



Captain's Corner

by Capt. Tom Snyder

As you read some of the articles in this edition of our newsletter, you will see that we have begun to think about the transition from summertime towards autumn and the beginning of the school year. We often talk about community safety. One of the biggest dangers that affect our kids, and all of us for that matter, is traffic safety. Whether or not you have children going back to school, this is a perfect opportunity to reflect upon your own driving behaviors. Do you drive while talking on the phone or texting others? Do you sometimes drive a bit too fast when you are late for a meeting or an appointment? Most of us have. Please "police" yourself when you operate a vehicle and model safe courteous driving behavior for others.



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Unfortunately, people don't always "police" themselves. During the first week of school, our officers wrote dozens of citations on Pflaum Road for speeding and other traffic violations. In spite of this, a Sennett Middle School student was still struck by a motorist traveling too fast and failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. We will be discussing pedestrian safety in this area with other City officials, MMSD, and neighborhood residents in the near future in hopes of creating some necessary improvements. We will continue to monitor this area, along with other school zones throughout the District.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

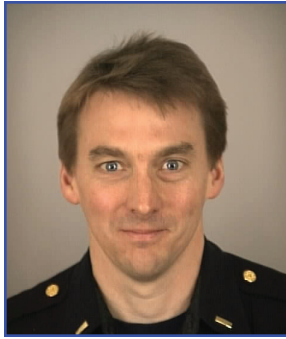
Early August seems like a long time ago, yet I wanted to take the opportunity to thank our residents for their support of our East District's National Night Out event. It was a huge success last month. Approximately 400 people stopped in to say hello and take a look around at the District Station and equipment on display. The bike rodeo, mounted and K-9 demonstrations that took place made this a memorable night for all. I would also like to thank our sponsors at Target and Schoep's Ice Cream for supporting this event.



Patrol Operations – 911 Center Update

by Lt. Carl Strasburg

I would like to provide you with a little information about The Dane County 911 Center, otherwise known as the “Dane County Public Safety Emergency Communication Center.” The Center provides dispatch services to most of the county’s 85 Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services (E.M.S.) agencies. The City of Madison is the largest user agency of the center.



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The center handles a huge volume of calls. In 2008, the Center was responsible for over 640,000 911 and non-emergency telephone calls. The average 911 call is answered in 7.3 seconds (1.3 rings) and the length of the average 911 call is 1 minute and 36 seconds. In addition to this, they also provide dispatch services to Police, Fire and E.M.S personnel in the field via radio and computer. Of course this is done 24 hours a day, seven days a week and often under tense emergency type conditions.

If you ever have the need to call 911, here are some things to keep in mind:

Assume the 911 call-taker does **NOT** know your location. You will need to provide the 911 call taker with information about your location. Most cellular phones provide a “location feature” through GPS. So the 911 Center may know your exact location, they may know your approximate location, or they may have no idea where you are. Why is this? The variation is due to the many different types of technology currently being used by cell phone manufactures and cell phone providers. **Be prepared to give specific directions to your location and don’t assume the 911 staff will always know your location.** This is also good information to know if you are considering the decision to disconnect your home phone and use your cell phone as the primary telephone for your residence.

I can assure you that the administration and employees of our 911 Center are committed to providing all of us with the best service available. Please feel free to learn more about the 911 center and the services they provide by checking out their website at: www.dane911.com.

EAST DISTRICT TRAFFIC INFORMATION - A FEW WORDS REGARDING TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT IN THE EAST DISTRICT:

Areas of Enforcement: Recent areas of traffic enforcement have included: East Buckeye Rd., Highway 51, Acewood Blvd. and East Washington Ave.

School Zones: As school has started you can expect to see an increase of traffic enforcement near our schools. I recently joined up with members of the East Buckeye Neighborhood Association, Alder Judy Compton and other representatives from the City and County to review school crossing safety at E. Buckeye Rd. at Droster Rd. As a result, you will now see that a yellow flashing crossing light has been installed. Additional painting of crosswalk lines will occur soon. In addition to this, the East Buckeye and Elvehjem Neighborhood Associations will be purchasing a high visibility LED lighted “Stop” sign for the crossing guard to use at this location. This is the first of these types of signs to be used anywhere in Madison. Many thanks to both associations and cautious drivers for helping to keep our children safe!

Highway 51: Unfortunately, the intersection of Buckeye Rd. at Hwy 51 (Stoughton Rd) was recently named the number one crash prone intersection in the city. We have and will continue to provide traffic enforcement in this area, and along Highway 51 as much as possible.

Please drive safe, slow down and refrain from cell phone use while you are driving.



