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Personnel Matters and Events

On July 22, 2013, Officer Jay Bunnell was transferred from the Bicycle Unit of the Field Services Bureau to the Patrol Division of the Field Services Bureau.

The Community Liaison Unit was involved in the following community outreach events:

- Police and Youth Program Grant mandatory meeting
- Bicycle Patrol on Farmington Canal Trail
- K-9 Demo and safety talk @ YMCA on Sherman Avenue



Officer Jason Venditto and K-9 partner "Viking"



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Traffic Calming

Members of the Traffic Division deployed Speed Compliance Units on Haverford Street, Pinerock Avenue, Ridge Road, Hawthorne Avenue and Tuttle Avenue.



Flash of light when speed is recorded over the posted speed limit, which simulates that a photograph was taken of the violator.



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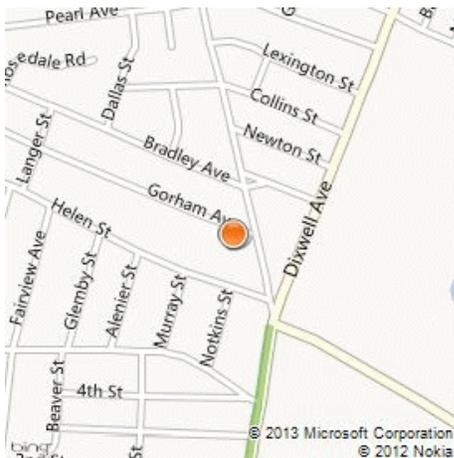


Training - Sworn Personnel

There was no department-wide training for the month of July.

Training: In-Service

- Instructor Development @ POST – Officer Gabriel Garcia
- Police Response to Active Shooter @ Westport Police Department – Officer Eric Hallstrom
- Data Driven approach to Crime and Traffic Safety @ POST – Deputy Chief Bo Kicak, Lieutenant Timothy Wydra, Sergeant Edward Armeno and Officer Gregg Curran
- Interview and Interrogation @ POST – Officers Michael Mello and Kelley Groleau
- Family Violence Policy update @ POST – Sergeant Franklin Riehl
- ARES Roundup Online Investigation ICAC @ Hamden Police Department (On-line) – Sergeant Robert D’Aniello
- INET Advanced Internet Trace Evidence NW3C @ Forensic Lab in Meriden – Sergeant Robert D’Aniello
- Crime Analysis Applications Training @ Orange Police Department – Chief Thomas Wydra and Information Technology Manager Mario DiNatale





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Training – K-9

During the first weeks of July, Lt. McDermott, and Officer Jason Venditto completed K-9 training school with new K-9 “Viking”; preparing him for his certification as an official police K-9. The training curriculum included:

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



Officer Jason Venditto training with K-9 partner “Viking”, with assistance from Officer Goclowski



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Training – Dispatchers

During the month of July, Dispatchers trained in Emergency Medical Dispatching recertification and CPR. The CPR training was conducted by Lieutenant Grasso of the Hamden Fire Department.





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Incidents of Special Interest

On July 3, 2013, at approximately 2:30 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of Ridge Road and Haverford Street on the report of a motor vehicle accident involving a "rollover." Upon arrival, officers found 5 passengers, who were traveling in a van, trapped inside. The van had come to a stop upside down. Officer John Glass, along with Hamden Fire Department personnel and an unidentified good samaritan were able to free the occupants from the vehicle. The van was transporting disabled individuals from a local day camp. All of the occupants were transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital for further evaluation/treatment. A preliminary investigation has revealed that the operator of the van, Christina Calise, 25, proceeded through a stop sign and collided with a motor vehicle, driven by Thomas Bellonio Sr. that was traveling southbound on Ridge Road. Bellonio was transported to Yale – New Haven Hospital Saint Raphael campus. Calise was cited for Failure to Obey Stop Sign.

