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Personnel Matters and Events

During the month of February, Captain John Lujick acting in one of his roles as police department's liaison to the Office of Emergency Management attended a training course at the department of homeland security in Hartford to learn the WebEOC system. WebEOC is the original web-enabled crisis information management system and provides real-time information sharing to help managers make sound decisions quickly. Captain Lujick also attended the Southern Connecticut State University Police Department's (SCSU-PD) test of their new, campus-wide audible emergency announcement system in a showing of interagency cooperation.

Training - Sworn Personnel

During the month of February, training for the Department consisted of Domestic Violence and handling of Juveniles.

Training: In-Service

Accreditation Manager Course @ POST – Deputy Chief William Onofrio and Sergeant Franklin Riehl

Basic Cellular Phone Investigation @ POST – Sergeant Robert D'Aniello

Cognitive Interviewing @ POST – Officer Gabriel Garcia

Interview and Interrogation @ POST – Officer Mark Katz

Criminal Street Gangs @ POST – Officer Dedric Jones and Officer Mark Sheppard

New England Law Enforcement Executive Development (FBI) – Captain Ronald Smith

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. Areas of training included:

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



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Training – Dispatchers

Emergency Medical Dispatching – During the month of February, Dispatchers attended training at the American Medical Response Facility in New Haven, CT. The subject matter was Emergency Medical Dispatching Scenarios. Dispatcher Matthew Erff also attended a seminar on Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings & Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents on February 17, 2011.

Incidents of Special Interest

On February 1, 2011, Officer Gabe Garcia of the Patrol Division observed an unregistered motor vehicle traveling on Dixwell Avenue. A motor vehicle stop was conducted on Dixwell Avenue at Pine Street. Further investigation led to the search of the vehicle where Officers located a black-colored bb gun with a facsimile silencer behind the front seat. The operator of the vehicle, Jaequan Lminggio, was promptly arrested. A short time thereafter, a small quantity of marijuana was found on him. Jaequan Lminggio, 20, of 643 Newhall Street, Apt. 2L, Hamden was charged with Carrying a Weapon in a Motor Vehicle and Possession of Marijuana. Lminggio was released after posting a \$5,000 bond, and is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on February 16th.

On February, 4, 2011, at 1832 hours, Officer William May of the Patrol Division conducted a motor vehicle stop for a motor vehicle violation. Further investigation revealed that the front passenger in the motor vehicle (Clayton Morse DOB: 10/11/81) had several outstanding arrest warrants from different agencies. Clayton Morse, 29, of 991 Quinnipiac Avenue, New Haven, CT was promptly arrested without incident. Morse was charged with Failure to Appear and released on a \$500.00 bond with a court date of 02/18/11 in GA 9 Middletown.

On February, 4, 2011, at approximately 1:00 am, Officer Robert Manfield of the Patrol Division conducted a motor vehicle stop in the area of Dixwell Avenue and Woodin Street. Further investigation lead to the search of the motor vehicle, where officers located crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia. A passenger in the motor vehicle identified as Kathleen Murphy, 21, of 1166 Dixwell Avenue was promptly arrested and charged with possession of narcotics and possession of drug paraphernalia. Murphy was released on a \$2,500.00 non-surety bond with a court date of 02/15/2011 in Meriden.

On February 7, 2011, Earl Telford, 18 of 308 Britannia Street, Meriden, CT was arrested on the strength of 3 active arrest warrants. Telford was charged with Robbery 1, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery 1, Larceny 3rd, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery 3rd, and Carry & Sale of a Dangerous Weapon on 2 warrants and Robbery 1, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery 1, Larceny 5th, and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny 5th on the third warrant. The warrants were based on the investigations of several robberies that had occurred on January 10, 15, & 21, 2011. Telford was held on a court ordered \$200,000 dollar bond and is scheduled to appear in Meriden Court on 02/22/2011.

On February 8, 2011, Officer Stephen Baris of the Patrol Division conducted a motor vehicle stop in the area of Pine Rock Avenue near Woodin Street. Officer Baris recognized the subject as Doreen Pinkerton from previous police related encounters and had information that she was wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant. Doreen Pinkerton, 34, of 30 Jones Road, Hamden, CT was placed under arrest on the strength of the arrest warrant without incident and charged with Burglary 3rd and Criminal Mischief 3rd and held on a court set \$50,000.00 dollar bond with a court date of 02/22/2011.



