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NEW SQUADS?

The Madison Police Department (MPD) is regularly evaluating equipment for potential upgrade, replacement, or providing new tools for officers and staff to use. MPD will frequently use a pilot study or limited release to test the equipment and ensure it meets the needs for our specific application. Most of the time, these equipment tests are not highly visible to the public—such as reviews of computer software, improved radios, or even uniform items. There will be an evaluation of a particular piece of equipment starting in 2010 that will be much more visible.

Our vehicle fleet for patrol squads has been filled with Ford Crown Victoria police interceptors for quite a few years. Ford Motor Company has indicated that production of this vehicle will cease in the future, so MPD is evaluating other options. A limited number of Dodge Chargers will hit the street for Madison Police in 2010 as a part of this evaluation of other equipment options. There will be two of these vehicles assigned to each district, and with the headquarters for the Police Department

in the same building as the Central District, you will most likely see even more of them in the downtown area. These squads will have MPD markings and emblems, although the overall shape of the vehicle is different than what you are accustomed to for MPD. You may have seen these Dodge Chargers operated as police squads by other jurisdictions. This evaluation of equipment will not have an impact on the service provided by MPD, only in how the officers get to their calls for service.



TRAFFIC LAW CHANGE: U-TURNS

In a past edition of the newsletter, there was a traffic law piece on proper turning movements. One of the movements discussed was the U-turn, specifically that a U-turn could not be lawfully executed at a signal-controlled intersection, whether or not a sign was posted prohibiting the movement.

This is one of those traffic laws that people did not seem to understand. In some other states, the turn is legal at a controlled intersection, and adding to the confusion signs indicating no U-turn are posted at some but not all signal-controlled

intersections. This led to the belief by some not as familiar with the law that turns were only restricted at some signal-controlled intersections.

Starting January 1, 2010, the law on U-turns at controlled intersections will change. The changes are detailed in Wisconsin Act 97 and will permit U-turns at signal-controlled intersections, unless a sign is posted that prohibits the turn.

There will be some basic rules to make the turn safely. Drivers will need to approach the turn from the leftmost turn lane, the same as you

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CRIME OVERVIEW

Person Crimes: Robbery

Date	Time	Address	Details
11/1	2:30 am	Gorham & University	The victim was punched by a white male. After being punched, the suspect took the victim's cell phone and wallet. No other descriptions available.
11/7	8:46 pm	400 Blk S Thornton Ave	A female was inside a tavern when another woman asked the victim if she would walk her to her vehicle parked in the area. As the two females walked out, the victim was then robbed by an apparent associate of the female, a male black, 40 to 50 years old, 6'0" to 6'2", wearing a dark green jacket. Note that the circumstances of this case as reported are somewhat suspicious.
11/6	4:34 pm	500 Blk N Pinckney	A woman was walking to her vehicle when she heard footsteps come up behind her and someone grabbed her purse. The suspect placed a screwdriver against the victim's neck and demanded her purse. Stolen was the purse, a cell phone, and cash. Suspect at large.
11/22	12:45 am	200 Blk N Broom	The victim and a friend were walking when the victim was pushed down from behind, and the suspect (male Hispanic, 20-25, 5'7", heavier build, bald) attempted to take her purse. Suspect gestured to another male Hispanic male on the opposite side of the street. Suspects fled after incident..

Person Crimes: Batteries

Date	Time	Address	Details
11/1	12:19 am	Lake at Johnson	A group of individuals had attended Freakfest from out of town. The male victim in this case was in an argument with an associate only known to him by the first name who punched him in the face and caused him to fall to the ground. Suspect at large.
11/1	1:56 am	State St	During the State Street event on Halloween, the victim reported that the suspect (unknown male, 5 feet tall, 130 to 140 pounds, brown hair) had a backpack costume with a hose coming out of it and a purple liquid in a syringe. The suspect poked the victim with the syringe. The victim witnessed the suspect also poke two other individuals.
11/1	2:58 am	900 Blk Spring St	The victim in this case went to assist a man who was knocked down in a fight. He was then struck and knocked to the ground by the suspect (male white, 19 to 20 years old, approximately 6 feet tall)..
11/1	2:16 am	400 Blk W Doty	A man was involved in a physical dispute with a female on a porch when some other men interceded and attacked him.
11/1	3:07 am	400 Blk W Gorham	An individual in a Halloween mask walked into a friend's apartment. A dispute broke out, and the suspect struck his friend; suspect charged with battery.
11/1	3:23 am	900 Blk E Johnson	An individual was at a house party when another person at the house party head butted the individual in the face, causing injury.
11/1	12:35 am	S. Bassett St.	An individual was walking toward State St. on Bassett St. when an individual dressed in a costume punched him in the face for no apparent reason.
11/3	11:27 am	600 Blk Wisconsin	An individual assaulted an associate by striking him with a skateboard.
11/5	8:40 pm	Hamilton & Johnson	A female who was riding the bus was contacted and later struck by a male who she knew from high school. The suspect was later contacted by officers and arrested for battery.

