



Police Department Monthly Report



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS:

On Tuesday, August 2, 2011 the Wethersfield Police Department, Support Services Bureau assisted with the planning and preparation of the annual National Night Out. This event was held at Millwoods Park and included assistance from the Wethersfield Parks & Recreation Department, Office of the Fire Marshal, Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department, Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance Association, Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge and Loretta's Dream (non-profit organization.) Several hundred residents of all ages attended and had the opportunity to meet representatives from the aforementioned Departments as well as persons from the Wethersfield Police Department's Patrol Division, Motorcycle Unit, CREST Emergency Response Team, D.A.R.E. Office, K-9 Unit and Police Explorers.

Three Wethersfield Police Department Probationary Police Officers have completed twenty weeks of basic training at the Connecticut Police Academy. Graduation is scheduled for September 28, 2011.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On Wednesday August 3, 2011 the Wethersfield Police Department received a complaint of possible animal neglect and cruelty at a farm located on Two Rod Highway. The complainant provided photographs of horses, cattle and pigs. These photographs were forwarded to the State of CT Department of Agriculture for assistance and the horses in the photos were determined to be in a state of serious neglect. A search warrant was applied for and granted by the New Britain Superior Court to seize the horses and to inspect the facilities. On Thursday, August 4, 2011 the search warrant was executed by the Wethersfield Police Department in conjunction with the State of CT Department of Agriculture. The two horses were found to be in a state of extreme malnourishment and medical neglect. A gray female horse was in such poor condition that she was unable to be safely removed from the farm. This horse was euthanized by a licensed veterinarian on scene and was transported to the UCONN College of Agriculture and Natural Resources' diagnostic laboratory for a necropsy. A brown male horse was seized and was transported to H.O.R.S.E. of CT in Washington, CT for rehabilitation. The cattle and pigs appeared to be in adequate condition. This incident remains under investigation by the Wethersfield Police Department and State of CT Department of Agriculture.

On Monday, August 8, 2011 at about 9:20 PM an officer was dispatched to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), 60 State Street for a report of a harassing phone conversation. The investigating officer spoke to two

DMV employees. The employees stated that they each spoke to a woman on the phone who was antagonistic and rude to them. At one point the caller called one of the employees a derogatory name. The DMV employee told the caller that she would not tolerate the name calling at which time the caller went off on a tirade and continued to swear at the DMV employee. A few minutes later another DMV employee took a call from the same caller. Ultimately, a DMV supervisor spoke to the caller. The caller continued to yell and berate the supervisor and called her names. The DMV supervisor said that at one point the caller threatened her. The DMV supervisor asked the caller if that statement was a threat to which the caller said yes and repeated the threat. After being contacted by the police several times, the caller eventually came to Police Headquarters and was taken into custody and arrested. The caller said she was upset that the DMV was giving her the run around and that's why she acted that way. The female caller was charged with Harassment Second Degree and released on a \$10,000 non-surety bond.

Detective Division

In August, 2011 members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to approximately eighteen new cases. Major case investigations included one fraud complaint, four burglary complaints, two larceny complaints, two identity theft complaints and one sexual assault investigation. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permit applicants.

Detectives continue to investigate and follow leads for several of the recent residential burglaries. Warrants have been signed and arrests made in several of these burglaries which occurred from January, 2011 through July, 2011. One individual has been arrested for several of these crimes. This same individual is currently incarcerated on warrants from Wethersfield as well as from other towns.

Juvenile Unit

In August, 2011 the Wethersfield Police Department Juvenile Unit handled twenty-seven incidents involving forty-three juveniles. In these incidents, five juveniles were arrested and twenty juveniles were diverted to parental punishment.

In August, 2011 the Juvenile Unit began to schedule Internet Safety/Anti-Bullying presentations for the Silas Deane Middle School and the elementary schools.

Support Services Bureau

In August, 2011 Wethersfield public safety dispatchers received and handled 1026 E-911 emergency phone calls. During and just after Tropical Storm Irene (August 27, 2011 to August 29, 2011), the public safety dispatchers answered 179 E-911 calls compared to 73 E-911 calls during the same time period in 2010.

In August, 2011 Wethersfield Communications Unit personnel dispatched the Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance to 112 medical emergencies and Aetna Ambulance to 246 medical emergencies for a total of 358 medical emergencies.

In August, 2011 Wethersfield Communications Unit personnel dispatched the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department to seventy-one calls for service. This number does not include basement pump-outs, minor water issues and generator issues during Tropical Storm Irene.

