



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**James Cetran**  
**Chief of Police**

## **AUGUST 2016**

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

National Night Out took place on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at Mill Woods Park. The Training Unit Supervisor was away at the time, thus the event was run by the former Training Unit Supervisor, Sergeant Michael Connolly. This nationwide community outreach program allows the police and the community to interact and socialize in a fun and relaxed atmosphere, ultimately strengthening the bond between the department and the public which it serves.

On Sunday, August 28, 2016 the Hartford Marathon Foundation held their annual Old Wethersfield 5K and 10K road races. The road races stepped off at 08:30 am with registration beginning at 07:30 am. Both the 5K and 10K races began at the same time. The event was attended by a sold out crowd of 1,200 runners. Through the cooperative effort of members of the Hartford Marathon Foundation, Inter-Community Health, Town of Wethersfield Physical Services and the Wethersfield Police Department the road race was completed safely and without incident.

Sergeant Michael Fisher and Officer Manuel Silva became Connecticut Certified Cooper Test Administrators through training at POSTC. This brings our compliment of Cooper Standard testers to 3.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in practical skills training Drill and Ceremony.

### **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **Patrol Division**

##### **Patrol Division (Case of Interest)**

On August 8, 2016 at about 1600 hours, officers responded Stop and Shop, 1380 Berlin Tnpg, for a report of a shoplifting that just occurred, with one female in custody. Arriving officers spoke with the Loss Prevention (LP) employee. He provided a sworn written statement in which he describes observing an adult Hispanic female approach the energy

drink section of isle 3 and select 5 4-packs and 1 10 pack of Monster from the shelf and placed them in the carriage. He then watched her walk halfway up the isle and started concealing the product into bags. She then proceeded past all points of purchase and exited the building via the floral side exit. The LP employee then stopped her, identified himself and escorted her back inside. The total amount recovered was \$69.50. The following items were stolen: Five (5) Train Monster Energy Drinks, valued at \$8.99 each and one (1) Train Monster Energy Drink, 10 pack, valued at \$18.99. The female suspect was arrested and transported to the Wethersfield Police Department and charged with Larceny in the 6th Degree. She was released on a non-surety bond had a court date on 8/22/2016.

On Sunday August 28th 2016 at 3:16 AM an officer was performing a patrol check of the Wolcott Hill Road and Jordan Lane area where thefts of motor vehicles and thefts from motor vehicles had been occurring. This officer observed three individuals walking north in the rear parking lot of #53 Wolcott Hill Road along the residents' parked vehicles. #53 Wolcott Hill Road is an apartment complex and management has posted "No Trespassing" signs throughout the property. The officer safely turned around and observed a black male in a red shirt attempting to climb the fence around the pool and two Hispanic males in dark clothing standing near him. Once the officer got close, the three took off running northbound towards Saxon Road. The officer provided a description of the suspects and direction of travel to Dispatch. A few minutes later, a second officer located one of the three males running northbound on Wolcott Hill Road. The male was running towards a cruiser. The male suspect ran along the passenger side of the cruiser but was stopped again by another officer's cruiser. After a short foot chase, the running suspect was caught and detained by an officer. The male suspect was identified as a juvenile. This juvenile was in possession of a taser and brass knuckles. A few minutes after this juvenile was located, another officer located the second suspect near the intersection of Goodrich Drive and Stillman Road. This suspect, also a juvenile, was taken into custody without incident. Approximately 10 minutes after the second arrest, the third suspect was located running in the rear lot of the Folly Brook Apartments. The suspect complied and surrendered to the approaching officer. He too was a juvenile. All three juveniles were transported to headquarters for processing. The Vipertek Taser is classified as an electronic defense weapon and along with the brass knuckles, is defined as a dangerous weapon under Connecticut General Statute. All three juveniles were charged with Simple Trespass CGS 53a-110a and Interfering with an Officer CGS 53a-167a. Also, the one juvenile that was carrying the weapons was charged additionally with two (2) counts of Possession of Dangerous Weapons CGS 53-206. All three were turned over to their parents and have future court dates in juvenile court. Case Closed by Arrest.

## **Detective Division**

During the month of August 2016, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to twenty-four (24) new cases. The major case investigations involved; eight (8) burglaries, four (4) frauds, four (4) sex assaults, and one (1) sudden death. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

On 8/10/16, a detective conducted training for employees of a local bank on robbery procedures, skimming trends, and fraud/forged check cases.

