

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 May)

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- Swanton Rd, 5/9, vacant house entered
- Dawes St, 5/12, 9 am, Resident heard someone try door and then break window. No one seen or located.
- O'Brien Ct, 5/16, basement window broken out
- Thorp St, 5/17, unlocked door, burglary happened while residents were asleep
- N. Fair Oaks, 5/27, unlocked door.

NON - RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- Chiang Jiang, Commercial, 5/1
- Hostess Thrift Store, 5/3
- Subway, Cottage Grove Rd, 5/3
- Peckham Excavating, Seiferth Rd., 5/3
- American Family, N. Walbridge, 5/2, Attempt, no entry.
- Mobil, 3505 E. Washington, 5/3, Nothing taken.
- Mobil, 3505 E. Washington, 5/5
- Kennedy Little League Stand, Commercial Av, 5/10
- Kennedy School, Meadowlark, 5/10, no entry.
- Pooh Bear Daycare, Corporate, 5/11

- Madtown Twisters, Walsh Rd, 5/21
- Clausen Motors, Stoughton Rd, 5/23
- Isthmus Eye Car, E. Washington, 5/23
- Reverend Jim's, Millpond Rd, 5/23

THEFTS

- Oakridge Ave, 5/2, tires and rims taken off car.
- S. Stoughton Rd, 5/2, theft from auto, window broken.
- Major Ave, 5/3, theft from auto, unlocked car.
- Helgesen Dr., Sani Matic, 5/2-5, sheets of metal taken.
- Adler Rd, 5/5, theft from auto, **Used garage door opener from unlocked car in driveway to get into garage.**
- Groveland Ter, 5/5, theft from auto, unlocked car.
- Cottage Grove Rd, 5/6, tire and rim taken off car.
- Cottage Grove Rd, 5/3-6, bike locked behind Walgreen's taken. Black and grey Trek.
- Crestview Dr, 5/10, tires and rims taken off car.
- Spaanem Ave, 5/13, theft from auto, unlocked car.
- Robertson Rd, 5/13, theft from auto, unlocked car.
- Trafalger Pl, 5/14, theft from auto, unlocked car.
- Tasman St, 5/14, theft from auto, window broken.
- Bainbridge St, 5/15, theft from auto, unlocked car.
- Major Ave, 5/18, theft from auto, unlocked car.
- Anchor Dr, 5/20, theft from auto, unlocked car.
- Oakridge Av, 5/21, tires and rims taken off car.
- Thorp St, 5/22, theft from auto, unlocked car.
- Dennett Dr, 5/23, donkey lawn ornament.
- Rosedale Av, 5/29, theft from auto, unlocked car.
- Dixon St, 5/29, lawn mower stolen from front yard.

GRAFFITI

- 2200 Atwood, 5/1, building spray painted
- Lake Edge Park, restroom walls spray painted
- Milwaukee St., 5/4, building spray painted
- Elvehjem School, 5/11, building spray painted
- Walter St, 5/13, building spray painted
- Ellestad, 5/13, boat spray painted
- LaFollette High School and Sennett Middle School: 5/17, Backs of both schools painted with racial graffiti.

LAFOLLETTE HIGH SCHOOL

An 18 yr old male who previously attended LaFollette, came to school at the end of the day and battered a 16 yr old male student who was waiting for his ride. The fight is believed to be gang related. The 18 yr old left the area before police arrived. He was charged the next day after he was arrested at his residence for a domestic fight.

The School Officer saw a 15 yr old male near the school. The male had not been in school for over 6 months and was listed as a runaway. When the officer tried to contact the juvenile he tried to walk away. When officer took hold of the juvenile's arm, he began to struggle in an attempt to break away. He also began to swear and threaten the officer. While restraining the juvenile until another officer could arrive, the juveniles companions began to advance on the officer. The officer reached for his taser and the friends backed off. When another officer arrived, they were able to handcuff the juvenile who continued to struggle and threaten to kill the officers. The juvenile had

been drinking and had a BAC of .09. When placed in the squad, the juvenile began kicking the car windows. The juvenile was taken to a local hospital to be checked before being held in custody. The juvenile eventually settled down and stated he didn't want the doctors "messing with the high feeling" he was having due to alcohol and marijuana consumption. The juvenile admitted he has been hanging with friends selling drugs instead of going to school.

Two boys, ages 14 and 18, got into a fight in the commons area. It started with a "look" and escalated to a challenge to fight. It took 4 school staff members to separate the two boys. Both were arrested.

ARMED ROBBER ARRESTED

On 5/3, at approx. 6pm, officers responded to Walgreens on Cottage Grove Rd. for a report of an armed robbery. The suspect fled prior to officers' arrival. One of the officers checking the area found a man matching the suspect's description. When the officer contacted the man, the man said he had seen a male running through the back yards that looked a lot like him. Officers learned that the robber had threatened the pharmacist with a baseball bat and at one point struck the pharmacist in the arm. The pharmacist was able to take the bat away from the robber while other employees called 911. The man stopped by officers was arrested for the attempted armed robbery. Arrested: Eric Harried, age 36 of Brandie Rd.

