

## Introduction

This newsletter is distributed by e-mail to district personnel, area alders, neighborhood groups and other interested citizens. The purpose of this newsletter is to share information about police incidents, community events and general police operations and will focus mostly on events taking place in the East Police District.

The mailing list of recipients has been developed from a variety of sources and I again encourage everyone to send me addresses of anyone else that you may hear of that is interested in receiving the newsletters.

## EAST POLICE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

The East Police District is one of five geographical areas served by the Madison Police Department. The East District coverage area extends from Lien Road (south of East Towne Mall) on the north to the McFarland Village limits on the south. The west boundary is Lake Monona including the Division St and Olbrich Park area all the way east to the City limits east of Sprecher Road.

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Greetings,

Do you ever see a convergence of police in your neighborhood and wonder what happened? Please feel free to call or email me with the time, date and location. I will be happy to let you know why police were in the area. My email is [jkclubertanz@cityofmadison.com](mailto:jkclubertanz@cityofmadison.com).

If you have any general questions about policing or our policies that you would like to see answered in the newsletter for everyone, please email them to me.

Captain Jill Klubertanz

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## **BURGLARIES, THEFTS, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY REPORTS (Reported since March 1)**

### RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- 3038 Progress, Pizza Hut of Southern Wi., 3/1 overnight, Trailer broken into. 3 knives and 3 cutting boards taken.
- Camden Rd, 3/12, Furniture was moved and footprints were found on the hardwood floors. No forced entry and nothing could be found missing .
- Camden Rd. 3/20, No sign of forced entry. A couple of DVD's taken.
- Georgiana Cir. , 3/28, Residence had been ransacked and cash was stolen. Screen removed on open window.

### NON - RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- 1501 S. Stoughton Rd. Universal Presentation, 3/7, Entry by damage to exterior door.
- Robertson Rd., Tower MRL, 3/9, No forced entry. An overhead door was left open.
- Brothers 3 Bar, 614 N. Fair Oaks, No sign of forced entry. Safe and money taken. Gambling machines broken into.
- 4509 Cottage Grove Rd. Stark Realty, 3/21, Laptops taken.

### THEFTS

- Attempted Theft: 1300 Rosedale, On 3/19 at 10 pm a resident saw a black male juvenile on a bike trying

car doors in the area. The juvenile then walked up to the residents garage door. The resident went out and confronted the juvenile. He fled on foot. His bike was taken into custody.

- Mayfair Av., 3/13, Fishing equipment stolen from the open bed of truck. Items taken included an ice shanty, augers, poles, tackle and propane heater.
- James St. A 16' Old Town Discovery Canoe green in color had been stolen from the property.
- Theft From Truck, Walsh Rd. Occurred between 3/12-19. Over \$20,000 of equipment taken from unlocked truck.
- Theft From Auto , Camden Rd. 3/23, Stereo equipment taken from it which was later recovered in the back yard area of her apartment building.
- Theft From Auto 4416 Pflaum Rd. MAACO , 3/24, Vehicle left at the business had the stereo stolen from it while it was parked in the lot.