Wethersfield Detectives are currently working with many outside agencies in the investigation of a group of young males who have targeted unlocked vehicles in the greater Hartford area. These males go into your communities and target vehicles parked in residential neighborhoods. They open vehicles with unlocked doors and take anything of value. There have been over 200 actual car thefts (owners leaving keys inside of the car) and over one thousand thefts from unlocked cars. These cases are being investigated by many municipalities including the Hartford Police Department, as seen in the Hartford Courant on 8/21/2016.

## **Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 31 incidents, involving approximately 42 juveniles during the month of August 2016. In these incidents there were 3 Juvenile arrests, 2 Juveniles were diverted for parental discipline and 3 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB".

## **School Resource Officer**

The School Resource Officers at the Wethersfield High School and Silas Deane Middle School both began the 2016-17 school year.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

This department has responded to 87 alarm calls in month of August. Residential locations made up 45 (52%) of the total, non-residential locations made up 34 (39%), and State / Town government made up 8 (9%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 73 burglar, 9 holdup / panic, and 5 fire. There currently are 1,786 alarm registrations on file, 70 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Fifteen new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$3,775 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 115 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 95 items of correspondence sent out.

## **Support Services Bureau**

Twelve persons were taken into custody and held requiring 275 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, four were arrested on warrants. Ten males and two females were transported to court. The females incarcerated by the department required 13 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 111 phone calls and 61 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, forty-four were handled by the part-time animal control officers and seventeen were handled by police officers. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for seven calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for three calls in Wethersfield. 89 dog licenses were obtained during the month.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 880 NG911 emergency phone calls. Year to date total is 6,939 calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 54 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 82 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 275 calls for service.

## **Community Relations**

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town 4 different times for a total of approximately 2 hours 49 minutes. Locations given extra attention included Maple Street, Prospect Street and Back Lane.

The Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study in the area of 186 Nott Street – Charles Wright Elementary School (display facing westbound traffic) over the course of twenty-two (22) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 30 MPH. During the 503.75 survey hours, 55,235 cars were recorded. Results from the device showed an average speed of approximately 28 MPH and the 85th percentile speed of approximately 33 MPH.

The SafePace Speed Sign was used for a traffic study in the area of 83 Greenfield Street over the course of twenty-six (26) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 25 MPH. During the 603 survey hours, 25,245 cars were recorded, averaging approximately 42 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 16 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 15 MPH and the 85th percentile speed of approximately 25 MPH.

The Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study in the area of 95 Highcrest Road – Highcrest Elementary School (display facing southbound traffic) over the course of twelve (12) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 25 MPH. During the 293.5 survey hours, 6,497 cars were recorded. Results from the device showed an average speed of approximately 26 MPH and the 85th percentile speed of approximately 32 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during August, 2016:

- Install new 'No Parking School Days 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM' in front of the following locations:
  - 209 Nott Street
  - 175 Nott Street
  - 174 Nott Street
- Replace School Crossing Assembly sign with advisory speed limit in front of 158 Nott Street. Trim tree in front of sign for better sightline.
- For the Inter-community Mental Health 5K & 10K road races place temporary NO PARKING signs, barricades and cones at various locations throughout Old Wethersfield.

## **Training Division**

On Wednesday, August 3 and Thursday, August 4, 2016, Commander Mark Poisson, Officer Luis Gonzalez, Officer Shane Murphy and Detective Jeffrey Poulin attended monthly, "Capitol Region Emergency Services Team" training.

On Thursday, August 4, 2016, Officers Kenneth Newton and John Blair attended, "Drager Instructor Recertification Training" at the State Forensics Laboratory in Meriden, CT. This training recertified them as instructors with the Drager breath testing machine.

On Tuesday, August 9, 2016, Officer Shane Murphy and canine Marley attended bi-monthly Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training. Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this bi-monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

On Wednesday, August 10 and Thursday, August 11, 2016 Officer Shane Murphy attended the training titled, "Tactical Canine Casualty Care." The training, which took place at the South Windsor Police Department, was an intensive course showing how to provide emergency medical care to his canine partner in the event of a traumatic injury sustained in the field.

From Wednesday, August 10, 2016, through Wednesday, August 17, 2016, our agency hosted "School Resource Officer (SRO) School" put on by the Spector Group. There were approximately 40 attendees in this program. No Wethersfield Officers took part in this training.

