



Captain's Corner

by Capt. Tom Snyder

As the weather starts to get colder we know that winter snows will soon be upon us. Unfortunately, this is the time of year we see more traffic crashes. On bad days, Madison police officers will respond to dozens of crashes. Even though many are minor fender benders, the inconvenience and aggravation caused are significant. Most of the accidents we investigate during winter driving season are a result of motorists who drive too fast for conditions or simply follow too close to the vehicle ahead. Many of these accidents can be prevented. Please watch your speed and always drive defensively, especially once the roads become slippery.



Captain Tom Snyder

While we are thinking of winter weather, it is a good idea to prepare your vehicle. We recommend getting a vehicle winter maintenance check-up. Don't wait to check your battery, belts, hoses, radiator, lights, brakes, heater/defroster and wipers until a storm is upon us. This is also a good time to check the trunk and put together a basic winter survival kit. This kit should include:

- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Snacks/Water
- Blankets
- Gloves and boots
- First aid kit
- Road flares
- Jumper cables
- Shovel/ice scraper

With the upcoming holiday season, more of us will be spending time at the malls and shopping centers. You will read about an initiative involving our East Community Policing Team, and their plan to provide extra visibility at east side shopping locations. Each year, police departments across the nation will warn the public to take precautions and avoid becoming a crime victim. The simplest tip we can offer – lock your car doors and keep packages and other valuables out of plain view. Following this advice may keep you from becoming a victim of theft during the holidays.



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.

2011 Wisconsin Act 35: Concealed Carry Law

by Lt. Wayne Strong

By the time many of you read this article, the Wisconsin concealed carry law will be in full effect. Wisconsin now becomes the 49th state in the Union to pass a concealed carry law. Illinois is now the only state that does permit concealed carry. Even though the law, which officially took effect on November 1, allows citizens with permits to carry weapons, there are some restrictions that are applicable to the law within the City of Madison as it applies to certain buildings. This law applies to weapons to include: handguns, electric weapons, knives and billy clubs.

For example, weapons are banned in all Madison and Dane County owned and operated buildings such as the City-County Building and the Madison Municipal Building. Weapons may not be carried on Madison Metro buses or on to MMSD school property. Except for commissioned police officers, all City employees are prohibited from carrying weapons in City-owned vehicles and while working in their official capacity as City employees.

Concealed weapons may be carried onto private property unless the property is posted clearly prohibiting firearms. Business establishments such as bars and restaurants may also post that weapons are prohibited on their premises. If you are a property owner, you must either post "weapon prohibited signs" or verbally state that weapons are not allowed on the property.

The city has 5" x 7" signs available for purchase at the Clerk's office for \$5. Signs may be downloaded as well. For more information about this law, please visit the City of Madison website at: www.cityofmadison.com/police/concealedCarry.cfm.



Lt. Wayne Strong

Holiday Task Force

By Community Policing Team Officer Rene Gonzalez

The holidays are a time to be merry and wary. With some of the heaviest shopping days of the season approaching, keep in mind that thieves are on the prowl. This doesn't mean there's a local crime wave afoot, but it is the season for crimes of opportunity.

The East District Community Policing Team (CPT) will be paying extra attention to the shopping mall areas. Our role is to be a visible presence, to be a resource for the patrons, business owners and managers, as well as respond to crimes in progress. Yes, we are there to respond to crimes in progress and be reactionary, but the true value is having positive interactions with the community.

We are also asking shoppers to immediately report any suspicious activity. Particularly popular with thieves are GPS units, iPods, and other small electronics, along with wallets and purses.

We urge people to be aware of their surroundings and to consider the following tips when shopping:

- Park in well-lit areas.
- Shop in groups.
- Conceal packages in trunks. "Stow it, don't show it."
- Report suspicious people lurking in parking lots.
- Carry bags or purses in your hands rather than on your shoulder or back.
- Don't put purses in shopping carts.
- Cash carriers should be discreet. Don't flash money when purchasing gifts.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason.

