



Police Department Monthly Report



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS:

On August 3, 2010, members of the Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (C.R.E.S.T.) responded to Hartford Distributors Incorporated, Manchester, CT on the request for mutual aid from surrounding towns for an active shooter inside the warehouse. Officers quickly responded and helped end the situation. C.R.E.S.T. members from Wethersfield were inside the building and helped evacuate injured and non-injured workers. Their quick actions, along with the actions of many other agencies and officers, saved many lives.

On August 3, 2010 the Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit assisted with the planning and preparation of National Night Out. With assistance from the Wethersfield Parks & Recreation Department, Office of the Fire Marshal, Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department, Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance Association, Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center and New York Life Insurance Company, the event was held at Millwoods Park. Several hundred residents of all ages attended and had the opportunity to meet representatives from the respective departments as well as persons from the Wethersfield Police Department Patrol Division, Motorcycle Unit, D.A.R.E. Office, and Police Explorers. The New York Life Insurance Company provided free child identification kits to fourteen families.

On August 24, 2010, members of C.R.E.S.T. participated in the Connecticut SWAT Challenge. The C.R.E.S.T team finished sixth overall out of the forty teams that participated. The event was won by a team from California. The teams that participated were both local and federal agencies including teams from Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine and also military teams such as the U.S. Air National Guard and U.S. Army National Guard. The difficult events, including the almost six mile and 31 station physical training challenge, were great training for all the teams involved.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On August 10, 2010 at approximately 5:25 PM two officers were dispatched to a Wethersfield apartment complex on a suspicious 911 call. Upon their arrival, they attempted to enter the complex but the door was locked. Officers called the apartment and heard children playing in the background. Officers could not get anyone to talk on the phone. With management's help, officers were able to get to the apartment. A male answered the door that lived in the apartment. Officers believed he was intoxicated. The male, who officers determined dialed 911, complained that he did not have anyone to watch his grandchildren. This male said that he was going to play in a card game and wanted to leave the apartment. There were no other adults to

watch the children. While the officers attempted to find someone to watch over the children, an officer found a young girl playing with a kitchen knife. Numerous other unsafe items were found in the apartment. Officers began contacting relatives for the children and began an investigation into why the children were in the apartment with an intoxicated grandparent with no one else to watch them. It was apparent that the grandfather should not be watching the children. The grandfather became upset while officers investigated and eventually the grandfather was arrested for Interfering with Police and Risk of Injury to a Minor. The children were turned over to one of the parents and the Department of Children and Families was notified.

Detective Division

In August, 2010 members of the Detective Division initiated or were assigned follow-up to forty new cases. Major case investigations included seven burglaries, nine fraud cases, three identity theft cases, two forgery cases and five sexual assaults. Detectives also continue to perform local background investigations and background investigations for pistol permit applicants.

Detective Division (Case of Interest)

In August, 2010 detectives received information about an improper relationship between a teacher and student. A subsequent investigation led to the identity of the student and teacher from Conard High School, West Hartford, CT. The identified teacher was a Wethersfield resident. It was determined that the teacher and student had sex in Wethersfield on several occasions. As a result of this improper relationship, the teacher was arrested by detectives for six counts of Sexual Assault in the 2nd Degree.

Juvenile Unit

In August, 2010 the Wethersfield Police Department Juvenile Unit handled forty-four incidents involving sixty-six juveniles. In these incidents, five juveniles were arrested for criminal violations and twenty-five were diverted to parental discipline.

In August, 2010 the Wethersfield Police Explorers attended the Connecticut Police Cadet Academy held at the University of Hartford. The explorers participated in the Basic Training Program, Mock Police Department Program, and the Career Development Program. In the Basic Training Program, Wethersfield Police Explorers won the Best Post In Academics award.

Support Services Bureau

In August, 2010 Wethersfield Communications Unit personnel dispatched the Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance to sixty-four medical emergencies and Aetna Ambulance to 183 medical emergencies for a total of 247 medical emergencies.

In August, 2010 Wethersfield Communications Unit personnel dispatched the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department to thirty calls for service.

In August, 2010 there were sixty calls involving animal control issues. Of those calls, twelve were handled by a part-time animal control officer, forty-five were handled by police officers and three CAD entries were made.

In August, 2010 seventeen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 284 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, ten were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported seventeen prisoners to court to include fifteen males and two females.

The Support Services Bureau Commander continues to receive requests for added or replacement street signs. Work orders completed in August, 2010 include placing many temporary "No Parking" signs on the south side of Spruce Street for a large wake held at D'Esopo's on August 6, 2010 and placing numerous cones, barricades and temporary "No Parking" signs in Old Wethersfield in support of the Inter-Community Mental Health 5K/ 10K road race on August 29, 2010.

