



# CENTRAL POLICE DISTRICT

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## Problem Oriented Policing Conference: Focus on State Street

September 24-26, 2007 the Madison Police Department hosted the 18th Annual Problem Oriented Policing Conference at the Monona Terrace Convention Center. This conference is an opportunity for police agencies from around the world to come together and discuss problem solving efforts and strategies.

This year the Madison Police Department Central District was asked to present on *Policing Your Main Street*, specifically discussing some of the initiatives for problem solving done on State Street.

The Central District and the State Street area have had a long tradition of officers who have successfully used problem-solving techniques to address the challenges that policing such a dynamic public space presents. State Street is a business district, a public gathering place, a place to voice your opinion, and the hub of the entertainment district for the city. The competition between users demanding their piece of this public space can drive a need for policing resources and collaborative problem solving.

We had a relatively short time with a lot of potential material, so we focused on one issue from each block of

the 24-hour job that State Street presents. The daytime shift focused on panhandling, the evening group focused on alcohol-related violence, and we had a brief discussion of problem solving as it relates to special events. Each of these topics could be a presentation on its own.

The officers who participated in the presentation included Officer Linda Covert, Officer Meredith York, and

Officer Carrie Hemming. They were the representatives for the many officers who have contributed creative, community-based solutions for policing State Street. We opened with a video of State Street compiled by Joel DeSpain, which was designed to take the audience on a



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## CRIME OVERVIEW

### Person Crimes: Robbery

Date	Time	Location	Details
9/1	3:00 am	400 Blk N Pinckney	Three victims walking were confronted by Hispanic male armed with BB gun, pointed it at victims, pushed one victim to ground and grabbed purse. BB gun discharged at male. Suspect fled.
9/18	9:30 pm	600 Blk W Mifflin	Victim walking home attacked by two male blacks, bear hugged, knocked to the ground, punched in the head; wallet and keys stolen. Suspects: male black, early 20s, 5'9"-5'11".
9/19	10:00 pm	100 Blk E Gilman	Female victim walking home approached from behind by male black who asks for cigarette. When victim turns around, suspect grabs her purse and flees. Suspect: male black, 20s, short black hair, 5'7"-5'8", described as dirty.
9/23	2:00 am	500 Blk State St	Victim puts suspect in headlock; one suspect punches victim; another suspect kicks victim who requires stitches. Suspects charged with Substantial Battery.
9/28	11:10 am	800 Blk Regent St	Suspect robs store with threat of a gun; is chased from the scene; later taken into custody in nearby office building. Suspect held on parole hold.

## CRIME OVERVIEW

The following represents an overview of police activity in the Central District. It does not include all cases.

### Person Crimes: Batteries

Date	Time	Location	Details
9/1	11:25 pm	700 Blk State St	Suspect (male black, 5'10", 150, red shirt, blue jeans) came up to victim at Library Mall and struck victim for no reason and fled.
9/1	11:30 pm	700 Blk State St	Male and female attacked by two black males for no reason in Library Mall. Suspect #1: male black, 5'8", 150-170, 20-25.
9/2	10:00 pm	100 Blk W Main	Female victim states she was knocked down and unconscious by door of Paradise Bar that opens on the street. Wakes up to suspect in her purse stealing cash and cell phone. Suspect: male black, 30-40, 5'10", 195, receding hairline.
9/8	1:50 am	1000 Blk W Dayton	Two groups of male college students have confrontation; racial allegations occur. One victim receives stitches for injury. Two arrested for Substantial Battery, one for Battery.
9/9	10:04 pm	10 Blk E Wilson	As family members are assisting Ironman athlete back to hotel after competition, highly intoxicated male and female make contact with family; fight ensues. Two suspects charged with two counts two counts Battery, one count Disorderly Conduct.
9/15	9:00 pm	600 Blk State St	Officers respond to fight inside State Street Brats. OC Spray and taser deployed to break up fight. Officer struck in head by combatant. One suspect charged with Battery to PO, three suspects charged with Disorderly Conduct.
9/15	2:00 am	600 Blk State St	Guardian Angel attempts to break up fight and is battered. Three suspects charged with batter/disorderly conduct.
9/30	2:45 am	500 Blk State St	Victim and suspect get into argument; victim gets kicked, punches suspect, suspect leaves, victim follows. Suspect produces pocket knife and asks why victim is following him. Victim walks away; minor injuries. Suspect: male black, 30, 6', 170, shoulder-length hair in dreadlocks.
9/30	2:00 am	200 Blk N Blair	Unknown suspects attend beer pong party, are asked to leave. Victim discovers X-Box missing. Residents contact suspects, resident battered by one suspect. Suspects: 6 to 10 black males. Battery suspect: 5'11", light skinned.

