



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

During the month of August 2012, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to approximately twenty-four (24) new cases. The major case investigations involved eleven (11) burglaries, four (4) fraud / identity theft cases and two (2) larcenies. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

The Capitol Region Emergency Services Team placed 6th amongst a group of 27 SWAT Teams. Teams from as far away as Quebec, Canada, as well as teams from the U.S. Military, participated in this grueling 3 day competition.

On Monday, August 20, 2012 The Wethersfield Police Department Training Unit, hosted a four hour course entitled "***Bullying Recognition & Prevention For School Resource Officers.***" For hosting the class Wethersfield benefited by receiving one free seat.

On Tuesday, August 28, 2012 The Wethersfield Police Department Training Unit, hosted a one day training course entitled "***Fundamentals of Analyzing & Solving Local Traffic Problems.***"

The Support Services Bureau completed the operations plan for traffic control and pedestrian safety for the annual Inter-community Mental Health 5K & 10K road races held on Sunday, August 26, 2012.

During the first week of school, Support Services Bureau personnel responded to various schools throughout town giving attention to traffic control and pedestrian safety. Officers gave extra attention to the Wethersfield High School area in an effort to inform parents of proper and safe areas of drop-off and pick-up for their students. Extra attention was also given to the Charles Wright and Emerson Williams Elementary Schools.

The juvenile detective is updating, and redesigning the anti-bullying/internet safety presentation that is presented at the middle school, and elementary levels.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

Detective Division

Detective Division (Case of Interest)

Wethersfield detectives have been following up on a series of leads after a string of daytime burglaries occurred around Wethersfield. The locations include Wolcott Hill Rd and a few side streets near the north end of town and an apartment complex on the south end of town. All of the burglaries happened when the homes/apartments were unoccupied and mostly jewelry, laptop computers, and cash was stolen.

Juvenile Unit

Wethersfield Police department handled approximately 22 incidents, involving approximately 33 juveniles. In these incidents, 8 juveniles were arrested for criminal violations, 10 were diverted to parental punishment, while 1 was diverted to school based punishment.

School Resource Officer

Due to the summer recess, the SRO is assigned back to the patrol division.

Support Services Bureau

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed two (2) child seats.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 814 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 32 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 79 medical emergencies and Aetna Ambulance to 177 medical emergencies, for a total of 256 medical emergencies.

There were 112 phone calls and 77 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, forty-one (41) were handled by the part-time animal control officers and thirty-six (36) were handled by police officers. Fourteen (14) animals were impounded with six (6) being redeemed, one (1) adopted, one (1) euthanized and six (6) still held. Cases included: one nuisance/ aggressive dog that the ACO issued two summons for; one dog bite and three dog abandonments. There were several wildlife calls such as for bats inside houses; and for raccoons inside dumpsters. There were numerous calls regarding wildlife, including bats and raccoons.

Twenty (20) persons were taken into custody and held requiring 239 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, fifteen (15) were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported the prisoners to court, including seventeen (17) males and three (3) females. The females incarcerated by the department required 35 hours of matron coverage.

Support Services Bureau, Training Unit

On Wednesday, August 1, 2012 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, Sergeant Michael Connolly and MPO Officers Luis Gonzalez and Ronald Floyd and Officer Jeffrey Poulin began attending monthly two-day training.

On Tuesday, August 7, 2012 Detective Anthony Demonte attended a one day training class entitled "**Glock Armorer Training.**" Training was held in Rocky Hill, CT. Training areas included field stripping of weapon, disassembly of entire pistol, sights and troubleshooting/repairs. Det. Demonte was recertified as a Glock Armorer for the Department. Department members carry the Glock 22 or Glock 23 .40 caliber firearm.

On Tuesday, August 7, 2012 Officer Jennie Keyes and Narcotic Canine Elaine began attending a three day training class entitled "**Narcotics Detection Canine In-Service Training.**" Officer Keyes and Canine Elaine attended training at the Connecticut State Police Training Unit, Meriden, CT. This in-service training is conducted quarterly in order to maintain certification through the Connecticut State Police.

On Monday August 13, 2012 MPO Luis Gonzalez assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with "**Patrol Rifle Instructor.**" The training took place at the Glastonbury Police Range, Glastonbury CT. MPO Gonzalez was requested by Academy staff to be an assistant instructor. MPO Gonzalez assisted other Academy staff in developing students to become proficient rifle instructors themselves.