Community Policing Team Update

by Sgt. Chuck Weiss

With the start of the new school year, the East District Community Policing Team will continue to work closely with the LaFollette High School Educational Resource Officer and the high school staff. Our goal will be to ensure that the school year starts off free from criminal activity at the school and in the neighborhoods that surround it. In the past we have been successful in discouraging individuals from creating problems in the area around the school. In many cases, those who might cause problems are not even LaFollette students.

Sometimes you or your child may notice police officers at the school as students are dismissed for the day. This is usually not in response to major problems. Unfortunately some behavioral problems reach a point where police presence is utilized to ensure that the peace is maintained. This has been the case with some problems that have occurred on buses transporting students home from school. We are able to provide the community education for individuals who may not conduct themselves in an acceptable manner.

Residents in the area of the school are encouraged to contact the community policing team if you are observing a pattern of behavior that you believe may involve quality of life issues in your neighborhood. If it involves students, we will work with the school to reduce or eliminate the problems.

It is also important to be aware of the speed limits and parking restrictions around all the city schools. The parking restrictions are usually put in place to provide the maximum safety for your children. By parking in a "No Stopping, Standing or Parking" zone you may be blocking the sight line of another motorist who may not see a child who darts into the street. We will on occasion be working with the parking enforcement officers at schools in the East District to ensure compliance. We will also be doing speed enforcement operations in the areas of East District schools.

Vehicle operators need to be aware that the crossing guards will be out at their posts with the start of school. Please slow down and be prepared to stop as you approach crosswalks where they have their orange cones set up. We will be taking a very proactive enforcement approach in areas where motorist are not using due caution around the crossing guards.

By working closely with school staff, students and neighborhood residents we hope to make this school year safe and problem-free for everyone.



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.

LaFollette High School Update

by ERO Greg Rosetti

Beginning on August 17, an outreach team made up of LaFollette High School Principals, the Educational Resource Officer, as well as other MPD staff began contacting a number of Lancer students and their families at their homes prior to the beginning of the school year. In particular, this gave staff an opportunity to meet with some youth who might be “at risk,” gang involved, or in need of extra services and assistance prior to the start of school. The goals of the home visits included the following:

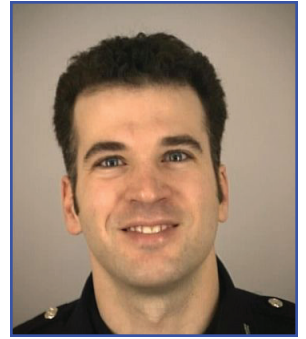
1. Check in with the student and see how their summer has gone
2. Identify any needs the family and/or the student might have prior to school starting.
3. Explain and discuss expectations for the upcoming school year for the child.

Home visits were done last year and it seemed to help the school year start off smoothly. These visits also allow principals to gain a better understanding of their students and their home situation. Parents have been very supportive of the visits and feel that the LaFollette High School community has the best interest of their children at heart. The home visits continued through the end of August. Over 100 students and their families were contacted! This project, which includes school officials and police working together on home visits in the community, has become a model program citywide.

SERVICE LEARNING

LaFollette High School, Dane County Timebank, and the East Police District are collaborating on a service learning program for students who have problems with engagement in their education and/or are habitual truants. The program would place students in positions that are considered community service, job training/hardening, or job shadowing in the community. Many of the community service jobs will be centered within the LaFollette High School community area and the Glendale Neighborhood.

The program will start this fall when student needs can be better assessed. Please contact PO Greg Rosetti at grossetti@cityofmadison.com if you are a community member who has a need for community service from LHS students. Service activities may include, but are not limited to: raking leaves, cleaning graffiti, painting, etc.



Officer Greg Rosetti

Investigative Update

by Lt. Melissa Schiferl

This has been a busy time of year for us. I have listed some of the major incidents that have occurred within the East District recently. This list is not all-inclusive. As you may be aware, you can look at crime maps from your neighborhood. Browsers can zoom in and out of neighborhoods, sort by date and crime, and click on locations for more information, including mugs shot photos of sex offenders. The site can also be used to instantly generate pie graphs and other charts showing trends. The crime maps can be accessed via the MPD website at: www.cityofmadison.com/police.