On July 3, 2013, at approximately 8:30 p.m., members of the Patrol and Detective Divisions responded to the parking lot of 1245 Dixwell Avenue on the report of a fight in progress. While en route, Officer Michael Nawrocki observed a motor vehicle fleeing from the area at a high rate of speed. He eventually conducted a motor vehicle stop on Mill Rock Road. Investigation revealed that the operator of the vehicle, Samuel Redd, 28, was suffering from a stab wound to the shoulder. He advised police that he was driving himself to a local hospital. Hamden Fire Rescue was summoned and rendered medical assistance. Redd was then transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital. Further investigation revealed that Redd and his former roommate, Maurice Heard, were involved in a verbal altercation in the area of 1245 Dixwell Avenue. The altercation turned physical, when Heard stabbed Redd in the shoulder. Maurice Heard, 29, of 70 East Pearl Street, New Haven, was arrested and charged with Assault in the 2nd Degree and Breach of Peace. Heard, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$5,000.00 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 5, 2013. Samuel Redd, 28, of 285 Quinpiac Avenue, Apartment C3, New Haven, was also arrested and charged with Breach of Peace. Detective Brian Stewart of the Major Crimes Unit is continuing with the investigation.

On July 4, 2013, at approximately 10:15 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of Benham Street and Vantage Road on the report of a disoriented woman with a child. A witness advised police that he observed a woman pushing an infant in a stroller in the middle of the street. The witness attempted to intervene, however, the woman, who was later identified as Audrey Smith, would not listen. Officers subsequently met with Smith, who appeared to be intoxicated. She advised officers that she was walking to West Haven with her 1 year-old granddaughter. She then began screaming at officers. Officers confiscated a half-empty bottle of vodka, which was located under the stroller. Audrey Smith was arrested and placed her in the rear of a police vehicle. She then began kicking the back seat and banging her head against the glass. She was subsequently transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital. Her 1 year-old granddaughter was taken to the Yale-New Haven Hospital Pediatric Unit. In addition, Hamden Police contacted the Department of Children and Families. A short time thereafter, Audrey Smith, 48, of 1199 Campbell Avenue in West Haven, was released from the hospital and transported to police headquarters. She was charged with Risk of Injury to a Minor and Interfering with a Police Officer. Smith, who was detained on a \$2,500.00 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 19, 2013. Officer Shawn Natcher conducted the investigation.



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Incidents of Special Interest (continued)

On July 6, 2013, at approximately 6:30 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to 44 Paramount Avenue on the report of a domestic dispute. Officers were informed that the girlfriend of the resident, Michael Schupp had been assaulted. Upon arrival, Schupp would not allow officers to enter his residence. Officers needed to force entry to gain access to the 36 year-old female victim. Once inside, officers observed the victim with serious facial injuries, including bruising to both eyes and major swelling to her face and jaw. Hamden Fire Rescue responded and rendered medical assistance. The victim was transported to the Hospital of Saint Raphael for medical treatment. Officer Matthew Barbuto promptly arrested Schupp and transported him to Hamden Police Headquarters. Schupp, 35, of 44 Paramount Avenue, Hamden, was charged with Assault in the 2nd Degree, Disorderly Conduct and Interfering with a Police Officer. Schupp was detained on a \$5,000.00 bond and was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior on July 7, 2013.

On July 7, 2013, Officer Andrew Pfeiffer of the Patrol Division conducted a motor vehicle stop on a vehicle operated by Edward Chieppo. He was immediately arrested on the strength of an active arrest warrant and transported to police headquarters. Edward Chieppo, 26, of 14 Rockview Road, Hamden, was charged with Sale of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Chieppo was detained on a \$150,000 bond, and was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 7, 2013. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that occurred on May 27, 2013, when Hamden Police assisted the New Haven Police Department regarding an incident involving a firearm. The suspect wanted by the New Haven Police Department, Edward Chieppo, resides at 14 Rockview Road in Hamden. Officers Michael Cirillo and Justin Martin subsequently detained Chieppo in his driveway, while awaiting the arrival of New Haven Police. Shortly thereafter, Chieppo was arrested by New Haven Police and transported to their facility. Investigation led to the search of Chieppo's residence, where Officers located and seized a fully loaded 9mm handgun, a shotgun, 214 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Officer Michael Cirillo submitted an arrest warrant application to Meriden Superior Court that was approved. The weapon charges which resulted from the investigation were part of the New Haven Police Department incident.

On July 8, 2013, at approximately 2:15 p.m., Officer Joseph Liguori of the Patrol Division observed an individual traveling on a scooter, southbound on Dixwell Avenue, who appeared to be in the possession of a weapon. He subsequently conducted a motor vehicle stop on Dixwell Avenue, near Maplewood Terrace. Investigation revealed that the operator of the scooter, Kevin Dinatale, a convicted felon, was in the possession of an electronic control device (stun gun). He was promptly arrested and transported to police headquarters. Kevin Dinatale, 61, of 210 State Street, Apartment 3A, New Haven, was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon (Electronic Control Device), Operating Under Suspension and Operating a Motorcycle Without Eye Protection. Dinatale, who was released on a Written Promise to Appear, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 18, 2013.

