



Captain's Corner

by Capt. Tom Snyder

Welcome to Spring! It seemed like a long winter, and I am happy to see the longer days and warmer weather. In this edition of the East District Newsletter, you will see several short articles that address some of the problems we face as the season changes. The important thing to remember – our citizens are truly the eyes and ears of the police department. We are often asked when is it appropriate to dial 911, and when is it not. Examples of when to call 911 include: medical emergencies, fires, domestic violence situations, burglary, theft, or other crimes in progress, car crashes, and suspicious behavior in your neighborhood. If you think it might be appropriate to call 911, trust your instincts.



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We also encourage citizens to call us when they have information that might help us solve a crime. The Crime Stoppers Program has proven extremely successful over the years. Residents can call 266-6014 to report an anonymous tip, or they can go thru the MPD website to provide web-based tips. Last month, we began a new initiative. We are now utilizing “Tip Soft SMS” Software. SMS stands for Short Message Service - often called text messaging. Tip Soft SMS technology is being utilized by law enforcement agencies around the country. The new tool should be easy to use, particularly for those who have text message experience. Citizens send tips by first texting the keyword “DANE”. Next they put in a message of up to 160 characters.

Tips are sent to “CRIMES” (274637). In seconds, a confirmation reply is sent back. It will include an alias for the tipster, and this alias is how the tipster will be known to law enforcement - so correspondence can be completely anonymous. Text tips and Web Tips can be sent in both English and Spanish. For more information on this new service, Crime Stopper Coordinator Officer Paul Jacobsen can be contacted at pjacobsen@cityofmadison.com.

The Madison Police Department will once again conduct a city-wide community survey by District. The survey can be filled out electronically, but we will also select neighborhoods later this spring in which personnel will deliver hard copies for completion. Ideally, we are hoping for several hundreds responses. I believe this survey will help us better understand what is occurring in your neighborhood and your feelings related to safety and priorities for the MPD. If you or someone you know does not have access to a computer, please call 266-4887 for a hard copy of the survey. The survey will soon be posted on the East District homepage at: www.cityofmadison.com/Police/east.

Please take the opportunity to visit the new and improved Madison Police Website at www.madisonpolice.com. A great deal of effort has gone into making this a more user friendly and informative site. You may want to visit the “East District” section.” Here you will find a map of our district which shows which of our Community Policing Officers are responsible for the areas in which you live and work.

East District Traffic Enforcement & Neighborhood Traffic Enforcement

by Lt. Carl Strasburg

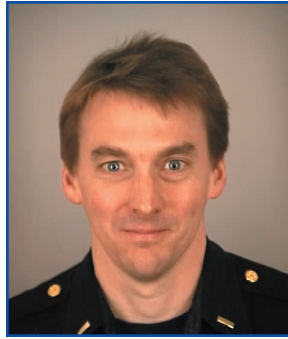
One important goal for the Madison Police Department and the East District is traffic enforcement. We have received feedback from citizens that

speeding and reckless driving is a high priority, and a responsibility that we need to focus on. We also have a high expectation that our officers spend time conducting traffic enforcement in a reasonable, firm and fair manner as their time allows.

We emphasize enforcement efforts in areas that have experienced high crash rates, around school zones, and other locations identified by citizens. Some of these areas include: Highway 51, East Washington Avenue, Pflaum Road and Milwaukee Street. With over 250 miles of streets in the East District, it is extremely challenging and nearly impossible for us to address issues on all of our residential neighborhood streets. Yet we all know that speed and dangerous driving in our neighborhoods is dangerous and should not be tolerated.

So, we are asking for your assistance to help keep our neighborhoods safe! We would like to involve you in our traffic enforcement efforts. Here is what we would like to do. Any neighborhood association, block or just a group of concerned neighbors would identify to us an area of traffic concern. If this area is chosen, we would have either an officer or qualified police intern join them to assess their concerns using equipment such as a speed board or laser speed-measuring device. Then, based on our findings our officers would coordinate future enforcement activities. The data collected would be shared with the group in order to bring awareness to the traffic concern. This process is not labor intensive and would give neighbors a chance to work together with us to educate and/or provide a proper traffic enforcement plan. Please give this some consideration, talk to your neighbors, and then contact me with your interest.

