



North District Newsletter

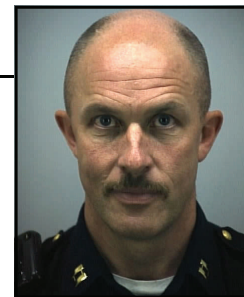
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Captain Cameron McLay

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Greetings from the North Police District!

The year 2009 is winding down, and has been a very good year for the North District.

Thus far, the crime rate generally has been on the decrease in the North Police District, with one very notable exception:

Thefts from Autos. As indicated in previous articles, this crime is one that we, as potential victims have a great deal of control. By assuring that we do not leave valuable in our vehicles, and that when we have no choice in doing so, by assuring that valuables are secured out of sight, we can dramatically decrease our likelihood of being victimized. When we do not have the option of parking in a secure location, we can protect ourselves further by parking in well-lighted areas. With the Holiday Season upon us, these simple tips become even more important. At this time each year, this season brings an increase in thefts. Please do your part to help protect yourself.

I also want to take a moment to thank all of you who took the time to complete the North District Community Survey. I am proud of the fact that we had the highest response rate of the five police district by a significant margin. This information is very helpful for us, as it enables us to better understand the crime and quality of life issues from your perspective. I will be releasing a more detailed overview of the survey results, and will be posting the complete results on the North District website in the coming weeks. It is noteworthy that the top three problems that you believe the police should give top priority in your neighborhood are: Break ins, Speeding Vehicles, and Drug activity. This is consistent with our recent trends: burglaries and thefts from autos are both crimes that impact our neighborhoods; drug activity is a crime pattern to which we are devoting significant efforts; and speeding is a perennial concern. We will be using this as we develop our operational plans in the coming weeks and months.

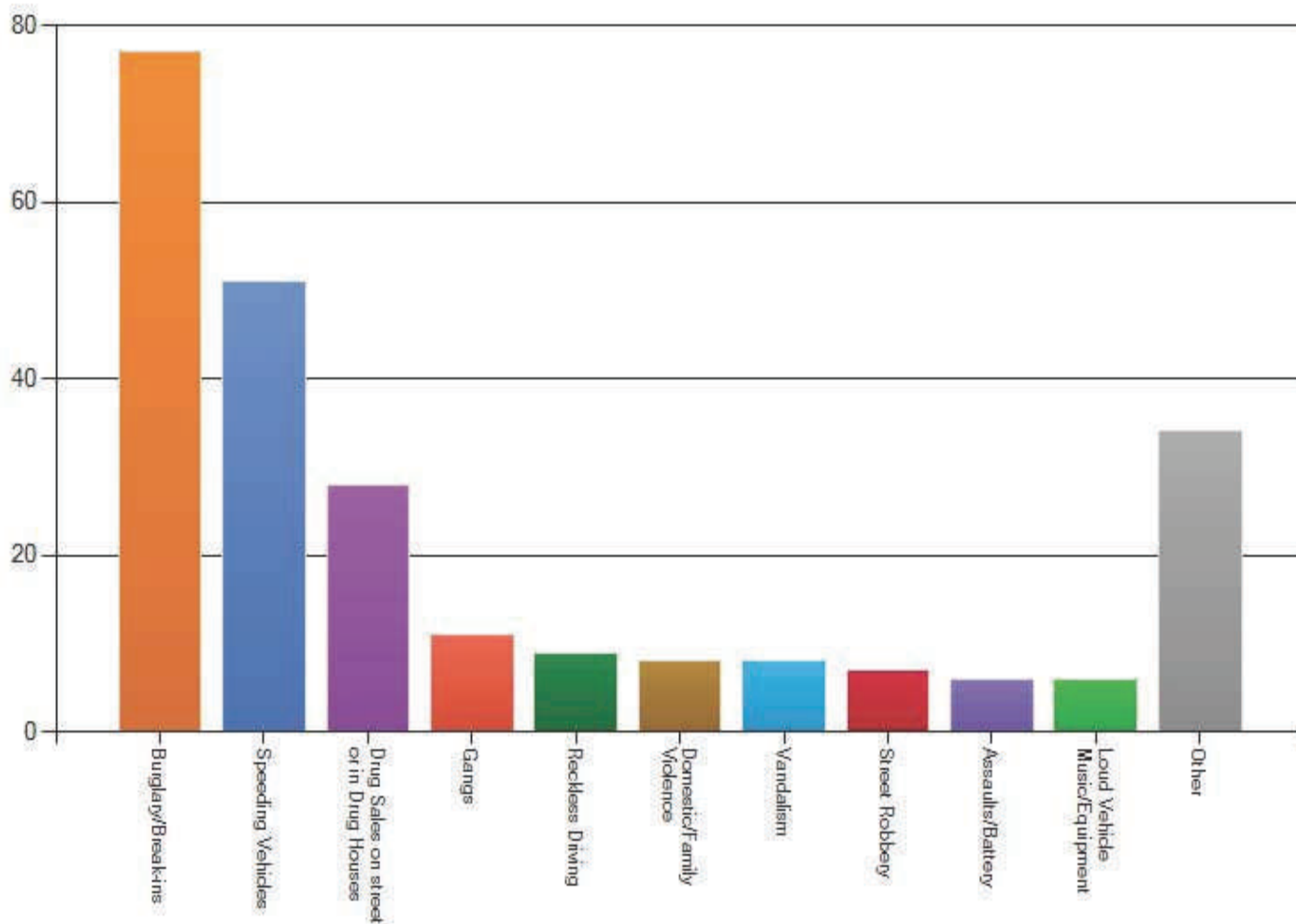
The excellent response on this survey simply reinforced what I already knew to be the case: that the people of the Northside take pride and ownership in the quality of life in their neighborhood. More importantly, you also care enough to invest your energies when called upon to help. It is that characteristic that makes this a great place for the officers of the Madison Police Department to protect and serve!

