



Hamden Police Department

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Personnel Matters and Events

Patrol Officer Joseph Liguori was awarded an official citation from the New Haven Board of Alderman for his assistance to the New Haven Police Department's investigation of four homicides that were recently solved. Officer Liguori played an integral part in the cultivation of information that led to these major crimes being solved. The citation reads, in part, "You are indeed one of Hamden's finest and a credit to the Hamden Police Department and the entire police profession."

On October 2, 2010, the Hamden Police Department held its annual auction (Bicycle/Property Auction) at Police Headquarters. The auction generated revenue for the Hamden Policemen's Benevolent Association in the amount of \$842.00 dollars. The event was coordinated by Officer Linda Guerra with the assistance of Sgt. Anthony Diaz. Special thanks to the following Officers who assisted during the event: Captain John Lujick, Captain Ronald Smith, Detective Julio Inglese, and Officers Kevin Hall, Timothy McKeon, Paul Calamita, and Angela Moreno.

On October 11, 2010, Lieutenant Gabriel Lupo spoke at the Dunbar Hill Civic Associations (DHCA) monthly meeting. Lt. Lupo provided the members with an update of the department's enforcement activities in regards to their concerns of the growing gang violence and drug activities in the south end of town.

On October 19, 2010, Chief Thomas Wydra and Captain Ronald Smith attended the West Woods Civic Association's monthly meeting that was held at the Mt. Carmel Congregational Church. Chief Wydra and Captain Smith both addressed the Association's concerns with regards to the impact of the behavior of Quinnipiac University students in the community, traffic calming ideas, and pedestrian traffic on Whitney Avenue. David Barger of the Quinnipiac University Security Department also attended the meeting to address the Association's concerns.

On October 26, 2010, a community based Halloween party was held for children at the Hamden Middle School. Officer Angela Moreno and Detective Stephen Rossacci hosted the party and Captain John Lujick provided logistics support for the decorations. The annual Halloween party was a great success and gave the children a safe place to participate in the Holiday event.

On October 27, 2010, Captain John Lujick, Deputy Fire Chief Robert Surprise and Fire Marshall Brian Badamo met with Principal Karen Butler at her facility (Ridge Hill School) in a joint safety meeting. Principal Butler related that they were in the process of renovating the building and are looking to enhance their fire and security readiness. All parties involved conversed in a "Q" and "A" session to target some needs of the school. Principal Butler then escorted the police and fire personnel on a comprehensive tour of the facility to point out some concerns. This was the precursor to an upcoming security and safety evaluation report.

On October 29, 2010, Patrol Officer Dedric Jones was selected as a recipient of a United States Attorney's Award in recognition of his superior efforts in the investigation and prosecution of Operation King of the Hill. The 2010 awards will be presented during a ceremony at the Aldermanic Chambers, New Haven City Hall, located at 165 Church Street in New Haven, at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday December 1, 2010.



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Training - Sworn Personnel

During the month of October, the Department conducted Low-Light Firearms Training and Taser Recertification for all sworn personnel. Training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy Shooting Range.

SCSU Police conducted an active shooter exercise to stress and train their Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff. Hamden police Captain John Lujick was invited to participate as an observer. The exercise practiced the response to a mass casualty incident involving a spurned boyfriend of one of SCSU's female students. The call came in initially as a man with a gun at one of the dorms. It culminated in a shooting spree at the Adanti Hall with many injured and killed students to include the shooter himself. In this exercise, the Hamden PD role would have been:

- Initial first responder support to back up SCSU police efforts in locating and stopping the shooter.
- Traffic redirection of Hamden related access points around the campus.
- SWAT response for the search and making safe of SCSU facilities that campus police ask us to help clear of threats as per mutual aid agreements.

Training: In-Service

Various training opportunities attended by Hamden Police Staff

- Bidders Conference on School /Police Just. Start Program – Sergeant Anthony Diaz
- Protection Orders Response and Enforcement – Officers Robert Villano and Beatriz Montijo
- School Resource Officer School - Officers Angela Moreno and Robert Dunham
- Grant Writing for Law Enforcement – Sergeant Anthony Diaz
- Basic Firearms Instructor – Officer Eric Hallstrom
- States Attorney School – Officers Tim Brown and William C. Onofrio
- Interview and Interrogation – Officer Shawn Natcher
- Instructor Development - Officer Angela Moreno

Training – K-9

On October 21 & 27, 2010, K-9 Units participated in Training sessions at West Rock Park and the former High Meadows facility on Hartford Turnpike. Training areas included: Building searches, Narcotics detection, patrol techniques, obedience, explosive detection, tracking, and suspect apprehensions. Lt. Frank McDermott and Officer Jason Venditto also conducted K-9 training for New Haven and Stamford Police Department's K-9 units.