On another note State Statue 346.94 (16) regulates the use of radio or other electronic sound amplification from a motor vehicle. These are often referred to as "boom cars" and state statue allows the police to issue a citation (\$96.40) for this violation to the owner of a violating vehicle. Police can issue these citations after the fact, when a citizen obtains ample information that substantiates probable cause that the state statue was violated. The Madison Police Department offers training for citizens who are interested. These trainings can



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be held at our East Station for any citizen who wishes to report a vehicle noise problem. If you find yourself annoyed by a loud vehicle cruising through your neighborhood and want to do something about it, let me know and we will be more than willing to organize future training sessions based on demand.

If you are interested in either of the above initiatives, I can be contacted by email at cstrasburg@cityofmadison.com or phone at 261-9112.

Child Neglect in Wisconsin

by Lt. Melissa Schiferl

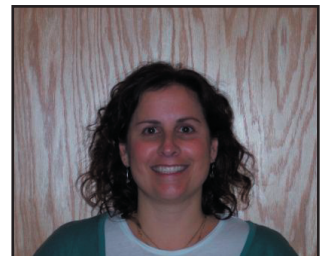
Prior to March 2008, Neglect under the Wisconsin Statutes was a misdemeanor. This meant that the maximum incarceration was less than one year per charge. In March 2008, the

Legislature created three additional subsections to the statute under which adults could be prosecuted. A felony charge carries a minimum of one year of incarceration in the prison system if convicted. To put it into context, before March 2008, you could neglect your dog and be charged with a felony but neglecting your child would result in a misdemeanor. The Dane County District Attorney's Office along with the Madison Police Department has jointly agreed to investigate and prosecute these cases zealously.

In order to educate the community, Detective Maya Krajcinovic has created a one-hour training on the subject of child maltreatment. The training includes identifying signs and symptoms of neglect, with the primary audience of child care providers. Since Detective Krajcinovic is state certified in Child Maltreatment, this course will count towards childcare providers bi-annual state mandated training. Detective Krajcinovic also provides trainings on the subjects of child sexual assault, physical abuse and Abusive Head Trauma (shaken baby syndrome). All trainings are provided free of charge to the public. If you are interested, please contact Detective Krajcinovic at 267-1138 or mkrajcinovic@cityofmadison.com for further training information.



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Theft from Autos

by Sgt. Chuck Weiss

As the weather warms up, activity in our neighborhoods tends to increase. One crime problem we often deal with is theft from autos. Many of these crimes tend to happen in clusters. Often groups or individuals will pass through a neighborhood or business parking lot looking for items that can easily be taken. In general, there are two types of property stolen from vehicles - personal items and car components. Items like compact discs and car stereo parts can be traded for cash at second hand music stores and pawnshops. Without serial numbers it is often difficult to trace these items.

Quiet residential neighborhoods are often viewed as safe and sometimes residents become complacent about vehicle security. Some people leave their vehicle doors unlocked, leave keys in the ignition, and frequently leave personal items laying out in plain view. This opportunity can be inviting to thieves particularly in places with poor exterior lighting and tall trees or shrubbery.

Vehicles parked in the street seem more likely to be entered than vehicles parked in driveways. Vehicles that are unlocked will be more attractive to criminals than locked vehicles. To make your vehicle less attractive to criminals you can take a few simple steps. If you have a garage put the vehicle inside for the night, or at minimum park in your driveway if possible. Keep your doors locked, and never leave any valuables in the vehicle. If you must, at least keep them locked in a trunk and out of sight. Exterior lighting is very important. Consider having a motion light installed.

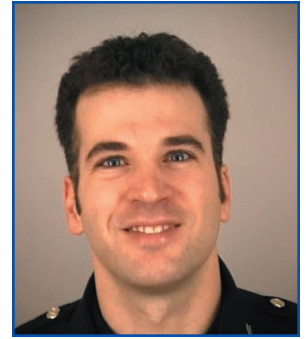
Report any suspicious activity to the police immediately. In a recent case an alert delivery driver observed an individual trying car doors as he walked down a residential street. The suspect was seen entering several of the unlocked vehicles. The suspect ran when contacted by police and was apprehended a short time later. Had there been a delay in reporting, the likelihood of this criminal being apprehended would have been greatly reduced.

Remember this simple acronym – CRAVED. Thieves like to steal things that are:

- C – concealable
- R – removable
- A – available
- V – valuable
- E – enjoyable
- D – disposable

La Follette High School Update: Graffiti

by Off. Greg Rosetti



Officer Greg Rosetti

As the weather warms up and you start spending more time outside, you may see graffiti vandalism on public and private areas of your neighborhood. As a resident of the eastside and a police officer, this is very irritating for me to see in our neighborhoods. This type of vandalism is often carried out by juveniles and young adults - usually in the late night and early morning hours. Much of the graffiti city-wide is centered close to our schools.