### Person Crimes: Sexual Assault

Date	Location	Details
9/8	400 Blk W Gilman	Police Officer groped/assaulted by suspect while on foot patrol. Following arrest of suspect for 4th Degree Sexual Assault, officers are approached by patrons of Amy's Café stating suspect had placed knife to throat of someone standing in line at café. Search revealed knife in question; suspect also charged with 2nd Degree Reckless Endangering.
9/9	300 Blk Russell St	Victim and suspect drinking at Mickey's Bar, order pizza, and proceed to victim's apartment. Suspect makes advances, refusing victim's request to stop. Victim contacts dispatch for assistance. Investigation continuing.

### Property Crimes: Burglaries

Date	Location	Details		
9/2	200 Blk Langdon	Residential	Screen torn	Laptop
9/3	500 Blk W Dayton	Residential	Unsecured door	Laptops, Digital camera.
9/3	400 Blk W Mifflin	Residential	Screen cut	Nothing taken
9/3	200 Blk W Gilman	Residential	Hole made in door	Females wake up to suspect in apartment. Nothing taken.
9/5	400 Blk W Gilman	Residential	Unknown	Jewelry

**CRIME OVERVIEW CONTINUED****Property Crimes: Burglaries**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Entry</i>	<i>Targeted/Stolen</i>
9/5	200 Blk E Mifflin	Residential	Unknown	Energy drink
9/5	300 Blk E Johnson	Residential	Unlocked door	Laptop, case, wallet, cash.
9/6	200 Blk N Breatly	Residential	Unknown	Laptops
9/6	100 Blk N Butler	Residential	Screen cut	Book bag, wallet
9/7	400 Blk W Dayton	Residential	Open door	Laptop
9/8	400 Blk W Doty	Residential	Unlocked door	Laptop
9/8	200 Blk N Hamilton	Residential	Balcony	Suspect observed; nothing taken.
9/8	2000 Blk Winnebago	Non-Residential	Screen slashed	Items disturbed; nothing missing.
9/8	200 Blk N Frances	Residential	Screen torn	Knapsack, textbooks, laptop.
9/8	200 Blk N Hamilton	Residential	Attend Party	Speakers, cell phone, 42" TV, Ipod.
9/9	100 Blk E Gorham	Residential	Screen cut	Items moved/unplugged; nothing missing.
9/9	100 Blk Langdon	Residential	Screen removed	Laptop
9/9	500 Blk State St	Residential	Screen removed	Laptops, wallet.
9/9	147 N Hancock	Residential	Unknown	Victim wakes to 2 males in residence stealing items. Games, wallet. Suspects: male blacks, 20s, 5'7"-5'9", 160-170.
9/9	200 Blk N Blair	Residential	Window pried	Laptops, iPod, keys, backpack, camera, change
9/9	100 Blk N Blair	Residential	Screen removed	Laptop (Hebrew keys), backpack, wallet.
9/10	10 Blk N Franklin	Residential	Unlocked door	Laptop, camera.
9/11	900 Blk Spaight St	Residential	Unlocked door	Wallet, cash.
9/11	300 Blk Russell St	Residential	Unknown	Victim discovers male black, 16-17, attempting to disconnect Playstation. Numerous clothing items missing.
9/13	900 Blk Jenifer St	Residential	Window screen removed	Digital camera, laptop, CDs, MP3 player and receiver.
9/14	400 Blk W Dayton	Residential	Screen cut	Laptop
9/14	10 Blk E Gilman	Residential	Unknown	Checkbook
9/16	400 Blk W Wilson	Non-Residential	Unknown	Shed broken into; nothing missing.
9/17	100 Blk W Mifflin	Non-Residential	Window broken	Beer and other items
9/18	100 Blk E Johnson	Residential	Unknown	Victim finds suspect in apartment, attempting to leave through window with guitar. Victim hit suspect's arm who drops guitar and flees. Suspect: white male.
9/22	500 Blk W Main	Residential	Screen removed	Jewelry, passport, duffle bag, checks
9/24	2000 Blk Jenifer St	Non-Residential	Door broken	Cigarettes, ATM machine tampered with. Two black males caught on tape.
9/24	2200 Blk Winnebago St	Non-Residential	Door pried open	Apparently nothing missing.
9/25	2200 Blk Winnebago St	Non-Residential	Door damaged	2nd Attempted B&E; door damaged
9/25	1100 Williamson St	Non-Residential	Kicked in door	Cash
9/25	100 Blk N Randall	Non-Residential	Unknown	Cash
9/28	1300 Blk Randall Ct	Residential	Unlocked window	Laptop
9/29	7100 Blk E Johnson	Residential	Unlocked window	Electric keyboard, 4 cameras, laptop, jewelry.
9/29	1100 Blk E Johnson	Residential	Unknown	Computer, cash
9/29	600 Blk E Johnson	Residential	Unlocked door	Purse
9/30	200 Blk Langdon	Residential	Screen cut	Ipod, laptop, 3 cameras
9/30	100 Blk W Johnson	Residential	Unlocked door	Backpack

