



Captain's Corner

by Capt. Tom Snyder

School is out soon! The Madison Police Department, in partnership with Safe Communities, is conducting a "Slow Down" yard sign campaign. As part of this campaign, yard signs will pop up in yards across the East Side of Madison reminding motorists to "Slow Down, Watch for Kids." We all need to slow down when children are present, because the faster vehicles travel, the more likely crashes are to occur and the more severe injuries will be. Children are especially vulnerable due to their smaller stature. If a child pedestrian is hit by a car traveling at 20 mph, 5% are killed, most injuries are slight, and 30% suffer no injuries at all. At 30 mph, 45% are killed and many are injured. At 40 mph, 85% are killed.



Captain Tom Snyder

According to the National "SAFE KIDS" campaign, pedestrian injuries are the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths among children ages 5 to 14. Each year in the United States, nearly 900 children, ages 14 and under, die from pedestrian injuries and another 24,000 are injured in traffic-related crashes. When child pedestrians are hit by cars, it's usually as they dart out between cars midblock. Please drive slowly and be on the lookout for kids!

Would you like to post yard signs on your street? Slow Down yard signs are available at the Madison Police Department's East District Station located at 809 S. Thompson Drive between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Please see www.safercommunity.net for more information. Thank you to American Family Insurance for sponsoring this campaign.

Upcoming Events

- MAY 1, 8 am - 4 pm: Officer MaryAnne Thurber will be at the station to answer questions on safety and security
- MAY: Drop by the station and pick up a "SLOW!" sign for your yard (limited quantity)
- MAY 6: Community Forum at Lafollette High School
- JUNE 5: "Med Drop" at Lafollette High School
- JULY: Landlord Training

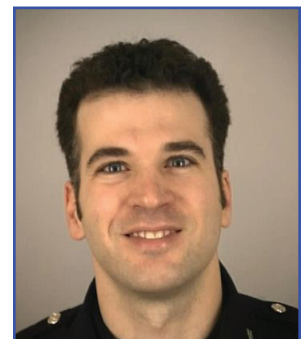
LaFollette High

by Off. Greg Rosetti, LHS Educational Resource Officer

"Drugs and Alcohol: Choices, Challenges and Crisis." What are teens and families dealing with today?

Several months ago Lafollette High School joined with community partners and parents to form an issue-oriented awareness committee, now called LCAT - Lafollette Community Awareness Team. The team consists of police and school officials, social workers, Dane County District Attorney's office personnel, AODA counselors, and parents who meet on a monthly basis to discuss various trends and issues affecting our school community. One of our first goals is to address the issues surrounding opiates and prescription pill abuse affecting young people. This is a nationwide issue and recently has hit close to home. We are hosting a public awareness forum on May 6, from 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at Lafollette High School in Room C-17. All Lancer parents

and community members are invited to attend. Educating the community regarding trends and teen drug use will be discussed at this forum. Information on drug testing for teens will also be available to parents. Information regarding "Test My Teen Kits" is at the following website: www.testmyteen.com/Home.aspx and will be shared at the forum as well. LHS joined the community alliance and received \$5,000 worth of free drug testing kits.



Officer Greg Rosetti

Senior LHS student, Livia Shanklin, has created a powerful video regarding teen drug abuse. She has done a fantastic job. Please check out the video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=JcRaYj1fOpE



Community Policing Team Update

by Sgt. Chuck Weiss

During March and into April the East CPT has been very active. We have continued our joint traffic operations with the State Patrol, most of which center around the Stoughton Road corridor. As you may be aware, several of the major intersections along Stoughton Road have some of the highest rates of traffic crashes within the City. Our focus has been to enhance traffic and community safety along this route. These operations, along with other routine traffic enforcement, have resulted in hundreds of traffic stops. We will continue these operations in the coming months.

On April 13, our unit carried out a search warrant at a residence in the 4700 block of Bellingrath Street located in the East District. The Dane County narcotics and Gang Task Force assisted our investigation. This resulted in shutting down a very sophisticated marijuana grow operation. This operation consisted of over 600 hundred plants with a potential of producing marijuana with a street value in excess of one million dollars. This was not someone simply growing a few plants for their own personal use. This was a criminal enterprise located in a residential neighborhood with no regard for the potential danger it could put other neighborhood residents in. With huge potential profits, these operations can attract the attention of other individuals looking to seize some of the profits for themselves.



In other news, this past April 14 members of the East CPT along with the Mounted Patrol and K9 Officer Henry Wilson and his partner participated in the "Prentice Park Summer Program" sign up day. There was food, games for the children and an opportunity for the kids to interact with officers. Officer Kraig Knutson who is the liaison with Prentice Park was responsible for coordinating the MPD involvement.



Patrol Operations Update

by Lt. Wayne Strong



Lt. Wayne Strong

With the rise in warmer temperatures we are also beginning to receive an increase in loud stereo complaints. Recently, I have gotten a number of phone calls and e-mails from area residents wondering what can be done about the loud car stereos. One resident complained that the car stereo in front of her residence was so loud that it actually shook the floors in her home. No one should have to tolerate such a nuisance, and enforcement for this problem can be difficult for officers. Frequently, by the time officers receive the call from Dispatch and arrive in the area to check for loud stereo complaints, the offenders have moved on and thus no enforcement action can be taken.

