

FAIRFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report – August 2017



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Section 1: Bureau / Division Reports

Retirement

Officer James Pauciello

Officer James Pauciello retired after 28 years of service with the Fairfield Police Department.



Officer Jennifer Victoria

Officer Jennifer Victoria retired after 11 years of service. Officer Victoria worked as a patrol officer and as a member of the school safety unit.

Noteworthy Police Work

Sergeant Gunter recognized Officer Koukoulas for his response to an infant accidentally locked inside a car with the windows closed on a hot day. He was able to gain entry into the car and remove the infant from the vehicle.

Sergeant Riendau recognized Officer Renaldi for checking on a suspicious vehicle and through his investigation located a bag containing suspected heroin in the vehicle.

Sergeant Paris recognized Officer Perham for his response to a sinking vessel in Long Island Sound. All the occupants were rescued. He later conducted a search for the sunken vessel, locating it one mile north of Penfield Lighthouse, completely submerged.

Lieutenant Bloch recognized Sergeant Riendeau for locating and stopping a vehicle matching the description of a vehicle used in multiple shootings in Bridgeport. The vehicle was a stolen vehicle and the occupant was taken into custody.

Patrol

17-28739 | 2:04 AM | Traffic Stop - Arrest | Renaldi, A | 00534 Post Rd

Sergeant Riendeau located a Hyundai traveling near the traffic circle.

- A DMV check showed the vehicle stolen out of Meriden.
- Vehicle was stopped on North Benson and operator was taken into custody w/o incident.
- Several electronics were seized from the stolen car
- Operator arrested for possession of the stolen car and marijuana possession

17-28661 | 12:23 PM | Narcotics / Mazzocchi, M | Commerce

During the course of a traffic stop Officer Mazzocchi detected the odor of marijuana .

- K-9 Jagger was deployed around the exterior of the vehicle.
- During the air scent, K-9 Jagger alerted and indicated to the presence of narcotic odor on the passenger side window of the vehicle. K-9 Jagger then searched the interior of the vehicle. During the search of the vehicle, K-9 Jagger alerted and indicated to the presence of narcotic odor on the driver door arm rest and center ash tray in the vehicle.
- Suspect charged with multiple motor vehicle and narcotics charges

17-29564 | 2:03 AM | Narcotic Violation In Progress | Zerella, M

While patrolling hot spots downtown, Officer Zerella observed 2 people in a vehicle 'rolling' a Marijuana cigarette in a parked vehicle.

- On scene investigation revealed the following;
 - Grinder
 - Glass vial containing approximately 2g of Marijuana
 - Both parties charged with marijuana offenses.

17-28516 | 6:27 AM | Suspicious Person | Gonzalez, F | 00653 Post Rd

911 Center received a call of two males Going through cars in the Enterprise parking lot.

- On scene investigation determined the vehicle they arrived in was stolen out of a New York Rental agency.
- Several enterprise vehicles had also been entered by the suspects.
- On scene investigation discovered the vehicle they were driving was stolen and they made attempts to take another vehicle.
- Both were charged with multiple counts of larceny and possession of the stolen car.

17-29172 | 1:57 AM | Suspicious vehicle | Zerella, M | Merritt Parkway

Officer Zerella patrolling Route 58 for potential stolen cars after midnight attempted to stop a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle fled onto the Merritt Parkway at high speeds as he approached the vehicle during his attempt to run the registration plate.

- Officer Rubis was staged at Exit 46 North Bound and deployed spike strips which the suspect vehicle passed over.
- Sergeant Riendeau announced the order to terminate and the pursuit was terminated
- The vehicle was later discovered abandoned in the area of Park Ave. near Sacred Heart University.
- An NICIC check revealed the vehicle was reported stolen out of Milford and was towed to FPD for evidence processing.

17-31509 | 4:42 AM | Larceny Arrest | 01902 Post Rd

Lieutenant Bloch observed a van idling in front of Rawleys, 1902 Post Rd., at 0442. This gave reasonable suspicion that criminal activity was afoot.

- On scene investigation revealed the subjects out of New York had just taken cooking oil from behind both Rawleys and Avellino's and were involved in other thefts in both New York and Connecticut.
- Both New York suspects were charged with larceny and held on bond.

17-32417 | 5:21 AM | Missing Persons | Peck, R | 01060 Merritt St

911 Center received a call of two missing foster children (18 & 15y/o)

- Officer Peck in route to the call located a stolen vehicle in which the two missing persons were passengers.
- The operator, and passenger had picked up the missing youths earlier and were enroute to drop them off when intercepted by the police.
- Operator charged with Larceny and turned over to an aunt
- Both missing foster children were returned home

Untimely Deaths

Patrol responded to (2) untimely deaths; under investigation by the Medical Examiner's Office

- 1-Suicide
- 1-Suspected Overdose

Narcans Deployments

None during this past month

Support Services Bureau

Training

Several officers were sent to the following classes:

- Child Passenger seat technician
- Marine Search and Rescue
- ESU Training

Animal Control

Complaints: **151**

Wildlife related complaints: **88**

Animals tested for rabies: **9 (bats)**

Wildlife testing positive for rabies: **0**

Animals impounded: **16, (9 dogs, 7 cats)**

Animal bites: **5**

Enforcement:

Written warnings: **7**

Infractions: **1**

Misdemeanors: **1**

Sold as pet: **1 dog**

Animals available for adoption: **1 dog, 1 cat**

Special Services Division

Traffic Safety Unit

Traffic Stops: **758**
Infractions: **656**
Misdemeanor Summonses: **16**
Accidents Investigated: **25**
Car Seat Installations: **20**

Traffic Crash Investigations

Total Accidents Investigated: **90**
Search Warrants: **2**
Arrest Warrants: **2**
Misdemeanor Summons Issued: **2**
Infractions Issued: **40**

Assisted Bridgeport Police with search warrant and collecting data related to pedestrian fatality

Community Events:

- Hazardous Waste Day
- Dream Ride – Fairfield University
- Distracted Driving Campaign (578 infractions, 15 misdemeanors, 2 DUI)
- Little League Escort
- Freedom Isn't Free Motorcycle Ride conducted @ St. Pius

Other Activities

- Traffic Officers assisted in the investigation and death notification of a subject struck and killed by a train
- Traffic Officers assisted the marine unit in the recovery of two drowning victims in Long Island Sound during an extensive 8 hr. search
- Traffic Unit Assist with death investigation Lake Mohegan - Transport of UTV
- Signs deployed throughout town after several MV thefts
- Several speed / school bus violation details conducted in the school zone areas 8/31 and 9/1 back to school week
- Traffic Officers handed out coupons for free ice cream to children riding their bicycles wear their helmets
- Child Seat Installation Clinic Conducted on 9/19/17
- Sacred Heart University - Campus area speed enforcement
- Fairfield University - Campus area speed enforcement

Marine Unit

	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Complaints	3	9	26	56	13			
Boats Towed	0	2	1	1	1			
Written Warnings	0	0	0	0	0			
Arrests	0	0	0	0	0			
Safety Inspections	0	13	13	3	0			
Total Calls For Service	3	23	40	59	13			
Hours Underway	30	25	75	160	170			