



CENTRAL POLICE DISTRICT

Building Trust Through Community Partnerships

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COMMUNITY OFFICERS MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE NEIGHBORS

There seems to continue to be confusion as to the function of the community police team officers. The five officers and sergeant that are assigned to the Central District team take their direction from the district command staff. While the officers serve several functions the, command staff helps set priorities, among the responsibilities that include problem-solving neighborhood concerns, providing a point of contact for neighbors to communicate with MPD, activities directed at tavern safety checks, dignitary protection assignments, traffic enforcement, and other basic policing functions.

The main function that is visible to the community is the communication and liaison function. The community police officer serves as a point of contact to discuss neighborhood concerns and trends. The officer then shares this information with internal MPD resources to begin to address the concerns in the most efficient manner. The team works a flexible but challenging schedule, working daytime hours on Tuesday, afternoon hours on Wednesday, and evening hours Thursday through Saturday to focus on the alcohol-related issues in the district.

I recently attended a neighborhood meeting with other Central District staff, and it became clear that the residents wanted some basic information to be shared in the neighborhood newsletter, not just the police newsletter. This was important for me to hear, what the neighbors need from the Police Department.

Communication is an interesting thing in this world of instant access to lots of information. It gets easy to make assumptions about the beliefs or needs of others. This reminded me that I need to listen carefully for the underlying need being expressed by the community, at times in ways that don't make sense to me because of how I think and perceive the world. I have a tendency to see the world through the somewhat smoked glasses of being a police officer for 18 years.

In an effort to continue to strive to meet community expectations, we at MPD are going to make an effort to ask. Some of these discussions have already started with conversations with the alders that serve the district, with some neighborhood groups, and some of the leaders of the neighborhood groups. We hope to have a

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CRIME OVERVIEW

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

Person Crimes: Robbery

Date	Time	Location	Details
1/5	3:05 am	Fordem & Sherman	Victim reported two male black suspects grabbed her purse and took off in a 4-door Buick on Sherman Avenue. No plate information.
1/24	7:41 am	100 Blk N Fair-child	Employee entering bank from the ramp is met by suspect who wielded a black handgun. Suspect is 5'6", wearing a blue coat with a hood, and a mask.
1/26	9:00 pm	400 Blk W Mifflin	Homeless victim contacted on State Street by two unknown male blacks who offer to have him come and stay with them. Victim walks with them, and is attacked. Suspect arrested and charged with Strong-Armed Robbery and Battery.

The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information about incidents, criminal activities, and special events occurring in the Central District. If there is information that you would like to see in future editions of the newsletter, please contact Capt. Mary Schauf at mschauf@cityofmadison.com.

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Property Crimes: Burglaries

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Entry</i>	<i>Targeted/Stolen</i>
1/1	200 Blk State St	Non-Residential	Unknown	Liquor, cash.
1/4	519 W Wilson	Residential	Window broken	Computer, Nintendo, TV.
1/10	1200 Blk E Washington	Non-Residential	Window smashed	Cash
1/14	100 Blk W Gorham	Residential	Window broken	Coat, jewelry, cash, IPod
1/17	400 Blk N Frances	Residential	Door kicked in	Laptop, cameras, clothing.
1/18	600 Blk Williamson	Non-Residential	Door forced open	Files tampered with, nothing taken.
1/21	100 Blk W Gilman	Residential	Unknown	Laptop
1/24	100 Blk N Butler	Residential	Screen cut	Clothing, vibrator.
1/26	10 Blk N Hancock	Residential	Door forced open	Jewelry, gold, cash.
1/26	100 Blk E Mifflin	Non-Residential	Unknown	Cash
1/30	1700 Blk Fordem	Non-Residential	Door broken	Cash
1/30	1700 Blk Fordem	Non-Residential	Door broken	Unknown—3 businesses entered.