CRIME OVERVIEW CONTINUED

Person Crimes: *Batteries*

Date	Time	Address	Details
11/5	2:15 am	600 Blk University	The suspect entered a bar after closing time and demanded a drink. When the drink was refused, the suspect punched some individuals in the bar. The suspect was arrested for battery.
11/9	9:05 am	1000 Blk Williamson	The victim had stepped outside his apartment when he was attacked for no apparent reason by another resident. The suspect was arrested for battery, intimidation of a victim, and probation violation.
11/9	1:32 am	500 Blk University	A group of men were in a verbal altercation outside of a bar. The four men then broke into a physical fight, and the victims were punched, held in a headlock, and punched in the head. Arrests made.
11/9	10:29 pm	1600 Blk Fordem	The victim was battered with a metal rod by the suspect causing a head injury that required medical treatment.
11/11	6:57 pm	300 Blk N Henry	The suspect was arrested after strangling and battering his domestic partner who live together in the back of a van.
11/12	7:13 pm	CCB	A dispute in the Juvenile Reception Center resulted in one male hitting another male and being arrested for a battery.
11/12	11:45 pm	500 Blk State St	The bouncer at a bar was monitoring the door for a private party at the establishment when a black male tried to push his way into the bar past the bouncer. When the bouncer refused to allow him entry, he was punched in the face.
11/14	1:00 am	500 Blk N Lake St	The victim stated that a suspect who he believed was the main character on a TV show had battered him while inside the Kollege Klub.
11/15	2:00 am	400 Blk N Frances	Suspect arrested for battering victim during an incident at the Red Shed.
11/15	2:25 am	500 Blk State St	The victim was battered by the suspect (male Black, 30-35, 6'0") in front of The Pub. Victim lost consciousness and could not provide further details.
11/17	9:00 am	1100 Blk Regent St	The suspect was arrested for battering an officer after the suspect had fled Meriter Hospital.
11/21	2:25 am	600 Blk E Mifflin	The suspect came to the residence of the victim and attacked him. Probable Cause on file for battery and disorderly conduct.
11/22	6:30 pm	600 Blk E Washington	A disturbance at the Salvation Army resulted in the arrest of four suspects for various charges including unlawful trespass and battery after the victim was attacked.
11/27	5:15 pm	400 Blk W Dayton	The suspect was charged with Battery and Domestic DC for an incident involving his sister.
11/29	2:30 am	300 Blk N Lake	Three victims were battered during a fight at the UW parking ramp. The suspects were described as three Asian males, approximately 20 to 25 years of age.

CRIME OVERVIEW

Disturbances—Other

Date	Time	Address	Details
11/14	2:20 am	500 Blk N Lake St	The suspect was arrested and charged with DC While Armed after confronting some Michigan fans with a knife.
11/18	10:00 am	1000 Blk E Dayton	The suspect was arrested and charged with CCW (Dangerous Weapon on School Premises) when he was observed playing with a knife in a restroom.
11/21	11:50 pm	300 Blk N Frances	The suspect was arrested and charged with DC While Armed and CCW for an incident where he displayed a knife.

Property Crimes: Burglaries

Date	Location	Type	Entry	Targeted/Stolen
11/1	300 Blk N Brooks	Residential	Unlocked door	UW currency, prescription medication
11/2	40 Blk N Mills	Residential	Kicked in door	Macbooks, chargers, headphones
11/5	1100 Blk E Wilson	Residential	Basement garage	Plasma TV
11/6	100 Blk N Bedford	Residential	Unknown	Debit card, beverage
11/7	600 Blk N Lake St	Residential	Glass panels broken	Sneakers, iPod, cell phones, Blackberry
11/7	20 Blk S Broom	Residential	Unlocked window	Laptop
11/9	1200 Blk Williamson	Non-Residential	Storage area	Electric tools (saws, drills, etc.)
11/10	1200 Blk Williamson	Non-Residential	Smashed window	Cash from register
11/14	500 Blk W Doty St	Residential	Unlocked door	Laptops
11/14	600 Blk W Washington	Residential	Window broken	X-Box, Laptop, X-Box Plug and Play Kit, baseball hats, iPod connection cord, mouse adapter
11/14	10 Blk S Bassett	Residential	Window broken	Compaq, X-Box, controller, X-Box games, two checkbooks

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would approach a left turn. Backing is *not* permitted during the turn. If your vehicle has a wide turning radius, there may be intersections that you will not be able to make the turn. In other areas of limited visibility of less than 500 feet, such as curves or hillcrests, U-turns will be prohibited.

As with other turning moves, you will need to yield to through traffic. Those on intersecting streets wishing to turn right on red will need to yield to the U-turning vehicle. Vehicles will also be allowed to pass a left turning vehicle on the right on a paved shoulder.



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