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Personnel Matters and Events

On December 12, 2012, members of the Traffic Division worked with the Connecticut State Police Truck Squad Unit in town to enforce commercial motor vehicle laws. The officers stopped approximately 24 trucks, conducted level I inspections on 4 vehicles, and issued 1 Misdemeanor Summons and 14 Infractions totaling \$1,800.00 dollars in fines.

On December 17, 2012, the Department began providing a Police presence at Hamden schools during drop and pick-up hours, due to the tragic events that occurred in Newtown.

On December 19, 2012, probationary Police Officers' Justin Martin and Andrew Pfeiffer graduated from the New Haven Police Academy and entered into the Field Training Program on December 20, 2012.

On December 28, 2012, Officer Angela Hall of the Patrol Division was selected as the 2012 Hamden Elk's Police Officer of the Year award recipient. Officer Angela Hall is a 5-year veteran of our department and was selected through careful consideration by the command staff.

On December 31, 2012, the Police Commission appointed 2 new officers to our department. Peter Conti and Jenisse Perez were appointed as probationary police officers and will be attending the New Haven Police Academy beginning on January 2, 2013.



New Haven Police Academy



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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

During the month of December, the Community Liaison Unit was involved in the following community outreach events:

- Toy Drive for Christmas
- Law Enforcement Club Meetings @ Hamden Middle School
- Police & Youth Grant Meetings with Kids (3 Sessions)
- Bear Path School Tour of Police Department (3 Tours)
- Block Watch Meeting @ Davenport/Dunbar complex
- Meeting with youths to help them attain Eagle Scout status



Hamden Middle School



Bear Path School



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Traffic Calming

Members of the Traffic Division deployed Speed Compliance Units throughout areas in Town with a high volume of speeding complaints. The signs and trailer were deployed on: Church Street, Chester Street, Haverford Avenue, Pinerock Avenue, Underhill Road, and Ridge Road. Proactive traffic enforcement typically receives positive feedback from residents, schools, and business owners.



Training - Sworn Personnel

There was no Department wide training for the month of December.

Training: In-Service

- Physical Fitness (Cooper) Testing @ POST – Detectives Scott Levenduski and Stephen Rossacci
- Advanced Tactics for Criminal Patrol @ POST – Officer Timothy McKeon
- Opiates and Bath Salts @ POST – Officer Dedric Jones
- Interview and Statement Analysis @ POST - Officers Timothy Brown and William Iannone



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Training – K-9

K-9 Units participated in training sessions at the Michael J. Whelan building on Newhall Street with several other agencies. The training curriculum included:

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

Training – Dispatchers

The newly appointed Dispatchers are progressing satisfactorily in training and are in the final stages of the Field Training program.





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Incidents of Special Interest

On December 1, 2012, at approximately 2:00 am, members of the Patrol Division were dispatched to the area of Whitney Avenue and Sherman Avenue, on the report of a struck pedestrian. Initial investigation indicated that a male party was crossing Whitney Avenue in a westward direction, not utilizing the crosswalk, and was struck by a small white vehicle traveling southbound. The vehicle did not stop and continued southbound on Whitney Avenue. The pedestrian was dragged from the roadway by friends. The pedestrian was treated on scene by Hamden Fire Rescue for non-life threatening injuries and was transported to Yale-New Haven hospital. The pedestrian was alert and responsive. Officer Sean Nutcher of the Patrol Division is conducting the investigation.