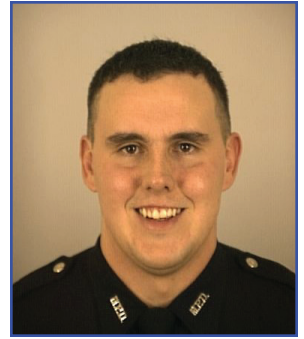
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Date	Addr	Info
08/14/09	Milwaukee St./Fair Oaks Ave. Area (Strong Armed Robbery)	Female was walking back from the grocery store when she heard footsteps behind her and was pushed to the ground. Suspects are two white males. One held her as the other went through her purse. She had nothing of value, but stated she was kicked in the head six or seven times and received some cuts to her knees and face. Update – one suspect has been identified and arrested. Investigation still on-going.
8/26/09	5700 Buckeye Rd. (Fatality Crash)	The 38 year old victim was driving eastbound on Buckeye Rd. on a scooter. He began to drive alongside another vehicle that was also driving eastbound on Buckeye. When they passed S. Thompson Rd, the driver of the scooter veered his vehicle over so that he was traveling in the oncoming lane of traffic (there is a median divider as the road approaches the interstate overpass). As he got to the overpass, an SUV crested the hill traveling westbound on Buckeye Rd. The SUV then struck the scooter, killing the operator. The driver of the SUV was eventually arrested for OWI 2nd offense and had a resisting warrant.
08/30/09	3500 E. Washington Ave. (Fatality Crash)	The 30 year old male was running across E. Washington Avenue when he was struck by a vehicle traveling E. Bound. The victim struck the windshield and died at the scene. The driver of that vehicle was later charged with Homicide by Intoxicated use of a Motor Vehicle.
09/01/09	1412 Pflaum Rd. - Open Pantry (Armed Robbery)	Suspect described as a black male, 25-35, 6'0" or shorter, skinny, with a goatee, wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt. He entered the Open Pantry, approaching the clerk and displaying a dark colored handgun. He fled on foot.
09/01/09	3100 Lakeland Ave. (Strong Armed Robbery)	A 26-year-old man was jogging on Lakeland Ave early in the morning when two men approached him from behind. He was struck on the back of the head with some sort of heavy object. When he woke up he was lying in heavy grass. His Ipod was stolen. He received a concussion as a result of being hit.
09/03/09	413 Dempsey Rd. (Attempted Homicide)	Two groups of young men known to each other decided to fight behind St. Dennis Church. One of the men brandished a handgun and shot another man in the face. He sustained non-life threatening injuries.
09/03/09	3019 E. Washington Ave. - Mobil gas station (Armed Robbery)	Suspect described as a black male, 6'0", 200 lb, wearing a black neoprene mask, and black pullover hooded sweatshirt. Suspect entered the store and contacted the clerk in a back room, displayed a small handgun, and fled with cash.
09/06/09	Lori Dr. (Search Warrant)	On, detectives and MPD SWAT executed a search warrant on Lori Drive and arrested three men, two of whom had been suspects in the shooting. They are currently being held in jail.
09/07/09	Hwy 12/18 & Millpond Rd. (Fatality Crash)	A car pulled out from Millpond Rd. in front of a motorcycle traveling east on 12/18. Driver of motorcycle was not wearing a helmet. Driver of the car was cited for Failure to Yield Right of Way.
09/08/09	3461 Cottage Grove Rd. (Bank Robbery/ Pursuit/Assist DCSO)	US Bank was robbed at gunpoint. The suspect was operating the same vehicle that he had stolen at gunpoint earlier in the morning on Walsh Road. When this vehicle was spotted, MPD officers attempted to stop this vehicle and initiated a pursuit. The pursuit went through the City of Madison with multiple officers/deputies following and eventually headed E/B I-90 toward Stoughton. Spike strips (to deflate tires) were deployed successfully and the suspect vehicle crashed just east of the City of Stoughton. The pursuit lasted approximately 20 minutes with speeds reaching 90mph. The suspect fled on foot from the vehicle and displayed a handgun while he ran into a wooded area. A perimeter was established and a K-9 track initiated. The suspect was located in a cornfield.

Darbo / Worthington Neighborhood Update

by Off. Scott Kleinfeldt

Greetings from the Darbo/Worthington Neighborhood. The neighborhood has been very busy during the summer months. Many of our youth residing in the neighborhood have been engaged in several outstanding summer programs provided by Mentoring Positives, the Salvation Army, the Goodman Community Center, Operation Fresh Start and the Madison Metropolitan School District. Summer school, basketball programs and day camps at the Salvation Army and Goodman Center provided supervised activities for area youth to participate in. I wanted to personally thank all the programs and groups for their outstanding work with the children this summer. The ability for residents to engage in these summer programs has had a profound impact on this community. The five organizations listed above help make Madison such a wonderful place to live - thank you!



Officer Scott Kleinfeldt

With school beginning in September we may see an increase in problems at the bus stops. If you are a parent and have the time, please monitor the bus stops for problem behaviors. If you notice a continued problem at the bus stops or on the buses, please contact school administrators. Hopefully a little proactive attention at the bus stops by all can prevent future problems from occurring. Enjoy the final few weeks of summer. Don't forget about the Worthington Park Block Party on Saturday September 26 from 1-4 pm at Worthington Park. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 246-5806 or skleinfeldt@cityofmadison.com.

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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.