

EAST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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.

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 jklubertanz@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

BURGLARIES, THEFTS REPORTS (Reported in February)

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- Golden Maple Rd, 2/4, unlocked door
- N. Walbridge, 2/9, no sign of forced entry
- Acewood Blvd, 2/28, unlocked door

NON - RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- 3002 Atwood Ave, KNY Clothing, 2/2, 3:45 am
- 4302 Commercial Ave, Badger Self Storage, 2/3
- 30 Dempsey Rd, Storage shed for Head Start, 2/4
- 5011 Commercial Ave, Storage shed for First Church of the Nazarene, 2/4
- 3225 E. Washington, Family Dairies, Sandhill Pet Clinic, Royal Pets, Isthmus Eye Care, 2/8, 3 am.
- 902 Atlas Av, Phillips 66 station, 2/11
- 4901 Cottage Grove Rd, Storage Shed for Wildwood Family Clinic
- 4914 Pflaum, F/S Design Painting, 2/23
- 1919 S. Stoughton Rd., Boumatic Dairy Equip, 2/27
- 4450 Robertson Rd., Tower MRL, 2/28

THEFTS

- Emma Ct, Theft from auto, 2/4, unlocked truck
- Seiferth Rd, Theft from auto, 2/11
- S. Stoughton Rd, Two snowmobiles stolen, 2/15
- Bellows Cir., 2/18, garage door left open, car gone through
- S Stoughton Rd, Theft from auto, 2/19, unlocked car
- Grandwood Ct., theft from auto, 2/27, window broken out.
- Cottage Grove Rd, theft from auto, 2/28, window broken out.

GRAFFITI

- 4601 Cottage Grove Rd, 2/2, side of building spray painted.
- 1202 Painted Post Dr, 2/3, Elvehjem Park Shelter spray painted.
- 1109 Pflaum Rd, 2/4, Old pump house spray painted
- 805 Pflaum Rd, 2/29, building spray painted

LAFOLLETTE HIGH SCHOOL

A 16 yr old male student was arrested after he battered a 17 yr old male student who was waiting for the bus. The suspect also took the victim's bus pass.

Two sisters, age 16 and 14, began yelling at a boy for calling them a name. This occurred in a hallway during passing time. A principal told the girls to come to the office to discuss the disturbance. The girls refused. When the principal continued to insist they come to the office, the 16 yr old punched him. Officer Doberstein arrived and restrained the girl from behind. The girl was able to swing over her shoulder and struck the officer in the face, sending his glasses flying down the hallway. The 14 yr old sister attempted to become involved but was controlled by school staff. Off. Doberstein had to take the 16 yr old girl to the floor to get her handcuffed and under control. Even then, she continued to struggle and vowed on her gang's name that she would come back to school and cause problems. She also threatened to burn down the school. The girl was found to be in possession of pepper spray. Some of the 16 yr old's charges include: Battery to a Police Officer, Battery to a School Official, Disorderly Conduct, Minor Possessing Pepper Spray.

VALENTINE'S DAY BLISS?

On Valentine's Day officers responded to a report of a disturbance in an apt between the man and woman who live there. The woman explained that she had purchased a Valentine Day gift for her boyfriend. When he came home she demanded to know where her gift was. The boyfriend indicated he had not had time to buy a gift. He immediately left and returned a short time later with flowers. The woman threw the flowers against the wall and created a disturbance in the apt. which led to a neighbor calling police. The woman was arrested for Disorderly Conduct.

STRONG ARM ROBBERY

On 2/14, shortly before 11 pm, a male was waiting in the store by the video games for his girlfriend to get off of work. A black male approached him from behind and grabbed his wallet that was attached to a chain to his pants. The victim struggled briefly with the suspect and was assisted by other employees, who were able to briefly detain the suspect and get the wallet back before he broke free and fled the store.