#### LAFOLLETTE HIGH SCHOOL (ERO Doberstein)

- On 3/1, a rumor surfaced of a student having a firearm in the school. The 15 yr old student was contacted and consented to search of his person and locker. Admits talking about the specs and price of an AK47, but never said anything about having a firearm. No charges.
- On 3/1, a 14 yr old male student battered a 15 yr old male student because he did not pay him \$10 for a hat he sold him. The 14 yr old was charged with Substantial Battery.
- On 3/13, an officer was monitoring traffic at the end of the school day. She observed a 16 yr old LaFollette student pulling out of the school lot onto Pflaum. He driver accelerated so fast, he spun out his car and ended up stopped across Pflaum on a hill blocking traffic in both directions. The driver was cited for Reckless Driving. It is the 3rd time this officer has contacted him regarding unsafe driving behavior.
- On 3/20, a fight involving 4 students broke out in front of the school. Six officers responded to break up the fight. Apparently two brothers, 14 and 15 decided to fight a 16 yr old who had called them names. The 16 yr old agreed to the fight. The brothers and the 16 yr old are members of rival gangs and were yelling gang related statements during the fight. Even as officers led them away, handcuffed, they continued to yell at each other that this fight wasn't over. All were arrested for Battery and Disorderly Conduct.
- On 3/22, Off. Doberstein heard school staff calling on the radio for a large disturbance at a spot where 2 main hallways intersect. It was between classes and several hundred kids pass through this area. As the officer approached the area, several hundred kids were packed in trying to see the disturbance. The officer had to pull kids out of the way to reach the staff calling for help. When the officer reached the middle of the crowd he saw one staff member physically restraining a 15 yr old female who was continuing to try to fight another girl. Another 15 yr old girl was trying to pull the girl away from the staff member. Another staff member was keeping third 15 yr old girl in a near by room to prevent further fighting. It would eventually take 8 additional officers and 10-15 school staff members to clear the area. Two other girls who had been involved in the original fight were escorted to the principal's office where they began to fight. In the end, it was determined that 3 girls had confronted another girl and her friend because the girl had been telling others that one of the 3 girls was trying to steal her boyfriend. The 3 girls didn't like her comments so they decided to fight her. All 5 girls were charged with Disorderly Conduct.
- On 3/22, a 17 yr old male student was arrested for battery after he punched a 16 yr old male student in the groin while on the bus outside of the school. He gave no reason for the punch and witnesses stated it was unprovoked. The victim stated he has been bullied by the other student in the past.

#### GRAFFITI

- 711 Cottage Grove Rd, Lussier YMCA , 3/13, The letters were spray painted with black and gray paint on a detached storage shed.
- 99 S. Stoughton Rd. Eastside Transmission , 3/12, Gang related symbols were spray painted with blue paint on the south side overhead doors
- Woodman's discovered graffiti on their building on 3/10. The words were gang related.
- Hwy 51 at Milwaukee, 3/13, graffiti on bridge wall near ramp. Words were gang related.

#### BANK ROBBER ARRESTED

- The Amcore bank at 3003 E. Washington was robbed on Feb. 28. Thanks to the superior cameras that this

bank uses, we had several exceptionally clear pictures of the suspect. He was easily identified by showing the photos to Dane County Jail staff. Officers began to keep an eye on the suspect's residence on E. Washington Ave. On March 1, at about 5:30p, an officer spotted the suspect car at this residence. Christopher Coster was taken into custody without incident.

#### FALSE REPORT OF GUN INCIDENT LEADS TO ARREST

- On 3/8, at 3:45 am, several officers responded to a call involving a gun in an apartment in the 1600 blk of N. Thompson Dr. The caller was reporting that there was a man in his apartment who was threatening him with a gun. While the officers were responding, another male got on the phone and told the dispatcher that he did not have a gun and was not threatening the caller. Both sounded intoxicated. The caller first gave an apartment number that did not exist. He then gave another apartment number. That resident was awakened and allowed police to check her apartment, but clearly was not involved in this incident. During this time, the resident manager was standing by to assist as needed and at least one other resident was not allowed to enter the building until police could determine there was no safety issue. The caller had called from a cell phone. The sergeant on the scene called the cell phone several times and each time the person hung up. Eventually the person told the sergeant that the call was a prank and he didn't know why were taking it so seriously. The next day, officers were able to identify the caller and take him into custody. The 23 yr old man was charged with Misuse of the 911 System and Disorderly Conduct.

#### ATTEMPTED CHILD ENTICEMENT

- On March 12 at 10:35 am, a 13 yr old girl was waiting for a bus at the East Transfer Point. The girl reported that a man approached her and struck up a conversation. She reported that he then grabbed her arm and told her she had to come with him. The girl pulled away and entered a nearby bus. She stated there were several busses stopped at the Transfer Point during this incident. She described the suspect as a black male, 6'2", 20 yrs old, short braided hair and mustache.

