



South District Looks to Further Problem-Solving in 2010

by Capt. Joe Balles

Last year, the South Police District, for the first time in three years, saw decreases in reported property crime (-8.4%) and person crime (-5.4%) across the district. Over the years, the South Police District has made tremendous progress in specific neighborhoods, and at specific locations such as Brittingham Park, the South Transfer Point, and at specific problematic businesses from Regent Street to Park Street.

The centerpiece of the Madison Police Department's Mission Statement is to work in partnership with neighborhoods to solve problems. For the coming year, South District officers and detectives will continue to work in partnership with neighborhoods to identify crime trends, investigate crimes when they happen, and make arrests whenever possible. We will continue to work with neighborhoods to identify why crime occurs in their neighborhood, and what exactly needs to be done to prevent crime and disorder from occurring. In 2010, the South Police District seeks to maintain the ground we have gained in the past, and to further our problem-solving efforts in new and emerging areas such as the Leopold and Arbor Hills neighborhoods.

One successful neighborhood-police partnership has decreased the negative and increased the positive activities taking place in Penn Park by forming Penn Park Partners, who host community events throughout the summer months. Last year, they won the Safe Communities' Be Safe Award for Advocacy as a "true example of grassroots, positive action to turn neighborhood problems into opportunities to build a stronger, more resilient community."

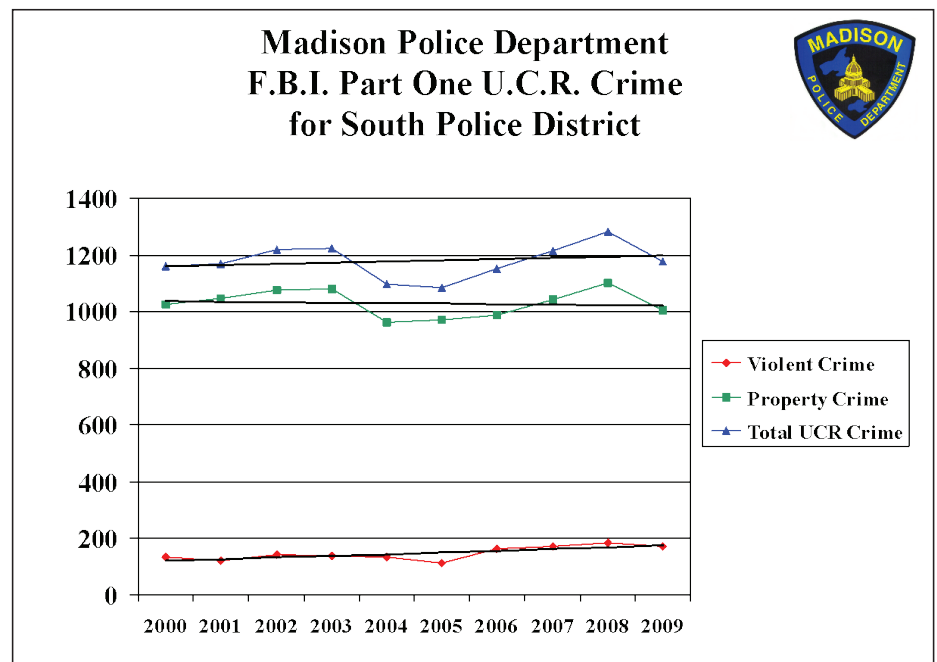
Stay tuned for further updates as we move into the spring. In this newsletter we say goodbye to some long time South District neighborhood officers. In our next

newsletter, we will introduce you to some new officers to the South District who replaced them, plus highlight our newest neighborhood officer in the Leopold and Arbor Hills area. We also have a number of new members on the South District Community Policing Team this year. They are off to a great start having worked a number of different drug and traffic related projects already this year.



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Lastly, while we use a variety of different measures to monitor and evaluate our problem solving efforts, it is always nice to see a drop in overall crime. Especially since the South Police District has not seen a drop in crime for a few years. This is something we all should celebrate and certainly proves that by working together we are building healthy neighborhoods and a safer community.



Patrol Operations

by Lt. Stephanie Bradley Wilson

The South District has six sergeants assigned to patrol operations: Pete Schmidt, Jim Dexheimer, Will Quast, Tim Radke, Jennifer Kane and Mike Hanson. They are responsible for supervising 43 patrol officers and overseeing street operations.

