

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 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

BURGLARIES, THEFTS, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY REPORTS (Reported since May 1)

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- 200 N. Marquette St. , 5/6, entry was made through rear door.
- 4500 Stein Av , 5/13, Entry was made through an unlocked window
- 3100 Buena Vista St., 5/16 No signs of forced entry. Door might have been left unlocked.
- 1200 Pflaum Rd., 5/19, While residents were working in back yard, suspect entered unlocked residence and a laptop computer was stolen.
- 2300 Sommers Av., 5/18, Entry through unlocked door.

NON - RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- 1201 Droster Rd. Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5/7. entry was through an exterior basement-level window.

THEFTS

- Ohio Ave, 5/2, purse left in unlocked car was taken.
- 500 Grandwood Ct, 5/7, truck window broken. Stereo taken.
- 1900 S. Stoughton Rd, 5/14, van window broken, items stolen.
- 2600 Siefert Rd, 5/20, can window broken, items stolen.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

- Allis Av., 5/3, 9:20 pm, Resident heard noise and found picture window shot with a BB gun. Car was driving away.
- 4700 Shaffer Ave., 5/13 at 10:15 pm, Resident watching TV in front of a picture window he heard something strike the window. The window received a small hole consistent with damage from a BB gun. The caller observed a full size pickup truck speeding away.
- 5100 Golden Leaf Tr, 5/12, window broken out of parked car

LAFOLLETTE HIGH SCHOOL (ERO Doberstein)

CRASH DEMONSTRATION REMINDS STUDENTS TO DRIVE SAFELY ON PROM NIGHT

- On 5/10, several groups came together to provide a traffic safety message to LaFollette students. The ERO, Daryl Doberstein, coordinated with the Madison Police Traffic Team, the KEYS Program (Keep Everyone you Know Safe), the Madison Fire Dept. and UW MedFlight.

The day was filled with safety presentations and videos. The mother of a woman who was jogging along the road when she was struck and killed by a drunk driver, spoke about the incident and the need for students to drive safely. Several videos reinforced the life saving value of wearing safety belts.

For 11th and 12th graders, the highlight of the program was a crash re-enactment. Two cars that had been involved in crashes were towed to the school grounds and set up as if they had just collided. Several students volunteered to be occupants of the cars. One of the students "died" in the crash and their body lay "lifeless" nearby. Some students were ejected and injured. One of the students was pinned in the car. The Fire Dept. demonstrated how they would get the student out by actually cutting apart the car. MedFlight stood by "ready" to transport this student. After the demonstration, students were able to check out the MedFlight copter and ask questions of its staff.

The program was deemed a great success when staff reported that students were still talking about it on the night of prom. Several parents also reported that their kids had come home and told them about the program and the impact it had on them.

REPORT OF ARMED PERSON CAUSES SCHOOL LOCK DOWN

- On 5/11, a student reported seeing a man walking on Pflaum Rd. near LaFollette High School. The student saw a silver "tip" sticking out from the man's crossed arms and was concerned he may have a gun. The ERO heard the call and advised the Principal. Principal immediately initiated a lock down, informing staff and students that this was not a drill. Within a couple minutes the entire school was locked down. This means that every student and staff member was in a locked classroom and was away from windows and doors. The Principal stayed in office area to monitor the situation. Sennett Middle School was notified as well and locked down. The man the student had seen was contacted and officers determined the student probably saw the man's cigarette lighter sticking out from his hand. After approx 15 minutes, the students were allowed move to their normal classes within the school. A short time later, the lockdown was cancelled and students who were scheduled to leave the school were allowed to do so.