Training – Dispatchers

Emergency Medical Dispatching – Liability Briefing



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Incidents of Special Interest

On October 3, 2010, at approximately 8:30 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of Valley Road on the report of a tampering with a motor vehicle complaint. Investigation revealed that an individual(s) had entered a motor vehicle, which was parked on Valley Road, and stole a GPS unit. Moments later, Officer Dennis Putnam, detained 4 juveniles, who were fleeing from the area on bicycles. Further investigation revealed that the individuals had allegedly entered the vehicle and stole electronic equipment. Police are currently investigating whether other vehicles in the area were burglarized. Hamden Police arrested: 4 juvenile males, ages 16, 16, 15 and 14, all of whom reside in New Haven. They were all charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary in the 3rd Degree, Larceny in the 6th Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 6th Degree. They are scheduled to appear in court on October 15th.

On October 4, 2010, members of the Street Interdiction Team assisted the Patrol Division with a family violence incident, which occurred at 21 Dix Street, 2nd floor. Investigation led to the search of the residence and garage. Officers located and seized a loaded .32 caliber handgun and marijuana. The marijuana has a street value of \$300.00. Frennis Walden Sr. 44, of 21 Dix Street, 2nd floor, Hamden was arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon. Walden Sr., who was detained on a \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on October 18th. Dairis Walden, 20, of 21 Dix Street, 2nd floor, Hamden was also arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Marijuana With the Intent to Sell. Walden, who was detained on a \$25,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on October 18th.

On October 5, 2010, at approximately 1:30 a.m. Patrol personnel responded to 96 Fallon Drive on the report of a larceny. Upon arrival, officers learned that an individual, described as a black male, who was wearing a mask, forcibly entered the residence via a back door and entered the bedroom area. The individual was armed with 2 knives. The individual allegedly demanded electronic equipment from the 2 residents. One of the residents began fighting with the individual. He was stabbed in the chest and hand. The injuries were described as minor. The individual fled in a motor vehicle, described as a dark-colored SUV, possibly red in color. Electronic equipment was stolen from the home. The Detective Division has assumed the investigation.

On October 9, 2010, at approximately 7:15 p.m. Patrol personnel responded to the intersection of Whitney Avenue and Ives Street on the report of a motor vehicle accident involving a motorcycle. Investigation revealed that the motorcycle, which was operated by Thomas Wilonski, 38, of Wallingford, was traveling southbound on Whitney Avenue. Investigation further revealed that Wilonski's motorcycle struck a pick-up truck, which was traveling through the intersection towards Dickerman Street. The pick-up truck was operated by Richard Hunt, 50, of Hamden. Officers learned that prior to the accident, Wilonski lost control (dropped) of his motorcycle on Whitney Avenue. When he was confronted by several witnesses, he got back onto his motorcycle, continued southbound on Whitney Avenue and subsequently struck the truck. Wilonski, who was treated at the scene, was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital, where he was listed in serious condition. The accident is being investigated by Officer Richard Dziekan of the Accident Reconstruction Unit.



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On October 10, 2010, at approximately 2:00 a.m. Officer Tim Brown of the Patrol Division observed the operator of a motor vehicle commit a stop sign violation at the intersection of Goodrich Street and Newhall Street. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently conducted on Newhall Street. Officers learned that the operator of the vehicle, Stephen Outlaw, was wanted on an arrest warrant out of New Haven. He was promptly arrested. Further investigation led to the search of the passenger, Tyrell Coleman. Officers located a loaded .22 caliber revolver in his waistband. Officers further learned that Coleman was also wanted on an arrest warrant out of New Haven. Stephen Outlaw, 20, of 86 Bassett Street, New Haven was turned over to the New Haven Police Department. Tyrell Coleman, 22, of 317 Morse Street, Hamden was arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of a Firearm and Weapons in a Motor Vehicle. Coleman, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on October 25th.

During the month of October, the Hamden Police Department investigated 4 residential burglaries that have occurred on Worth Avenue. Entry is being made through unlocked sliding glass doors. The burglaries are occurring between the daytime and early evening hours. Residents were asked to secure their sliding glass doors and windows. The investigation is being conducted by the Detective Division.