Support Services Bureau, Training Unit

On Monday, August 2, 2010 an officer began attending a two-week class entitled "D.A.R.E. Officer Training." This training was held at the West Haven Police Department, West Haven, CT. This intensive two week training program is required for officers beginning to teach in the D.A.R.E. program. Training topics included teaching and presentation preparation, D.A.R.E. guidelines and programs and dealing with youth and schools.

On Tuesday, August 3, 2010 a detective began attending a two and one half day class entitled "Homicide Investigations." This training was held at the Farmington Police Department, Farmington, CT. Objectives included fundamentals, case management, the role of medical examiners and case preparation for court.

On Wednesday, August 4, 2010 four members of the Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (CREST) began attending monthly two-day training.

On Monday, August 9, 2010 an officer began attending a one week training class entitled "Instructor Development." This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. This class is required by POSTC for an officer to become a certified training instructor. This officer previously attended an Arrest & Control Instructor course. Combined with this instruction course, the officer can now certify our officers in arrest and control techniques.

On Tuesday, August 10, 2010 a dispatcher attended a two and one-half hour class entitled "COLLECT v2 Release and TAC Officer Training." This training was held at the Connecticut State Police Headquarters, Middletown, CT. This training included an overview of the soon to be released updated COLLECT version and the responsibilities of the department Terminal Agency Coordinator. On Wednesday, August 11, 2010 a sergeant, dispatcher, and member of the Town Data Service department attended a second version of this training.

On Friday, August 27, 2010 two officers attended a one day training class entitled "Effective Police Interactions with Youth." Training was held at the Courtyard by Marriott, Cromwell, CT. This class was hosted by the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management. Officers were trained on youth behavior and strategies for interacting effectively with youth. On Tuesday, August 31, 2010 two additional officers attended a second session of the same course.

On Friday, August 27, 2010 two officers began attending a three day training class entitled "Basic Police Canine Decoy School." This training was held at the Manchester Police Department, Manchester, CT. Both officers will work with our canine officers as decoys for tracking and patrol training.

On Monday, August 30, 2010 a sergeant attended a one day training class entitled "Police Motorcycle Operator Training." This training class was instructed by personnel from the Hartford Police Department, Traffic Services Unit.

On Tuesday, August 31, 2010 a canine officer, along with his canine, Hunter, attended a one day training class entitled "Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training." The canine officer and Hunter participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Tuesday, August 31, 2010 a sergeant and an officer attended one day "CREST - Dive Team" training. This training was held in Hartford, CT. This training is conducted on a monthly basis with several other area law enforcement agencies that comprise CREST. This month's activities included an evidence dive on the Connecticut River.

Administrative Services Bureau

In August, 2010 police personnel responded to sixty-three police related alarms to include fifty-six burglar alarms and seven hold-up/ panic alarms. Locations included thirty-five residential alarms, twenty-seven non-residential alarms and one state/ town government alarm. A total of 1,414 alarm permits are currently on file with the Police Department. During the month, fifty-four locations experienced a false alarm resulting in a 96% compliance rate. This month there were ninety-seven items of correspondence sent in connection with billing, registration, and false alarm violations with \$3,300.00 in alarm billing.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

In August, 2010 the Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed eight child seats. The Support Services Division receives requests for this service via the Wethersfield Police Department website as well as phone requests.

The Support Services Bureau continues to address citizen complaints involving traffic, parking violations, and other motor vehicle violations. Citizens regularly complain of a variety of different violations on various town streets and several town schools. To address these complaints, officers performed selective enforcement at numerous locations throughout town. In August, 2010 officers performed selective enforcement six times and spent a total of four hours doing selective enforcement on various roads in town.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Annual Arrest & Control, ASP, Handcuffing, Taser, Use of Force and Pursuit Policy review training is scheduled for September 13-17, 2010. This training will be held in the WPD Community Room.

Classroom and range qualifications under provisions of the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 (HR218) for WPD Retirees is scheduled for September 20, 2010.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, will be hosting a six day training course entitled "School Resource Officer Training" beginning on Tuesday, October 5, 2010. This course will be held in the WPD Community Room.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

	August 2009	August 2010	YTD 2009	YTD 2010
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	84	70	501	468
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	7	7	57	70
Traffic Related				

Infractions/ MV Summons	226	238	2084	1861
DUI	23	14	163	114
MV Accidents	37	37	433	406
Parking Tags	42	7	522	864
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	878	743	6833	6309
Alarm Responses	72	63	502	496
Records Requests	n/a	238	n/a	n/a
Prisoners Transported	20	17	124	112