and D.A.R.E. officer were reassigned to the patrol bureau effective March 17, 2020.

Effective shift change in April, Officer Kevin Foster has been reassigned from the patrol bureau and assigned as a detective in the detective bureau.

Effective April 25, 2020, Detective Michael Patkoske retired from the Wethersfield Police Department.

## **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

### **Patrol Division**

There were roughly 26 arrests during the month of April 2020. Many of the arrests were dispatched calls for shoplifting or were Family Violence related. The department has taken to mostly issuing Misdemeanor Summons for these arrests and then photographing the arrestee and releasing them from the scene with court dates that have been pushed weeks ahead of what they normally would be. All of these modifications are due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Support Services Bureau**

2 persons were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond; 2 males and 0 females were transported to court throughout the month.

There were 48 phone calls and 21 involving animal control issues. No dog licenses were obtained during the month. There was 1 impound this month; 1 was redeemed by their owners or sold a pets. The incident synopsis for the month is: 7 wildlife complaint (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.) and 14 dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.).

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected / installed no child seats.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 646 NG911 emergency phone calls. Text-to-911 is now an active feature in Wethersfield's E911 center.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to, or initiated, 112 calls for service, fire prevention activities, or assists / standbys.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) and Aetna Ambulance were dispatched to a total of 257 medical / ambulance calls this month.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

Selection process continues with two officers being hired officially in May. This leaves three vacancies remaining to be filled. Oral boards will be conducted for non-certified candidates, and written and oral boards will be administered to the next wave of certified candidates in May.

## **Detective Division**

During the month of April, 2020, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to nine (9) new cases. These cases involved the following:

- 1 Misuse of 911 system
- 1 Commercial Burglary
- 1 Robbery/ Home Invasion
- 1 Residential Burglary/ Stolen Motor Vehicle
- 1 Sexual Assault
- 2 Assist Other Jurisdiction
- 1 Fraud
- 1 Stolen Motor Vehicle

In addition to the above cases, members of the Detective Bureau completed eighteen (18) supplemental reports on follow up investigations for nine (9) additional cases, including:

- 1 Burglary
- 1 Risk of Injury to a Minor
- 1 Sexual Assault
- 1 Overdose
- 1 Commercial Burglary

- 1 Fraud
- 1 Theft from a Motor Vehicle
- 1 Stolen Motor Vehicle
- 1 Assist Other Jurisdiction

Nine (9) cases from the current and previous months/years were closed.

Three (3) new background investigations for pistol permits applicants were received.

Background investigations for police applicants, both certified and entry level continue, with three (3) additional this month. One (1) background check for the Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance Association was conducted.

**DD PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

The following are the burglary and robbery statistics for the month of April, 2020, along with comparative statistics for the same period of last year. The figures in the parenthesis represent the number of cases cleared by arrest, or in which the perpetrators have been identified.

| <b>Criminal Activity</b>       | <b>April 2019</b> | <b>April 2020</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Residential Burglaries:</b> | 0 (0)             | 1 (0)             |
| <b>Commercial Burglaries:</b>  | 0 (0)             | 1 (0)             |
| <b>Armed Robberies:</b>        | 0 (0)             | 1 (1)             |
| <b>Strong-arm Robberies:</b>   | 0 (0)             | 1 (0)             |

**Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 29 incidents, involving approximately 46 Juveniles during the month of April 2020. In these incidents 2 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline.

**School Resource Officer**

N/A

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

A citizen called about a hazardous parking situation on Crest Street, west of Ridge Road, by the basketball court. The complaint was that when cars park on the north side of the road, it creates a safety hazard when cars travel in opposite directions, up and down the hill. An evaluation is being conducted to determine if additional No Parking signs will be appropriate.

## Training Division

During the month of April, this unit continued to support/train/guide this agency by distributing literature through PowerDMS and department email detailing infectious control guidelines issued by the CDC, CCHD and measures established within our own agency to mitigate the impact from the COVID-19 pandemic that continues to affect our agency and the community. All measures established in March continued/increased to meet the guidance from federal and state infectious control agencies. Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk participated in two regional PPE Distribution Events.