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Incidents of Special Interest (cont)

On February 9, 2011, at approximately 2:00 am members of the Patrol Division responded to 304 Pine Rock Avenue on a report of suspicious activity. Officers met with the complainant who stated that she observed a black male wearing a white hooded sweatshirt and a black jacket hanging around the apartment complex and that she recognized the subject as a person who was previously arrested for attempting to break into one of the condos. Officers found the subject who fit the description, walking away from the complex and a brief investigative detention determined that the subject was wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant. Terrell Taft, 24, of 48 High Street, East Haven, CT was arrested and charged with Failure to Appear and held on a court set \$10,000.00 dollar bond with a court date of 02/23/2011.

On February 9, 2011, at approximately 6:50 am Detective Raymond Quinn (who is currently assigned to the United States Marshall Service CT Violent Fugitive Task Force) along with Task Force Officer (TFO) Palmer (NHPD), TFO Manware (NHPD), USMS Deputy Novack and Officers from Meriden PD responded to a residence in Meriden where a fugitive from justice was hiding. Officers found Robert Larkins hiding under a pile of junk in the garage of the residence and placed him under arrest after a brief struggle. Robert Larkins, 33, of 21 Rice Road, Meriden, CT was charged with being a Fugitive from Justice and held on a \$250,000 dollar bond with a court date of 02/16/2011. Robert Larkins is wanted by Pennsylvania authorities for Narcotics Trafficking Charges.

On February 14, 2011, at 11:30 am Hamden Police responded to Home Depot, 1873 Dixwell Avenue on the report of a larceny. Officers were advised that the individual responsible, fled in a Chevy van with Pennsylvania registration plates. Deputy Chief Bo Kicak observed the vehicle enter route 15 northbound at a high rate of speed. The vehicle initially stopped, and then fled as Deputy Chief Kicak approached. A short time thereafter, North Haven police found the abandoned vehicle parked in a driveway on Hartford Turnpike. Investigation revealed that a light skinned male allegedly attempted to leave the store with merchandise and as security approached him, the individual bit a Security Officer and then threatened to stab him with a syringe containing the aids virus

On February 14, 2011, at approximately 4:00 p.m. Officer Robert O'Neill of the Patrol Division responded to the area of Concord Street on the report of drug activity. As Officer O'Neill approached, an individual identified as Philip Gulley Jr., hurried from the scene. Investigation led to the search of Gulley where Officers located nearly 12 grams of marijuana and \$361.00 on his possession. He was promptly arrested. Once handcuffed, Gulley fled on foot and was apprehended after a brief foot pursuit on Dante Place. Philip Gulley Jr., 19, of 102 Beacon Street, Hamden was charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Sell, Possession of Marijuana within 1,500 Feet of a School, Tampering with Evidence and Interfering with a Police Officer. Gulley Jr., who was detained at police headquarters on a \$20,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on February 28th.

On February 14, 2011, at approximately 6:00 p.m. Officer William May of the Patrol Division observed an individual acting suspiciously in the parking lot of a Dixwell Avenue restaurant. Upon approaching the vehicle, a strong odor of marijuana was emanating from inside the motor vehicle. Officer Michael Nawrocki and his K-9 partner "Hank" subsequently searched the vehicle and located 34.2 grams of marijuana. Furthermore, officers seized \$316 from the operator of the vehicle, identified as Marquis Brookshire. Marquis Brookshire, 33, of 33 Cassius Street, New Haven was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Sell. Brookshire, who was released after posting a \$10,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on February 28th.



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On February 16, 2011, the United States Marshall Service Connecticut Violent Fugitive Task Force arrested Keith Dowdy in New Haven on the strength of an active arrest warrant. Dowdy, 37, of 1002 Apt. H, Whalley Avenue, New Haven was charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree, Burglary in the 1st Degree, Larceny in the 5th Degree and 2 counts of Assault in the 2nd Degree. Dowdy, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$250,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on February 23rd. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on December 21, 2011, at approximately 3:00 a.m. when Hamden Police responded to McDonald's, 2320 Dixwell Avenue, on the report of an armed robbery. Upon arrival, officers found a 46 year-old employee, Marcelo Tecpa, bleeding heavily from the head. Marcelo Tecpa was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital for medical treatment. Investigation revealed that an individual had entered McDonald's and immediately struck Tecpa in the head with a blunt instrument. The individual then picked Tecpa up and threw him onto the floor. Another employee, Angel Bermejo, 35, heard Tecpa's screams. The individual, who was brandishing a knife, then approached Bermejo. The individual allegedly threw him to the ground and then forced him to open the safe. Once the safe was opened, the individual allegedly kicked Bermejo in the head, knocking him unconscious and an undetermined amount of cash was taken. Detective Thomas Rhone of the Detective Division developed a suspect and an arrest warrant was submitted and approved for Keith Dowdy, who was an ex-employee.