On October 10, 2010, at approximately 12:00 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of 3030 Whitney Avenue on the report of an accident, involving 3 vehicles. A preliminary investigation revealed that a vehicle driven by Ivar Henrickson, 91, of 150 Cook Hill Road, Cheshire, was traveling northbound on Whitney Avenue, when he struck a vehicle driven by Jennifer Faubert, 24, of Simsbury. Henrickson's vehicle rolled over, while Faubert's vehicle crossed into the southbound lane, striking a vehicle driven by David Kinney of Woodbridge. Henrickson was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital where he died approximately 10 hours after the accident. Faubert was transported to the Hospital of Saint Raphael with serious injuries. Kinney was treated for minor injuries at the scene. The investigation is being conducted by Officer Stephen DeGrand of the Accident Reconstruction Unit.

On October 12, 2010, officers responded to the Hartford Police Department and served an arrest warrant on Michael Wright who was the victim of a gunshot wound, which occurred in Hartford. Wright was subsequently transported to Hamden Police Headquarters. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred in October of 2008, when members of the Street Interdiction Team conducted an investigation into the delivery of a large quantity of marijuana to 23 Edwards Street in Hamden. Investigation led to the recovery of 5.75 pounds of marijuana. The marijuana was delivered from an out of state address. Further investigation revealed that the intended recipient of the drugs was Michael Wright. Hamden Police subsequently submitted a warrant for his arrest, which was approved by the courts. Michael Wright, 25, of 2346 Main Street in Hartford was arrested and charged with Conspiracy to Possess More Than 4 Ounces of Marijuana and Conspiracy to Possess Marijuana With the Intent to Sell. Wright was detained on a \$250,000 bond. Furthermore, Wright was arrested for Failure to Appear on a warrant originating out of Derby.



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On October 14, 2010, at approximately 7:30 p.m. members of the Patrol and Detective Divisions responded to a Town Walk Drive residence on the report of suspicious activity. The 43 year-old female tenant stated that she heard someone attempting to break into her residence, while she was taking a shower. Upon the arrival of police, the individual jumped from a second story stairwell landing, onto the roof of a first floor landing. The individual then ran into a wooded area. Officer Michael Nawrocki and his K-9 partner "Hank" of the Patrol Division subsequently conducted a track. A short distance thereafter, Hank located Jeffrey Sager, hiding down an embankment, behind several bushes. Sager was in the possession of several burglar tools. He was promptly arrested. Jeffrey Sager, 34, of 609 Mix Avenue, Apt. B, Hamden was charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Burglary in the 1st Degree, Criminal Attempt to Commit Home Invasion, Possession of Burglar's Tools, Criminal Mischief in the 3rd Degree, Interfering With a Police Officer and Breach of Peace in the 2nd Degree. Sager, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$50,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on October 28th.

On October 16, 2010, at approximately 8:30 p.m. members of the Patrol and Detective Divisions responded to 61 First Street on the report of shots fired. Upon arrival officers spoke with 2 individuals who had just been shot. The victims advised police that they were approached by 2 individuals who demanded their belongings. One of the individuals, described as a Hispanic male, was in the possession of a firearm. A preliminary investigation revealed that the 2 victims attempted to defend themselves, when they were both shot. One of the victims, a 23 year-old Hamden resident, was shot in the chin. The second victim, a 21 year-old Hamden resident, was grazed in the head with a bullet. They were both transported to Yale - New Hospital for medical treatment. Their names are not being released at this time. The Detective Division has assumed the investigation.

On October 17, 2010, at approximately 12:45 a.m. members of the Patrol Division responded to the Route 40 Connector on the report of approximately 50 vehicles blocking the highway. Upon arrival, officers observed approximately 50 vehicles blocking the eastbound portion of the highway. As officers approached, a majority of the vehicles sped away at a high rate of speed. Officers were able to immediately stop one of the vehicles. Both occupants, whose names are not available at this time, were charged with Breach of Peace. Hamden Police utilized stop sticks, which were successful in damaging 2 of the vehicles tires. The vehicle came to a rest on the Route 40 ramp which leads to I-91, southbound. The operator of the vehicle, Martezz Banks, fled on foot. He was apprehended by Officers a short distance away, in a nearby marsh. Officers learned that they had interrupted a street race, which was to occur on the Route 40 connector. Officers further learned that individuals from as far away as New York attended the illegal event. Martezz Banks, 19, of 240 Division Street, New Haven was arrested and charged with Breach of Peace, Reckless Driving, Engaging an Officer in Pursuit, Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Insurance and Operating Without a License. Banks, who was detained on a \$5,000 bond, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on October 28th.

On October 14, & 18, 2010, members of the Hamden Police Department Traffic Division, in conjunction with the Connecticut State Police Truck Squad, conducted truck enforcement on Sherman Avenue & Whitney Avenue, and State Street & Ridge Road. Officers stopped a total of 68 trucks and issued 18 infractions, totaling approximately \$2,492.00 in fines. Seven trucks were taken off the road for various safety violations.