On July 8, 2013, at approximately 5:00 p.m., members of the Patrol and Detective Divisions responded to a Hepburn Road residence on the report of an armed street robbery. Investigation revealed that as a relative of the homeowner attempted to enter her vehicle, which was parked in the driveway, she was approached by an individual who was in the possession of a firearm. The individual, who is described as a black male, 18 to 25 years of age, 5'11", wearing a black shirt and hat, grabbed her purse and fled northbound on Hepburn Road. Officer Michael Nawrocki and his K-9 partner "Hank" conducted a track with negative results. Approximately 2 hours after the robbery, the victim's credit card was used at Target in Orange. Detective Brian Stewart of the Major Crimes Unit is continuing with the investigation.



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On July 8, 2013, at approximately 10:00 p.m., members of the Patrol and Detective Divisions responded to an Atlas Street residence on the report of a larceny with shots fired. Investigation revealed that several individuals entered the Atlas Street property and stole a scooter. The subjects were walking on Welton Street with the stolen scooter, when they were confronted by the homeowner's two friends. The friends were able to retrieve the scooter; however, one of them was punched in the face by one of the thieves. Moments later the homeowner followed the individuals, who were traveling on State Street on two other scooters. One of the individuals then fired a gunshot towards him, while a neighbor continued to follow them, at which time several gunshots were fired at him as well. There were no reported injuries and the individual who fired the gunshots was described as a black male, 16 to 18 years old, wearing a black shirt and black shorts. Detective Angelo DeLieto is continuing with the investigation.

On July 9, 2013, members of the Patrol and Detective Divisions responded to a Spring Garden Street residence on the report of a burglary. Investigation revealed that as the homeowner's and their children were asleep in their upstairs bedrooms, their home was burglarized. Further investigation revealed that the individual(s) responsible entered the residence via an unlocked, open, first floor window. Once inside, electronic equipment was stolen. The Detective Division is conducting the investigation. Residents were advised through a press release to secure their homes by locking their doors and windows. Furthermore, residents should thoroughly illuminate their property and utilize an alarm system if available. Curtains and drapes can prevent thieves from observing items that are left in plain view. In addition, residents should report suspicious activity to the Hamden Police Department at (203) 230-4000.

On July 10, 2013, Hamden Police arrested Emmanuel Brunson at Meriden Superior Court on the strength of an active arrest warrant. Emmanuel Brunson, 19, of 31 Level Street, New Haven, was charged with Burglary in the 1st Degree, Criminal Attempt to Commit Burglary in the 1st Degree, Larceny in the 1st Degree, Larceny in the 2nd Degree (2 counts), Larceny in the 6th Degree, Criminal Attempt to Commit Larceny in the 6th Degree, Credit Card Theft (4 counts) and Interfering with a Police Officer. Brunson, who was detained on a court ordered \$50,000 bond, was arraigned on July 10, 2013. Brunson's arrest warrant was based on his involvement in the following incidents: In October of 2012, Brunson committed a burglary at an Armory Street residence. In the course of the burglary, he stole the resident's motor vehicle. Shortly thereafter, in the fall of 2012, Brunson again burglarized the same Armory Street resident. He entered the residence shortly after midnight, with house keys he obtained from the previous burglary and stole several hundred dollars. In March of 2013, Brunson attempted to gain entry into a Hillcrest Avenue home. While unsuccessful, he subsequently entered the homeowner's motor vehicle. In March of 2013, Brunson stole a motor vehicle from a Dixwell Avenue resident. Detective Sean Dolan of the Major Crimes Unit conducted the investigation.

On July 12, 2013, members of the Street Interdiction Team arrested Gregory Williams on the strength of an arrest warrant, when they observed him traveling in a motor vehicle on Dixwell Avenue. He was promptly transported to police headquarters. Gregory Williams, 29, of 26 Daggett Street, New Haven, was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree and Larceny in the 5th Degree. Williams, who was detained at police headquarters on a court-ordered \$2,500.00 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 24, 2013. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that occurred on June 24, 2013, when members of the Patrol Division responded to a Woodin Street address on the report of a forcible burglary. Investigation revealed that an individual had forced entry into the residence via the front door. Once inside, the individual stole luggage and several pieces of jewelry. Officer Michael Cirillo conducted an investigation and determined that the burglary was committed by Gregory Williams. He subsequently submitted an arrest warrant application to the court that was approved.