On Tuesday, August 14, 2012 Officer Joseph Baich, along with his canine, Owen, attended a one day training class entitled "**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training.**" Officer Baich and Owen participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Monday August 20, 2012 Dispatcher Frank Liberatore attended a one day course entitled "**Powerphone's Disasters and the Dispatcher.**" The training was held at the

Madison Emergency Communication Center, Madison, CT. Course topics included providing communication and planning techniques that will enable dispatchers have a direct impact on the successful outcome of a disaster-related emergency.

On Monday August 20, 2012 Officer Eric Knapp attended a four hour course entitled **“Bullying Recognition & Prevention For School Resource Officers.”** The training was held at the Wethersfield Police Department. The training consisted of the Schoolnami team of presenters and a panel of experts presenting a variety of topics to police officers within the schools to become experts and a trusted resource to help combat bullying.

On Thursday, August 23, 2012 Sergeant Kevin O’Leary, Officer John Blair and Dispatcher Barry Skipp attended a one day recertification class entitled **“NCIC/ COLLECT Recertification Training.”** Training was held at the Connecticut State Police Forensics Laboratory, Meriden, CT. This class is a recertification class for persons presently certified

On Tuesday August 28, 2012 Lieutenant Donald Crabtree and Officer Albert Whaples attended a one day training course entitled **“Fundamentals of Analyzing & Solving Local Traffic Problems.”** This course focuses on understanding basic concepts, principles and techniques for evaluating traffic issues and developing reasonable alternative solutions for addressing local traffic problems. This training was held at the Wethersfield Police Department.

On Wednesday, August 29, 2012 Chief James Cetran attended a three hour training class entitled **“Police Chief’s Legal Update.”** This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden 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

This department has responded to 82 alarm calls in month of August. Residential locations made up 42 (51%) of the total, non-residential locations made up 36 (44%), and State/ Town government made up 4 (5%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 70 burglar, 7 holdup / panic, and 5 fire. There currently are 1,527 alarm registrations on file, 68 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 95% compliance rate. Seventeen new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$4,350 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 185 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 136 items of correspondence sent out.

The Division has expended \$89,173 (through 8/26/12), which is 19.8% of our overtime budget for this fiscal year. There are currently three officers on workman’s comp (one effective 8/31); one officer is working light duty and the two remaining are currently out of work entirely for time being.

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.

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement ten (10) different times spending approximately 6 hours 45 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town. Locations given extra attention include Maple Street near Butler Road and Thornbush Road near Highland Street.

A traffic study on Two Rod Highway in the area of #160 was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device for fifteen (15) days. The posted speed limit on this road is 35 MPH. During the 329.5 survey hours, 111,180 cars were recorded, averaging 339 cars per hour and 8152 cars per day. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 37.3 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 38 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 43 MPH and a top speed of 87 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during August, 2012:

- Place temporary NO PARKING signs on Beaver Road for a large wake/ funeral at the Farley Sullivan Funeral Home.
- Place temporary NO PARKING signs, barricades and cones at various locations throughout Old Wethersfield for the Inter-community Mental Health 5K & 10K road races.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The department will be holding an entry level police officer written test on September 8, 2012. The test will be held at the Wethersfield Community Center and will be administered and proctored by in-house staff.

Wethersfield detectives are working with the Mid-State Narcotics Task Force, assisting with personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency to investigate local individuals.

Annual Arrest & Control, ASP, Handcuffing, Taser, Use of Force and Pursuit Policy review training is scheduled for September 2012. This training will be held in the WPD Community Room.

- The National Multiple Sclerosis Society Bike Ride will come through various streets in Old Wethersfield on Sunday, September 9, 2012.
- The 28th annual Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce Cornfest will be held on the Broad Street Green on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- The 31st annual Old Wethersfield Fall Craft Fair will be held at Cove Park on Saturday, October 6, 2012 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- The Keane Foundation's Cove-Side Carnival will be held October 12, 2012 through October 14, 2012 at Cove Park. The hours are Friday 5:00 PM-10:00 PM, Saturday 12:00 PM-10:00 PM and Sunday 12:00 PM-6:00 PM.
- The annual Mikey's Place 5K road race will be held on Sunday, October 14, 2012 at 11:00 AM.

The explorer post will be having an open house style meeting, encouraging prospective members to learn about the program.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012	YTD 2011	YTD 2012
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	64	73	528	593
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	3	11	24	36
Commercial Burglaries	1	0	7	12
Armed Robberies	0	0	0	1
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	2	5
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	6	5	62	55
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	146	152	1465	1463
DUI	11	14	89	88
MV Accidents	57	49	474	402
Parking Tags	54	65	440	253
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	1026	814	6842	6667
Alarm Responses	66	82	494	556
Records Requests	206	225	1830	2037
Prisoners Transported	14	20	91	124
Child Car Seat Installations	10	2	65	44