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Personnel Matters and Events

During the month of December, Officer Angela Hall of the Community Liaison Unit and Officer Paul Calamita (School Resource Officer) attended the following block watch neighborhood meetings and conducted special functions for the Holidays:

- Toy Drive in the Hamden Mart area – Officer Paul Calamita



- Hamden Youth Advisory Counsel Meeting – Officer Angela Hall
- Hamden Hills Drive Block Watch Meeting – Officer Angela Hall
- Toy distribution at The Keefe Center – Officers Paul Calamita & Angela Hall
- Student Leaders of Hamden Meeting at Hamden High School – Officer Angela Hall
- “Discovery Dance” – hosted by Hamden Youth Services – Officer Angela Hall, Hamden High School youths volunteer their time to help the special needs community.

Training - Sworn Personnel

During the month of December, there was no department-wide training.

Training: In-Service

- Blood and Air Borne Pathogens (Train the Trainer) @ POST – Officer Gregg Curran
- Firearms and Patrol Rifle Instructor recertification @ POST – Officer Dennis Putnam
- Computer Crime and Internet Tools @ POST – Sergeant Nathan Youngberg, Detectives John Marks, John Inglese, Michael DePalma, and Angelo DeLieto



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Training – K-9

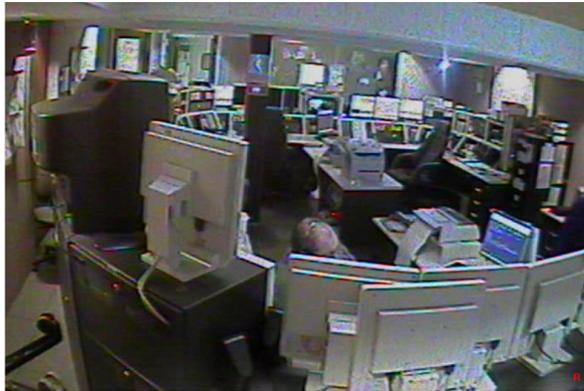
K-9 Units participated in training sessions at the Michael J. Whelan building on Newhall Street and the former High Meadows facility on Hartford Turnpike. The training curriculum included:

- Building searches
- Narcotics detection
- Patrol techniques
- Obedience
- Explosive detection
- Tracking
- Suspect apprehensions



Training – Dispatchers

Emergency Medical Dispatching Version 13 review @ American Medical Response (AMR) facility in New Haven.





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Incidents of Special Interest

On December 1, 2011, Hamden Police arrested 3 additional Quinnipiac University basketball players regarding a September 18, 2011, incident. Jamee Jackson, 20, of 49 Oakland Street, Irvington, New Jersey was charged with Assault in the 3rd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Assault in the 3rd Degree and Breach of Peace. Jackson, who was released after posting a \$5,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on December 6, 2011. David Johnson, 22, of 75 Citadel Drive, Jackson, New Jersey was charged with Conspiracy to Commit Assault in the 3rd Degree and Breach of Peace. Johnson, who was released after posting a \$2,500 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on December 6, 2011. Nate Gause, 18, of 75 Garden Street, Apt. 1A, Poughkeepsie, New York was charged with Conspiracy to Commit Assault in the 3rd Degree and Breach of Peace. Gause, who was released after posting a \$2,500 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on December 6, 2011. Jackson, Johnson and Gause were arrested on the strength of a warrant that was submitted to the Superior Court. Quinnipiac University basketball players James Johnson and Ike Azotam were previously arrested for this incident. During the September 18, 2011, incident, 4 Quinnipiac University students were injured in the assault. One student suffered a bruised jaw, cracked tooth and a laceration to the face, which required 17 stitches. A second student suffered a broken nose, which required surgery. A third student was allegedly knocked unconscious. The fourth student suffered facial injuries. Detective Michael DePalma of the Detective Division conducted the investigation.