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On July 14, 2013, at approximately 11:30 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to 1245 Dixwell Avenue on the report of an assault with a motor vehicle. Investigation revealed that a 46 year-old Hamden resident was riding her bicycle in the parking lot of 1245 Dixwell, when she was intentionally struck by a motor vehicle operated by Jacita Candelario. The victim and several witnesses advised police that Candelario struck the victim "head on", while traveling at a high rate of speed. The victim was treated at the scene by Hamden Fire Rescue, and then transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital with injuries to her neck, back and arm. Her injuries were not considered life-threatening. Further investigation revealed that Candelario is currently dating the victim's ex-boyfriend. She fled from the scene with the victim's bicycle stuck to the undercarriage of her vehicle. Moments later, officers located Candelario and her vehicle, which sustained a flat tire, on Newhall Street. She was promptly arrested. Her 6 year-old daughter and boyfriend were located inside of the vehicle. Jacita Candelario, 24, of 164 North Street, Hamden, was charged with Assault in the 2nd Degree, Reckless Endangerment, Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree and Risk of Injury to a Minor. Candelario, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$5,000.00 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 29, 2013. Officer Jeremy Brewer conducted the investigation.

On July 15, 2013, at approximately 2:00 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the 900 block of Dixwell Avenue on the report of a medical complaint. Upon arrival Hamden Fire Department personnel was performing cardio pulmonary resuscitation on a pregnant 26 year-old Westport resident. She was transported to Yale – New Haven Hospital by American Medical Response, as CPR continued. She was pronounced dead shortly thereafter. Efforts of the Hamden Fire Department and American Medical Response enabled hospital personnel to deliver the baby.

On July 15, 2013, during the afternoon hours, an individual, described as a black male, 30's, 5'10", 200lbs, with an athletic build, entered Marshall's Department Store, 2100 Dixwell Avenue and exposed himself to a young female employee. The exposure occurred in the area of the fitting rooms. Investigation revealed that the individual responsible attempted to make conversation with the female employee in the past. Hamden Police obtained the video surveillance image of the individual and the still image was distributed to the media in a press release, in an attempt to have the individual identified. Detective Donald Remillard of the Major Crimes Unit is conducting the investigation.

On July 18, 2013, at approximately 8:30 a.m., Officer Joseph Liguori of the Patrol Division observed an individual riding a bicycle on Circular Avenue with a weapon exposed near his waistline. Upon approaching the individual, who was identified as Terrance Williams, Officer Liguori located a machete, with an 18 inch cutting surface, underneath his shirt. Williams told police that he uses the machete to "do tree work." He was promptly arrested and transported to police headquarters. Terrance Williams, 32, of 126 Church Street, Hamden, was charged with Carrying a Dangerous Weapon. Williams, who was released after posting a \$5,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 31, 2013.

On July 19, 2013, at approximately 6:30 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of Dixwell Avenue and Sanford Street on the report of an unattended small child. A local resident advised police that a small girl was standing alone, along the busy roadway. Upon arrival, officers located the 4 year-old, standing barefoot, at the intersection of Dixwell Avenue and Sanford Street. She advised officers that she was walking to her mother's residence, located on Mix Avenue, 8 tenths of a mile away from her Westminster Street home. Investigation revealed that the 4 year-old exited her Westminster Street residence via a rear door, after her father, Christopher Brocar, left for work.



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Her 9 year-old brother was sleeping on the couch when she departed. Officers contacted Brocar, who was working in the Greenwich area and advised him to turn himself in at police headquarters. He subsequently responded to police headquarters where he was arrested. The 3 year-old and 9 year-old were left in the custody of their mother and the Department of Children and Families were notified of the incident. Christopher Brocar, 39, of 60 Westminster Street, Hamden, was charged with 2 counts of Risk of Injury to a Minor and Reckless Endangerment in the 2nd Degree. Brocar, who was detained on a \$5,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 31, 2013.