Consequently, the Madison Police Department has developed a boom car ordinance to assist with addressing this quality of life issue for City residents. The ordinance is written under State Statute 346.94(16)/346.945 (City Ordinance 12.011): **Illegal Use of Radio or Other Electronic Sound Amplification** and reads as follows: No person may operate or park, stop, or leave standing a motor vehicle while using a radio other electronic sound amplification device emitting sound from the vehicle that is audible under normal conditions from a distance of 75 feet or more, unless the electronic sound amplification device is being used to request assistance or warn against an unsafe condition. The owner of a vehicle is liable for the violation as provided under this section. Under what is known as the principle of owner onus, the registered owner of a vehicle is liable for any loud car stereo violations. The Madison General Ordinance allows a citizen to file a written complaint regarding radios or electronic sound amplification devices audible from a vehicle in excess of 75 feet. Once the written complaint is received, police may issue a ticket to the vehicle owner regardless of who was operating the vehicle at the time of the complaint. The noise coming from the vehicle must be sound amplification and not a loud muffler or squealing tires.

In order to participate in the process as a citizen, you must attend a training session provided by the Madison Police Department. If anyone is interested in attending a training session, please feel free to contact me directly at 261-9112.

~COMMUNITY FORUM~

Drugs & Alcohol:
Choices, Challenges,
and Crisis. What are
teens and families
dealing with today?

Thursday, May 6th

6:00-8:15 pm

La Follette High School - C17

Presented by La Follette Community Action Team (LCAT)

View the video produced by LHS student:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JcRaYj1fOpE>

More info at:

www.lafolletteweb.madison.k12.wi.us

Contact person:

**Kristin Latus LHS Dean of
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An informed community is a strong community.

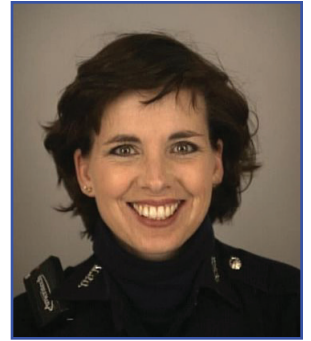


Food and
child care
provided

Crime Prevention Tips from the Station Officer

by Off. MaryAnne Thurber

Ahhhh, springtime! Windows are thrown open to air out the house, car windows are rolled down to purge the stale winter air, bicycles are in the driveway and the garage door is up so the kids can put their bikes back in all while you're catching up with the neighbors in your own backyard, so why lock up the house? After all, you've been locked in for months! **You** may see it as an opportunity to put winter *behind* you but **crooks** see this as an opportunity to get *ahead*.



Officer MaryAnne Thurber

Here are a few suggestions to keep in mind and Happy Spring from MPD!

- Are your bicycles licensed?
- Do you have the serial numbers of any items with an engine or motor stored in your garage?
- Have you inscribed your name onto tools or painted the handle an attractive neon color? (Color also helps you find tools in the grass!)
- Do your skateboards, etc. have your name imprinted upon them?
- Screens keep bugs out; not people. 4" is open enough for air.
- Do you lock your doors at **ALL** times?
- Are your valuables on display?
- Have you inventoried your household electronics, jewelry, heirlooms? Do you have serial numbers or photos of such?
- Do you hide keys? **DON'T!** Keep a set with a trusted person.
- Do you let someone know **WHO** you're with, **WHERE** you're going and **WHEN** you'll be back? I don't care **HOW** old you are!
- Deadbolt locks and window locks are important.
- Dusk-to-Dawn lights are great and don't cost much to operate.
- Motion Detector lights are good too, but if you want to look outside, you have to wait for a rabbit to waltz by.
- Are the plants around your home less than 3 feet tall?
- Can you access a balcony or windows or roof from a tree or picnic table?
- How do you secure your sliding glass door? The dowel doesn't always work!
- Planting roses or barberry or other plants that cause people to itch or be uncomfortable are great under bedrooms and bathroom windows.
- Do shadows fall across your walkways or doorways?
- **LOCK THE DOOR FROM YOUR GARAGE INTO YOUR HOME!**
- Do not leave valuables in your car – even if it is locked.
- People steal garage door openers from cars. **TAKE IT INTO THE HOUSE WITH YOU!**
- Is your dog and/or cat licensed and vaccinated?
- Is your animal containment system working?

Do you have questions about how to keep your property secure? Join me, MaryAnne Thurber, your station officer, at the East Policing District (Cottage Grove Rd. at S. Thompson Dr.) on Saturday, May 1, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., and we'll chat!

Please take the opportunity to visit the new and improved Madison Police website at www.madisonpolice.com. A great deal of effort has gone into making this a more user friendly and informative site. You may want to visit the "East District" section. Here you will find a map of our district which shows which of our Community Policing Officers are responsible for the areas in which you live and work.