#### SUSPICIOUS PERSON

- On March 5, a woman reported seeing an older man driving slowly down the street. The man seemed to be watching a teenage girl who was walking in the area. The man drove by a second time, again focused on the girl. The woman pointed at the man indicating she was watching him and he left the area. Based on the license plate obtained by the woman, the driver is a 65 yr old man who lives in another town. The man was contacted and stated he just happened to be in the area and drove through the neighborhood because he used to live there several years ago and was reminiscing. The man has a prior arrest for 4th Degree Sexual Assault and Lewd & Lascivious Behavior. He was driving a silver, Sonoma truck.

#### JUVENILES ARRESTED

- On 3/8, a cab driver was two brothers, ages 10 & 11, home from an after school program. The brothers began to swear and kick the windows, seats and doors. When the driver tried to tell them to stop, they began to pull his hair and take his things from the front seat. When officers arrived, the juveniles were still yelling and kicking the inside of the cab. The juveniles were arrested and taken to the East District Station for processing prior to being released to a guardian. While at the station, one of the boys tried several times to spit on the officers. Both were charged with Disorderly Conduct.

#### MAN TRIES TO ATTACK WOMAN

- On 3/22 at approx. 11pm, a woman was driving with her newborn child in the car when she stopped at the flashing red light on Sprecher at Cottage Grove Rd. She saw a grey Ford Explorer stopped in front of her. The male driver got out of the explorer and walked back to her car and began to try to open her car door. Fortunately, her car door was locked, but her window was down a few inches. When the man tried to reach into her window, she rolled the window up and the man punched her window. As the woman began to drive away, the man kicked her door. The woman was able to drive around the man's car and flee the area. She came to the East District Station and contacted an officer in the parking lot.
- Please call the East District Station, 266-4887, if you know who this man might be. The grey Ford Explorer

was described as being newer with some type of net hanging down near the rear axle.

- The man is described as a white male in his 30's, 6', 230. He has short brown hair about 1 inch long that was described as a "grown out army look". He has a very thin and trimmed goatee and mustache. He was wearing a grey spring jacket with a 3" black stripe across the chest. His eyes were described as looking like he may have been on drugs.

#### ARMED ROBBERY

- On 3/17, a female reported being robbed in the lot of the Mobil Station at 3019 E. Washington. The victim and her friend live outside of Madison and went to a bar in another town where they met a man. The 3 went to one of the female's resident where they continued to drink. The victim decided she wanted to come to Madison to get a tattoo and the 3 came to Madison stopping at the Mobil station to get directions to a tattoo business. After the victim went in to ask the clerk directions, she came out and walked up to a car parked nearby with several men in it. The female claims she was only asking them directions, when they pulled her into the car, took her money, coat and cell phone and pushed her out of the car while they were driving away. The friend of the victim only saw the victim fly out of the car as it drove away. The victim did sustain injuries. The victim did not want to report the incident to the police, but the friend called police.

#### MAN WITH A GUN CALLED IN

- On 3/12, a resident of Center St. called police because he saw a man walking down the street carrying a handgun. He saw the man take the gun out, load it and return it to his pants pocket. Officers located a 15 yr old male who matched the description. The boy had found a pellet gun along the sidewalk and had picked it up and decided to take it home. He was looking at it when the resident saw him. The pellet gun was confiscated and the boy counseled as to possession of the pellet gun and the dangers of carrying a pellet gun that looks like a real gun.

#### ARMED ROBBERY REPORTED

- On 3/23 at approx. 6pm a male and female were stopped in their car near Milwaukee and Fair Oaks. They reported that a man approached their vehicle and stated he had a gun and robbed them of about \$100. The incident is believed to be drug deal that went bad and the "dealer" took their money. The suspect was contacted at another location and arrested.

#### SUSPICIOUS MAN NEAR LAKE EDGE PARK

- On 3/24, several children reported a suspicious man about 50 yrs old sitting in a red pick up truck staring at them. The man made no attempt to contact the kids. A parent was able to get the plate and police later saw the man again near the park. The man was contacted and denied being near the park earlier. He refused to exit his vehicle and struggled with police during the arrest. The man is believed to have mental health issues. He lives on the East side. He has not had any negative contacts with the police in the past and has never been arrested prior to this incident.

