



Hamden Police Department

Monthly Report

September 2010



Personnel Matters and Events

On September 1, 2010, Officer David Falcigno was transferred to the Traffic Unit of the Uniform Services Division.

On September 1, 2010, Officer Robert Dunham was transferred to the Special Victims Unit of the Investigative Services Division to assume the position of School Resource Officer at the Hamden High School for the 2010/2011 school year.

On September 1, 2010, Officer Angela Moreno was transferred to the Special Victims Unit of the Investigative Services Division to assume the position of School Resource Officer at the Hamden Middle School for the 2010/2011 school year.

On September 8 – 14, 2010, Officer Beatriz Montijo served as an Oral Board panelist for the South Central Criminal Justice Administration for the position of entry-level Police Officer.

On September 17, 2010, Detective Lieutenant Timothy Wydra graduated from the 242nd session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy.

On September 27, 2010, Officer Angela Moreno was assigned to the Community Liaison Unit in a part-time capacity.

On September 28, 2010, Sgt. Robert D'Aniello, Detective Stephen Rossacci, and Detective Raymond Quinn conducted a presentation on "Internet Safety", Bullying, and Social Networking at the Saint Stevens School for parents.

On September 29, 2010, Chief Thomas Wydra and Captain Ronald Smith attended the Whitneyville Civic Association's (WCA) monthly meeting. The members at the meeting requested an increase in traffic enforcement and for our department to consider using networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook to produce more up-to-date news releases on ongoing police investigations. The department is currently in the process of reviewing a software program that provides this type of information via the internet to our residents. The members also showed an interest in implementing a Neighborhood Watch Program.

On September 30, 2010, Captain John Lujick, Captain Ronald Smith, Sgt. Paul Scarcella, Sgt. Anthony Diaz, and Officer Angela Moreno met with a delegation from the Khan Uul District of Ulaan Baatar, the capital of Mongolia, who are visiting Hamden to learn about democracy, our government, and how we provide police services in the town of Hamden.

The Police Bicycle Patrol Unit patrolled the Farmington Canal Line during the summer. The patrols commenced on July 3, 2010 to September 19, 2010. Officers patrolled, mainly on Friday nights, and Saturday/Sunday afternoons. The Officers made contact with approximately 200 residents, and 20 business owners. Their presence also generated interest in crime prevention referrals as well as interested in starting Neighborhood Block Watch programs. Patrol Officers effected 4 criminal arrests, issued 10 infractions, 4 written warnings, 40 verbal warnings, 37 parking tags, 1 red tag (abandoned m/v), responded to 20 calls for service (which included back-up for other officers), and made 31 D-Runs. Officers also attended a Block Party/Health Fair located on Easton Street and the Town Concerts on the green.



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Training - Sworn Personnel

During the month of September the Department conducted firearms training for all sworn personnel. Each sworn member was issued a new firearm, duty holster and light attachment. (The new equipment was purchased with funds from the FY2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: Local Solicitation). The department also conducted training on the new Drager Alcotest 9510 Alcohol Breath Analyzer.

John Bailey Legal Seminar – Attended by Chief Thomas Wydra, Deputy Chief John Cappiello, Deputy Chief William Onofrio, Deputy Chief Bo Kicak, and Sgt. Franklin Riehl.

Basic Firearms Instructor Pre Test – Officer Eric Hallstrom

Excel – Sgt. Anthony Diaz

Domestic Violence Alert Notification Seminar – Sgt. Franklin Riehl and Officer Robert Villano

At Scene Crash Investigation – Officer Greg Curran

Training – K - 9

Lt. Frank McDermott (Instructor/Trainer), Officer John Battick w/K-9 Cesare, Officer Craig Appleby w/K-9 Hunter, Officer Jason Venditto w/K-9 Titan, and Officer Michael Nawrocki w/K-9 Hank participated in the annual recertification workshop. Training areas included: Building searches, Narcotics detection, patrol techniques, obedience, explosives detection, tracking, and criminal apprehensions. The training was conducted at the old High Meadows facility on Hartford Turnpike and was attended by over 40 K-9 teams from Connecticut and neighboring states.