On December 2, 2011, at approximately 6:00 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to Dominoes Pizza, 2545 Whitney Avenue, on the report of a suspicious person. Upon arrival, officers encountered Lauren Curtis, who was standing in the rear of the business, in the possession of numerous burglar tools. Curtis advised police that she was employed at Dominoes. She was subsequently arrested. Lauren Curtis, 21, of 66 Washington Avenue, Hamden, was charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Burglary in the 3rd Degree and Possession of Burglar Tools. Curtis, who was released on a Written Promise to Appear, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on December 13, 2011. Officer Jennifer Gaynor of the Patrol Division conducted the investigation.

On December 3, 2011, at approximately 2:30 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to a Benton Street address on the report of a domestic complaint. Investigation revealed that the 22 year-old female resident was in her bed, when she heard noises. Her ex-boyfriend, who was identified as Bobby Coker, allegedly climbed onto the roof of her second floor porch and then forced entry through a bedroom window. Once inside, Coker allegedly struck the victim in her face, grabbed her by the throat and strangled her. He then fled from the residence, prior to the arrival of Hamden Police. A short time thereafter, Officer Timothy Brown of the Patrol Division observed Coker's vehicle on Benton Street. He was subsequently arrested.



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Bobby Coker, 22, of 192 Noble Street, Hamden, was charged with Burglary in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 3rd Degree and Strangulation in the 3rd Degree. Coker, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$25,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on December 5, 2011.

On December 4, 2011, at approximately 2:00 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the report of a motor vehicle accident in the vicinity of 3200 Whitney Avenue. A preliminary investigation revealed that an individual, who was delivering a pizza to a Whitney Avenue residence, parked his vehicle on Whitney Avenue. A second vehicle, which was operated by Leigh Nahary, was traveling northbound on Whitney Avenue. Nahary's vehicle subsequently struck the unoccupied pizza delivery vehicle at a high rate of a speed. Nahary was given a Field Sobriety Test at the accident scene, which she failed. She was promptly arrested. A passenger in Nahary's vehicle was transported to Yale – New Haven Hospital with rib and shoulder injuries. Leigh Nahary, 24, of 229 Forest Lane, Cheshire, was charged with Driving Under the Influence and Following Too Closely. Nahary, who was released after posting a \$500 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on December 15, 2011.

On December 8, 2011, "FEDERAL JURY FINDS NEW HAVEN MAN GUILTY OF CRACK COCAINE DISTRIBUTION CHARGE" - David B. Fein, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, today announced that a federal jury in Hartford has found CLARENCE AUSTIN, also known as "Prince," 31, of New Haven, guilty of one count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine base ("crack cocaine"). The trial before Chief United States District Judge Alvin W. Thompson began on December 5 and the jury returned the verdict yesterday, December 8. The jury could not reach a verdict on counts charging AUSTIN with unlawful possession of a firearm by a previously convicted felon and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, and Judge Thompson declared a mistrial on both counts. According to the evidence presented during the trial, on August 24, 2010, Hamden Police officers recovered 11.6 grams of crack cocaine and numerous small plastic bags from Austin's person and another 1.49 grams of crack cocaine, packaged in 15 small plastic bags, in the vehicle in which AUSTIN was traveling. Judge Thompson has scheduled sentencing for February 24, 2012, at which time AUSTIN faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years and a fine of up to \$1 million. AUSTIN has been in custody since his arrest on August 24, 2010. This case was investigated by the Hamden Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Marc H. Silverman and Robert M. Spector. The Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative is aimed at reducing gun and gang violence, deterring illegal possession of guns, and improving the safety of residents of Connecticut's cities. Participants in the initiative include community members and organizations as well as federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.