On July 21, 2013, at approximately 3:15 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to 2196 State Street on the report of a domestic dispute. Investigation revealed that Thomas Pellegrino forced entry into his ex-wife's residence through an apartment window. Once inside, a physical altercation ensued between Pellegrino and his ex-wife's 27 year-old son. Further investigation revealed that Pellegrino was attempting to get to his ex-wife, when Hamden Police were contacted, at which time Pellegrino fled on foot. Moments later, Pellegrino was arrested by Officer John Glass on Hubbard Place. He was immediately transported to police headquarters. A search of his belongings revealed that he was in the possession of drug paraphernalia. Thomas Pellegrino, 57, of an address unknown, was charged with Home Invasion, Violation of a Protective Order, Disorderly Conduct and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Pellegrino, who was detained on a \$25,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on July 22, 2013. Officer Andrew Pfeiffer conducted the investigation.

On July 22, 2013, Deirdre M. Daly, Acting United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that two men involved in New Haven-area drug trafficking were sentenced by Senior United States District Judge Ellen Bree Burns in New Haven. Ezel Buchanan, also known as "E.Z.", 34, of Hamden, was sentenced to 72 months of imprisonment, followed by five years of supervised release, and Jermaine Galberth, also known as "Maine", 27, of New Haven, were sentenced to 24 months of imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release. Buchanan and Galberth and more than 100 other individuals were charged as a result of "Operation Bloodline," a joint law enforcement investigation targeting narcotics trafficking and gang violence in the Dwight-Kensington and Fair Haven sections of New Haven. Led by the DEA New Haven Task Force and the New Haven and Hamden Police Departments, the year-long investigation included the use of court-authorized wiretaps on numerous telephones, extensive physical surveillance, controlled purchases of narcotics, execution of search warrants and seizures of narcotics and firearms. The investigation revealed that Buchanan conspired with others to purchase and redistribute crack cocaine, and that Galberth conspired to distribute heroin. On September 27, 2012, Buchanan pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, and to distribute, 28 grams or more of cocaine base ("crack cocaine"). Buchanan's criminal history includes six felony convictions, including four felony drug convictions. On April 15, 2013, Galberth pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, and to distribute, heroin. This matter is being investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration's New Haven Task Force, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the New Haven, Hamden, West Haven, North Haven, Branford, Ansonia and Meriden Police Departments. The United States Marshals Service, the Connecticut State Police, the Connecticut Department of Correction, Parole and Community Services and the Milford, Hartford, New Britain, North Branford and Stratford Police Departments have provided valuable assistance to the investigation. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys S. Dave Vatti and Marc Silverman.



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On July 24, 2013, Detective Raymond Quinn, who is assigned to the United States Marshal's Service Connecticut Violent Fugitive Task Force, along with another Deputy Marshal, observed Tywan Edwards exiting a Munson Street address. He was promptly arrested on the strength of an active arrest warrant and transported to Hamden Police Headquarters. Tywan Edwards, 28, of 38 Helen Street, Hamden, was charged with Home Invasion, Conspiracy to Commit Home Invasion, Robbery in the 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in the 1st Degree, Burglary in the 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary in the 1st Degree, Larceny in the 2nd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Assault in the 1st Degree, Unlawful Restraint and Conspiracy to Commit Unlawful Restraint. Edwards, who was detained on a \$200,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on August 7, 2013. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that occurred on June 26, 2013, at approximately 11:30 p.m., when members of the Patrol and Detective Divisions responded to an Augur Street address on the report of a home invasion, involving violence. Upon arrival, officers met with the 38 year-old resident, who was bleeding profusely from the head. Hamden Fire Rescue was summoned and immediately administered medical treatment. The victim was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital. Investigation revealed that 4 individuals, who were wearing masks, forced entry into the residence via a first floor window. Once inside, a 34 year-old female resident was confronted by the subjects. They duct-taped her mouth, hands and feet while pointing a gun at her head. Approximately 20 minutes thereafter, the male resident returned home. One of the individuals then struck him in the head with a porcelain object. The individuals then fled from the residence, after taking electronic equipment. Detective Brian Stewart of the Major Crimes Unit conducted an extensive investigation, which led to the application of an arrest warrant for Tywan Edwards. The arrest warrant application was subsequently approved by the court.

On July 28, 2013, at approximately 1:00 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the "The Point After" 1349 Dixwell Avenue, on the report of a fight inside of the establishment. As officers approached, a large group of individuals began fighting. Hamden Police subsequently requested assistance from the New Haven and North Haven Police Departments to help disperse the large hostile crowd. Both departments provided officers, who helped to restore peace. There were 2 reported injuries during the incident. One of the injured individuals, who advised police that he was "jumped", was transported to a local hospital with a head injury. The second injured party suffered an injury to her arm, but she refused medical attention. Officer Eric Hallstrom conducted the investigation.