Training – Dispatchers

Advanced Medical Priority Dispatch System Software (Pro QA Software Program)

For the last several years, the Police Department has utilized a card system to comply with Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) protocols and standards. This card system made the (EMD) process labor intensive and therefore more prone to human error. (EMD) Pro-QA software raises and nearly guarantees (EMD) compliance to protocol; time-stamps protocol activation; provides online pre-arrival and post-dispatch instructions; and provides quicker and more appropriate response and referral recommendations. Data gathered throughout the interrogation process is analyzed and outputted to create (EMD) comparative histories. The (EMD) software program was \$27,294 dollars and was funded with E-911 funds.



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Incidents of Special Interest

On September 4, 2010, at approximately 12:30 a.m. Officer William May of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle violation in the area of Arch Street and Bowen Street. A motor vehicle stop was conducted on Arch Street. Further investigation led to the search of the motor vehicle and Officers seized 36 bags of crack cocaine. Further investigation revealed that the crack cocaine belonged to the passenger, identified as a 17 year-old East Haven resident. He was promptly arrested. A 17 year-old East Haven resident was charged with Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell. The 17 year-old, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$2,500 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 14th. The operator of the motor vehicle, Kenneth Phillips, 20, of 302 Pine Rock Avenue, Hamden, was charged with Misuse of Plates, Operating Without Insurance, Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle and Operating Without a License. He was released at the scene on a written promise to appear.

On September 4, 2010, at approximately 4:30 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of Pine Rock Park on the report of a person displaying a handgun. Moments later, Officer Craig Appleby and his K-9 partner Hunter located the individual, who was seated inside of a motor vehicle. The individual, who was identified as Alfred Arnold, had a loaded 9 mm handgun in his pocket. Investigation revealed that Arnold responded to Pine Rock Park to speak with an individual that was having a disagreement with another family member. Arnold allegedly punched the individual and then pointed a firearm at him. Arnold then allegedly chased the individual, while pointing a firearm at him. Alfred Arnold, 66, of 186 Curtis Drive, New Haven was arrested and charged with 3 counts of Reckless Endangerment in the 2nd Degree, 3 counts of Threatening in the 2nd Degree and Breach of Peace. Arnold, who was released on a written promise to appear, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 17th.

On September 6, 2010, at approximately 1:00 a.m. Officer William May of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle violation in the area of Dixwell Avenue and Goodrich Street. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently conducted on Dixwell Avenue in New Haven. Investigation led to the search of the vehicle where Officers located a small quantity of marijuana inside of the vehicle. The operator of the vehicle, Jermaine Maebry, was promptly arrested. Further investigation led to the search of the passenger of the vehicle, Wendell Ebron. Officers found 11 Ecstasy pills, marijuana and \$500 in his possession. Jermaine Maebry, 25, of 80 Hodder Drive, Hamden was charged with Possession of Marijuana and Failure to Use Turn Signal. Maebry, who was released on a written promise to appear, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 20th. Wendell Ebron, 22, of 156 Fitch Street, New Haven was also arrested and charged with Possession of a Hallucinogen, Possession of a Hallucinogen With the Intent to Sell and Possession of Marijuana. Ebron, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$10,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 20th.



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On September 6, 2010, Hamden Police responded to a Hamden residence, located near the Bethany town line, on the report of suspicious activity. Investigation led to the arrest of Jason Crouch. Crouch, 31, of 57 Southworth Street, Milford, was charged with Sexual Assault in the 2nd Degree. Crouch, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$250,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 20th. Officer Joseph Venditto of the Patrol Division conducted the investigation.