There are two predominant types of graffiti we normally see. We commonly see “tagging” in which youth are spray-painting their monikers on public and private property in areas that can be easily viewed. Each of these monikers identifies the tagger and are usually unique to that person. The taggers are competitive with each other and this sometimes leads to violence within their peer group. The other type of graffiti most often spotted is tagging related to street gangs and often used to mark turf or convey threats of violence. In some cases we see copycat graffiti, which mimics other gang graffiti.

To most of us, the graffiti means very little and is difficult to decipher. To those responsible, there usually is a message. We take this problem seriously. Recently, thanks to the efforts of North District personnel, eight arrests were made based on three separate cases. We hope to build upon that success in the future.

The City of Madison is taking action in order to be graffiti free through a variety of means, and is committed to the removal of graffiti as soon as possible. If you would like more information or would like to know how to report problems, please see the link below for additional information.

www.cityofmadison.com/residents/graffiti

The Good, the Bad, the Ugly – MPD Social Networking Update

By Sgt. June Groehler

New technology and electronic social interactions are drastically transforming the world we know today. Like never before in history, our entire world is connected. The machines today are smaller yet smarter and give us the freedom to create, share and personalize communications virtually anywhere in the world.

The new forms of technology introduced into our lives can be safe and reliable as long as we educate our families, the community, and our children about the advantages and risks associated with each program.

With knowledge we have power. It is the commitment of the Madison Police Department to empower the community with the knowledge to safely take advantage of the technology that is available to us today. This is an effort to build collaborative partnerships between our educators, parents, and the community about the benefits and problems with social networking, the Internet, and cell phones. We hope to develop problem solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues regarding the rapid growth of new technology and electronic social interactions.

On March 10, the Madison Police Department held a pilot program at Lafollette High Schools and at the East Police District, which resulted in an overwhelming response from the public to learn more about these programs. The information presented will be available on the departments website beginning in early April. The next community meeting will be held at the West District with the exact date pending. The department is currently working with area businesses and schools for a location equipped with a computer lab to teach parents how to use MySpace, Facebook, and check Internet use. We will be creating educational videos on technology which will also be available on our website as early as this summer. Officers are available to respond to questions from the community about their concerns on technology and electronic social interactions. Individuals, organizations and youth groups requesting training sessions and information can contact Sergeant June Groehler at 266-4590 or jgroehler@cityofmadison.com.



Summer Burglary Season

By Det. Bruce Frey

Every year at this time, our neighborhoods relearn the simple safeguards to protect their private property. We all know what to do to protect our property, but over time we become lax and lulled into a false sense of security. Simple measures taken this spring/summer season that will help to keep your property secure.

Last fall, the East District experienced a number of residential burglaries by burglars accessing open windows. In many of these reports, the bottom of the screen was cut and the unlocked window pushed open to gain entry. In some instances, the homeowner did not realize their house was targeted until they discovered missing cash or other valuable items. Typically, the suspect will target cash and the change jar along with any jewelry items that may be valuable. Burglars know where you typically hide these items, a sock drawer, a closet, etc. If you have a large amount of change or cash in your house, consider an alternate hiding place that the burglar(s) will not have time to look for. If you have valuable jewelry, consider storing those items in a lock box at a bank or securing them in a better hiding place than your jewelry box. If you need to have your windows open, consider the window locks that will only allow the windows to be open to a certain height.

With warmer weather, people tend to leave garages and patio doors open. Many times these are targets of opportunity by criminals who quickly enter to grab anything of value. If your garage is left unattended, you risk having your house targeted or becoming a target at a later time. If you are not in the household or on the main floor, consider securing your patio and garage door if not in attendance. It really only takes 10-15 seconds for someone to walk through and grab an unattended purse or other valuables from your home.

Lastly, become a good neighbor. Does it sound like a standard police warning that has been overused? It is the most important way to keep your neighborhood free of crime and free from the criminals that prey on neighborhoods. If you see someone that is out of place walking near houses or garages with no purpose, you can call the police and report him/her as a “suspicious person.” Many times a criminal will knock on a door or ring a doorbell to determine if anyone is home. If they are asking for someone who does not live in your home and their inquiries seem suspicious, contact the police. If they have a legitimate reason to be in your neighborhood, the officer will verify this. By contacting the police early to report suspicious

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behavior, you can prevent a burglary or theft and also let criminals know that your neighborhood is attentive and being watchful. They will get the message and understand your neighborhood is not one to become a target.