Take care, Be Safe, and have a very Happy Holiday Season...

Captain Cameron McLay

North District Community Survey Results

Please select the problem in which you believe police should place the highest priority in your neighborhood



Investigative Update

Theft From Autos:

For the past year, Det. Maureen Wall has been working on a Theft from Automobile/ Entry Into Locked Vehicle case that occurred on Carberry St in 2008. This case involved (4) vehicles being broken into and there were (5) citizens who were victimized due to this incident. The suspects' vehicle was later found abandoned and it contained tools used to break into vehicles along with walkie-talkies, binoculars, and cell phones. Det. Wall's persistent work, which included several interviews and DNA analysis, recently lead to (3) suspects facing pending charges of various counts of Theft from Auto and Entry into Locked vehicle.

Theft:

A subject rented a Bobcat from Madison Bobcat on Manufactures Dr. He came back a few days later with the trailer but not the Bobcat. The manager had heard that this subject might have been trying to sell the \$25,000 Bobcat on Craigslist. He confronted the subject who then left the lot abruptly. Follow-up investigation by Det. Robert Weyh and Det. Tom Helgren revealed that the subject did sell the Bobcat and eventually was arrested by Rockford PD for unrelated warrants. The detectives went down to Rockford to try to convince him to tell them who he sold the Bobcat to. He did admit selling the Bobcat for \$12,000 but did not provide much information on whom he sold it to. Det. Weyh (who investigates financial crimes) found that a check was written in the transaction and he manages to find out who wrote the check. They were then able to track down the Bobcat and Madison Bobcat was able to recover their vehicle. Charges are pending against the subject reference this investigation.

We still see an increase in Theft from Autos reports here in the North Police District. Throughout the year, officers have made contacts and arrests of individuals who citizens have called in acting suspicious near vehicles in the neighborhood. Please continue to report all unusual activity that you see in your neighborhoods.

With the holiday season upon us, a reminder to please make sure that valuables are not left visible in your vehicles. Place items in the trunk of your car while shopping and be aware of your surroundings while in the parking lots.