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On October 20, 2010, Patrol personnel arrested Darren Mills on the strength of 2 arrest warrants. Darren Mills, 45, of 111 Pendelton Street, New Haven, was charged with 2 counts of Burglary in the 3rd Degree and 2 counts of Larceny in the 3rd Degree on one of the warrants. Mills, who was detained on a \$5,000 bond, was scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on October 20th. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on August 9, 2010, when Hamden Police responded to Secondary Operations, 46 Manila Avenue, on the report of 2 burglaries. The burglaries occurred on August 3rd and August 5th. Investigation revealed that an individual had entered the business and stole approximately \$10,000 worth of merchandise. Another investigation led to the application of an additional arrest warrant for Darren Mills based on an incident that had occurred on August 12, 2010, when police responded to Secondary Operations on the report of another burglary. Investigation revealed that entry was forcibly gained via a window. Thousands of dollars of merchandise was stolen. According to the owner of the business, the theft of property concerning this burglary was valued at approximately \$20,000. Mills was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree and Larceny in the 3rd Degree on the second arrest warrant. Detective Donald Remillard conducted the investigations.

On October 26, 2010, at approximately 10:00 a.m. members of the Patrol & Traffic Divisions responded to the area of 2543 Dixwell Avenue on the report of a motor vehicle accident. A preliminary investigation revealed that the 25 year-old operator, who resides in Hamden, was traveling southbound on Dixwell Avenue. She advised police that as she was negotiating a curve in the roadway, when she became distracted by a spider that was inside of her vehicle. Her vehicle subsequently left the roadway and struck a utility pole, severely damaging it. A second utility pole was also damaged due to the excessive weight shift. The operator of the vehicle, whose name is not being released pending the notification of family, was transported to Yale - New Haven Hospital with undisclosed minor injuries. Dixwell Avenue, between Shepard Avenue and Sanford Street was expected to be closed for the next 6 hours.

On October 26, 2010, Patrol personnel arrested James Goodwin on the strength of an arrest warrant. James Goodwin, 48, of 295 Norton Street, Apt. A8, New Haven, was charged with 2 counts of Failure of Sex Offender to Verify Address. Goodwin, who was released on a Written Promise to Appear, is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on November 9th. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred in September of 2010, when Hamden Police were notified by the Connecticut State Police Sex Offender Unit, that James Goodwin had not been in compliance with the sex offender unit. Goodwin was not in compliance for failing to verify his address. He was convicted for Sexual Assault in the 1st Degree in 1998. Investigation revealed that Goodwin, formerly of 1739 Dixwell Avenue in Hamden, failed to verify his address on 2 occasions, once in 2009, the other in 2010. Sergeant Colin Kearns of the Detective Division subsequently submitted an arrest warrant application to the court.



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On October 26, 2010, Detective personnel arrested Tyron McLamb on the strength of an arrest warrant. He was arrested at Superior Court in Meriden. Tyron McLamb, 28, of 232 Shelton Avenue in New Haven was charged with Burglary in the 2nd Degree, Burglary in the 3rd Degree, 2 counts of Larceny in the 4th Degree and Breach of Peace. McLamb was arraigned at Superior Court in Meriden. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred in February of 2008, when Hamden Police responded to 1761 Dixwell Avenue, 3rd floor, on the report of a burglary. The resident advised officers that his home was burglarized on 2 occasions during the month. Investigation revealed that entry was forced via a back door. The resident reported the loss of many items, including money, clothing and jewelry. That after a lengthy investigation, Sergeant Colin Kearns applied for 2 arrest warrants for Tyron McLamb that were approved by the courts.

On October 29, 2010, at approximately 2:45 a.m. Hamden Police responded to a Manor Road residence on the report of a burglary in progress. The homeowner, who locked herself in a room, advised police that someone was attempting to gain entry via a back porch. Upon arrival, officers located James Coughlin sitting in the rear porch. He was promptly arrested. James Coughlin, 21, of 80 Wakefield Street, Hamden, was charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Burglary in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Trespass. Coughlin is scheduled to appear in court in Meriden on November 9th. Officer Robert Manfield of the Patrol Division conducted the investigation.

On October 31, 2010, at approximately 8:00 p.m. Hamden Police responded to Pianca Pizza, 1072 Dixwell Avenue on the report of a dispute. Upon arrival, officers observed a large number of patrons inside of the restaurant. Investigation revealed that as the large group exited the restaurant, several gunshots were fired at them. The large group subsequently re-entered the restaurant. Officers learned that an individual may have been injured during the incident. This individual left prior to the arrival of police. The restaurant sustained damage to a window. The Detective Division is conducting the investigation.