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On December 8, 2011, Hamden police arrested Mariangely Arroyo-Rosado, 27, of 42 Warner Street, Apt. B9, Hamden. She was charged with Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree and Risk of Injury to a Minor. Arroyo-Rosado, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on December 20, 2011. Also arrested was, Bevon Young, 26, of 42 Warner Street, Apt. B9, Hamden. He was charged with Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree and Risk of Injury to a Minor. Young, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on December 20, 2011. They were both arrested at their residence on the strength of arrest warrants. The arrest warrants were based on an incident that had occurred on September 28, 2011, when members of the Patrol Division responded to 42 Warner Street, Apt. B9, on the report of a lethargic, injured 2 year-old child. The child was subsequently transported to Yale – New Haven Hospital. On September 29, 2011, Detective Stephen Rossacci of the Special Victims Unit met with Yale – New Haven Hospital medical personnel, as well as the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Detective Rossacci learned that the 2 year-old, who was being treated at the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit after emergency surgery, had suffered substantial injuries. The 2 year-old, who was severely dehydrated, had extensive bruising to the head, chest, abdomen, back, as well as a fractured femur. Furthermore, the child had sustained trauma to the liver and pancreas. In addition, skin had peeled from the buttocks areas, due to severe diaper rash. Physicians determined that the child was the victim of suspected child abuse and that if he returned home, would be in imminent danger of dying. Detective Stephen Rossacci conducted a lengthy investigation, which led to the arrests of the mother and her boyfriend.

On December 9, 2011, at approximately 12:45 a.m., Officer William May of the Patrol Division, observed a parked motor vehicle on Brooksvale Avenue, obstructing traffic. The Officer discovered the operator of the vehicle, Todd Britto, asleep behind the wheel. Britto allegedly had a marijuana joint in his hands. Further investigation led to a search of the vehicle, where Officers found 33 bags of heroin inside. The 8.8 grams of heroin has an estimated street value of \$660.00. Officers also located \$380.00 strewn throughout the vehicle. Todd Britto, 38, of 14 Vine Street, Waterbury, was arrested and charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell and Possession of Marijuana. Britto, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$15,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on December 23, 2011.

On December 14, 2011, Detective Raymond Quinn and other members of the United States Marshal Service Connecticut Violent Fugitive Task Force arrested Scott Stallings on the strength of an active arrest warrant. Stallings, 22, of 633 Winthrop Avenue, New Haven, was charged with Robbery in the 2nd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in the 2nd Degree Assault in the 2nd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Assault in the 2nd Degree and Larceny in the 6th Degree. Stallings, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$10,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on December 21, 2011.



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On the following day, December 15, 2011, another person involved in this incident was arrested as well on the strength of an arrest warrant. Jamal Little, 22, of 70 Circular Avenue, Apt. #106, Hamden, turned himself into police custody. He was charged with Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in the 2nd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Assault in the 2nd Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 6th Degree. Little, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$10,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on December 23, 2011. A third person involved in the incident, Leroy Jenkins, 20, of 126 Woodin Street, Hamden had turned himself into police custody on November 30, 2011, and he was charged with Robbery in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree, Unlawful Restraint and Larceny in the 6th Degree. Jenkins was released after posting a \$10,000 bond. The arrest warrants were based on an incident that had occurred on October 30, 2011, at approximately 1:00 a.m. when members of the Patrol Division responded to Yale-New Hospital on the report of 2 assault victims. Investigation revealed that 2 victims, who are 17 and 18 years of age, were dragged out of a motor vehicle, robbed and beaten. The incident occurred in the parking lot of 2 Skiff Street. One of the victims suffered a broken nose in the attack. After a lengthy investigation by Detective Brian Stewart of the Detective Division, arrest warrant applications were submitted and approved for Leroy Jenkins, Jamal Little and Scott Stallings.

On December 15, 2011, Luigi Piscitelli Jr., 32, of 60 Blakeslee Road, Wallingford, turned himself into Police Headquarters after being notified that there was an arrest warrant for his arrest. Piscitelli Jr. was arrested and charged with Larceny in the 6th Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 6th Degree. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on November 12, 2011, at approximately 9:30 a.m., when members of the Patrol Division responded to the Hamden Plaza on the report of a purse snatch. Investigation revealed that a 52 year-old Hamden resident had her purse, which contained money and personal belongings, stolen from her carriage in the parking lot. She chased the individual for a short distance on foot. Detective Thomas Rhone, of the Detective Division conducted a lengthy investigation, which led to the arrest of Luigi Piscitelli Jr.