On September 8, 2010, at approximately 3:15 a.m. Officers Shawn Natcher and William May of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle violation in the area of Goodrich Street and Saint Mary Street. A motor vehicle stop was conducted on Dixwell Avenue. As officers approached the operator, identified as James Hunter, he allegedly slammed the door on an officer, injuring the officer's thumb. Hunter then fled at a high rate of speed into New Haven. Moments later, officers stopped Hunter on Dixwell Avenue in New Haven. Hunter allegedly assaulted several officers, while attempting to elude police. He was subsequently arrested and Officers seized 66 bags of crack cocaine and 2 bags of marijuana. Further investigation revealed that a passenger in Hunter's vehicle, made several attempts to exit the vehicle, but was not allowed to. James Hunter, 26, of 552 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven was charged with Unlawful Restraint, Assault on a Police Officer, Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell, Possession of Marijuana, Interfering With a Police Officer, Engaging an Officer in Pursuit, Reckless Driving and a Broken Tail Light. Hunter was detained on a \$100,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 22nd.

On September 8, 2010, at approximately 4:15 a.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of Dixwell Avenue and Treadwell Street on the report of a suspicious motor vehicle. Investigation led to a motor vehicle stop. Further investigation led to the search of the vehicle where Officers located 13 packets containing PCP and a bag of marijuana. Furthermore, officers located a Berretta CO2 pistol inside of the vehicle. The passenger of the vehicle, Michael Miller, was promptly arrested. Michael Miller, 28, of 60 Springside Avenue, New Haven was charged with Carrying a Dangerous Weapon, Possession of a Hallucinogenic Substance, Illegal Manufacture Distribution, Sale, Prescription or Dispensing and Possession of Marijuana. Miller was detained at police headquarters on a \$100,000 bond. Patrol Officers Robert Manfield and Tim Brown conducted the investigation.

On September 10, 2010, Hamden Police arrested Dwayne Randolph at Meriden Superior Court on the strength of an active arrest warrant. Randolph, 40, of 324 Goodrich Street, Apt. 5, Hamden, was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree and Larceny in the 5th Degree. Randolph was detained on a court ordered \$25,000 bond. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on July 4, 2010 when Hamden Police responded to a Morse Street address on the report of a forcible burglary. Investigation revealed that an individual entered the residence through a bedroom window. Electronic equipment, valued at hundreds of dollars, was taken. After a lengthy investigation, Hamden Police detectives developed a suspect, and an arrest warrant application was subsequently submitted and approved for the arrest of Dwayne Randolph.



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On September 14, 2010, at approximately 2:30 a.m. Officer Tim Brown of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed in the area of Newhall Street. The vehicle continued at a high rate of speed, committing numerous motor vehicle violations. Officers observed an individual throw an item from the vehicle. A short time thereafter, the vehicle came to a rest, after striking a highway sign, near exit 9 on I-91. The 2 occupants subsequently fled on foot. Officer Brown arrested the operator of the vehicle, Mark Moore, after a short foot pursuit. Officer Jason Venditto and his K-9 partner "Titan" conducted a track and located the passenger, Kendall Rose, hiding in dense brush. Mark Moore, 20, of 113 Warren Street, Hamden was charged with Tampering With Evidence, Interfering With a Police Officer, Reckless Driving, Evading Responsibility and Engaging in Pursuit. Moore, who was detained on a \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 28th. The passenger Kendall Rose, 18, of 471 Whalley Avenue, Apt. S, New Haven was also arrested and charged with Criminal Impersonation, 2 counts of Interfering With a Police Officer and Forgery in the 2nd Degree. Rose was also charged on an Assault 1st Degree warrant out of New Haven and a Risk of Injury to a Minor warrant out of West Haven. Rose, was released to the custody of the New Haven Police Department, after posting a \$5,000 bond.

On September 15, 2010, members of the Street Interdiction Team observed a drug transaction occurring on Edgehill Road. As officers approached the operator of the vehicle, identified as Lamar Oliver, he fled on foot, leading officers on a foot pursuit. He was arrested a short time thereafter. Officers located \$873.00 in his possession. A passenger in the vehicle, identified as Marcus Miller, was also arrested. Investigation led to the search of the vehicle where Officers seized 16.7 grams of heroin. Lamar Oliver, 31, of 59 Ellsworth Street in West Haven was charged with Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell and Interfering With a Police Officer. Oliver, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$100,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 29th. Marcus Miller, 26, of 81 Orange Street, Apt. 208, New Haven was charged with Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Narcotics With the Intent to Sell. Miller, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$100,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 29th.