On Tuesday, August 16, 2016 Officer Joel DiLoreto conducted "CPR / First Aid" training for Dispatchers Christopher Sinsigalli, Kerianne Motta and Abigail Biafore. This training took place the Wethersfield Fire Department Company 1.

On Tuesday, August 16, 2016, Dispatcher Lisa Fournier and Officer Kevin Foster attended Priority Dispatch's, "Pro QA Computer Training." This training is part of the preparation for emergency medical dispatching. This training took place at Hunter's Ambulance in Meriden, CT.

On Wednesday, August 17, 2016, members of the Midstate Major Crime Squad (MSMC), including Commander Mark Poisson and Detectives Michael Patkoske and Christopher Morris, attended the monthly training. MSMC is a team comprising of Detectives from the Midstate Towns, who work together to investigate major incidents.

On Thursday, August 18, 2016 and Friday, August 19, 2016, School Resource Officer Bridget Camara attended "Lesson Plan Development for the SRO". This training took place the Wethersfield Police Department and was put on by the Spector Group. This class will assist SRO Camara in developing lesson plans to implement in her teaching role as a SRO.

On Tuesday, August 23, 2016, Sergeant Michael Fisher and Officer Manual Silva attended "Cooper Standard Tester Certification" at POSTC in Meriden. This three hour program certified Sergeant Fisher and Officer Silva as Cooper Standard testers for new hires.

On Tuesday, August 23, 2016, Dispatchers Karen Tomczyk and Christopher Sinsigalli attended the "Government Emergency Telecommunications Service and Wireless Priority Service" information session at Vernon Board of Education Building in Vernon. This program, put on by the Department of Homeland Security, introduced the Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS). GETS supports national leadership; federal, state, local, tribal and territorial governments; and other authorized national security and emergency preparedness users. GETS is intended to be used in an emergency or crisis situation when the landline network is congested and the probability of completing a normal call is reduced.

On Wednesday, August 24 and Thursday, August 25, 2016 Officer Shane Murphy attended the "Connecticut SWAT Challenge". This is a competition between SWAT teams located here in Connecticut, as well as teams found throughout the country. On those days, Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk also attended the event as a member of I-COM. I-COM provides communications equipment at the event.

On Wednesday, August 24, 2016 through Friday, August 26, 2016, Commander Donald Crabtree, Sergeant Michael Connolly and Detective Anthony DeMonte attended the class, "Investigating Officer Involved Shootings". This 3 day class took place at the Wethersfield Police Department and was put on by Code 4 Consulting.

On Friday, August 26, 2016, Nuno Martins and canine Thor attended monthly Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training. Officer Martins and Thor participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Monday, August 29, 2016, Officer Shane Murphy and canine Marley attended Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training. Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

On Wednesday, August 31, 2016, Sergeant Michael Fisher and Officer Barry Veilleux attended the class, "The Fundamentals of Analyzing and Solving Local Traffic Problems." This training provided methodology to analyze and decide on whether or not a traffic issue requires attention and what measures, if any, would resolve the problem. This training is one of four classes required to be recognized as traffic authority certified through the University of Connecticut's T2 Center. This training took place at the Wethersfield Police Department and was put on by the University of Connecticut's T2 Center.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- The annual Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce Cornfest will be held on the Broad Street Green on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- The Keane Foundation's Cove-Side Carnival will be held October 14, 2016 through October 16, 2016 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 16, 2016 at 11:00 AM.

- Wethersfield Detectives are assisting with patrol personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Administration to investigate local individuals.
- The Wethersfield Police Cadets will be having an Open House for recruitment purposes.
- The Wethersfield Police Cadets will be preparing for fundraising efforts (Wethersfield Police Cadet Car Show occurring in October 2016).

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	AUGUST 2015	AUGUST 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	73	44	579	419
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	1	4	11	17
Commercial Burglaries	1	4	5	8
Armed Robberies	1	0	2	1
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	2	1
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	275	54	1426	874
DUI	13	2	49	46
MV Crashes	50	62	512	548
Parking Tags	15	48	493	698
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	1002	880	7714	6939
Alarm Responses	73	87	467	418
Records Requests	219	56	1753	1364
Prisoners Transported	16	12	124	94
Child Car Seat Installations	0	3	24	36