#### ROBBERY

- On 3/19 at 3:45 am, the PDQ at 4202 Milwaukee St. reported that a black male with a scarf tied across his face had started to enter the store, but fled when the front door buzzed as it opened. The clerk saw another black male with his face covered, join the first and they ran across the lot. When police arrived they found a 79 yr old man sitting on the side of the lot with a head injury. Apparently when the 2 suspects ran from the store, they saw the man who was returning to his car on the far side of the lot. They knocked him down and dragged him to the side of the store. They took his wallet. He was conveyed to a local hospital where he was treated and released.

#### TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT - KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE

- Data shows that the largest number of traffic accidents happen on Hwy 51, specifically at the intersections

of Hwy 51 and Buckeye and Hwy 51 and Hwy 30. East officers have been asked to focus their traffic enforcement efforts along the Hwy 51 corridor. Most of these accidents are involved a vehicle running into the rear end of another vehicle. The largest contributing factor to this type of accident is a vehicle following too close. Do you remember the guidelines for a safe distance between you and the car ahead? There are two ways to calculate it. One is: Leave one car length for every 10 mph of speed. So if you are traveling 50 mph, you should leave 5 car lengths between you and the car in front of you. Another way to figure it is: Pick a spot in the road (a line, a tar mark, etc.) When the car in front of you passes over that spot, begin counting; one-thousand-one, one-thousand-two, one-thousand-three. If your car passes over the spot before you get to one-thousand-three; you are following too close.

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## MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT DOES THE MATH

The Madison Police Department is currently authorized to have 408 commissioned personnel (officers). So do you ever wonder where they all are? Let's do the math.

Starting at the top we have Chief Wray, Assistant Chief Gaber and Assistant Chief Davenport. Chief Gaber oversees the Operations side of the Department: patrol, detectives, investigators, etc. Chief Davenport oversees the Support side of the Department: personnel, training, parking & traffic enforcement, records, technology, etc. One Lieutenant reports directly to Chief Wray. This is the Professional Standards and Internal Affairs Lieutenant. He investigates complaints made against officers. That makes 4.

The easiest way to discuss these areas is by Captain. There are 9 captains, each overseeing a specific area.

### Support and Traffic:

- This captain oversees the following areas. Traffic Crash Specialists consists of 3 officers who investigate fatal and very serious injury crashes and very serious hit and runs. Parking enforcement consists of 28 parking enforcement officers. Although called "officers", these folks are actually civilians and are not part of the 408 commissioned officers we will be discussing here. The Traffic Enforcement Team is made up of one sergeant and 6 officers. Court Services is made up of one sergeant and 6 officers. These officers process the traffic citations and city ordinance citations written by the entire Department. The school crossing guards also fall under this Captain. There is one lieutenant who assists in planning special events. The big ones like Halloween and Mifflin Block Party and all the little ones like Crazy Legs and Paddle and Portage. This captain also has 1 other lieutenant that assists him with these areas. That makes 21 commissioned personnel in this area.

### Personnel and Training:

- There are only 3 police agencies in Wisconsin that have their own academies to train new officers. They are State Patrol, Milwaukee and Madison. The captain in this area has 1 lieutenant, 2 sergeants and 4 officers. This small group of officers oversees our academy of 20-30 new officers and provides ongoing training for all of our current officers. This captain also oversees personnel issues such as injured or disabled officers. There are also 4 Safety Education officers assigned here. These officers teach a program in every 6th grade class in the City. That makes 12 commissioned personnel in this area.

### Records, Planning and Technology

- This captain has one lieutenant and one sergeant. Together they oversee close to 50 civilian staff. They manage all of our police reports and other records. They manage all of our technology (computers, radio system, wireless network, squad cars and equipment, etc). Some of this staff works in our property room maintaining all of our evidence. That makes 3 commissioned personnel working in this area.

So there are a total of 36 commissioned personnel in the support half of the Department. Let's go to the remaining 6 captains who work on the operations side.

