

Darien Police Department Quarterly Report

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“Pride in Excellence”

1st Quarter 2016

Personnel

The retirement of veteran officer John Murphy has created a vacancy. Additional retirements anticipated to follow in 2016 will create openings at both the entry level and supervisory ranks. The large amount of testing required necessitated a budget transfer from Contingency into the Professional Services line. Entry level applications are being accepted from both certified and non-certified applicants. A ‘certified’ applicant is a person already holding police certification in another jurisdiction, either in-state or out-of-state. Certified applicants do not generally have to attend the twenty-five week long training session required of non-certified applicants; therefore, these certified candidates can be placed on patrol in comparatively short order.

Community Outreach/Education/Other

The *Cops and Kids Adventures* program, now in its fifth year, continues to enjoy great success. Funding for the program, formerly obtained via a State grant that is no longer available, is now funded via revenue received from the Town’s False Alarm Account. The annual *Youth Police Academy* concluded during the first quarter.

The Department has also implemented an interactive ‘Tip Line’ allowing persons to anonymously transmit electronic tips to the Police Department. Several tips received thus far have proven to be valuable. The Tip Line can be accessed via the Department’s website, www.darienpolice.org and clicking on the ‘Services’ tab.

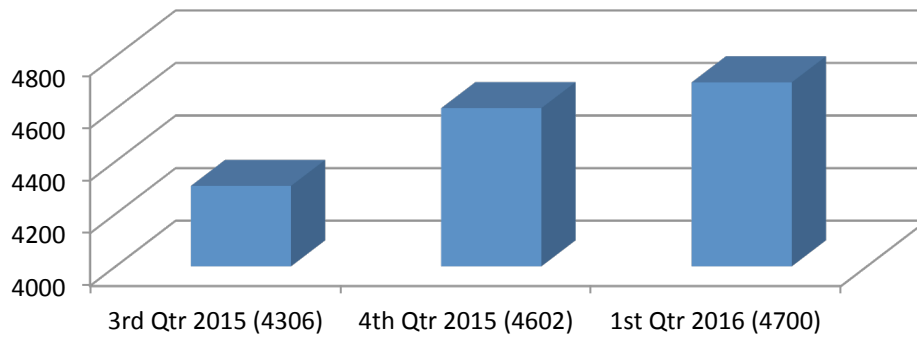
A new police patrol boat, manufactured by SAFE Boats, is expected to be delivered in the last quarter of 2016.

Department Activity & Initiatives

Calls for Service

A call for service generally refers to any assignment requiring action by the police to resolve, correct or assist. A call for service can be initiated by the public or a police officer on patrol. Each “Call for Service” is assigned an Incident Number and logged into the Computer Aided Dispatch, or “CAD.”

Calls for Service



Notable criminal activity occurring in the 1st quarter included:

On January 2, 2016, officers responding to a reported suspicious person did locate a subject who was apprehended after a foot pursuit. The subject, a Stamford resident, was charged with the theft of mail from over twenty individuals in both Darien and Norwalk.

On January 15, 2016, Darien detectives along with officers from a host of other law enforcement agencies conducted surveillance in Shelton centering on the 'Felony Lane Gang,' a vast criminal enterprise with hundreds of known members operating along the Eastern seaboard. Three suspects were apprehended and proceeds recovered.

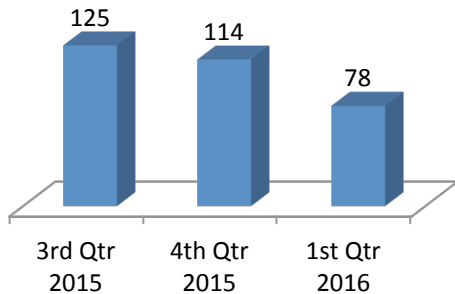
On February 8, 2016, a month long investigation resulted in the execution of a search and seizure warrant being served at the residence of a forty-five year old Norwalk resident. The subject was subsequently arrested for the sale of narcotics in the parking lot of a Darien restaurant. Seized were approximately one ounce of cocaine, \$2,700 in cash, and the subject's vehicle.

On February 13, 2016, two subjects were arrested after officers responding to a suspicious person complaint determined that the two, who gave false information initially, were found to be in the process of identifying a residence to burglarize. These two subjects are also viewed as suspects in another burglary; evidence is being analyzed at the State Forensic Laboratory.