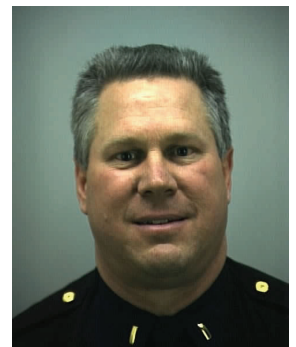


Lieutenant
Trevor Knight
Detective Services
245-3654

'Tis the Season For Crime Victimization

The Holiday Season brings joy to many, however there are plenty of Grinches willing to steal your Christmas. Thefts from vehicles is one of the few crime trends that continues to increase in the Madison area, particularly in the North Police District. Here are a few safety tips to decrease the likelihood of becoming a theft victim.

- When shopping keep your purse or wallet on your person. Purses are stolen from shopping carts and baskets inside of stores and in parking lots as the carts are unloaded.
- Do not leave anything of value in your vehicle. GPS units, Ipods, laptop computers, cell phones, cameras or any other electronic device are targeted daily by thieves willing to break car windows to steal. These items should be removed from vehicles or locked in the glove box or trunk out of view.
- Keep your house, apartment, and garage doors locked at all times.
- Report any suspicious activity to the police. The fresh snow assists in tracking thieves walking around houses and cars, and at times leads to their apprehension.



Lieutenant
Brian Ackeret
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From The Northport/Packers Neighborhood Officer

With the economy being as bleak as it is, there are many resources available to those within our community. Some examples of these resources that are available in the Northport Community Center are the following:

PLAY AND LEARN

Caregivers and children ages birth to five! Come for a playgroup where they build math and literacy skills through play. You can register and begin playing and learning with them on your first day! The program runs on Mondays 9:00 a.m to 11:30 a.m at the Northport community Learning Center (upstairs). For more information contact Play and Learn Group Leaders Patty and Terry at 608-220-8650 or visit the website at: <http://elemedweb.madison.k12.wi.us/programs/play-and-learn>

MATC CLASSES AT NORTHPORT

English classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30 a.m to 11:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday evening classes 5:00 p.m to 6:30 p.m have been moved to Packer Community Learning Center, 1927 Northport Dr.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Are you looking for solutions to your drug and alcohol addiction? The Show Up to Grow Up meeting of narcotics anonymous (NA), has the solution for many of life's problems. This program is free to all and all are welcome. Fridays 5:00 p.m to 6:30 p.m at the Northport Learning Center, 1740 Northport Dr.

RIVER FOOD PANTRY 2201 DARWIN RD. 608-442-8815 www.theriver-madison.org

Pantry and Free Clothing

Tuesday: 12:00-1:30 p.m and 5:00-6:30 p.m

Thursday: 12:00-1:30 p.m

Registration and Free Clothing

Friday: 5:00-7:00 p.m

Pantry and Dinner

Friday: 6:00 p.m

DONATION HOURS (clothing and food donations)

Monday: 12:00-4:00 p.m

Tuesday: 12:00-7:30 p.m

Thursday: 12:00-6:00 p.m

Friday: 1:00-8:00 p.m

These are just a few examples of the many resources within the community. Not only are there many resources within the community there are extraordinary people who do great things every day. One of these people is the Hmong translator at Northport and Packer Offices. Meet Lily Vang, she has been the the Hmong translator for nearly a year at Northport apartments and Packer Townhouses. This position was created a few years ago to assist many Hmong families that live at these complexes with day to day translations. The hours that Vang works are the following:

Northport Hours:

Mondays: 1:30- 4:30 p.m

Wednesday: 2:00-3:00 p.m

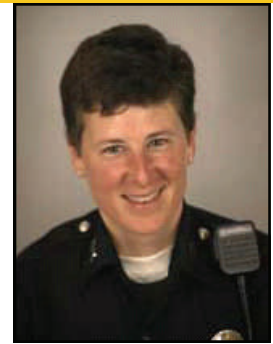
Friday: 2:00-4:00 p.m

Packer Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m 1:00 p.m - 2:00 p.m

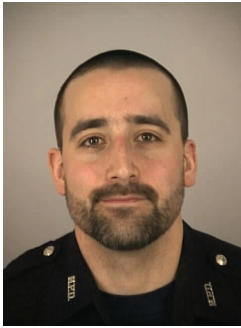
I wish everyone a safe and Happy Holidays.

