

# FAIRFIELD POLICE

## Monthly Report – July 2019



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## Section 1: Bureau / Division Reports

### Noteworthy Police Work

During an award ceremony during the July meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, the following officers were presented awards:

Officer Gorton – Life Saving Award for saving a 4-year-old child who was choking.



Sergeant Mastronardi, Sergeant Zdru, Officer Kaesmann, Officer Matejek, Officer Mignone, Officer Terifay, Officer DiMarco, Officer DeAngelis, Officer Ricco, Officer Fenton, Officer Chamberlain and Officer Racz were presented with a Unit Citation for teamwork displayed that culminated in the arrest of four repeat felons and the recovery of a stolen car



Officer Zerella was selected as the first recipient of the Officer of the Quarter award. This is a new program designed to identify a Patrol Officer who demonstrates sustained superior performance over time, and recognize them for their hard work and dedication.



Officer Young was awarded a Lifesaving Award after he performed CPR on an unresponsive person. The victim survived the event.

Officer Wells was presented two Chief's Awards for receiving more than 5 letters of recognition from his supervisors during each of the last two years.



### **New Police Officer**

First Selectman Michael Tetreau and Chief Lyddy with our newest police officer, Joseph Harry, after his swearing in ceremony.



### **Other Events**

On July 25, 2019 an event was held recognizing those Fairfield emergency services personnel who responded to a drowning in Ash Creek. This was a difficult call but all personnel responded swiftly and worked together as a team to rescue the victim and provide every chance of survival.



On July 24, 2019, the Fairfield Police Union held the Fairfield Police Sunset 5K at Penfield Beach.



**Patrol****19-25767 | 5:22 AM | Investigation | Wilkie, C | Unquowa Rd/Post Rd**

The operator of a Subaru Outback was asleep while the vehicle was in drive at the intersection of Unquowa Rd. and Post Rd., with the car sticking out into the intersection. After operator was woken up, he refused to follow instructions to exit the vehicle (he appeared to be under the influence of either alcohol or narcotics). After repeated commands for the operator to get out of the car, he stood up and began swinging his fists at Officer Renaldi, who deployed his Taser (dry stun) twice on the subject. The Taser had no effect and he had to be taken to the ground and placed in handcuffs. AMR and Fire responded and the subject was transported to the hospital in police custody.

**19-25634 | 12:34 AM | Sex Violation | Fenton, S | 00095 Edgewood Pl**

An Uber driver was giving a 17-year-old female a ride home from a party on Stone Wall Ln. During the ride home, he continuously tried to inappropriately touch the female victim, at one point stopping the car in an attempt to force the female on top of him. The suspect also asked the female, who was sitting in the front seat, to perform sex acts for him and pulled his pants down as he was driving. The suspect was arrested in 2008 in Fairfield for Burglary after forcing his way into the home of a female college student and entered the female's bedroom while she was sleeping. He was arrested and charged with Sexual Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

**19-25693 | 4:45 PM | Investigation | Clark, M | Fairfield Av/Albion St**

Sgt. Riendeau, Sgt. Stahl, Detective Clark, Officer Wells, Officer Griffin, Officer Mirra and Officer Koukoulas were directed to Fairfield Avenue by a tip that a subject wanted in connection with several robberies was in that area. They encountered the alleged robbery suspect in a vehicle, as well as several other occupants in the vehicle with him. Discovered in the vehicle was crack cocaine. Two of the occupants in the vehicle had four active prawn warrants.

**19-25420 | 6:08 PM | Assistance | Perham, K | 00555 Turney Rd**

ECC received a report of three people in the water off Ash Creek. Preliminary reports were two swimmers were attempting to save the third

Upon arrival, Sgt. Paris located a person face down in the water and navigated fire units to the location. Fairfield divers were called to the scene while Fairfield Fire Department personnel retrieved the victim (a 15 year old) from the water and began CPR. While enroute to the hospital the victim regained a pulse but was still unresponsive.

It was determined this was a Bridgeport PD investigation



**19-24774 | 1:53 PM | Narcotics Violation | Zerella, M | 01400 Kings Hwy Cutoff**

Officer Zerella developed information of narcotic sales being conducted by an employee of Splash Car Wash. Officer Zerella, Officer Fuller, Officer Mirra and Sergeant Riendeau set up surveillance and working with a source set up a narcotics transaction. As a result, a subject was arrested for Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Narcotics with Intent to Sell.

Seized: \$1,810.00 in cash, 2 bundles of heroin and 20 mini zip bags containing crack cocaine

**19-24786 | 4:53 PM | Traffic Stop - Arrest | MacNamara, A | 2215 Black Rock Tnpk**

As a result of a traffic stop, Officer MacNamara arrested a subject for Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Hallucinogenic Narcotics with Intent to Sell.

Seized: 60.92 grams of suspected Psilocybin mushrooms, five gelatin tabs of Lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), seven vape cartridges of liquid THC, 100 small plastic bags, a scale, along with other assorted drug paraphernalia.