PERSON STEALING FROM CARS ARRESTED

On 2/19, at 3 am, a resident was returning home when he saw a white male and female standing near Stein and McCann. As he pulled in his driveway, he saw 2 white males run from his neighbor's car. All four then ran from the area. The resident immediately called police. The beat officer continued to check the area and approx. 40 minutes later was checking the Meadows Apartments on N. Thompson Dr. when he saw a van stopped in the lot behind a parked car. There was a male in the van and 2 males going through the parked car. As the officer approached, the two males ran from the car. The driver of the van was taken into custody and charged with being a Party to Theft and operating a stolen van. Foot prints in the snow indicated the males were checking cars looking for ones

that were unlocked. Arrested: Steven Crabtree, 19, of Pardeeville

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

On 2/13 a resident of Oakridge Ave reported that a white male approx. 35 yrs, 5' 8"/190, with a scruffy beard and wearing a white/black camouflage coat and blue jeans knocked on his door and gave him a note stating, "hello, how are you, smile. I am deaf, my name is Jeff. Please help me, I need \$5 for gas for my car. Thank you very much." The resident closed the door and the male continued to bang on the door. He was gone upon officer arrival.

MAN ARRESTED FOR STEALING CAR

On 2/24, a woman left a set of keys on a desk in a business in the 3700 blk of E. Washington. The woman saw a man having problems with his truck which had stalled on E. Washington Ave. The man came into the business and asked to use the phone. A short time later the woman discovered the keys and her vehicle missing. Officers located the car and a 17 yr old male nearby. The male was in possession of the woman's cell phone and credit cards. The male was arrested for stealing the car.

SUSPECTS ARRESTED SHOOTING BB GUNS

On the evening of 2/24, officers responded to reports of house and car windows being shot by a BB gun on Horned Owl and Jade. A man also reported that he was struck by 2 BB's while walking on Nakoosa. He could only describe the suspects as being in a white truck. At about 10:30pm, an officer was on Jade La. taking a report when he saw a white truck drive by. He decided to stop the truck. As soon as the truck stopped, the 3 male occupants all ran from the area. Multiple officers responded and were able to find and chase down 2 of the suspects. In the truck, officers located two pellet guns, several CO2 cartridges and several rifle rounds. Because the suspects did not talk to us and no one had actually seen the occupants, they could only be charged with Underage Person Possessing Pellet Gun, Underage Person Consuming Alcohol and Resisting Arrest. The arrested persons were: Justin Goodwin, 17, of Troy Dr. and Wade Smith, 17, of Myrtle St. Both attend East High School.

JUVENILES ARRESTED BREAKING INTO HOUSE

On 2/25 at approx. 10 am, a female resident on Jana La. was asleep after working the night shift. She was awakened when she heard someone in her home. When she yelled out, the suspects fled. It was determined that someone had kicked in her door. Two juveniles were stopped nearby, but because we did not have a description of the suspects and they denied any involvement, they were not arrested. The officer later heard a complaint of the same two juveniles throwing BB's at cars near Wal-Mart. The officer determined that the juveniles had tried to buy a BB gun but were denied due to their age. They stole the BB's and CO2 cartridges. The juveniles were eventually re-contacted and one of them admitted they had done the burglary on Jana La. The boys were 12 and 13 yrs old.

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR OWI ON WAY TO WORK

On 2/10, at 5:45 am, a parking enforcement officer was pulled over on Fair Oaks Av. issuing a parking ticket. A female driving down Fair Oaks struck the parking officer's vehicle then continued on to strike another parked car. The 58 yr old female driver smelled heavily of intoxicants. She was subsequently arrested for Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of Intoxicants. She tested .12. She was on her way to her job at a local nursing home.

MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI WAS TRAVELING 28 MILES OVER THE SPEED LIMIT AND PASSED SQUAD

On 2/10, at approx. 9 pm, a police sergeant was traveling on the Beltline between Monona Av and Stoughton Rd. The sergeant was driving an unmarked car but still had the distinctive push bumper on the front and lights in the windows. The sergeant saw a vehicle approaching from behind at a high rate of speed. The vehicle passed the sergeant's car and continued on. When the sergeant paced the vehicle, she found it to be traveling 83 mph. She stopped the vehicle and contacted the 57 yr old male driver. The man tested .13.