On February 17, 2011, at approximately 7:45 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of Circular Avenue on the report of a street robbery. The complainant, a 49 year-old Hamden resident, advised police that while walking on Circular Avenue, he was approached by 3 individuals. One of the individuals threw a brick at him, but he was not injured. The individuals ordered him to surrender his cell phone as one of the individuals reached into his waistband, simulating a firearm; the complainant gave them his property. Moments later, at approximately 7:55 p.m. an 18 year-old Hamden resident was approached by the individuals, who fit the same physical description. The individuals ordered him to empty his pockets. One of the individuals reached into his pocket, simulating a firearm. The individuals subsequently stole his electronic equipment and money. Shortly thereafter, Officer Chris Kakalaw of the Patrol Division located 2 of the individuals on Bradley Avenue. Further investigation led to their arrest. In addition, the third individual contacted police and turned himself in. A 17 year-old Hamden resident was charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in the 1st Degree, Larceny in the 2nd Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 2nd Degree. The 17 year-old was detained at police headquarters on a \$50,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on March 8th. A 15 year-old New Haven resident was charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in the 1st Degree, Larceny in the 2nd Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 2nd Degree. The 15 year-old was transported to Juvenile Detention in New Haven. A 15 year-old Hamden resident was charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in the 1st Degree, Larceny in the 2nd Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 2nd Degree. The 15 year-old was transported to Juvenile Detention in New Haven.

On February 21, 2011, at approximately 2:45 p.m. Hamden Police responded to Wal-Mart, 2300 Dixwell Avenue on the report of a robbery. Investigation revealed that an individual, described as a black male, 50's, 5'8", 160lbs., gray facial hair, wearing gold-colored framed glasses, a brown coat and gray winter hat, entered the store, approached the customer service counter and demanded money. That after receiving an undisclosed amount of money, the individual fled southbound from the exit doors. The Detective Division is conducting the investigation.



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On February 24, 2011, at approximately 8:45 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the Children's Center, 1400 Whitney Avenue, on the report of a missing juvenile. Upon arrival, officers learned that a female juvenile resident had run away and that she had planned to commit suicide. A short time thereafter, Central Communications received a call stating that a female was standing on the ice of Lake Whitney, in the area of Treadwell Street. Officers subsequently observed the juvenile standing in the middle of the semi-frozen lake. The juvenile ran upon observing police. Officers set up a perimeter, while Patrol Officer Craig Appleby and his K-9 partner "Hunter" began a track. After tracking approximately 1/8 of a mile through a wooded area, the K-9 Unit located the juvenile, who was attempting to hide. The juvenile, who had fallen through the ice, was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital for medical treatment.

On February 27, 2011, at approximately 5:00 p.m. Hamden Police responded to Snacks Plus, 75 Putnam Avenue, on the report of an armed robbery. A preliminary investigation revealed that 2 individuals entered the store, both armed with handguns. The store clerk was allegedly struck in the face with a firearm. The clerk, who sustained an injury above his left eye, was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital. An undisclosed amount of money was taken. A customer, described as a 41 year-old Hamden resident, was also robbed of her belongings, but she was not injured during the incident. The individuals are described as males, both wearing facemasks and brandishing firearms. One of the individuals was wearing a green hooded sweatshirt, the other a black hooded sweatshirt. Patrol Officer Craig Appleby and his K-9 partner "Hunter" conducted a track with negative results. The Detective Division is conducting the investigation.

On February 28, 2011, Detective Mark Consorte and Sergeant Anthony Diaz of the Support Services Division arrested James Bieu on the strength of an active arrest warrant for the January 7, 2011 "Bank Robbery" that occurred at New Alliance Bank, 1246 Whitney Avenue. Bieu, who has been incarcerated on unrelated charges, was arrested at Superior Court in Meriden. James Bieu, 51, who is homeless, was charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree with a Firearm and Larceny in the 2nd Degree. Bieu, who was detained on a court ordered \$200,000 bond, was arraigned on the same day.