Neighborhood Officer,
Katie Adler



Police Officer
Katie Adler
Northport/Packers
Neighborhood Officer
245-3679

From The North Community Policing Team



Sergeant
Jason Freedman
Community Policing
Team
243-0542

Hello and Happy Holidays!

I would like to note *some* of our teams' activities in 2009 (January through November):

Felony Drug Arrests:	23	Ordinance Arrests:	156
Felony Other Arrests:	28	Traffic Arrests:	814
Misdemeanor Arrests:	41	Warrants Served:	69
Search Warrants Executed:	9		
Value of drugs/paraphernalia seized:	>\$500,000		
Weapons seized:	2 firearms, 7 knives		

In addition, and not inclusively, we assisted with community events, UW Football games, East High School, patrol calls for service, detective investigations, and recruit academy training.

Every year around this time, the officers of the Madison Police Department participate in a 'shift pick'. While I will not bore you with the minutia of how the pick works, suffice it to say that there usually is a fair amount of movement—officers changing assignments, shifts, and districts.

With the 2010 pick, the North Community Policing Team experienced much change, effective this coming February. Officer Matt Nordquist is moving west and becoming a neighborhood officer on Allied Dr. Officers Ryan Finnegan and Ryan Orvis are heading east to join the East CPT. I accepted an assignment with the Dane County Narcotics and Gangs Task Force. Staying in the unit are Officers Templeton and Bernards. In February Sgt Tom Finnegan (with previous CPT and north side experience), Officer Ken Snoddy (coming from east CPT), and K-9 handler Teresa McKenzie (also with neighborhood, traffic, and north side experience) join the team.

While we are excited to be moving on to our new assignments, it is with no small amount of melancholy that some of us are leaving the north side. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to work with this community over the last two years, and am quite proud to have served with an outstanding group of hardworking, conscientious officers. Nevertheless, I am confident that the reprised north CPT will continue to effect improvements in the quality of life of north side residents.

Thank you,

Sgt. Jason Freedman

Brentwood Neighborhood

I hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season. I recently attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church as Pastor Gerry hosted a dinner as well as a workshop to prepare gifts for individuals at a local nursing home. Please keep in mind that Pastor Gerry hosts a food pantry, if you are in need of assistance. Also, you have access to the River Food Pantry, located at 2201 Darwin Rd.

The annual Toy Tour will be hosted by Star Country radio station this season. This is a great show of generosity by many people in our community. If you are in need of assistance this holiday season, please contact your local JFF (Joining Forces for Families) through Dane County Human Services.

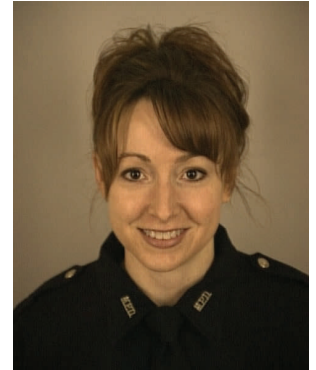
Were you and your family able to make it to the Brentwood Carnival? A recent activity was planned in November, which included face painting, many games and free snacks. The first Brentwood Carnival was held at the Warner Park Community Recreation center. If you missed out on the carnival, please be aware of your children's future school flyers as they were passed out. The Brentwood Transformers hosted the event, which is a group of senior adults and other Brentwood residents, working to provide free, fun activities for residents with assistance from the North/Eastside Senior Coalition (NESCO) and other community partners. Funding is provided by a City of Madison neighborhood grant.

Recently, our neighborhood has been the victim of Thefts from Auto. Do not keep valuables in your vehicle. Remember to lock your vehicle and secure your home, including windows. Please continue to be vigilant in our neighborhood and practice personal safety. Be the extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping your neighbors. If you see suspicious activity or suspicious persons, please report it!

