



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



James Cetran
Chief of Police

AUGUST 2018

SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

Five members of the Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in the Cadet Academy Camp at the University of Hartford from 08/05/2018 thru 08/11/2018. Several Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in a Youth Event with the Cadet Post at "On Track Karting" located in Wallingford on 08/25/2018.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

National Night Out took place on August 7, 2018. Chief James Cetran, Lieutenant Michael Connolly, Lieutenant Donald Crabtree and Sergeant Michael Fisher attended. Officers Mendes and Malinowski also stopped by while working. Additionally, the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department, Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance, Wethersfield Nature Center, AT&T, Bike Walk Wethersfield took part. Other entertainment included Valentine the Clown for face painting, Connecticut Inflatables for the bounce house and snow cones and DJ Michael Simonetta for music services. Lastly, a special thanks to Stop and Shop for donating \$50 worth of food and supplies and Price Rite for donating \$25 for food and supplies.

Sergeant Michael Fisher took part in the Connecticut Cadet Police Academy. This one week camp took place at the University of Hartford from Sunday, August 5 through Saturday, August, 11. Sergeant Fisher is the Director of the Academy's Basic Training Program. The Cadet Police Academy had approximately 350 attendees, with 114 of them in the Basic Training Program.

The SSB has been working with the IT and Tax Department to develop an automated means of uploading town citation data into the collection database. Automatic uploading of data had begun, and is expected to save hours of staff time in the tax office.

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Cases of Interest)

On Thursday, August 9, 2018 at approximately 2:36 AM an officer was traveling southbound on the Berlin Turnpike when he noticed a Nissan Altima with a suspended registration also traveling southbound on the Berlin Turnpike. Upon stopping the vehicle and checking the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) it was found that the registration did not belong on the vehicle and that the vehicle was listed as stolen out of Hartford, CT. The operator was placed under arrest and charged with Larceny 3rd Degree, Misuse of License Plates and Operating a Motor Vehicle without a License.

On Monday, August 20, 2018 at approximately 9:32 PM officers were dispatched to a local neighborhood on the report of two suspicious vehicles. Upon the first officer's arrival, one vehicle fled from the scene, the other vehicle, which was occupied, remained. A backup officer noticed the first vehicle travel by him at an extremely high rate of speed. During the course of the investigation officers searched the vehicle and located a sandwich bag containing suspected narcotics, including possibly cocaine and heroin, a sandwich bag containing suspected marijuana, a handgun bullet, several cell phones and a large amount of cash. The female occupant was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics with Intent of Sell and Possession of Marijuana.

On Sunday, August 26, 2018 at approximately 5:57 PM officers were dispatched to the parking lot of local business on the report of people involved in an argument with one person being choked. Upon arrival officers located three people in an active verbal argument. Upon investigation it was determined the argument resulted from a road rage type incident that occurred on Route 3. One vehicle then followed the other into the parking lot. One of the operators punched the windshield of the other vehicle, damaging it. He then choked the other operator while his passenger yelled at and slapped the person. One of the male operators was placed under arrest and charged with Strangulation 3rd Degree, Assault 3rd Degree, Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree and Breach of Peace. The female passenger of the same vehicle was issued an infraction for Creating a Public Disturbance. The victim refused medical attention and was released from the scene.

Detective Division

During the month of August 2018, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned to nine (9) new cases. These cases involved the following:

Two (2) residential burglaries; Two (2) larcenies; One (1) Assist Other jurisdiction; One (1) Weapon Surrender; One (1) Suspicious Person; One (1) Pursuit and One (1) Prescription Fraud

Detectives also followed up and closed four (4) old cases. These were three (3) Commercial Burglaries in which no suspect was developed. The other one was an Identity Theft case in which the suspect was arrested.

Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations for new town hires and background investigations for pistol permits applicants. Also, a police detective is working on a background investigation for a potential hire for a police officer.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 25 incidents, involving approximately 38 juveniles during the month of August 2018. In these incidents there were 3 Juvenile "Summons" arrests issued, 2 Juvenile were diverted for parental discipline and 4 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield JRB/CBR Board.

School Resource Officer – Wethersfield High School

No Activity

School Resource Officer – Silas Deane Middle School

During the month of August the SRO covered activities at the school.

The SRO assisted with the following issues:

- The SRO assisted the Administration with presenting to staff members about DCF protocols.
- The SRO assisted the Administration with Student Assemblies.
- The SRO attended DCF regional meeting regarding current drug trends.
- The SRO attended a Training class for Countering Violent Extremism.
- The SRO met with Social and Youth Services to review current case load for JRB/CRB referrals.
- The SRO met with Teams and Support staff to review incoming case - loads.
- The SRO met with Students regarding responsible use of technology and cyber safety.
- The SRO met with Students regarding appropriate behaviors in the cafeteria.
- The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meetings with BOE, Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security.
- The SRO participated in the sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. This is for juveniles who reside in our town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to our board.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 63 alarm calls in month of August. Residential locations made up 36 (57%) of the total, non-residential locations made up 24 (38%), and State/Town government made up 3 (5%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 55 burglar, 4 holdup/panic, and 4 fire. There currently are 1,994 alarm registrations on file, 55 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Seventeen new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$3,875 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 117 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 102 items of correspondence sent out.

Support Services Bureau

Eight persons were taken into custody and held in lieu of bond this month. Five males and three females were transported to court throughout the month.