On December 3, 2012, David B. Fein, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that WILLIAM PAUL PATRICK, 68, of Glastonbury, was sentenced today by Senior United States District Judge Warren W. Eginton in Bridgeport to 180 months of imprisonment, followed by five years of supervised release, for using the Internet to arrange and watch sex shows with children in the Philippines. PATRICK also was ordered to pay a \$20,000 fine. "This defendant arranged for sex shows involving young children and gave explicit instructions as to how he wanted the children to be abused," stated U.S. Attorney Fein. "I commend the FBI and the members of the Computer Crimes Task Force for their work in protecting children from this horrific conduct both here and abroad." "These are disturbing and despicable crimes for which the defendant will spend a considerable amount of time in prison," stated Special Agent in Charge Kimberly K. Mertz of the New Haven Division of the FBI. "The children of the world have to be protected from these heinous criminals, willful predators of innocent children. I commend the task force investigators for their incredible sense of duty in helping to eradicate this dark side of society." According to court documents and statements made in court, in late 2008, the FBI and the Connecticut Computer Crimes Task Force began investigating PATRICK's suspected possession and distribution of child pornography. On May 8, 2009, law enforcement agents conducted a court-authorized search of PATRICK's Glastonbury residence and seized several computers, detachable hard drives and computer-related components. Subsequent analysis of the seized computers and hard drives revealed numerous images and videos depicting child pornography. Forensic review of the seized items also revealed videos, emails and text files that indicated that PATRICK had communicated with individuals in the Philippines for the purposes of arranging Internet sex shows involving minors. In one email, PATRICK offered money for a sex show involving multiple individuals and a 7-year-old girl. PATRICK provided explicit instructions to the adult and the minors about the nature and duration of the sex acts he wanted to view and offered them cash rewards if they could perform certain acts on the child. PATRICK also engaged in another Internet chat session with an adult and a young child, who indicated that she was 9 years old. During the chat session, PATRICK asked that the girl engage in sexual acts and be photographed while nude. PATRICK provided \$50 to an individual in the Philippines to facilitate his request, and he subsequently received pornographic photographs of the child. PATRICK was arrested on January 22, 2010. On June 27, 2012, he pleaded guilty to one count of using an interstate facility to persuade a minor to engage in sexual activity. PATRICK, who has been released on bond under electronic monitoring by the U.S. Probation Office since shortly after his arrest, was ordered to report to prison on January 29, 2013. This matter was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Connecticut Computer Crimes Task Force, which includes federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, including the Hamden Police Department. The Glastonbury Police Department also assisted the investigation.



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The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Ray Miller and Deborah Slater. The Connecticut Computer Crimes Task Force, which is housed at the main FBI office in New Haven, investigates crimes occurring over the Internet, including on-line crimes against children, and provides computer forensic review services for participating agencies. This prosecution is part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood Initiative, which is aimed at protecting children from sexual abuse and exploitation. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.justice.gov/psc. To report cases of child exploitation, please visit www.cybertipline.com.

On December 3, 2012, Hamden Police arrested Susan Taylor on the strength of an active arrest warrant. Susan Taylor turned herself in at Police Headquarters. Susan Taylor, 62, of 21 Manila Avenue, Woodbridge, was charged with Larceny in the 4th Degree, Larceny in the 6th Degree, Forgery in the 3rd Degree, 2 counts of Issuing a Bad Check, Auto Teller Fraud and Identification Theft. Taylor, who was released on a Written Promise to Appear, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on December 17, 2012. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred in August of 2012, when Hamden Police responded to 2 larceny complaints at Garden View Manor, 1840 State Street. Garden View Manor is a residential care facility that houses 16 residents. Investigation revealed that the owner and manager of Garden View Manor, Susan Taylor, used a resident's debit card and made unauthorized withdrawals, totaling \$1,200.00. During a second incident, which involved another resident, Taylor allegedly stole a personal check, forged the signature and stole \$130.00 in cash. Detective John Marks submitted 2 arrest warrant applications that were approved by the courts.

On December 6, 2012, at approximately 4:30 pm, members of the Patrol Division were dispatched to the area of 79 Bowen Street on the reports of a female screaming for help. Investigation revealed that the woman (later identified as Kristina A. Packard) screaming for help was involved in an argument that escalated to a physical altercation with an acquaintance of hers. Further investigation revealed that both parties had struck each other during the altercation, and both were placed under arrest. John F. Lenti, 49, of 79 Bowen Street, Hamden, was charged with Assault in the 3rd Degree 53a-61, and Breach of Peace in the 2nd Degree 53a-181, and released after posting bond and was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on December 18, 2012. Kristina A. Packard, 44, of 8 Towne House Road, Hamden, was issued a Misdemeanor Summons and charged with Disorderly Conduct 53a-182, and released on a WPTA and was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on December 20, 2012.

On December 12, 2012, at 3:15 am, members of the Patrol Division responded to the Shell Food Mart at Whitney Avenue and Skiff Street on the report of a robbery. The clerk stated a black male approximately 5'8" tall, 40 – 50 years old, bald head and wearing a black vest; robbed the store of approximately \$250-\$300 by insinuating that he was in possession of a weapon. The suspect then fled the store toward Skiff Street, where it is believed that he had a vehicle parked behind the building. A search of the area was conducted with negative results. Attempts are being made to collect video surveillance evidence from the Shell Food Mart and Krausers convenience store across the street. Detective Donald Remillard is continuing with the investigation.