In August, 2011 there were eighty-nine calls involving animal control issues. Of those calls, sixty were handled by a part-time animal control officer and twenty-nine were handled by police officers.

In August, 2011 fourteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 250 hours of incarceration. Of

the persons held, nine were arrested by warrant.

Support Services Bureau, Training Unit

On Wednesday, August 3, 2011 four members of the Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (CREST) began attending monthly two-day training.

On Tuesday, August 4, 2011 an officer attended a training class entitled "Intoxilyzer 5000EN New Instructor." This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. This class is required to become a certified training instructor for the Intoxilyzer (DWI) machine.

On Wednesday, August 10, 2011 an officer, who is a member of the CREST team, attended a monthly one day training class entitled "Explosive Breaching School." This training included updates to explosives used by SWAT teams in breaching buildings.

On Wednesday, August 10, 2011 two sergeants and an officer attended a training class entitled "Police Suicide Prevention Conference." Training included topics on how to prevent police suicide and promoting mental awareness.

On Monday, August 12, 2011 an officer attended a training class entitled "Intoxilyzer 5000EN Instructor Recertification." This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. This class is required to remain a certified training instructor for the Intoxilyzer (DWI) machine.

On Wednesday, August 17, 2011 a sergeant began attending a two day class entitled "Recognition, Prevention, and Management of Excited Delirium and Sudden, In-Custody Deaths Instructor." Training included how to recognize a person who is in a state of excited delirium, how to properly treat them and get them to the hospital before the situation could rapidly deteriorate.

On Tuesday, August 30, 2011 a canine officer, along with his canine, Owen, attended a one day training class entitled "Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training." The canine officer and Owen participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Tuesday, August 30, 2011 two officers began attending a two day training class entitled "Crash Data Retrieval Technician Level 1 and 2." This training was held in Enfield, CT. Training included how to properly recover evidence from a vehicle's computer/black box.

On Wednesday, August 31, 2011 Chief James Cetran attended a three hour training class entitled "Police Chief's Legal Update." This training was held at the Office of the Chief State's Attorney in Rocky Hill, CT. The CT Division of Criminal Justice and POSTC briefed local Police Chiefs on changes, additions, deletions and modifications to Connecticut laws.

Administrative Services Bureau

In August, 2011 police personnel responded to sixty-six police related alarms to include sixty-four burglar alarms and two hold-up/ panic alarms. Locations included thirty-eight residential alarms, twenty-two non-residential alarms and six state/ town government alarm. A total of 1,525 alarm permits are currently on file with the Police Department. During the month, sixty-one locations experienced a false alarm resulting in a 96% compliance rate. This month there were ninety items of correspondence sent in connection with billing, registration, and false alarm violations with \$ 2,750 in alarm billing.

As of August 31, 2011 the Wethersfield Police Department has expended \$ 103,383 on overtime. This is

equivalent to 23 % of the Department's total budgeted overtime for this fiscal year. In August, 2011 ninety-three shifts were staffed with no shifts staffed below critical staffing levels.

As of August 31, 2011 the Department has no police officer vacancies and is at its authorized strength of forty-seven sworn officers with three of those officers currently at the Police Academy in training. The Department no longer has a Records Clerk vacancy as this position was filled on August 22, 2011. Finally, as of August 31, 2011 the Department has one sworn officer assigned to light duty, one officer on maternity leave and one officer out on workers compensation due to a work-related injury.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Support Services Bureau officers continue 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 at several town schools. To address these complaints, officers performed selective enforcement at numerous locations throughout town. In August, 2011 officers performed selective enforcement nineteen different times and spent approximately eleven hours doing selective enforcement on these identified roads.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Annual Arrest & Control, ASP, Handcuffing, Taser, Use of Force and Pursuit Policy review training is scheduled for September 26–30, 2011. This training will be held in the WPD Community Room.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

	August 2010	August 2011	YTD 2010	YTD 2011
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	70	64	468	528
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	2	3	25	24
Commercial Burglaries	0	1	2	7
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	1	2
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	7	6	70	62
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	238	146	1861	1465
DUI	14	11	114	89
MV Accidents	37	57	406	474

Parking Tags	7	54	864	440
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	878	1026	6444	6842
Alarm Responses	72	66	505	494
Records Requests	238	206	n/a	1830
Prisoners Transported	17	14	112	91
Child Car Seat Installations	8	10	69	65