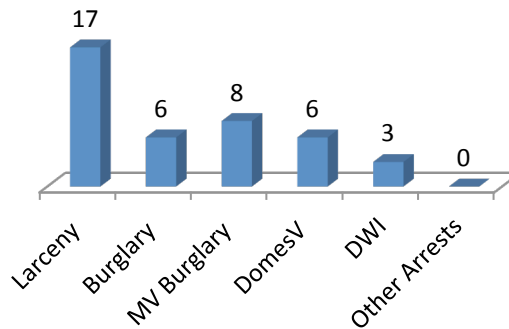
State of CT Reportable Incidents

Connecticut participates in the FBI Uniform Crime Report Program/NIBRS which gathers offense data for violent and property crimes. Offenses that make up the Crime Index are Part I crimes – violent crimes of murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault; property crimes of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

Reportable Incidents



Types

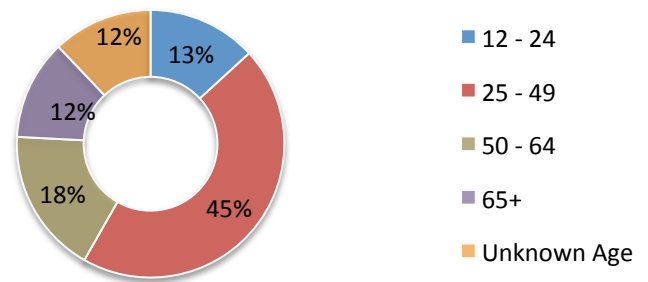


Traffic Activity

Motor Vehicle Accidents

During the 1st quarter of 2016 the department responded and investigated 57 motor vehicle accidents. Of the 57 accidents during the 1st quarter, 31 (54%) occurred in a private parking lot or where the vehicle at fault was entering or exiting a parking lot. Starting January 1, 2015, the State of CT Department of Transportation required a new format for reporting all motor vehicle crashes throughout the state. The format, MMUCC (Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria), serves as a national standard for collecting and reporting highway safety crash data. The guideline is designed to generate the information necessary to improve highway safety within each state and across the nation.

Age Groups for Operators*



*Total operators also include operators of bicycles or other vehicle types.

Top 4 Manner of Impacts:

1. Front to Rear (18)
2. Not Applicable (13)
3. Sideswipe Same Direction (9)
4. Angle (7)

Top 3 First Harmful Events:

1. Motor Vehicle Operation (37)
2. Parked Vehicle (7)
3. Utility Pole/Light Support (6)

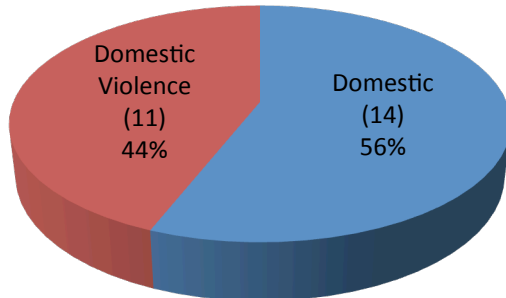
Traffic Violation Enforcement

Traffic Stops: 811 (Last qtr. 847)
Citations: 257 (Last qtr. 337)

DWI Arrests: 3 (Last qtr. 5)
Misdemeanor Summons: 62 (Last qtr. 36)

Domestic & Family Violence Incidents

Domestic Related Calls



Relationship of Victim to Arrested Offender

- *Boyfriend/Girlfriend (30%)*
- *Spouse (30%)*
- *Child (30%)*
- *Victim/Offender have common child (5%)*
- *Other relative not in home (5%)*

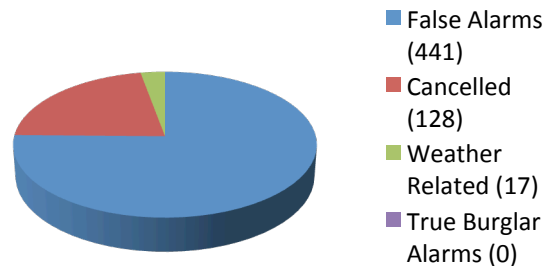
False Alarm Ordinance

During the 1st quarter of 2016 the department answered 586 burglar alarm activations.