While you are away from your house:

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Get an automatic timer for your outdoor lights (including holiday lights)
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, shovel snow or park in your driveway occasionally and collect your mail. (If away for an extended amount of time)

Police presence and high visibility are the best tactics we have to deter criminal activity. It also makes the shopping public feel safer. The East District CPT will vary their hours of operation and the "holiday task force operation" will be in effect until January 2, 2012.

Community Policing Team Update

By Community Policing Team Officer Dave Meinert

PINECREST DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

One of the many jobs of the East Community Policing Team is to take a collaborative effort and work with landlords and residents to minimize nuisance activity and police calls for service that effect everyone's quality of life. In early 2010, the Pinecrest Drive neighborhood came across our radar after seeing a significant spike in drug activity, nuisance complaints and calls for service.

In an attempt to minimize such problems, several steps were taken. First, we had to identify the true problems. We did this by reviewing calls for service, selecting problems for closer examination, and developing broad goals. We then conducted an analysis of the problem. The analysis consisted of researching what is known about the problem type, strengths and limitations of the current response, and identifying a variety of resources that may be of assistance. This was ultimately followed by a response plan. The response plan consisted of choosing among the alternative interventions, outlining a response plan, identifying responsible parties, and ultimately carrying out the planned activities.

While conducting this assessment of the problem and developing a plan, one of the most significant issues that continued to appear consisted of landlords and property owners simply either being unaware of the problem(s) due to not being on-site, and/or not being up to speed with various intervention/prevention options, including proper lease agreements and their rights and responsibilities.

Members of the East Community Policing Team, along with the East District Command Staff, then met with various stakeholders on Pinecrest Drive. Some of the stakeholders included landlords, residents, and neighborhood President Randy Glysch. Upon meeting, we discussed the problems and various responses that everyone can take to assist with the problem solving effort.

Part of this response consisted of surveillance and a variety of police contacts of those living and visiting the neighborhood. However, the majority of the response that we believe has significantly positively impacted the neighborhood consisted of proactively working with landlords and property owners. During this collaboration, together we identified the problems, conducted property and lease assessments, and educated owners of their rights and responsibilities as a property owner. As a result, and



after six months of assessment of the neighborhood, we have seen a significant reduction of nuisance complaints, drug activity, and a 59% reduction in calls for service in Aug-Oct 2011, compared to 2010.

Several notable accomplishments consisted of:

- Improved and new lease agreements, anti-drug and no trespassing addendums
- Improved and new on-site management
- Evictions of most significant problem tenants
- No trespassing signs
- More street lighting

We would like to thank the landlords, property owners, neighborhood residents and neighborhood President Randy Glysch for their willingness and significant efforts to improve the quality of life issues within the neighborhood!

A few simple steps as a resident/property owner you can take to reduce neighborhood problems consists of:

- Calling the police when a problem exists.
- Knowing your neighbors and relaying non-police related concerns to your landlord, i.e., violation of lease rules.
- Understanding your lease conditions and rights as a tenant and/or landlord - Ch. 704, Wi Stats, and Ch 32, Madison General Ordinances, residential rental practices, Small Claims procedures, minimum housing codes, fair housing, Madison's Chronic Nuisance Ordinance, etc.
- Screen properly, proper notices, proper leases, etc.
- Enforcing lease violations and adding anti-drug rules and trespassing addendums.
- Actively managing your property - Be present - keep the property up to code standards, utilize lighting, fences, & landscaping to your advantage, post no trespassing signs & utilize cameras if necessary.

If your neighborhood has seen a noticeable amount of quality of life issues and you want to make a difference, please don't hesitate to report the problems with your East Community Team Neighborhood Officer at 266-4887. Landlord/tenant packets with the above information can be picked up free of charge at the East District Police Station.

