

# FAIRFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report – October 2015



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## Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents

### 15-36410 /10/23/15/ Bomb Threat

At 0856 hours the Fairfield Police ECC received a call on the routine phone line 203-254-4800 from a male caller who stated that he had a 12 gauge (shotgun), had killed his girlfriend, had two hostages tied up and had a pipe bomb he was going to detonate. The call was garbled and unclear so ECC dispatcher Rindgen had to ask the caller to repeat what he was saying. After Rindgen asked for the caller's name, there was no more communication from him.

The caller gave an address of 285 Black Rock Turnpike which is not file. Officers responding to the area shut local traffic leading into the 200 block and canvassed the area but were unable to locate the address and any evidence of any threat. Officers checked numerous businesses in the area with negative results.

As officers were getting ready to clear the area, a series of calls came in to the main officer of four Fairfield schools with threats of either bombs or armed individuals. Those schools in turn called the police department and officers were initially dispatched to those schools, under files 15-36412 (Holland Hill),15-36413 (Walter Fitzgerald School), 15-36414 Fairfield Ludlowe High School), 15-36415 (Fairfield Warde High School) and then to secure all the public and private schools in the town of Fairfield .

The evening shift was ordered in early and all on duty personnel were dispatched to secure all the public and private school campuses in the town of Fairfield.

The Emergency Operations Center was activated in police headquarters and a joint incident command was initiated. A call for Mutual Aide was placed to area law enforcement agencies and the following agencies sent officers:

- Newtown PD
- West Haven PD
- Stratford PD
- Trumbull PD
- Ridgefield PD
- Seymour PD
- Monroe PD
- Norwalk PD
- Westport PD

The investigation is ongoing into this being a possible "swatting" incident, consisting of computer generated prank calls.

Great Job by all involved.

## Section 2: Bureau / Division Reports

### Patrol Division

- Initiated field training for new officer

### Support Services

- Body camera evaluations completed.
- Coordinated Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on October 1, 2015
- Assisted with coordinating fundraising event at Jennings Beach that benefited the police canine program, police union scholarship fund, animal control and the Humane Society.
- Assisted with coordination of Walk-Like-MADD on Saturday, October 25.
- Coordinated tabletop exercise involving all town departments that focused on an incident at a local school.
- Training unit coordinated annual firearms training for the department.
- Coordinated oral board examination for entry level candidates.
- Met with Shellfish commission to discuss enforcement activities.
- Coordinated annual Public Safety Awards ceremony.
- Nancy Fray started with the Support Services as our parking ticket clerk, replacing Doris Blagriff who retired.

### Animal Control

- Complaints: 77
- Wildlife related complaints: 326
- Wildlife tested for rabies: 2
- Wildlife testing positive for rabies: 0
- Animals impounded: 234
- Dog bites: 6
- Enforcement: written warnings : 13, Infractions: 1,
- Euthanized: 2
- Sold as pet: dogs: 2 Cats: 8
- Coordinated an event to bring awareness to pet adoption at the animal shelter on October 25.



**Traffic Safety Unit**

- Traffic Stops: 283
- Infractions: 122
- Misdemeanor Summonses: 7
- Accidents Investigated: 22
- Other Activities:
  - Assist DB Operation Predator (3 Days)
  - Walk-A-Thon Sherman School
  - Riverfield School Walk
  - Tomlinson Middle School Walk
  - Assist with Sign placement / programming Haunted House Rec Center / Animal Control
  - Laser Ordering / Structure of new lasers
  - AAA Drivers Improvement Class taught
  - Three new lasers were ordered and put into service by the traffic unit
  - Several speed studies conducted
  - Assist with carnival planning / setup for K9 fundraiser
  - Coordinated and staffed Safety Street traffic detail



**Marine Unit**

- Complaints: 4
- Boats Towed: 2
- Written Warnings: 0
- Arrests: 0
- Safety Inspections: 0
- Hours Underway: 15

**Traffic Crash Investigations**

- Total Accidents Investigated: 77
- Search Warrants: 2
- Arrest Warrants: 4
- Misdemeanor Summons Issued: 3
- Infractions Issued: 10
- Other activities:
  - 15-29099
    - On 10/18/15 Blessing Smith DOB 10/1/91 was arrested on a warrant for the pursuit with Trumbull PD and crash on Congress Street. Charges:
      - Reckless Driving
      - DUI
      - Operation without a license
        - Bond: \$10,000
  - Officer Letsch was recognized by his supervisor for his work on a hit-and-run incident that resulted in the identification of the offender.