BURGLAR ARRESTED

On Feb. 11, the Phillips 66 station on Atlas Av. was broken into. The suspect took numerous cartons of cigarettes. Thanks to a tip called into Crimestoppers, the detective was able to identify a suspect. A search warrant was executed at the suspect's house and stolen items were recovered. Arrested was Thomas Winters, 26, of Ferris Av.

COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM . . . REACHING OUT TO YOU

The East District has its own Community Policing Team this year. The team consists of a sergeant and 5 officers. The members of this team have the ability to flex their hours and days of work to address specific problems in the District. These officers do not work a beat or answer calls like the average beat officer. This allows the officers to work individually or as a team to spend the time it takes to problem solve issues identified by East District Commanders. Issues of concern are typically identified one of two ways. Some issues come to our attention from officers repeatedly responding to the same address or area for the same re-occurring problem. Other issues come to our attention from neighborhood residents who notice a problem starting that may not have caught our attention.

The CPT relies on residents to not only identify concerns but to work with us to resolve the issues. To make it easier for a resident to report concerns, we have assigned each CPT officer a specific area of the East District for which they are responsible. We are using the designation "Community Officer" when referring to this function. Many neighborhood associations who have had meetings in the past month have had a visit from their CPT community officer. These officers will also give extra attention to areas or complexes where problems are developing. Hopefully this intervention will prevent these areas from deteriorating to a level that requires a neighborhood officer to be assigned full time.

Here is a list of the officers and the neighborhood associations they are a liaison to. If you are not sure which neighborhood you are located in, you can go to www.cityofmadison.com to the neighborhood section and see a map of the various neighborhoods.

The Sergeant is Chuck Weiss. His email is cweiss@cityofmadison.com.

Officer Matt Schroedl has Mayfair Park, Ridgewood, Burke Heights, Hawthorne, Sycamore MacArthur and Heistand.

- Email: mwschroedl@cityofmadison.com

Officer Mike Brennan has Worthington Park, Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara and Eastmorland.

- Email: mbrennan@cityofmadison.com

Officer Adria Ehly has Rolling Meadows, Heritage Heights, Lake Edge and Elvehjem.

- Email: aehtly@cityofmadison.com

Officer Dan McFarlane has Glendale, Richmond Hills, Pflaum Rd and East Buckeye.

- Email: dmcfarlane@cityofmadison.com

Officer Sarah McLaughlin has McClellan Park, Reston Heights and assists with Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara.

- Email: smclaughlin@cityofmadison.com

You can leave a message for these officers at 266-5945 or you can email the specific officer.

When is it appropriate to call or email these officers?

If you are concerned with something that is happening now or just happened you should call the dispatch center so they can send the beat officer to deal with the issue right away. If the incident is an emergency, for example, someone is or may be injured or a burglary in progress, you should call 911. If you need an officer to respond, but it is not an emergency, you should call 255-2345. The phone will be answered by the same people. They just prioritize answering the 911 calls before the non-emergency calls.

On the other hand, if you have an ongoing problem in your neighborhood that you want to discuss with an officer, you should contact your community officer listed above. This would be the type of problem that would involve more time and resources to resolve than the beat officer has available. One example would be a suspected drug house in your neighborhood. Another might be an ongoing issue with traffic, speeding or other violation.

Perhaps you are noticing a pattern of persons loitering in a park after hours or harassing park users at various hours. For this one, you should call the dispatch center when you see it occurring. But sometimes the beat officer may not be immediately available or may have limited options if a law has not been broken. If the problem is ongoing, you can contact the community officer who will work with the beat officer to examine the causes of the problem and possible options to resolving it. The Community Policing Team will then work with the beat officer to put a plan in place. Often times the residents in the area will have a part in helping us to resolve the problem.

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

Captain Jill Klubertanz
East Police District