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On December 12, 2012, at approximately 3:50 p.m., Officer Dennis Putnam of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling at excessive speeds S/B on Whitney Avenue near the intersection of Sherman Avenue, and then observed subsequent motor vehicle violations. A motor vehicle stop was conducted in the parking lot of 2987 Whitney Avenue. Further investigation lead to the search of the operator and the motor vehicle. The operator of the motor vehicle was found to be in possession of Heroin and drug paraphernalia. James F. Mormile, 28, of 18 Lansdowne Avenue, Hamden, was promptly arrested and charged with Possession of Narcotics 21a-279(a) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 21-269. Mormile was released on a \$500.00 non-surety bond with a court date of December 17, 2012, at Meriden Superior Court.

On December 15, 2012, at approximately 2:00 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the report of a large crowd assembling in the parking lot of The Point After lounge, 1349 Dixwell Avenue. As officers were in the process of dispersing the crowd, multiple gunshots were fired from the east side of the parking lot. A large crowd subsequently fled from the area. Hamden Police asked for the assistance of the New Haven Police Department in preserving the peace. Several New Haven Police Officers responded and assisted during the incident. A search of the area met with negative results for the responsible individual(s) or any victims. The incident is still under investigation.

On December 16, 2012, at approximately 6:30 am, members of the Patrol Division responded to 2263 Whitney Avenue (Exxon convenience store) on the report of a burglary. Investigation revealed that the business was burglarized by a perpetrator wearing tan pants, black hooded sweatshirt, grey under shirt, mask and white gloves. No suspect vehicles or direction of escape route could be determined at this time. The suspect stole a quantity of cigarettes and approximately \$500.00 dollars in U.S. currency, in form of quarters (coins). The suspect had gained entry via breaking the front glass door. Also, an attempted burglary via the same (MO) method of operation (breaking glass door) was attempted at 2045 Dixwell Avenue (CVS Pharmacy), but in this incident entry was not gained. The CVS incident occurred at approximately 0230 hours. Detective William C. Onofrio is in the process of retrieving CVS surveillance footage from CVS corporate Loss Prevention for this incident and continuing with the investigation.

On December 17, 2012, a New Haven Barbershop owner was sentenced to 5 years in Federal Prison for violating his supervised release. David B. Fein, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that Richard Rose, 44, of New Haven, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Janet Bond Arterton in New Haven to 60 months of imprisonment for violating the terms and conditions of his federal supervised release. According to court documents and statements made in court, on February 6, 2006, Rose was sentenced to 60 months of imprisonment, followed by eight years of supervised release, for possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine in November of 2004. Rose's term of supervised release began on June 30, 2008, after his release from prison. While on supervised release, Rose has been arrested for selling marijuana on two occasions to an individual working with law enforcement. In addition, court-authorized searches of a barbershop Rose operated on Dixwell Avenue in New Haven resulted in the seizure of drugs, drug paraphernalia and cash generated from drug activity.



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On November 19, 2012, Rose appeared before Judge Arterton and admitted to violating his supervised release by committing another federal, state or local offense, possessing a controlled substance, purchasing and distributing a controlled substance, and associating with persons engage in criminal activity or who are convicted felons. The 60-month sentence imposed today was the maximum sentence permitted by law. This matter was investigated by the Hamden Police Department and the New Haven Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony E. Kaplan.

On December 17, 2012, at approximately 5:30 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of Waite Street on the report of an emotionally disturbed person. Upon arrival, officers learned that a health care professional wanted to speak with the individual due to his alleged hostile behavior. She asked for police assistance. Moments later, as officers attempted to speak with the individual; he barricaded himself in a second floor bedroom. Fearing he might harm himself, Hamden Police activated the Emergency Services Unit. After hours of unsuccessful telephone negotiations, members of the Patrol Division and Emergency Services Unit were able to force entry into the bedroom, when the individual briefly opened the door. The incident lasted a little more than 5 hours. The individual was subdued and transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital for medical treatment.