There were 116 phone calls and 49 calls for service involving animal control issues. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for nine calls in Newington, Newington Animal Control Officers covered for four calls in Wethersfield, and police officers covered for twenty-one calls. No dog licenses were obtained during the month. There were eight impounds this month: seven were redeemed, and one was sold as a pet. The incident synopsis for the month is: twelve wildlife complaints (Geese, raccoon, turtles, etc.), thirty-seven dog/cat cases (roaming, barking, left in cars, etc.), nine mutual aid calls to Newington, and six warnings issued for unlicensed dogs.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed twenty-one child seats.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 868 NG911 emergency phone calls.

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

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to ninety incidents, and was Aetna dispatched to 267 incidents during the month. There were 240 medical / ambulance calls this month; multiple ambulances may be dispatched to one call which results in dispatched ambulance totals far exceeding the total number of medical calls.

Community Relations:

Highland Street resident complained of heavy truck traffic in apparent violation of the “no thru trucks” zone. The job site was located on Country Line Drive Drive in Cromwell. The contractor was notified to have trucks reroute, which they did. As a result, an inventory of No Thru Truck signs was taken, and streets lacking signs will be so equipped.

Prospect Street / Goff Road – complaint of traffic light violators came after an accident. SSB personnel inspected the operation of the traffic signal and found that it was not timed correctly, lacking adequate delay between changing for red in one direction to green in the other. State DoT was contacted, responded, and retimed the light.

Main Street- speed complaint in area of Chesterfield Road; speed sign put up.

Main Street- complaint about speed sign that was put up.

Training Division

On Wednesday, August 1, 2018 and Thursday, August 2, 2018, Lieutenant Michael Connolly, Sergeant Luis Gonzalez, Officer Shane Murphy, Officer Joel DiLoreto and Officer Justin Hilchuk attended **“Capital Region Emergency Services Team (C.R.E.S.T.) Training.”** C.R.E.S.T. is the regional SWAT team. In the month of August, they were scheduled to conduct handgun and subgun training, bus assaults, rescues and air operations training.

On Thursday, August 2, 2018, Officer Bridget Camara attended the training, **“Countering Violent Extremism.”** This training took place at the Lincoln Theater at the University of Hartford.

On Friday, August 3, 2018, Dispatchers Christopher Sinsigalli, Kerianne Motta, Welles Hale, Frank Liberatore and John Brymer attended **Airborne / Bloodborne Pathogen, BLS, First Aid, Narcan and Tourniquet Training.** This training took place at the Wethersfield Police Department Training Unit Conference Room.

On Tuesday, August 7, 2018, Officer Justin Hilchuk attended **Police Motorcycle Operator Training.** This training, to upkeep police motorcycle operator skills, is hosted by the Hartford Police Department.

On Tuesday, August 7, 2018, Officer Nuno Martins and canine Jax attended **Police Canine / Police Canine Handler Training.** Officer Martins and K9 Jax participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Wednesday, August 15, 2018, Officers Peter McGee, Nuno Martins and James Buyak attended **“Tactical Emergency Medical Care (TECC).”** This training took place at Hartford Hospital’s Center for Education, Simulation and Innovation.

On Thursday, August 16, 2018, Detective Michael Patkoske, Detective Christopher Morris, Officer Joseph Baich and Officer Barry Veilleux attended, **“Opioid Scene Safety.”** This training, was sponsored by the Chief State Medical Examiner’s Office and took place at the Connecticut Police Academy.

On Tuesday, August 21, 2018, Officer Nuno Martins and canine Jax attended **Police Canine / Police Canine Handler Training.** Officer Martins and K9 Jax participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Friday, August 24, 2018, Officer Kevin Lawless and Robert Malinowski attended **“Statement Analysis Interview Techniques.”** This training, conducted by Advanced Interviewing Concepts, taught the process of examining a person’s words to see if a person is being truthful or deceptive. This training took place in the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room.

On Tuesday, August, 28, 2018, Sergeant Oscar Rivera attended, **“Lethality Assessment Program – Train the Trainer.”** He attended to check on the latest updates in the program. This training took place at CCADV in Wethersfield.

On Tuesday, August, 28, 2018, Chief James Cetran and Lieutenant Michael Connolly attended the **“John M. Bailey Seminar on Instruction Re: New Legal Developments which Concern Police Policies and Practices.”** This training took place at the Connecticut Police Academy.

On Thursday, August 30, 2018, Shane Murphy and canine Marley attended **“Police Canine / Police Canine Handler Training.”** Officer Murphy and K9 Marley participated in this canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery, tracking and narcotics detection.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will hold an Open House Event in the Community Room at the Wethersfield Police Department on 09/20/2018.

Cornfest – 9/22/2018
 Cove Park Craft Fair – 9/29/2018

PERFORMANCE MEASURES August 2017

	AUGUST 2017	AUGUST 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2018
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	59	53	419	512
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	4	2	17	7
Commercial Burglaries	2	0	8	3
Armed Robberies	1	0	1	1
Strong-Arm Robberies	1	0	1	0
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	71	107	874	840
DUI	5	3	46	56
MV Crashes	51	68	548	482
Parking Tags	15	47	698	733
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	889	868	6939	6822
Alarm Responses	67	63	418	385
Records Requests	134	127	1364	993
Child Car Seat Installations	8	21	36	62