The lockdown was somewhat complicated by a large number of students immediately calling parents to inform them of the lockdown. This is a great way for kids to let parents know that something has caused a lockdown, but they are safely locked in the school. But this also caused parents to flood the school with phone calls and caused several parents to drive to the school. While I have an appreciation for parents to want to know what is happening and that their child is safe, these actions can sometimes interfere with that very goal. Parents calling the school distracts the staff from monitoring the situation and making sure students are safely in locked classrooms and that all exterior doors are locked. Parents coming into the area endanger themselves by entering an area

where an armed person may be. It also makes it more difficult for officers to determine who the armed person might be because they have many more people in the area to check out. Officers who are needed to divert parents are not available to deal with finding the suspect.

If you receive word of a lockdown at the school, please give the school and police at least 30 minutes to stabilize the situation and to do everything possible to ensure student safety. The school will send out an emergency message to the emergency contact phone number you provided to the school at the beginning of the year. This message will give you information about the situation. Unfortunately, it takes about 1 hour to call all of the parents of all of the LaFollette students. If an incident has occurred at the school, the message will tell you a safe place you can go to contact school officials and be re-united with your child. Each school also updates their website with information about emergency situations at the school. The school and police will work together to provide information to you as quickly as possible, but your child's safety will always be our priority.

EXPOSURE

- 3817 Milwaukee St. Woodman's, 5/1, Suspect M/W, older, brown hair. The suspect was sitting in a Ford, Escort, blue in color with his pants down and his genitals exposed. The license number provided came back to a vehicle that had been sold to a salvage company two years ago.

ARMED ROBBERY

- On May 8, shortly before 9pm, two men entered the Subway at 4692 Cottage Grove Rd. Their faces were covered and they displayed weapons. They fled with money. Described at white males in their late teens or early 20's, one was 5'8" and thin, the other was taller and thin.

HIT & RUN ACCIDENT

- On 5-11 at 2:30 pm, a delivery truck was traveling on Eastwood Dr. Bicyclist was also traveling same direction. Truck did not yield, and made right turn in front of bicyclist. Bicyclist attempted to stop, but adult male fell off bike and went under truck. Truck tire rolled over head of bicyclist, however he sustained only minor injuries, most likely due to bicycle helmet he was wearing. Helmet was cracked & broken and credited with saving his life. Victim not transported to hospital. Truck described as large & white.

MAN SHOT WITH PAINTBALL

- On 5/21 at 10:30 pm, a man was standing outside his house in the 6300 blk of Sharpsburg Dr. when he saw a van drive by. The side door of the van opened and approx. 5 paintballs were fired in the man's direction. One of the paintballs struck the man in the knee leaving an abrasion. The van was believed to be a burgundy Dodge, older, with loud engine noise.

ARSON INVESTIGATION

- Wal-Mart, 5/13, 6:45pm, fire in trash can inside men's bathroom. Video shows w/m, early 20's, slight beard, short hair, in bathroom just before fire discovered.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

- On 5/21, a woman was walking her dog near Rockefeller and Jana when she saw a man in a car who appeared to be following her. When she changed directions, the man did the same. He eventually left the area. The car was described only as a white car. The driver was a black male, early 20's, 5'10, slender.

GRAFFITI

- 4400 Milwaukee St. , 5/5, Gang graffiti on the door of an outside shed.
- 5100 Turner Av, 5/13, garage door had been spray painted with letters

- 3900 Commercial Av., 5/18, Wall of property of McAllen Properties was spray painted.

UPDATE

- As you recall, there was a home invasion on April 2 in the 1100 blk of Wayridge. The victims were just moving in that day when an armed suspect entered the residence and fired several shots. A suspect has been identified and the case has been referred to the District Attorney's officer for charging. This case was related to the shooting that happened in Fitchburg a short time before the Wayridge incident. This incident was not directed at the people moving into Wayridge, but at a former tenant.

That's all for now. This newsletter is a little shorter as I am on my way out the door to leave on vacation. I will be back June 18. In the meantime, you can contact East District staff through the general East number of 266-4887. Paula, our receptionist, will direct your calls to the appropriate persons while I am gone.

As always . . . be careful . . . be safe.

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