Previous Quarter Stats

- *False Alarms (441)*
- *Cancelled (128)*
- *Weather Related (17)*
- *True Burglar Alarm (0)*

Alarm Calls for Service



Calls for Service-Medical

The Darien Police Department is designated as “first responders” for all medical calls within the Town of Darien. During the 1st quarter, the department responded to 431 medical calls for service. This number includes medical calls on I-95 or within the I-95 service areas. Average Response Time (ART) to medically related calls for service was 3:02 minutes during the quarter.

Budget FY 2016-2017

Budget submissions have undergone review by the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Finance. A capital request for the implementation of body-worn cameras was not funded.

Training:

- AED/CPR recertification took place.
- Decision Shooting PRISM/Deadly Force/Vehicle Pursuit training took place.
- Sixteen officers completed required recertification training.
- One officer attending Respiratory Preparedness Training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama. The training is required to conduct annual ‘fit-tests’ for each officer’s issued gas mask. The training was provided at no cost to the Town.

Training hours 4th quarter: 600.58

Training hours 1st quarter: 867.75

Overtime:

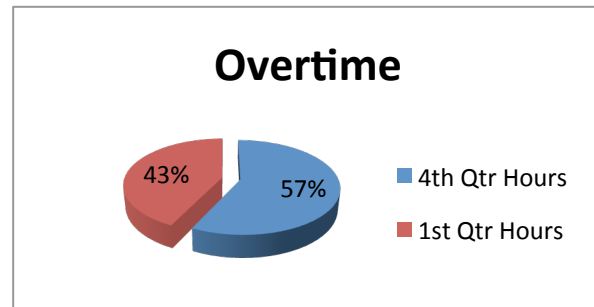
Overtime hours 4th quarter: 2,786.70*

Overtime hours 1st quarter: 2,077.13

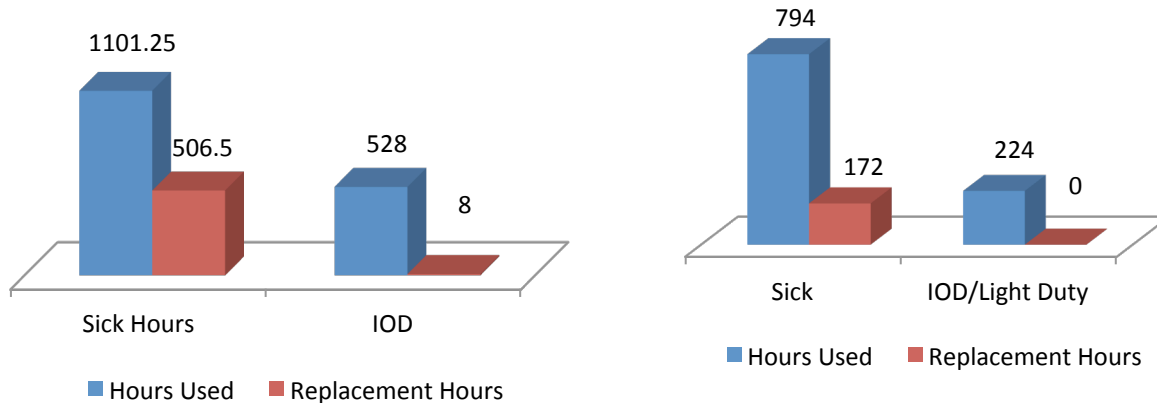
*Hours are reimbursed by grants or private parties:

DWI Grant: 18.25 hours

TOTAL REIMBURSABLE: 18.25



Sick and IOD:



4th Qtr 2015

1st Qtr 2016

Authorized sworn: 51

Actual sworn: 51

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Average Sick Hours/Officer 4th Qtr 2015: 21.59
Average Sick Hours/Officer 1st Qtr 2016: 15.57

Future Quarters

- The Department has purchased PowerDMS, a document management software package, the better administer the vast array of documents related to training and accreditation, among others.
- The Department has begun to use the Inform IQ component of the TriTech systems used by the Department for CAD/RMS. This component allows for more intuitive based searches of Department records.
- Lt. Bill Duignan has been accepted into the Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP), an advanced training program administered by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and held over a three-week period at Boston University. Lt. Duignan is the third Darien lieutenant to be accepted into the program.