Investigative Update

by Lt. Melissa Schiferl

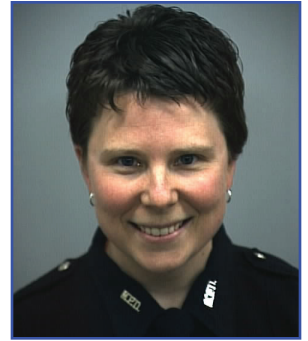
Date	Address	Information
03/08/10 03/09/10 03/10/10 03/15/10 03/24/10 03/25/10 03/30/10 03/31/10	3034 Progress Rd. Thefts	Facility is a storage warehouse for Grand Appliance. When the business delivers a new appliance, the customer's old appliance is taken and placed in the businesses recycle bin for pick up. The old appliances are then taken by their contractor to be recycled. On-going problems with numerous scrap appliances being stolen from the recycle bin overnight. ***UPDATE: Moreece J. Peterson and Michael D. Jackson were arrested on 04/02/10 for possession of stolen property after marked scrap appliances were found in their possession after they took them to a local recycling business.
03/15/10	4200 Milwaukee St. Child Enticement	Two female juveniles riding their bikes home from McDonald's stated there was a man at PDQ that offered her \$60 to come over to his vehicle and then asked her friend if she wanted some too. Suspect described as an M/W, 40's or older, with a beard, no mustache, black / gray hair, circular glasses and driving an SUV with black and silver colorings.
03/23/10 04/03/10	3859 E. Washington Ave. Commercial Burglaries	Business manager reported the glass back door was smashed and entry made into the business. Several cartons of cigarettes and cigars were taken. Business was broken into again nearly two weeks later by breaking a glass door. Cigarettes were again targeted. Appears same suspect responsible for both burglaries.
03/24/10	2800 Saint Paul Ave. Strong Armed Robbery/ Battery	While riding his bicycle on the bike path by the Goodman Center the victim was jumped by 6 – 8 black male juveniles. The victim ended up on the ground and was punched and kicked multiple times and when he shouted "help" the suspects dispersed on the bike path. A neighbor who did not witness the incident mentioned weeks prior, also on a Wednesday, his house was pelted with rocks or snowballs and thought it possible the suspects may be associated with recreational events on Wednesday nights at the Goodman Center.
04/06/10	100 Cumberland Ave. Strong Armed Robbery	Seventy-five year old male victim was out for an early morning walk near Richard St. and Bradford La. He was contacted by two suspects who asked for a cigarette. He said he didn't have one and began to walk away. One of the suspects struck him from behind, causing him to fall to the ground. He was then struck another half a dozen times. Suspects rifled through his pockets and he was missing a small knife. The suspects are described as two M/B's, possibly in their 30's. One may have been wearing a white coat. They fled in a white, older model, smaller sedan.
04/12/10	4900 Milwaukee St. Strong Armed Robbery	Victim got off a Metro bus and walked to Milwaukee St. When she reached the Baptist Church she was forcefully pushed down to the ground from behind. Victim told to not get up or turn around. Suspect rifled through her backpack taking personal items. Suspect fled and no description available.
04/15/10	800 Vernon Ave. Barricaded Subject/ Arrested Person	Suspect and his girlfriend got into a physical altercation the previous evening. Early in the morning, he told his girlfriend via phone that he would not go back to jail and would kill himself or have police kill him. He then barricaded himself in his residence. Information was received that he had access to weapons. As a result, MPD SWAT was called out. After a several hour standoff, the suspect was taken into custody just before 3:00 p.m. No one was injured during the incident
04/17/10 04/20/10	3100 Emmet St. 300 Walter St. Lewd & Lascivious Behavior	On two separate occasions, a male with a similar description has been seen exposing himself along the bike path area. He is described as an M/W, 24–26 years of age, average height, heavier build, brown hair, wearing a green t-shirt and white shorts. Any information, please contact the East Police District at 266-4887 or Crime Stoppers at 266-6014.

Darbo / Worthington Neighborhood Update

by Off. Kelly Beckett

Greetings from the Darbo / Worthington neighborhood! The weather is heating up, and it has been nice to see so many families taking advantage of the outdoors. I have some important news to share – the date of the Darbo / Worthington Block Party has been set for **June 26, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** We are currently deciding if the party will remain at the Salvation Army where it was held last year, or if it will once again make its return to Worthington Park. It should be a fun event for all involved, so come on out and be a good neighbor!

In other news, I am always looking for youth in the neighborhood who might enjoy being partnered with a Big Brother or Big Sister from Big Brothers Big Sisters. If you know of a child aged 6-18 who might need a little one-on-one time with a mentor, give me a call or drop me an email. Also, if you have any other concerns, don't hesitate to call. Enjoy the May flowers!



Officer Kelly Beckett

Madison Police Department District Update: East



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with our Community"**

The East Police District is one of five geographical areas served by the Madison Police Department. The East District coverage area extends from Lien Road (south of East Towne Mall) on the north to the McFarland Village limits on the south. The west boundary is Lake Monona including the Division Street and Olbrich Park area all the way east to the City limits east of Sprecher Road.