On December 16, 2011, at approximately 11:30 am members of the Patrol Division responded to 1680 Shepard Avenue on the report of a theft of utility services. Officers were advised that United Illuminating investigators received information that electricity was being stolen. Upon arrival, officers smelled a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the residence. A search warrant was submitted to the court and approved. Officers subsequently searched the residence and seized hundreds of marijuana plants. Furthermore, officers discovered a large grow operation. Further investigation led to the search of 220 Fans Rock Road. That after securing a second search warrant, officers discovered hundreds of marijuana plants, as well as drug paraphernalia. Once again, officers discovered a large grow operation. In total, officers seized in excess of 700 marijuana plants, as well as over \$19,000 in United States currency, between both residences. The marijuana, which weighed over 100 pounds, has an estimated street value of \$500,000.



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Illeana Rivera, 51, and Meelee Rivera, 31, both of 220 Fans Rock Road, Hamden, were arrested and both charged with Cultivation of Marijuana over 1 Kilogram, Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Sell Over 1 Kilogram, Possession of Marijuana and Operating a Drug Factory. They were both detained at police headquarters on a \$500,000 bond. Their court date is scheduled for January 12, 2011, in Meriden Superior Court. The investigation is continuing.

On December 17, 2011, at approximately 8:30 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to Arch Street on the report of an unwanted person. Upon arrival, officers learned that the resident of 138 Arch Street, 1st floor, Ethan Maltese, was in the possession of a stolen quad, valued at several thousand dollars. Further investigation revealed that hours earlier, Maltese, allegedly forced entry into a Bowen Street garage and stole the vehicle. He was subsequently arrested. Ethan Maltese, 18, of 138 Arch Street, 1st floor, Hamden, was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Larceny in the 4th Degree and Simple Trespass. Maltese, who was released after posting a \$2,500 bond, is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on January 6, 2012. Officer Jay Bunnell of the Patrol Division conducted the investigation.

On December 18, 2011, at approximately 2:30 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to 41 Winnett Street on the report of a physical domestic dispute. Prior to arrival, officers were advised that a stabbing had occurred. Upon arrival at the second floor apartment, officers found Rodney Williams Sr. with a stab wound to the chest. Hamden Fire Rescue rendered medical assistance. Williams was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital with life-threatening injuries. Officers learned that Williams Sr. became engaged in a verbal and physical altercation with a family member, less than 18 years of age. The juvenile then allegedly threw a knife, which stuck in Williams's chest. Officer Ronald Glifort arrested the juvenile after a foot pursuit. He was charged with Assault in the 1st Degree and Disorderly Conduct. He was transported to Juvenile Detention in Bridgeport. He was scheduled to appear in Juvenile Court in New Haven, on December 19, 2011.

On December 18, 2011, Hamden Police arrested Carina Garcia on the strength of an arrest warrant when she turned herself in Police Headquarters. Carina Garcia, 18, of 7111 Town Walk Drive, Hamden, was charged with Theft of a Firearm. Garcia, who was released on a Written Promise to Appear, is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on January 10, 2012. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on November 11, 2011, when members of the Patrol Division responded to 7111 Town Walk Drive on the report of a theft of a firearm. Investigation revealed that Garcia allegedly stole the firearm from a locked safe. An arrest warrant application was submitted to the court and subsequently approved. Detective Donald Remillard of the Detective Division conducted the investigation.



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On December 19, 2011, Hamden Police arrested Victor Corvari Jr. on the strength of an arrest warrant when he turned himself in at police headquarters. Victor Corvari Jr. 55, of 26 Nichole Court, East Haven, was charged with Possession of Child Pornography in the 1st Degree. Corvari Jr., was released after posting a \$35,000 bond, Corvari is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on January 3, 2012. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on February 2, 2011, when Officer Michael Cirillo, who is assigned to the Connecticut Computer Crimes Task Force, responded to a Sherman Avenue business; a computer repair store, regarding the possible possession of child pornography. Investigation revealed that Victor Corvari Jr. brought his computer to the business to be repaired. While attempting to repair the computer, personnel found that child pornography sites had been accessed. Hamden Police submitted a search warrant to the court, which was approved. On November 9, 2011, Sergeant Robert D'Aniello of the Computer Crimes Unit conducted a forensic examination on the computer, and located 171 still image files that contain suspected child pornography.