On September 16, 2010, at approximately 5:15 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of Newhall Street and Augur Street on the report of a robbery. Investigation revealed that a 21 year-old Hamden resident was riding his bicycle on Putnam Avenue, when he was approached by an individual who demanded it. The individual told the victim that he was in the possession of a firearm. The individual then stole the bicycle and fled. Moments later, Officer Derrick Manning of the Patrol Division, detained an individual who fit the description. Further investigation revealed that the individual was allegedly responsible for the robbery. A 17 year-old Hamden resident was arrested and charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree and Larceny in the 2nd Degree. The 17 year-old was detained at police headquarters on a \$50,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 28th.



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On September 18, 2010, at approximately 7:00 p.m. Hamden Police responded to a Mill Rock Road residence on the report of a family dispute involving a knife. Investigation revealed that a mother was attacked by her 17 year-old daughter, who was wielding a knife. That as the daughter attempted to stab her mother; her 19 year-old brother intervened. He was subsequently stabbed in the face. The mother suffered a bite wound, which was allegedly inflicted by her daughter. The brother refused medical treatment. A 17 year-old Hamden resident was arrested and charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Assault in the 1st Degree, Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree and Disorderly Conduct. She was detained at police headquarters on a \$100,000 bond. She is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on September 20th

On September 19, 2010, at approximately 9:30 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of Albert Road on the report of a larceny from a motor vehicle. Investigation revealed that at least 3 motor vehicles were burglarized. Hundreds of dollars of electronic equipment was taken from the vehicles. Moments later, Officer Mark Sheppard of the Patrol Division arrested 2 individuals allegedly responsible for the burglaries. They were both arrested on Woodin Street. Deon Coleman, 19, of 102 Woodin Street, Hamden was charged with 3 counts of Burglary in the 3rd Degree, 3 counts of Conspiracy to Commit Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Larceny in the 6th Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 6th Degree. Coleman, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$20,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on October 4th. A 13 year-old Hamden resident was arrested for the same charges. The 13 year-old was released to a relative. He is scheduled to appear in Juvenile Court in New Haven on September 30th. Officer Jennifer Gaynor of the Patrol Division conducted the investigation.

On September 23, 2010, at approximately 12:30 a.m. Officer Joseph Venditto of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle violation in the area of Cherry Ann Street and Bowen Street. The operator of the vehicle, Brian Tyler, refused to stop. The vehicle was eventually stopped on Easton Street. Investigation led to the search of the vehicle. Officers seized 66 bootlegged DVD's and a small amount of marijuana. Upon attempting to arrest Tyler, he resisted arrest and fought with officers. Brian Tyler, 32, of 51 South Genessee Street in New Haven was arrested and charged with Illegal Sale of Records, Forgery of Stamp, Possession of Marijuana, Interfering With an Officer, Disobeying an Officers Signal, Failure to Obey Stop Sign and operating a motor vehicle without insurance. Tyler, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on October 7th.

On September 27, 2010, approximately 2:30 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the report of a motor vehicle accident, with multiple injuries on Circular Avenue at Plains Road. Upon arrival, Hamden Fire Department personnel and Hamden Police rendered medical assistance to 4 individuals who were injured in the accident. All of the injured parties were transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. A preliminary investigation revealed that a motor vehicle driven by an 18 year-old New Haven resident failed to stop at a stop sign on Plains Road and subsequently struck a motor vehicle traveling southbound on Circular Avenue. The 18 year-old had to be extricated from his vehicle. He had 2 passengers in his vehicle. The injured individuals from one motor vehicle were described as an 18 yea-old New Haven resident, a 20 year-old New Haven resident, and an 18 year-old Hamden resident. The operator of the second motor vehicle was described as a 24 year-old Hamden resident. Officer David Falcigno of the Traffic Unit is conducting the investigation.

