

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

Sorry I am running late with this newsletter. It's been an exceptionally busy time.

BURGLARIES, THEFTS REPORTS (Reported in July)

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- MacArthur Rd., 7/2, window broken.
- Daley Dr., 7/5, residents heard noise during night. In the morning found door pried and purse missing.
- Milwaukee St., 7/6, daytime, unlocked window.
- Meadowlark Dr, 7/8, daytime, bike from open garage.
- Femrite Dr., 7/10, daytime, unlocked door.
- Corry St., 7/12-14, unlocked garage door.
- Driscoll Dr., 7/13, unlocked garage door.
- Tarragon Dr., 7/30, unlocked car in open garage.

NON - RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- 4692 Cottage Grove Rd., Subway, 7/2
- 3226 Progress Rd., Four Seasons Skate Park, 7/2
- 2827 Atwood Av., Bunky's, 7/6,
- 2554 Advance Rd., Wheel Chair Recycling Program, 7/7
- 3579 E. Washington Av., China Buffet, 7/13,

- 43 S. Stoughton Rd., Office Furniture Shop, 7/15
- 4690 Cottage Grove Rd., Byte Sized Solutions, 7/20
- 413 Dempsey Rd., St. Dennis Church, 7/25, Trailer containing liquor for festival broken into.
- 22 Atlas Ct., U-Haul, 7/27
- 43 S. Stoughton Rd., Office Furniture Shop, 7/29

THEFTS

- Wayridge Dr., 7/1, thefts from 3 autos, windows broken.
- S. Stoughton Rd., 7/2, theft of scrap metal Susp Veh: 80's light blue pick up truck with 2 white males.
- Woodman's, 7/2, passenger of veh. reached out and took purse from cart while victim was loading groceries in car.
- Esker Dr., 7/4, theft from unlocked auto.
- Dutchmill Park and Ride, 7/5, theft from auto, window broken.
- N. Thompson, 7/6, theft from auto, window broken.
- Sargent St., 7/10, locked bike stolen.
- Judd St., 7/10, theft from auto, window broken.
- Tompkins Dr., 7/9, snowmobile type trailer.
- Twin Pines Dr., 7/11, theft from auto.
- Tompkins, 7/14, two tires and rims stolen off car.
- Pflaum Rd., 7/15, theft from auto, window broken.
- Parkwood La., 7/16, theft from auto.
- Retana Dr., 7/16, theft from auto, also items stolen out of open garage.

- Advance Rd., 7/16, D&D Heating & Cooling, theft from auto
- Dutchmill Park and Ride, 7/21, tires stolen off vehicle
- Dutchmill Park and Ride, 7/22, theft from auto, window broken
- Bowman Av., 7/23, theft from auto, open sunroof
- Dutchmill Park and Ride, 7/25-27, theft from auto,
- Woodvale Dr., 7/27, kids bikes stolen out of driveway overnight
- Ziegler Rd., 7/28, theft from unlocked auto
- Tulane Av. 7/29, theft from auto, window broken

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- 105 Dempsey, American Legion, 7/12, building spray painted.
- Sinykin Cir, street spray painted.
- 3059 E. Washington, 7/13, building spray painted.
- 3030 Darbo, Salvation Army, wall spray painted.
- 4416 Pflaum, MAACO, 7/26, building spray painted.
- Eastmorland Park, 7/29, bench and playground spray painted.

ARMED ROBBERY

On 7/20, shortly after midnight, a man was waiting for a bus at the Dutch Mill Rd. Park & Ride, when he was approached by 3 black males, late teens, all very thin. One of the men displayed a handgun and took the victim's wallet and backpack. He then hit the victim in the head with the handgun and all three fled on foot.

REPORT OF JUVENILES ARMED WITH A GUN

Officers responded to the Open Pantry on Pflaum Rd, after a citizen reported seeing a gun in the waistband of a juvenile. The juvenile had left the area, but was later contacted at his home. It was determined that the 15 yr old boy had a bb-gun in his waistband. He was cited for underage person possessing a bb-gun in City limits.

MAN ARRESTED AFTER CRASHING MOTORCYCLE INTO NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE

On July 12, a 21 yr old resident of Tulane Av. was drinking at home with his mother at 2:45 am, when he decided to drive his motorcycle around the block. Upon his return, he crashed into his neighbor's garage and was briefly pinned between the motorcycle and the building. When police arrived, his mother was trying to keep him from moving until Fire Rescue could free him. On the way to the hospital, the man denied that he was on a motorcycle and stated he had been beat up. The man was charged with 3rd time operating while intoxicated, operating with a revoked license, operating without a motorcycle endorsement and operating an unregistered vehicle.

WOMAN ARRESTED IN PURSE THEFT

On 7-17, at approx. 7:30 pm, a woman was unloading her cart in the lot of Cub Foods when a female ran up and stole her purse out of the cart. The woman fled in a vehicle. A similar incident, with a suspect of the same description as this one, occurred on the West side. Based on information from that case, a suspect was identified and arrested for both thefts.