On December 21, 2012, Detectives arrested a 15 year-old Hamden resident for Sexual Assault in the 1st Degree. The alleged assault occurred the previous evening, inside of a Mix Avenue apartment. The juvenile victim was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital for medical treatment. The 15 year-old Hamden resident was charged with Sexual Assault in the 1st Degree, and subsequently transported to a Juvenile Detention facility in Bridgeport. Detective Angelo DeLieto conducted the investigation.

On December 23, 2012, at approximately 8:15 p.m., members of the Patrol and Detective Divisions responded to Dunkin Donuts, 1954 State Street, on the report of a burglary in progress. Investigation revealed that an individual reached through the drive-thru window and stole an undisclosed amount of money from the unattended cash register. He then fled from the area on foot. The suspect is described as a white male, wearing a dark-colored hooded sweatshirt and a baseball cap. Officer Craig Appleby and his K-9 partner "Hunter" conducted a track, which was unsuccessful. Members of the Detective Division are continuing the investigation.

On December 24, 2012, at approximately 5:30 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to Wal-Mart, 2300 Dixwell Avenue, on the report of an assault. Investigation revealed that a 30 year-old female customer was punched in the face by another customer, while shopping with family members. The victim, who is pregnant, was familiar with the woman who committed the assault. The victim, who suffered an injury to her mouth and jaw, was taken to a local hospital by family members. Moments later, officers located the individual that was responsible for the assault, Shanea Hylton, who was walking in the area of Putnam Avenue and she was promptly arrested. Shanea Hylton, 28, of 320 Quinnipiac Avenue, New Haven, was charged with Assault on a Pregnant Person, Breach of Peace and Interfering With a Police Officer. Hylton, who was released after posting a \$5,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on January 7, 2013. Officer Michael Cirillo of the Patrol Division conducted the investigation.



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On December 27, 2012, at approximately 8:00 a.m., members of the Patrol and Detective Divisions responded to a Hillcrest Avenue residence on the report of a home invasion. Investigation revealed that an individual entered the home of a 77 year-old female, via an unlocked rear door. Once inside, the individual stole a pocketbook off of a kitchen table. Detective William Onofrio determined that an individual, who had recently shoveled her driveway, may be responsible. A description was provided to area units. Moments later, Officers Stephen Baris and Justin Martin observed an individual who fit the physical description. Further investigation revealed that the individual, Antonio Lucky, was responsible for the burglary. The pocketbook was subsequently recovered. Lucky was arrested and transported to Hamden Police Headquarters. Antonio Lucky, 19, of 72 Church Street, Hamden, was charged with Burglary in the 2nd Degree and Larceny in the 6th Degree. Lucky, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$25,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on January 10, 2012.

On December 28, 2012, Detectives arrested Marquis Harper at a New Haven location on the strength of an active arrest warrant. Harper was transported to Hamden Police Headquarters to be processed. Harper, 22, of 37 Duane Road, Hamden, was charged with Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in the 1st Degree and Criminal Attempt to Commit Robbery in the 1st Degree. Harper, who was detained on a \$150,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on January 11, 2013. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on July 2, 2010, during the early morning hours, when Hamden Police responded to an Elliott Drive residence on the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers found John Belcher, then 25 years of age, lying face down in the driveway, with a gunshot wound to the chest and neck. Belcher was subsequently transported to the Hospital of Saint Raphael with serious life-threatening injuries. A preliminary investigation that was conducted at the time revealed that Belcher was confronted by 3 individuals, who were wearing face masks. Witnesses believed that at least 2 of the individuals were in the possession of handguns. In addition, they believed that several gunshots were fired. After an extensive 2 year investigation, Detective Angelo DeLieto of the Detective Division submitted an arrest warrant application to the court for the arrest of Marquis Harper. The arrest warrant application was subsequently approved.

On December 28, 2012, at approximately 4:00 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to 96 Country Hill Rd on a report of a domestic dispute/emotionally disturbed person. Officers encountered Victor Perez who was having a verbal dispute with a female and had possession of a knife. The female was removed from the residence and Perez retreated and started to barricade himself in the residence. Perez is ex-military war veteran, who has shown suicidal tendencies and was not taking his medication(s). After a brief negotiation he came out of the residence, but would not comply with officers commands and was subsequently tasered. Perez was then taken into custody and shipped to the hospital for an emergency evaluation. His handgun that was registered to him was already in property at the Police Headquarters from a previous incident.