Investigative Update

by Det. Lt. Joey Skenandore

With the advent of the internet and world wide access to computers, City of Madison residents and businesses have been experiencing various forms of internet fraud. These scams range from impersonating charitable organizations to get rich quick scams. Criminals who engage in this type of fraud use every available resource to outwit potential victims. For example, with the use of Google Earth, an internet satellite mapping product, street view images of residences and businesses are at criminal's fingertips. It can provide criminals distinct characteristics about your property. Citizens need to be aware that detailed information about you is readily available on the internet.



Det. Lt. Joey Skenandore

Recently, a scammer made a threatening call to a City of Madison resident and demanded money. They threatened to send people to the victim's residence to collect the money if the victims did not comply. The scammer provided some specific detail about the victim's home, which caused the victim to believe that someone was watching their residence. When in fact, the scammer viewed images of the resident's home using Google Earth and described very distinctive features associated with the home.

Internet scams are very common. Here are a few tips for your protection:

1. Never give your social security number to anyone. Remember no reputable organization is going to ask for your social security number over the phone or via the computer.
2. Never give out your savings or checking account number over the phone or via the internet. If you are using an internet site to pay for an item contact them prior to any payment and speak to their customer service department to verify the legitimacy of the company.
3. If you think a deal or prize is too good to be true, then it probably is.
4. Never cash a check for an unknown third party. Usually a scammer will ask you to send them money back from your own account. Contact the financial institution on which the check was drawn to ensure legitimacy. If you met a total stranger on the street who asked you to cash a check for them would you?
5. Craigslist scammers have been known to set their victims up by sending them to a remote area and then robbing them. Avoid going alone; never agree to go to an area that is unfamiliar or remote. If they won't come to a location you pick then consider not buying whatever it is they are selling.

6. Please keep in mind a URL or website is fairly cheap and some scammers create very official looking websites. Carefully scrutinize the website for spelling errors or contextual errors, very often the authors of these websites are from a foreign country.

Remember to use basic common sense when dealing with scammers, often they cannot provide answers when pressed with simple questions regarding the "deal" you are inquiring about. If you think you have been a victim of a scam the most appropriate course of action is to contact the Internet Crime Complaint Center or IC3: <http://www.ic3.gov/preventiontips.aspx>.

IC3 is monitored by the FBI and Bureau of Justice Assistance. If you can always contact the City of Madison Police Department, however due to jurisdictional issues the ability to investigate these scams is limited.

The Informed Citizen Series – Knowledge is Power

by Det. Pat Green

CRAIGSLIST USERS: FRAUDS AND SCAMS

This is first in a series of presentations intended to educate the public on current trends regarding fraud and scams happening in the Madison area.

Each presentation will focus on one or two specific areas of fraud. The intent of this series is to help people identify the scam before they become a victim. Each presentation will be 30-45 min. long with discussion and questions to follow. The topics focused on in this series have local impact and are increasingly more difficult to investigate. We would like your help in stopping these crimes by becoming empowered with knowledge and helping to prevent friends and family from becoming the next victim. Future Presentations: Home Improvement Fraud, Bank Letter Scams, Door to Door Sales, Nigerian/419 Scams, Elder Abuse Fraud, "Solan Motors" Scam.



Det. Pat Green

Where: East Police District at 809 S. Thompson Drive
 When: Tuesday, December 13, 2011
 Time: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 Host: Detective Pat Green

Please RSVP so we know how many people will be here by calling Barb at 266-4887, or email bscoveille@cityofmadison.com.