## CRIME OVERVIEW CONTINUED

### Person Crimes: Disturbances, Others

Date	Time	Location	Details
9/15	10:00 am	400 Blk State St	Argument between homeless people results in suspect, armed with two steak knives, being charged with Disorderly Conduct While Armed.
9/29	2:00 am	1200 Blk Regent St	Disturbance near plate glass window results in suspect (John LNU, 6'2", 200) punching window, glass flying into face of student who needs stitches.

### Problem Oriented Policing Cont.

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 "tour" of State Street to help frame the presentation and discussion. Problem Analyst Nicole DeMotto compiled the information and introduced the areas presented in a problem solving based model. Lt. Balles and I participated in the discussion. Chief Noble Wray gave opening and closing comments.

The presentation was well received and resulted in Officer York going to State Street the next afternoon for further discussion with participants.

One of the benefits to our department at this type of conference is to learn from other agencies the strategies they have tried for similar situations. As we all know, it can be

very easy to fall into a rut of always using the same responses to problems, when at times a fresh approach is best. The challenge is that once a strategy is suggested, to evaluate it to see that it meets the needs of the community and police. There were many other very informative sessions that provided information on strategies for policing a wide variety of situations. Now the real work starts with evaluating what may work for Madison and finding ways to implement new ideas.

For more information on problem solving, refer to the newsletters done in the summer of 2005, where I discussed problem solving theory as it related to alcohol related violence, or the Center for Problem Oriented Policing website at [www.popcenter.org](http://www.popcenter.org).

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### SAT NOV 3 MAYOR'S ROUNDTABLE

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Mayor's welcome and dynamic workshop series to include partnering with and instituting neighborhood-based programs to address safety, discussing leading neighborhood indicators to measure changes, and brainstorming how to work collectively to involve all residents.

#### WHERE?

CUNA Mutual Group Training Center, 5810 Mineral Point Road

WHEN? Saturday November 3, 8:00 A.M. - NOON

#### HOW CAN YOU GET THERE?

Metro Route 67, call Madison Metro 244-4466 for details. Bike or drive, park onsite.

#### HOW DO YOU SIGN-UP?

Sign up online at [www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods](http://www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods), or call the Planning Division at 267-8727, Ext. 211. Language interpretation, and special food and disability needs on request.

## CAMERA UPDATE

As you may know the Central District had \$100,000 for a year-long safety initiative. One of the components was the purchase and deployment of cameras in public areas with crime and disorder problems. The cameras are now up in the State Street area and on University Avenue with data being sent. This area was chosen for the initial release of the cameras as it continues to lead in the crime statistics in the district. If a need arises in another area of the district, the cameras will be moved to meet the need. The first use of the cameras will be over the weekend of Halloween, supporting the cameras that have been used in the last couple of years. There is still a lot of work to be done; this first use of the equipment will help work out some of the technical issues. In addition to having the technical issues addressed we need to work on the policy issues that guide the use of the new technology.

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