Patrol sergeants provide a critical function at MPD. These first line supervisors are responsible for a number of activities that include overseeing arrests, conducting initial complaint investigations, planning for special events or activities and being a resource to officers and the public.

Sgt. Pete Schmidt has been with MPD since 1986 and served in several capacities in the department. He works 7 AM to 3 PM and supervises officers that work the same shift. Sgt Schmidt is married and has one child that attends UW-Madison.

Sgt. Jim Dexheimer is a former neighborhood officer who worked in the Lake Point Neighborhood when it was known as Simpson Street. He supervises officers that work in the district's Community Policing Team and is passionate about using his skills and knowledge related to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). He has shared his knowledge on projects ranging from the South Transfer Point, Olin Park and Peace Park.

Sgt. Will Quast works 3 PM to 11 PM and supervises officers that work shifts from noon to 11 PM. He was hired in 1997 and is also a member of the department's SWAT Team and is a former training officer. Sgt. Quast's father, retired Sgt. Emil Quast, worked for many years at MPD.



Sgt. Tim Radke came to the South District from the West District at shift change in February 2010. He has been with MPD since May 2001 and works 3 PM to 11 PM. Sgt. Radke recently became a father for a second time and will be moving to our Crime Information Section in June 2010.

Sgt. Jennifer Kane was promoted to sergeant in 2009 and has been with MPD since May 2001. She has served as one of the mental health liaisons when she worked in the Central District and will continue in this role at the South District. A former chef, Sgt. Kane also supervises officers who work shifts between noon and 11 PM.

Sgt. Mike Hanson, a former Park Ridge Neighborhood Officer, Public Information Officer, and County Board Supervisor, supervises officers who work 11 PM to 7 AM. He was also hired in May 2001, is married and has young children.

West High School News

by Off. Dan Murphy, West HS ERO

It's hard to believe we are already approaching the end of the third quarter and with that a much needed spring break. The recent bout of warm weather has given staff and students renewed energy as they anticipate the final stretch of the school year.

West staff continues working with police and municipal court in an effort to address habitual truancy issues for a handful of students. Judge Daniel Koval (municipal court) has again held court at West High School every other Friday for students at West who have been identified as habitually truant per state statute. Initial assessments of the initiative shows a positive outcome primarily due to the involvement of multiple school personnel in the court process. The personal approach with students and regular review of their progress has been making a difference.

West has also been working with the school district to start a Youth Court on site. Currently, West HS students referred to youth court are sent to the South Madison Youth Court held at Centro Hispano. The hope is the on-site youth court will expand to include a restorative justice class for students to attend in lieu of school consequences for code of conduct violations. Administrators and staff are eager to get this rolling.

As the weather warms, please be cognizant of the increased volume of foot traffic around school. Students are eager to get out and about in the community especially during the lunch hour. I can always be reached by phone at 204-4123, if you need to contact me regarding any student-related issues. In the meantime, get out and enjoy the warmth and stay safe.



Off. Dan Murphy

Greetings from the South District Detective Bureau

by Det. Tracie Jokala

We are comprised of ten detectives, led by Detective Lieutenant Jane Stoklasa. Five of us work the day shift, and five during the afternoon and evening hours. While our schedules are set, we must remain very flexible and be available to come in and work long hours for the more serious crimes. Madison Police Department Detectives also work on weekends so that we are available to work more complex cases that need immediate attention. We each have a chosen specialty area, which is chosen yearly by seniority. Those areas include persons crimes, property crimes, sensitive crimes, financial crimes and general assignment. Many detectives with seniority enjoy their chosen field, and gain years of expertise in that area. While there may be assigned specialties, each of us investigates cases outside our areas as well, based on the caseload of our co-workers. In addition, anytime there is a major case, such as a homicide, we work together and each take a part of the workload.

Here are a few of your SPD Detectives . . . feel free to stop in and say "hi" . . .

Alix Olson has been on the department over 28 years and has been a detective for over 23 years. She is a wealth of knowledge and has worked many high profile cases. She enjoys the South District Detective Bureau for its autonomy, attention to detail, self-motivation, professionalism and teamwork. Her most fulfilling cases have been the ones involving seemingly insurmountable and complex situations - which were resolved by uncovering the truth. Alix is retiring in January 2011. Though she will be very missed, we know she more than deserves her time off. She is looking forward to spending more time outside, raising vegetables, and spoiling her two grandchildren. She also hopes for peace to take root in Madison and the world.