During the month of April, four exposure reports were completed for employees that had significant contact with persons that were later confirmed to be positive for COVID-19 (through testing.) Two additional officers were quarantined at their residence for COVID-19 Symptoms.

Many courses/classes scheduled to be conducted at our facility and elsewhere were canceled/postponed due to COVID-19.

**On-line COLLECT/NCIC Recertification** training continued through the first week of this month. Officers are mandated to complete this training on a bi-annual cycle.

On Tuesday, April 7, 2020, Sergeant O. Rivera attended a **Capital Region Training Officers Meeting** hosted by Spector Training Network. This meeting was held utilizing the Zoom Meeting App (web-based video conferencing tool). Current and future classes were discussed; along with ideas about the training platform to use in order to comply with COVID-19 Restrictions while meeting POSTC Mandates.

On Tuesday, April 14, 2020, Officer Nuno Martins, along with his canine, Jax, took part in a one-day training class entitled "**Police Canine/Police Canine Handler Training.**" Officer Martins and Jax conducted this training on their own to maintain their proficiency.

On Friday, April 17, 2020, Sergeant O. Rivera attended another **Capital Region Training Officers Meeting** hosted by the Spector Training Network as part of a study group. Many aspects of training were discussed and rules were established for utilizing the Zoom App as a training platform.

On Monday, April 27, 2020, department wide training (for sworn personnel) concerning this agency's involvement with the **Heroin Opioid Prevention & Education (H.O.P.E.) Program** was created and administered through PowerDMS.

All other scheduled training was canceled/postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the Covid all special events in town have been canceled for the time being.

Two candidates are enrolled in the New Britain Police Department Basic Recruit Academy set to begin on May 15, 2020. A Pre-Cooper Test is scheduled for May 9, 2020.

Spring Firearms has been CANCELED due to COVID-19.

Sergeant Gustavo Rodriguez, Sergeant Joseph Baich and Officer Michael Forrest will take part in Shotgun and Less Lethal (Sock Round) Qualification/Training in May.

The Berlin Police Firing Range has been reserved by this agency for department wide weapons qualifications on Friday, October 16, 2020 (Open Range), and Monday, October 19, 2020, through Friday, October 23, 2020.

Detectives continue to work on a regional basis with several different task forces in an effort to solve criminal cases throughout the area.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

|                                 | April 2019 | April 2020 | YTD 2019 | YTD 2020 |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|
| <b>Criminal Arrests</b>         |            |            |          |          |
| Criminal Arrests                | 57         | 20         | 261      | 182      |
| <b>Burglaries and Robberies</b> |            |            |          |          |
| Residential Burglaries          | 1          | 1          | 1        | 2        |
| Commercial Burglaries           | 0          | 1          | 1        | 8        |
| Armed Robberies                 | 0          | 1          | 0        | 1        |
| Strong-Arm Robberies            | 0          | 1          | 0        | 4        |
| <b>Family Violence Arrests</b>  |            |            |          |          |
| Family Violence Arrests         | -          | 4          | -        | 18       |
| <b>Traffic Related</b>          |            |            |          |          |
| Infractions/ MV Summons         | 181        | 22         | 482      | 186      |
| DUI                             | 17         | 0          | 41       | 19       |
| MV Crashes                      | 58         | 17         | 221      | 175      |
| Parking Tags                    | 22         | 0          | 300      | 197      |
| <b>Miscellaneous Activities</b> |            |            |          |          |
| 911 Calls                       | 842        | 646        | 3068     | 3,082    |
| Alarm Responses                 | 48         | 26         | 153      | 157      |
| Records Requests                | 127        | 113        | 402      | 611      |
| Prisoners Transported           | -          | 20         | -        | 29       |
| Child Car Seat Installations    | 4          |            | 21       | 9        |