The important points to remember are self-awareness of strangers in your neighborhood, locking your home if you are not attending it and making sure windows are not left open/unlocked. Some of these early precautions could help us keep our burglary statistics on the eastside low.

For more information regarding safety and crime prevention tips, Officer Frank Chandler is happy to assist. He can be reached at 266-4238 or fchandler@cityofmadison.com.

East District Case Summary - March

by Lt. Melissa Schiferl

Date	Addr	Info
02/27/09	2900 E. Washington Ave. (Disturbance)	Caller reports a man yelling in the area. Officers arrive and make contact with the suspect who backs away and half-heartedly swings at the officers. He makes loud repetitive verbal threats to the officers then runs into a liquor store and threatens the cashier. Officers try to go hands on and deploy an electronic control device. The suspect surrendered just after the deployment. He was charged with Disorderly Conduct (2 charges), Resisting and a Parole hold.
02/22/09	4900 Pflaum Rd. (Commercial Burglary)	Construction trailer was left secured at this location. The door to the trailer had been pried off (lock was still intact). Several tools and pieces of equipment were stolen including a portable welder. Total value of tools estimated at several thousand dollars with several hundreds of dollars worth of damage to the trailer.
02/26/09	4600 Kay St. (Suspicious Person)	79 year old resident reported that a younger black male came to her residence looking for "Stephanie." When she told him there was no one there by that name, he asked how to get to Camden Rd. He then left in a gray older model car in the opposite direction with another younger male. Most likely related to residential burglaries in the area.
03/02/09	4100 Nakoosa Tr. (Strong Armed Robbery)	As a 90 year old woman waited by a cart as employees brought carts from the lot into the store, the suspect he ran up to her, grabbed her purse that was in her shopping cart, pulling her to the ground. Store employees and other citizens gave chase. The suspect was later found hiding in a basement near by and was arrested by officers. Her purse was not initially found. A couple of days later, an employee of plumbing service that was in the area on the day of the robbery reported to police that he found a woman's purse and some clothing in an underside compartment on his work truck. The items were turned over to police. Located in the purse were all of the contents, including her cash and credit cards.
03/03/09	4200 Milwaukee St. (Armed Robbery)	Suspect entered the store, displayed a handgun, and robbed the store. Suspect described as a m/w, approx 5'7", 150 lbs, wearing a black thigh-length parka with the hood covering his face. ***Suspect recently arrested and charged as part of the "Parka" robberies.***
03/04/09	100 N. Thompson Dr. (OWI Arrest)	An officer was looking for Arterial Stop violations at Swanton and N. Thompson when a truck driven went through the stop sign going at an estimated 80 mph. The officer attempted to follow the vehicle and a short time later came upon the suspect vehicle that had hit a tree and flipped over, coming to rest against another tree. The driver was contacted and told the officer he was only going 62 mph (speed limit there is 30). He was charged with OWI and admitted to the hospital for observation with minor injuries.