Recent Incidents

Date	Address	Summary
08/31/11	102 Corporate Dr.	Officers responded to the East Transfer Point for a man with a handgun on a bus. The suspect had loaded a gun and pointed it at the victim while on a Madison Metro bus that had left the South Transfer Point following a drug transaction. The suspect had then put the gun back into a backpack and fell asleep. Officers contacted the suspect on the bus. The individual who has a lengthy violent criminal history is now facing federal charges.
09/04/11	3700 Atwood Ave.	Officer stopped a vehicle for a minor traffic violation. The officer smelled intoxicants on the driver. The driver refused to exit his vehicle and struggled with officers. One officer was spit in the face by the suspect and sustained a bruised knee in the scuffle. Driver charged with resisting arrest, bail jumping, and 6th offense Drunk Driving.
09/07/11	4800 Ellestad Dr.	Complainant & two friends get into civil dispute with the owner of auto repair garage, over a car repair. The owner's son, wearing a full security-guard uniform came outside to confront them, extending his police style baton and waving it back & forth threatening them. He claimed he was a police officer and that he had a gun and would shoot them. No gun displayed or seen. He then called on his radio telling the others he had backup coming. When no backup arrived, the complainant decided to call 911. The cop impersonator has a history of this behavior and is well known to East Dist. officers. He was charged with impersonating a police officer and Disorderly conduct.
09/07/11	1754 Thierer Rd. (Motel 6)	East CPT investigated suspicious persons in the lot of the Motel 6. Four subjects were contacted and officers eventually recovered/seized a small amount of powder cocaine and marijuana, over \$20,000 cash, and a vehicle. One suspect struggled with officers when being taken into custody. As a result, one of our officers suffered a broken hand.
09/22/11	3817 Milwaukee St.	A 42 year old Muskego man drove into Madison to meet a stranger who was selling an Apple iPad2 on Craigslist. They met in a parking lot. The suspect told the victim he was having vehicle trouble and asked for jumper cables. When the victim bent down to reach for the cables the suspect placed a knife in his side. The victim grabbed at the knife and received minor injuries and the suspect fled. The suspect description matched an individual from an earlier incident on the south side.
10/08/11	700 Gannon Ave. / Arrested Person/ Weapons Offense	After a heated argument suspect arms himself with a loaded 9mm and threatens to shoot victim, telling him to get out of his house. Officers respond and contact suspect who was cooperative and did not offer resistance. MPD Sgt. advised they took several weapons from the home for safekeeping.
10/11/11	3800 Milwaukee St. / Overdose x 4	Caller reports two people passed out in a car. Two others in the car were under the influence. Drug paraphernalia located in the car and all four conveyed to hospital. All charged with possession of heroin and drug paraphernalia.
10/16/11	300 Clyde Gallagher	Following up on a report of drug dealing, a man is contacted by officers and following an investigation subsequently charged with carrying a concealed weapon and possession of marijuana.
10/19/11	1000 Rockefeller Ln. / Substantial Battery	A fight between two individuals resulted in serious injuries when one was stuck with a baseball bat. The victim sustained several broken bones in his face and required surgery. The suspect charged with 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering safety.
Residential Burglary/Non-Residential Burglary		
09/27/11	400 Cottage Grove Rd.	Entry through back window and suspect took Toshiba laptop with monitor.
09/28/11	900 Mayfair Ave.	Neighbors called in suspicious people whom they observe walking between houses. An officer came upon one male as he was walking from the back of the house. After a short foot pursuit, the suspect was located hiding. The second suspect also fled and was later apprehended after a foot pursuit. Both were taken into custody for burglary.
10/03/11	4200 Argosy Ct.	Glass front door smashed and suspect took \$500 - \$600 cash.
10/04/11	1700 Eagan Rd. / Burglary	The suspect(s) threw three rocks through the glass front door. It appears that the suspects knew where the money was kept, as those were the areas targeted.
10/05/11	900 Dempsey Rd.	Suspects arrested after being discovered inside the building with burglarious tools. Attempting to steal copper wire.
10/16/11	4100 Major Ave.	Entry possibly through unlocked front door; \$140 cash and iPod taken.
10/17/11	300 W. Lake Edge / Burglary	Citizen report of a possible home burglary. Four juveniles contacted and arrested in possession of stolen property. No one was home when the juveniles kicked in a locked rear door. Suspects connected to other neighborhood burglaries.
Theft/Damage to Property/Theft from Auto		
10/02/11	10 Collins Ct.	Theft from auto; miscellaneous golf items valued at \$2,400.
10/03/11	4400 E. Broadway	Dell computer taken from lobby area.
10/10/11	3100 James St.	Windows smashed on three vehicles.
10/12/11	4800 Hamlet Pl.	Multiple buses damaged.
10/13/11	900 Walsh Rd.	Theft of brass fittings valued at \$6,136.
10/14/11	800 Walsh Rd.	Theft from auto; Toshiba laptop and two paramedic books.