**19-26162 | 5:16 PM | MVA/Dead On Arrival | Letsch, M | 03595 Park Av**

ECC received a report of a large tree limb landing on a vehicle injuring the driver in front of 3595 Park Avenue. Officers responded to find a 22 year old driver, of Southington, unconscious in the driver seat. The victim was transported to St. Vincent's Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead by hospital staff. Further investigation revealed that the victim was driving northbound on Park Avenue when a large limb from a Cottonwood tree was struck by lightning and fell striking the vehicle and the victim on the driver side.

**19-26133 | 3:30 PM | Dead On Arrival | Griffin, B | 00037 Andrassy Av**

A mother called to report she found her 24-year-old daughter in bed unresponsive and not breathing. This was determined to be an overdose.

**19-26321 | 2:02 PM | Shoplifter | Beattie, W | 00425 Tunxis Hill Cutoff**

Patrol arrested a subject for a shoplifting at TJ Maxx. It was later discovered she had a loaded 45. Caliber handgun in her purse with a scratched off serial number. She also has a warrant out of Trumbull

Charges: Larceny 6<sup>th</sup>, Alteration of a Firearm SN, No Pistol Permit

**19-26723 | 2:15 AM | Suspicious Person | Burke, W | 00300 Ash Creek Blvd**

ECC received a call reporting 5 youths walking up to cars, possibly trying door handles, in the parking lot of the Fairfield Metro Station. Four juvenile males with 1 juvenile female exited a green colored older model Pontiac which was later confirmed stolen out of Bridgeport (keys in vehicle) the previous evening (7/21/19) around 1900 hours. All Juveniles were located walking in the parking lot.

**19-27840 | 1:33 AM | Theft From Motor Vehicle | Renaldi, A | 00183 Osborne Hill Rd**

ECC received a call reporting three males in his driveway. Upon arrival to the area, Off. Renaldi located a suspicious male on a bicycle, who fit the description given by the complainant. Upon approach, the male fled on his bicycle. Off. Renaldi exited his vehicle, chased the male on foot, and was able to catch up to the suspect and detain him. Sgt. Zdru was able to detain one other female suspect who was also riding away from the area on a bicycle. The third suspect was not located, however, Officer Renaldi, after interviewing the two suspects who were detained, was able to obtain the identity of third suspect. It was determined that cars were entered and several items stolen from the cars were recovered from the two suspects.

## Special Services Bureau

Traffic Safety Unit	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Traffic Stops	401	374	377	432	465	261	410					
Infractions Issued	242	240	258	536	322	160	251					
Misdemeanor Summons	25	20	15	18	27	10	15					
Accidents Investigated	20	23	28	34	46	42	47					
Child Seat Installations	25	9	38	15	25	20	11					
DUI Arrests	4	2	3	1	1	1	4					

Traffic Crash Unit	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Accidents Investigated	59	80		60	66	70	69					
Accidents with Injuries	6	6		12	8	9	7					
Search Warrants	1	1		3	3	0	2					
Arrest Warrants	4	3		3	3	1	2					
Misdemeanor Summons	10	3		6	2	1	2					
Infractions Issued	33	19		107	28	1	17					
Fatalities	0	0		0	0	1	2					

Animal Control	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Complaints	56	70	94	67	100	93	107					
Wildlife Complaints	20	26	46	25	41	56	45					
Animals Tested for Rabies	1	1	2	1	1	0	4					
Animals Positive / Rabies	0	0	1	1	1	0	0					
Animal Bites	1	2	2	5	2	6	5					
Written Warnings	4	9	6	4	11	4	7					
Infractions	7	2	2	18	5	0	3					
Misdemeanors	0	0	0	0	0	1	0					

Lake Mohegan Enforcement: Periodic patrols conducted.

Marine Unit	May	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT
Complaints	10	20	23			
Boats Towed	1	2	4			
Written Warnings	0	0	0			
Arrests	0	0	0			
Safety Inspections	5	3	3			
Total Calls For Service	15	23	26			
Hours Underway	25	95	165			
Community Events	2	3	5			
Location Checks	0	2	7			
Fatalities	0	0	0			

**Traffic Enforcement Targeted Areas**

Crestwood Road  
Davis Road  
Morehouse Highway  
Burroughs Road  
South Pine Creek Road  
Cross Highway  
Congress Street  
Black Rock Turnpike & Baros Street  
Post Road & River Street  
Pequot Avenue

**Other Activities**

DMV truck inspections with the Connecticut State Police  
Car Seat Clinic FFLD U & Lexus  
4th of July Fireworks  
Bridgeport Puerto Rican Day Parade  
Funeral for David Schmerzler  
2nd Annual Sunset 5K Penfield Beach  
AAA DIP Class

## Administrative Services Bureau

### Training

- FBI Weapons of Mass Destruction
- PTSD Wellness Seminar
- Student Safety Assessments
- NASRO Basic SRO
- Drug Impaired Driving

### Emergency Communications Center

	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Total Incoming Phone Calls</b>	9,842	10,611					
<b>Total 911 Calls</b>	1,783	1,952					
<b>Total Outgoing Calls</b>	2,274	2,531					
<b>Total Calls for Service Processed</b>	3,598	3,862					