On December 22, 2011, at approximately 8:30 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to 75 Park Avenue on the report of criminal mischief. Officer William Onofrio of the Patrol Division discovered 6 bullet holes in the exterior siding. Further investigation revealed that damage was sustained to the interior of the residence. A number of bullets struck several walls and the refrigerator. The residence is currently vacant. The Detective Division is continuing the investigation. A suspect has been identified and an arrest warrant will be applied for. Detective Sean Dolan of the Detective Division is conducting the investigation.

On December 24, 2011, at approximately 11:30 p.m., Officer Jeremy Brewer of the Patrol Division was traveling southbound on Fairview Avenue en route to a family dispute at 75 Fairview Avenue. The officer struck a motor vehicle that was traveling eastbound on Jones Road. The vehicle, which was operated by a 17 year-old Wethersfield resident, allegedly proceeded, without stopping, through a stop sign, which is located at the intersection. Both the officer and 17 year-old were treated at the scene for minor injuries. They were both transported to local hospitals for further medical treatment. A preliminary investigation revealed that narcotics were found in the teen's vehicle. Furthermore, officers are attempting to ascertain if alcohol was a contributing factor, with regards to the teenage operator. The investigation is continuing. Officers expect to make an arrest in the near future.

On December 24, 2011, at approximately 12:45 am, Hamden Police investigated a Home Invasion at 385 Millrock Road. The apartment's resident was hosting a party and was occupied by approximately 12-15 people who were playing cards. One of the persons answered a knock on the rear door. At this point, 2 undescribed suspects entered the apartment. Both were armed and wearing masks. One subject was armed with an Automatic weapon, possibly an Uzi sub gun.



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The other male was armed with 2 handguns. UNSUB #1 - Black male – mid-late 20's, 6", stocky build, black mask. UNSUB #2 - Black male – mid-late 20's, 5'9", stocky build, black mask. UNSUB #1 moved around the apartment taking cash from several of the victims and money on the kitchen table. Several of the victims ran into a closet and a bathroom to hide. One of the victims had her pocketbook taken from her hand.

On December 25, 2011, Laurance Bardinelli Jr. was detained by the Monroe Police Department on an unrelated incident, when they ascertained that he had an outstanding arrest warrant out of Hamden. He was subsequently turned over to the custody of the Hamden Police Department. Laurance Bardinelli Jr., 24, of 1 Castlewood Drive, Monroe, was arrested and charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree and Larceny in the 3rd Degree. Bardinelli Jr., who was released after posting a \$500 bond, is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on January 10, 2012. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on October 20, 2011, when members of the Patrol Division had responded to K & J Landscaping on the report of a larceny. Investigation revealed that an individual had forced entry into the business. Once inside, the individual removed approximately \$15,000 worth of power tools. Officer Nicholas D'Angelo, who conducted the investigation, subsequently submitted an arrest warrant for Laurance Bardinelli Jr. to the court, which was subsequently approved.

On December 27, 2011, Warren Ligon of 1280 Townsend Avenue, Apt. 4, New Haven, turned himself in to police custody. Ligon was arrested on the strength of an arrest warrant and charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Larceny in the 3rd Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 3rd Degree. Ligon, who was detained on a \$10,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on January 5, 2011. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on October 19, 2011, at approximately 3:15 p.m. when Hamden Police responded to 23 Concord Street, 1st floor, on the report of a burglary. Investigation revealed that entry was gained from an unlocked window. Once inside, those responsible stole several thousand dollars worth of electronic equipment. After a lengthy investigation by Detective Brian Stewart of the Detective Division, 3 individuals were identified as suspects. Detective Stewart submitted three arrest warrant affidavits to the court which were subsequently approved. On November 18, 2011, Officers arrested Shannon Mosca, 20, of 81 Briarcliff Road in Hamden, at her residence. She was charged with Larceny in the 3rd Degree. Mosca, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$10,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on December 2, 2011. On December 15, 2011, Tyler Nelson, 18, of 391 Orchard Street, New Haven, turned himself in to police custody. Nelson was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Larceny in the 3rd Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 3rd Degree. Nelson, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$10,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on January 3, 2012.