#### Districts:

- Each of the 5 Districts has a captain and two lieutenants. This command staff oversees the patrol officers, detectives, neighborhood officers, community policing team and educational resource officer (officer working in the high school). The number of officers working in each District is determined by their needs. This is based on number of calls for service, population, square miles of land, special needs neighborhoods, etc. There are 4 canine officers that are available city wide to assist with searching for drugs, searching buildings for burglars and making apprehensions of dangerous persons.
- In the East District, besides our command staff, we have 4 and 1/2 sergeants (we share a sergeant with the North District), 27 patrol officers, 1 ERO (officer at LaFollette), 1 neighborhood officer (Worthington Park) and 3 community policing team officers. The Community Policing Team is a group of officers that are available to work special problems, like drug houses, gang problems, crime patterns, etc. All of the Districts have their own Community Policing Team except East and North. We share a team because there are not enough officers for each of us to have our own team. In regard to the officers that respond to your calls and patrol your neighborhoods: during the day and night shifts, 4 officers serve the entire East District. During the evening shift, 5 officers serve the entire East District. If an emergency call comes in while our officers are tied up on other calls, officers from a neighboring district will respond. But if your call is not of an emergency nature, you may find yourself waiting for an officer to become available to assist you.

There are 301 commissioned personnel assigned to the 5 Districts.

#### Investigative Services:

- This captain oversees the criminal intelligence area that has 1 sergeant, 1 detective specializing in gangs and 3 officers. He also oversees our personnel in the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. We contribute 1 lieutenant, 1 sergeant, 4 detectives and 5 officers to this multi-jurisdictional team. This captain oversees the 4 court detectives who process all of the criminal arrests made by our Department. He also oversees the Forensic Unit (our version of CSI) consisting of 1 lieutenant, 1 computer forensic detective and 11 investigators. There is also 1 crime prevention officer and 1 crime stopper officer that works in this area. That makes 36 commissioned personnel in this area.

#### Officer In Charge:

- There are 3 lieutenants that serve as shift supervisors. They oversee the ongoing activities in the entire City during their shift.

There are a total of 340 commissioned personnel assigned to the Operations half of the Department.

If you added up all of the personnel currently working, you would come up with 380 commissioned personnel.

But remember I said we are currently authorized to have 408 commissioned personnel. So where are the other 28.

Well, 3 are on long term disability or suspension and are not expected to return. But we still carry them in our numbers even though they are not available to us.

We had 11 resignations and 4 retirements in 2006.

The Council authorized us to add 10 spots in 2007.

**BUT HERE IS THE PROBLEM.**

The Council generally only allows us to hire to replace existing vacancies. We are about to hire a new class to fill those vacancies listed above. But these officers won't be out on the street until after they completed their training in January of 2008. During that 8 months of training, more officers typically retire or resign. But their positions will sit vacant until the following year. We also typically have new officers who do not complete the academy for a

variety of reasons. That adds to unfilled vacancies. To the Council's credit, they have begun to allow us to over hire up to 5 positions to help with unexpected personnel losses. But looking at the numbers below, you can see this has a minimal impact.

If we take out the 10 additional spots authorized for this year, we are still currently short 18 positions. This number will grow with the 2007 retirements and resignations.

Add onto this number the 10 - 15 officers who are injured or on family leave at any given time.

When we are short of officers, it typically impacts the officers available to answer calls and patrol your neighborhood. All of the commissioned personnel serve vital functions to provide you with a quality service. The patrol function is one of the most vital and these are the officers you see the most. However, due to the nature of their work, the patrol officers can fill in vacancies occurring in different beats and shifts across the city. This ability to move them around to fill vacancies makes them the most vulnerable to staffing shortages.

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### **City of Madison Police Auction**

Held in conjunction with the Dane County Sheriff's Department and other  
Dane County Law Enforcement Agencies.

May 5, 2007

Viewing starts at 8 AM, Bidding begins at 9 AM

Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall

Visit [http://www.cityofmadison.com/events/police\\_auction.html](http://www.cityofmadison.com/events/police_auction.html) to find further  
information about terms of sale and items to be sold.

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That's all for now.  
Be careful. Be safe.

Captain Jill Klubertanz  
East District  
Madison Police