Det. Alix Olson

Gloria Reyes has been with Madison Police Department since 2002 and was promoted in late 2009. She began her detective position in 2010 at the South District, where she formerly served as the Cypress Magnolia Neighborhood Officer. She really enjoys working in the South District and looks forward to coming to work because of the great people she gets to work around everyday. When she is off duty, she spends her time with her beautiful children, who keep her equally as busy.



Det. Gloria Reyes

Goodbye Cypress/Magnolia Neighborhood

by Det. Gloria Reyes

It has been wonderful serving as the Cypress/Magnolia neighborhood officer the last couple of years. We have had our challenges and have gone through some changes, but the neighborhood continues to have a strong foundation due to the pro-active people who live and work in this neighborhood.

The Burr Oaks Neighborhood Association is the most active neighborhood association that I know. Their dedication and persistence to keep their neighborhood safe has made my job so much easier. I have enjoyed working with all of you.

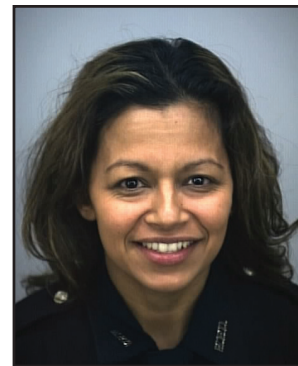
Centro Hispano of Dane County, who reaches out to our Latino residents, has been a group that I have relied upon the past couple of years. They are dedicated to helping residents who often times do not have a voice. We have worked together as a team. Centro Hispano continues to support the Madison Police Department in our efforts in breaking down barriers by reassuring our Latino residents that they are safe when calling Law Enforcement.

Joining Forces for Families has also been an agency that I have relied upon. Rita Adair and Estella Miranda are instrumental in helping families on the south side by offering services to families in need. Our paths crossed a lot the past few years as we worked together in helping families in trouble in the Cypress/Magnolia neighborhood. I appreciate all the help they have provided to me as well as their commitment to families.

The Community Coordinated Response to Prostitution Team (CCR-P) has also been an integral part of this community. The dedication of the group in helping curb the prostitution problem in this neighborhood continues to inspire me. This group is full of energy and creative ideas to help women and men who are living the life of prostitution.

I have learned so much from everyone whom I have had the pleasure to work including landlords, building inspection, apartment associations and so many others.

Thank you for your continued commitment in keeping our neighborhood safe.



Det. Gloria Reyes

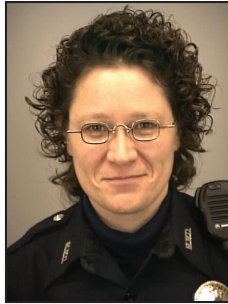
One Last Hello

by Off. Tammy Droessler

I was the neighborhood officer for the Bram's Addition Neighborhood for the last four years. I quickly learned that South Madison is filled with dedicated folks who care about the places they live and work. I teamed up with many of you in the last four years to get some needed projects done.

Some of those include: Penn Park Partners; South Madison Generations; Junior CSI; Neighborhood Ride & Dine; JOHN School and Project Respect; Weed/Seed activities; FACTS (Family & Community Town Suppers); MSCR in Penn Park; Hula Hooping and many others.

I have had the privilege of working with some of the brightest, most creative, warmest and hard working folks that truly care about South Madison. I consider many of you to be good friends. I will miss seeing you and I will miss working side by side with you. I know the work will continue and I look forward to hearing about your new projects. Thank you so much for everything you have done to help me. Please know that I will go back to patrol a better person and a better officer.



Off. Tammy Droessler

Goodbye Triangle Neighborhood

by Off. Jean Stenson

The past three years as the Triangle Neighborhood Officer have been very rewarding to me. I will miss working with the residents, many of who work tirelessly volunteering their time and talents. The staff is thorough, compassionate, fair-minded, and they work very hard at improving the living conditions of the residents assisting them in their needs. Our accomplishment of keeping Brittingham Park problem-free for the past two years makes me pleased. All of this is why the decision I made to return to patrol was a difficult one.

I am very pleased to pass on the position to Officer Sue Carnell, who has been with the department for 20 years. Her education and policing style makes her more than qualified for the challenges she will face.



Off. Jean Stenson

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with our Community"**

The South Police District encompasses the areas of the city of Madison which are south of the south shoreline of Lake Monona, and the areas south of Regent Street and Speedway. The South District is bounded to the east by Monona Avenue, and on the west by Seminole Highway.