High Visibility Enforcement Targets Heroin

MPD INITIATIVE FOCUSES ON E. WASHINGTON AVE. CORRIDOR

The Madison Police Department is launching a high visibility, high profile, enforcement campaign today aimed at deterring heroin sales and use along the busy East Washington Ave. corridor.

The effort will be multi-faceted and will include the use of sign boards placed along the busy thoroughfare. The message will be clear and concise: “MPD Drug Enforcement Zone Ahead.”

Backing up the signs will be an action plan utilizing a variety of MPD resources to include: North District & East District Community Police Teams, the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team (TEST), and North & East District patrol officers. All will be giving the corridor extra attention. This will be done through a full spectrum of law enforcement strategies. Citizens can expect to see uniformed officers, squad cars in parking lots, and there will be tactics utilized that are less apparent.

“This enforcement activity is no different from what our officers do daily with the enforcement of illegal drug sales and possession. We are adding an increased visible approach to our efforts to bring this serious issue to the public's attention. We hope that with this awareness citizens will call us when they see illegal drug activity take place,” said Lt. Carl Strasburg, MPD North District.

The targeted enforcement area will be along E. Washington Ave., from First Street to Interstates 94 & 39. Officers will focus on gas stations, fast food restaurants, grocery stores, and shopping centers. MPD crime analysts have determined these locations to be heroin hot spots, where the drug is frequently peddled, and where those buying often ingest. Many do so immediately after purchase as they are desperate for a “fix.” This has resulted in people driving while under the influence, at all times of the day. Some have gone unconscious and crashed. Others have overdosed in bathrooms, and in parked cars. When first responders arrive, it is not uncommon to find users not breathing. Many lives have been saved. Some have died. Heroin also provides the motivation for a host of crimes: retail thefts, burglaries, thefts from autos - to name a few.



The epidemic gripping Madison - and other Wisconsin communities - is a public health crisis which cannot be solved through law enforcement actions alone. However, the MPD is committed to do all it can to thwart heroin sales and use, particularly in high density areas like the East Washington Ave.: a busy corridor where large numbers of innocent people work and live, and through which an even greater number of citizens commute.

(Note: This was a media release issued on October 5th. North and East Police Districts plan to continue these collaborative efforts.)

Voter ID

Starting in 2012, Wisconsin state law will require voters to present photo identification before voting. Prior to 2012, voters will be asked, but not required to show photo identification before voting. **The Madison City Clerk’s office has requested assistance from other city agencies in getting out “Voter ID” information out to our community.** Visit www.cityofmadison.com/election to view documents explaining the new law. If you have further questions, feel free to contact the Madison City Clerk’s Office at (608) 266-4601.

Darbo / Worthington Neighborhood Update

by Off. Susie Gonzalez

As the holiday season is approaching, **The Salvation Army Thanksgiving meal** will be held on Wednesday, November 16. Dinner will be served from 5-7 p.m. in the community center gym, at 3030 Darbo Drive. All ages are welcome. If you have questions, please call 250-2275 or 250-2236. The event will include door prizes, delicious food and family fun!