The open-air drug market is still prevalent in our neighborhood. I recently made two significant arrests in the Brentwood Neighborhood, involving Possession of THC (marijuana) as well as executing a search warrant. Let's fight crime together. It is a collaborative effort by police and the community. If you are interested in becoming a leader in our neighborhood, please contact me reference a Brentwood Neighborhood Watch Program.

Enjoy the holidays, be safe and take back your neighborhood!

PO Susie Gonzalez



PO Susie Gonzalez
Brentwood
Neighborhood
Intervention Officer
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If you have a student in your household who has graduated from one of Madison's elementary schools, chances are you have a t-shirt somewhere in your home that reads: Property of Madison C.O.P.S. Classes on Personal Safety. Do you know the whole story behind where that piece of clothing came from?

The Madison Police Department's Safety Education Unit consists of four police officers primarily responsible for teaching Classes on Personal Safety (C.O.P.S.) to 4th and 5th grade students throughout the city's 32 public elementary and five private elementary schools. The curriculum was originally developed and is continually updated by the Madison Police Officers assigned to Safety Education in conjunction with teachers from the Madison Metropolitan School District. Officers teach in each classroom for one hour each week for approximately 16 weeks, or one full semester. Each year, approximately 3,000 4th and 5th grade students in the city of Madison successfully complete our Classes on Personal Safety. That's a lot of t-shirts!!

The Madison Police Department's C.O.P.S. program provides basic information to Madison's 4th and 5th grade students on the following topics:

Self Esteem	Alcohol
Bullying	Tobacco
Internet Safety	Marijuana
Cyber Bullying	Gangs
Protective Behaviors	Resistance

Safety Education Officers' presence in the schools is not limited to delivering the C.O.P.S. program. They also assist principals, teachers, and other school staff members as education, prevention, and, occasionally, enforcement needs arise throughout the school district. It is not uncommon for the Safety Education Officers to attend school assemblies or join their students for lunch, recess, or an occasional field trip. You will also find them reading books to kindergarteners and visiting other primary school classrooms to discuss a variety of safety issues and concerns. The Safety Education Unit acts as a liaison between the police department and the MMSD Safety Patrol program.

MPD's Safety Education Unit operates annually on a small budget from the city, which covers the cost of our workbooks and the C.O.P.S. t-shirts, which each student earns when he or she successfully completes our program. The unit also has a donated funds account, which the officers use to purchase teaching aids such as music and videos, props, and refreshments for our end-of-semester graduation celebration.

If you are interested in making a donation toward the C.O.P.S. program, please visit the Safety Education website at www.cityofmadison.com/police/specialunits/safetyEducation/ You can contact them with questions via email (click on "CONTACT US") or telephone at (608)266-4483. Donations can be sent directly to:

The Safety Education Unit

c/o Captain Susan Williams
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About the North Police District

The North Police District Newsletter is distributed electronically to district employees, area alder persons and other elected officials, business associations, school principals, media, North Side Planning Council members, neighborhood association leaders, North Neighborhood Resource Team members, East Neighborhood Resource Team members, interested citizens and staff of the Madison Police Department. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information about incident reports and criminal cases as well as community events and activities occurring in the North District.

There are 25 neighborhood associations and 3 business associations represented in the North District. Some of the information shared in the newsletter is intended to serve as feedback to those associations on enforcement or problem solving efforts in the community. We are always open to improving the services we provide to north side residents. Your comments can be e-mailed to me or, if you wish to speak in person call me at 245-3652.

The North Police District is one of five geographic areas served by the Madison Police Department. The North District is bounded by Lake Mendota and Maple Bluff to the west, E. Washington Ave. and Highway 30 to the south, and I-90/94 to the east. It also includes the area east of I-90/94 and north of Highway 151 to the Sun Prairie border. You may see the boundaries of the district by visiting our website: www.ci.madison.wi.us/police/north.html. You will also find prior newsletters posted at this site.



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