JUVENILES START FIRE ON CHURCH PLAYGROUND

On July 1, the Fire and Police personnel responded to Grace Baptist Church on S. Thompson Dr. for a fire on the playground. A wooden play house had been partially burned. An employee had seen a small group of juveniles in the area just before the fire. It was later determined that the four juveniles, ages 8 & 9, had started several pieces of paper on fire inside the wood play house and the play house caught fire. The boys fled the area and were contacted later.

RESIDENTS STAND UP TO BURGLARS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD

On July 13, shortly before noon, James and Catherine Stanley-Erickson decided to stand up to burglars targeting their neighbor's home on Alder Rd. It all started when Catherine looked out her window and saw a man standing in the front yard of her neighbor's house. She watched the man and saw him motion to a van on the street. A woman got out of the van and they walked to the back of the neighbor's house. Catherine called out to them. The woman went back to the van and left, but not before Catherine grabbed her camera and took a picture of the woman and the van. Catherine alerted her husband, James, who approached the neighbor's house. Seeing the back door ajar, he called 911. Meanwhile two men walked out carrying items that James knew belonged to his neighbor. When he confronted the two males, they claimed to be cousins of the neighbor. When James continued to confront them, the men fled down the street. Before they fled, James snapped a close up picture of each of their faces. The men dropped the items they were carrying and James retrieved them for his neighbor.

Thanks to the pictures that Catherine and James took of the suspects and their vehicle, we were able to identify and arrest all three people. These same people are believed to be responsible for a number of burglaries to other residences.

Three cheers and special thanks to James and Catherine for standing up for their neighborhood and taking such quick action.

MOUNTED PATROL

I wanted to provide an update on the Mounted Patrol Unit, as I am in charge of this unit in addition to running the East District. Our two mounted officers have been very busy. There have been numerous requests for them to appear at various community functions including National Night Out, Safety Towns, Juneteenth, Rhythm and Booms, Elver 4th of July and numerous neighborhood events. In addition, now that the students are back, they have been spending time in the downtown area late at night. We are also gearing up for Halloween when we will

bring additional horses in from other agencies to help police State St.

We often are asked about the Mounted Unit's role and how officers can take calls when they are on horseback. Well, obviously, they can't get off their horses and go into houses and businesses to handle those types of calls. The horses are great for breaking up disturbances and monitoring crowded areas. We have incidents where patrol officers likely would have had to fight or taser a suspect had it not been for the mounted officers arriving on the scene. You would be surprised how fast an out-of-control person settles down when he is sandwiched between two 1000+ pound horses. It is estimated that it would take 10 officers on foot to move the same crowd as effectively as one officer on horseback. The presence of horses, in and of itself, seems to have a calming effect on intoxicated or rowdy people. The horses also allow the officers to better see and monitor problems. In one instance at bar time, a disturbance broke out on the far side of the crowd. The officers on foot were unable to see the dispute and were totally unaware it was occurring. The mounted officers saw the problem and were able to quickly move through the crowd to break up the combatants until the officers on foot could take the appropriate ones into custody.

There are of course, limitations to the mounted unit's abilities. While they can take reports from horseback and have even arrested a drunk driver, it just doesn't work to take that arrested person to jail on horseback. Some have suggested the old West way of tying a rope to the bad guy and making him walk behind the horse, but we have opted to have a patrol officer come over and convey the person in their squad. The mounted officers are also limited in the area they can cover. While it is larger than an officer on foot can cover, it is much smaller than an officer in a squad can cover.

And what do the horses think of this. It takes a lot of training to teach horses to go against their instincts. When horses are confronted with strange and scary sights and sounds, their instinct is to run. It takes many hours of exposure to the urban environment to get horses to be comfortable. Everything from busses to sirens to storm sewers. Umbrellas, strollers, people running and yelling. Even the changes of color of the pavement, striping on the road and those yellow boxes painted at crosswalk entrances are initially frightening to the horses. The horse must totally trust his rider and believe that his rider will not ask him to do anything dangerous and will protect him from what ever appears. Eventually, though, most horses figure out their jobs. Once they get used to contacting misbehaving people, they seem to know how much to adjust the "squeeze" based on how unruly the person is being. Horses are so sensitive to their riders, that if the rider looks at something off to the side, the horse knows where they are looking and tunes into it. The slightest tension on the part of the riding officer and the horse knows there is a concern they need to address. Just like new officers, the horses eventually become reliable partners who know seem to know what needs to be done to bring a situation back under control.

In order to provide more consistent coverage, we need to expand our unit. The two mounted officers currently own the horses they use and have purchased most of their equipment. We need to acquire at least 2 more horses to allow rest days for the officers' horses. We also need to have back up horses. One of the officer's horses was recently injured by another horse at his stable. He has been unable to "work" for several weeks. She has been using my horse as a back up while he heals.

We recently had a horse donated to us. We have been evaluating him for about a month now, and he looks like he will be a great addition to our unit. Unfortunately, we don't have any tack (saddle, bridle, etc.) for him and not enough money to buy it yet. We have formed a non-profit to help us raise money for necessities like trailers, saddles, other equipment and horses, but it is still in the very early stages. We need to add people who can help organize fundraisers and contact groups who might be willing to donate money to support our unit. Eventually we hope to have a website for the non-profit. For now, we have a mailbox where you can contact us with inquiries, or offers to help with our non-profit. It is mountedpatrol@cityofmadison.com.

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

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