Anchor Bank will again be conducting a toy collection throughout the month of November. The radio-thon will take place again at the Farm & Fleet in Verona on Wednesday, Nov. 30th, from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. On **Thursday, December 1**, they will be at the Farm & Fleet on Stoughton Rd., from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. I will most likely be at Farm & Fleet on Stoughton Rd., thanking customers for their donation, if you would like to stop by.

In reference to the Darbo/Worthington neighborhood, officers have seen an increase in juvenile disturbances. Often times, **“play fighting”** turns in to actual physical fighting. I am reaching out to parents to please not encourage your children to fight others. This will not be tolerated in the neighborhood. I am closely working with Eastpointe Properties and the East Community Policing Team in addressing this serious issue.

Officers will continue to enforce **curfew** violations in the neighborhood. Parents are responsible for their children. This will assist in minimizing their risk in becoming potential victims. There is a city ordinance citation, allowing officers to cite parents who allow their children to violate curfew.



Officer Susie Gonzalez

I am a member of the Joining Forces for Families (JFF) Darbo/Worthington Park Team. Our team consists of social workers from JFF, O’Keefe and Lowell, Community Action Coalition, Mentoring Positives and the Goodman Center. Our team works together, sharing information to coordinate plans on how to address issues in the neighborhood, helping families and providing resources.

I hope you enjoy the Thanksgiving dinner at the Salvation Army. As always, be safe and vigilant in your community.

CURFEW VIOLATION

Juveniles:

Ages:	12 – 16
Sunday – Thursday:	11:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m.
Friday – Saturday:	12:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m.
First Offense:	\$57.30
Second and Subsequent:	\$88.80

Parents are responsible for their children. This will assist in minimizing their risk in becoming potential victims. There is a City ordinance citation, allowing officers to cite parents who allow their children to violate curfew.

Permitting Juvenile Curfew Violation:	\$82.50+
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LaFollette High School Update

by Off. Greg Rosetti

Too often high school students get a bad rap. Occasionally, Madison Public Schools seem to be singled out in media stories regarding gangs, drugs, and fights. It is unfortunate if the public has a poor view of our high schools. There are thousands of good hardworking students who do not deserve the negativity. Teachers, administrators, and police, work with students to make our schools safe environments where hard work and creativity is encouraged. Below is a recent example of good news.



Officer Greg Rosetti

Principal Chad Wiese advised the following regarding recent La Follette graduates:

- **Kyle Wojta** received recognition in the Journal Sentinel for receiving a football scholarship. Kyle and Chuma Offer (another Lancer graduate) are both seniors on the UW Badger Football Team. As their former coach, I am equally proud of their scholastic and athletic accomplishments.
<http://www.jsonline.com/sports/badgers/uws-wojta-happy-to-snap-up-another-scholarship-132284253.html>
- **Nick Jensen**, a 2011 graduate of La Follette, has been named one of 117 top students at the **national level** for his performance on AP courses while in high school. Congratulations to all of the AP teachers who worked with Nick as well. This is quite an accomplishment.
http://host.madison.com/blogs/article_9c3cb3e2-fb3f-11e0-ae10-001cc4c03286.html
- I would also add that the father of one of our freshmen, **Joseph Phillips** was recognized as a **community hero** this week. Sylvester Phillips discovered that two elderly siblings had not picked up their morning papers for a couple days. He immediately contacted police while on his newspaper route. The police found the elderly sister incapacitated on the kitchen floor. Her brother was trapped in his walker in his bedroom. The rescuers transported the siblings to the hospital. The brother is fine. The sister is still in critical condition. Mr. Phillips is credited with saving the siblings' lives!

Here's the video link from Channel 3: www.channel3000.com/news/29519654/detail.html.

Madison Police Department District Update: East



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**"Policing in Partnership
 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 the Sun Prairie city limits in the north, to the village of McFarland limits on the south. The west boundary is Lake Monona including the Division Street and Olbrich Park area all the way east past Sprecher Road towards the Town of Cottage Grove.