Person Crimes: Batteries

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Details</i>
1/1	3:35 am	600 Blk University Ave	Intoxicated female bit one of the employees. Suspect charged with Battery and Disorderly Conduct.
1/1	12:57 am	600 Blk University Ave	Officers respond to report of man with a gun. Suspect identified and confronted at gunpoint. No weapon found. Suspect charged with Disorder Con-
1/1	3:29 am	10 Blk W Main St	Victim approached by intoxicated suspect who makes derogatory statements about victim's sexual orientation. Victim "head butted" by suspect. Suspect charged with Battery.
1/4		1200 Blk Williamson St	Officers were dispatched to a fight in progress. Suspect was harassing victims while in the bar and followed them when they attempted to leave, resulting in a fight. One suspect charged with Battery, one charged with Battery and Theft, and one charged with Disorderly Conduct.
1/8	2:43 am	300 Blk N Brooks	Victim sustained cut above eye in altercation with suspect. Suspect arrested and charged with Battery.
1/13	2:20 am	100 Blk State St	Victim was struck multiple times by four black males as he left a bar. Victim stated he didn't know the persons, could not identify them, and had no idea why they struck him.
1/20	5:00 am	400 Blk W Wilson	Officers respond to report of a man with a knife. Suspect charged with DC While Armed, Intimidation of a Victim, and Battery.

Person Crimes: Sexual Assault

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Details</i>
1/17	600 Blk W Main	Victim reports that she and suspect (acquaintances) were in a basement storage locker when suspect attempted to sexually assault her. Suspect located and charged with Attempted Sexual Assault.
1/19	400 Blk W Main	Homeless victim was in apartment. Officers respond to a disturbance and found males reporting victim had been sexually assaulted by another male in the bathroom. Victim was intoxicated. Suspect: male black, 25 to 29, heavy set, shaved head.

CRIME OVERVIEW CONTINUED

Person Crimes: Disturbances, Others

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Details</i>
1/1	3:38 am	602 University Ave	Officers respond to disturbance at Wando's. Suspect was "throwing punches at everyone in the bar." Suspect arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct, Casual Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and several warrants.
1/1	11:24 am	652 State St	Suspect cited for Disorderly Conduct and given State Street Ban after threatening people who refused to give him cigarettes. Has caused numerous disturbances on State Street in the past.
1/8	9:00 am	Jennifer and Division	Victim waiting for bus approached by male in a car who said he wanted to show her something and offered to give her a ride. Drove around the block and then followed her. Suspect got out and asked her to come look at his vehicle. Victim refused and kept walking. Suspect: male Asian, 50 to 60, 6'0", gray hair, white turban, khaki trousers. Vehicle: 4-door white sedan.
1/19	12:20 am	500 Blk W Mifflin	First victim was at a house party and fight ensued outside. Victim followed the fight when he was rushed by 2 to 3 males. Victim was able to get away but sustained a laceration requiring sutures. Suspect: male/ mixed race, short/stocky, possible dark hair. Later second victim, who attempted to break up fight, arrives at hospital with laceration to right abdomen (knife struck liver). Suspect: M/W, 21 to 22, 5'0", stocky, shaved head, baggy dark clothes.
1/19	5:00 pm	100 Blk W Washington	Officers respond to report of disturbance. Suspect has been threatening staff members and another with killing them; also threatened to kill officers. Suspect charged with DC; is on parole from Illinois for attempted homicide.
1/21	9:00 pm	1400 Blk E Main	Report of 70-year-old male contacted four young children wanting to know their address to give them presents. Observed by another adult. Suspect contacted and left. Contact person later found subject on SORP registry. Suspect taken into custody on parole hold.

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dialogue of what the community expects. We will share what we are currently doing, and also discuss the systems and limitations that we must work within.

I would like to share an example of what I mean when I speak of limitations. As police we ask for highly detailed personal information when we are investigating cases. We want to know what started the fight that ended with someone sustaining serious head injuries. This is particularly true when dealing with persons suffering from a mental illness or disorder. Information in this category can be shared with specific providers of services. If there is any danger or continued public threat, limited material can be released to the public at large, but there is often much that cannot be shared. It is not unusual for people to want to have access to all the information the police have gathered. I believe it is a by-product of our ever-increasing access to more detailed information, and underscored by the

distrust of some levels of government seen in the main line media.

Another example is when a citizen will demand that specific actions or enforcement take place. Police are expected to remain neutral and, when appropriate, take action that conforms with the established laws of the land. Some demands simply cannot be met, but I am committed to explaining our course of action or non-action.

This to me is all the more reason to keep the lines of communication open. If we are not providing a service that you need, please share your concern with us. While we may not be able to address the need in the exact way you propose, we can at least try to deliver the service in ways that conform to the set of rules that guide our work.

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