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03/06/09	200 Schenk St. (Weapons Violation)	Two juveniles were caught throwing what was described as an IED against the school building which made a loud sound upon impact. No one was injured and there was no damage. EOD was notified and eventually recovered that IED. One juvenile was charged with the incident.
03/08/09	200 N. Thompson Dr. (Reckless Injury)	A man was on foot in the parking lot of the apartment complex when he had words with another male in a dark, older vehicle. The suspect then ran the victim over. Victim was taken to the hospital by a friend and admitted for his injuries. Suspect still at large.
03/10/09	2800 Atwood Ave. (Armed Robbery)	White male, early 20's, 6', slender build, black coat with hood entered the store and confronted the clerk displaying a handgun and demanded money. The suspect then fled on foot. ***Suspect recently arrested and charged as part of the "Parka" robberies.***
03/12/09	5800 Femrite Dr. (Theft)	Theft of Trailer and "4 season" sunroom display models of over several thousand dollars in value. Likely taken for aluminum material.
03/12/09	1200 Acewood Blvd. (Residential Burglary)	House is usually left unlocked, during unknown time home was entered and electronic equipment taken.
03/12/09	3700 Sergeant St. (Residential Burglary)	Entry gained through an unlocked window. Stolen were coin collections, jewelry and an MP3 player.
03/15/09	4600 Cottage Grove Rd. (Armed Robbery)	A white male, approx 5'2"-5'6", wearing a dark hip-length quilted puffy coat with hood attached, entered the store, displayed a black handgun, demanded cash and then fled on foot.
03/17/09	3500 Atwood Ave. (Possible Child Enticement)	A 17 year old was at basketball courts with his 5 year old nephew. 17yo observed that nephew had wandered away and was located walking on the bike path with a white male (early 20's 507/145 BRO curly hair, goatee, wearing a red hooded sweatshirt, black basketball shorts with white trim and carrying a black basketball with orange stripes, pushing a bike). 17yo grabbed his nephew and ran back to the basketball court area. He stated he did not observe the man playing basketball with or near them. Officers were not able to locate him. The 5yo stated that the man said "come over here" and the boy went to his location.
03/18/09	2000 Anvil La. (Weapons Violation)	The victim picked up the two suspects on the west side and agreed to give them a ride to the east side. The victim was directed to the Anvil La. area. Both suspects produced handguns and demanded the victim's car. He refused and a struggle ensued. The victim was shot once and received only minor injuries. Suspect #1 is a black male, light skin, 20-25 yo, 160, 5'10", short hair. Suspect #2 is a dark skinned, black male, 20-25 yo, 200 and 5'10", short hair. Both suspects were wearing black coats, jeans and black baseball caps. They fled the area on foot after the incident.
03/20/09	Linda Vista/Camden Rd. (Juvenile Disturbance)	A caller heard loud voices coming from a parked vehicle. A group of juveniles were seen getting out of the vehicle and leaving on foot. A short time later a neighbor saw one of the group carrying what they thought was either rifle or a shotgun. The vehicle was eventually found. Everyone in it fled on foot. The 15 yr old female driver was caught. The vehicle had a stripped down long gun of unknown type along with a pellet gun. There was also a pellet gun found on the ground at an intersection nearby. It appears that there might have been some pending altercation between a couple different groups. May have also been a continuation of an earlier incident that occurred on Pflaum Rd. where a rock was thrown through a car window.
03/21/09	1400 Pflaum Rd. (Armed Robbery)	White male, approx 5'9", skinny, wearing a black hooded winter coat with the hood up, blue jeans, and white tennis shoes, displayed a black handgun and fled on foot. ***Suspect recently arrested and charged as part of the "Parka" robberies.***

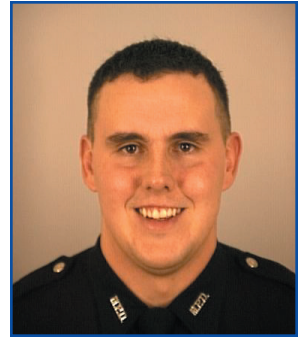
Darbo / Worthington Neighborhood Update

by Off. Scott Kleinfeldt

Greetings from the Darbo/Worthington Neighborhood. The weather has been wonderful and the activity in the neighborhood has increased. Most of the problems in the neighborhood recently have centered on juveniles who are not getting along at bus stops. I always encourage parents to watch their children at the bus stops until their kids get onto the bus. Being outside with your kids helps prevent problems.

There are a lot of good programs within the neighborhood for kids to get involved in. The Goodman Community Center has after school programs, as does the Salvation Army. There is a basketball program at the Salvation Army Community Center for young men as well as a dance group for young women. A group called "Mentoring Positives" runs both of these activities. The director of the program is Will Green. This program has been very successful in the Darbo neighborhood and works with youth to address the issues they are having both in school and at home. The program provides positive role models that teach youth different life skills. Basketball and dance are two hooks to draw kids into the program. In order to play ball or dance, the kids have to participate in classroom activities where they learn these different life skills. Please take a look at the website at www.mentoringpositives.com. For the next several weeks they will be having basketball games against other youth teams from throughout the City. Please feel free to stop by at the Salvation Army Gym on Saturday mornings at 10 am to support the youth in your community. They have a concession stand for food and beverages. The dance group also performs at halftime.

Several kids in the neighborhood have approached me looking for assistance in finding summer jobs. If you or your business need employees ages 11-18, please contact me by phone or email. Jobs in the neighborhood are always in high demand for both adults and juveniles if you can help with employment opportunities it would be appreciated. If problems or questions ever arise, please contact me at skleinfeldt@cityofmadison.com or 246-5806. Have a great April!



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**"Policing in Partnership
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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 Street and Olbrich Park area all the way east to the City limits east of Sprecher Road.