ARMED ROBBERS ARRESTED

On May 8, shortly before midnight, the clerks at the Red Roof Inn on Hayes Rd were robbed by two suspects with a knife. About 1/2 hour later, the PDQ on Milwaukee St. was robbed by two suspects with the same description. Officers had a vehicle color and style of car given by a clerk. A short time later, an officer saw a similar car on E. Washington Ave and followed it to N. Oak. When the occupants got out, the officer saw they matched the description of the suspects. The officer, alone and in a dark back parking lot, ordered the men to the ground at gunpoint and held them until additional officers arrived. Both were arrested and are suspected of additional armed robberies that have occurred recently.

ARMED ROBBERY

Occurred on 5/19, shortly after 10 pm at Michaels Frozen Custard. Employees were cleaning up when two suspects entered, one displaying a handgun. Demanded money and fled. Suspect #1 described as a black male, 20-22yo, 509-510/170, skinny build, wearing a BLU or BLK hooded sweatshirt. Suspect #2 described as a black male, 18-19yo, 507-508/155-160, skinny build, also wearing a BLU or BLK hooded sweatshirt and dark pants.

ARMED ROBBERY

Occurred on 5/5 at approx. 11 pm at Howard Johnson's on E. Washington . Suspect displayed handgun and demanded money of clerk. Suspect described as a white male, 5'6, wearing a hoodie.

ARMED ROBBERY

Occurred at Mobil Mart, 3505 E. Washington Av. on May 9 at 1 pm. Suspect displayed handgun and demanded money. Fled on foot. Described as a black male, 25, 5'5", thin lined beard and mustache with broad "smashed" nose.

ARMED ROBBERY

Occurred at Broadway Tires on E. Washington Ave on 5/29 at 1:45pm. A black male displayed a handgun and demanded money. He fled on foot. Described at 6'2", 210 lbs.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

On 5/20 at 11 am, a woman was returning to her car in the parking lot of Wal-Mart on Nakoosa Tr. A female approached the woman from behind, grabbed her purse and ran. The woman was able to hang onto her purse

and the suspect let go. The suspect then approached the woman again and the woman began to scream causing the suspect to flee. The suspect is a white female, 20 yrs old, 5'5", 180, with long blonde hair. A witness was able to get the suspect's license plate. Investigation continues.

SHOTS FIRED IN DARBO WORTHINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD

On May 5 at 10 pm officers responded to multiple calls of shots fired in the area of Darbo Drive . Callers estimated that 6 shots were fired after a fight involving a large group of teenagers. There were a couple of reports of a possible gun shot victim, however, officers did not locate a victim and no one showed up at any of the area hospitals. Officers did locate shell casings in the terrace area. One witness saw a black male run from a vehicle carrying a gun in his hand. The vehicle was found unoccupied and running in the roadway and was towed by officers. The investigation continues.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

Occurred May 6 at approx 3 pm. a juvenile female reported that as she and a couple of friends were walking home from O'Keefe MS, they observed a red vehicle (4-door w/a BLK line on the side panels, paint scratched off on the driver's side, unknown type of WI plates) with a Hispanic male (42-48yo, 5'3"/170 med build GRY/BLK "spikey" hair, wearing a BLK shirt, BLK/WHI baseball hat and sunglasses) driver following them "slowly." The girls got to the area of Jenifer St. Market and the driver smiled at her and waited for them to cross the street. As he waited for them to cross, he rolled down his window and motioned for one of her friends to come to the window. The girls then went into the Market and waited 4 to 5 minutes before coming out and observed him turn down Sommers Ave. The female then walked home and when she went outside to get the mail, observed the vehicle parked just down the street on her same block with the male standing next to his vehicle. Area was checked, but he was not located.

WEAPONS VIOLATION

On 05/07/08 shortly after 8 pm, a citizen saw an elderly man point a shotgun out the window of his pick-up truck in the 200 blk of Davidson. An officer spotted the suspect truck pulling into the VFW on Cottage Grove Road . The elderly man was contacted and eventually admits to being angry with rabbits who eat things in his garden so he goes out driving around shooting at them with .22 rifle. A dead rabbit was located in the back of the truck. The man was cited for discharging a weapon in the city.

WOMAN SOLICITING DONATIONS IS A FRAUD

In the past couple of weeks, a woman has been contacting East side residents soliciting donations to send her baseball team to a tournament in Hawaii . She also claims some of the money will go to the UW Children's Hospital. She is a white female, 25 yrs old, 5'5", stocky build, straight shoulder length hair and heavy make up. Please call police immediately if she contacts you for donations.

SHOOTING NEAR MAHER AND HOB

On 5/14, shortly after midnight, officers contacted the victim of a shooting who had shown up at a local hospital. Victim, male, 31, stated he was going to friend's house near Camden and Hob when he was approached by suspect with gun. Suspect demanded money and victim refused and ran. Suspect chased and fired one shot striking victim in leg. Suspect then fled. The investigation is showing that this was not a random act and that the victim was likely specifically targeted by the suspect. The incident is believed to be drug related.

TEENAGE DRIVER LOSES CONTROL

On the evening of May 3, a 16 yr old boy was driving with a 16 yr old girl passenger. While on S. Thompson Dr. the boy accelerated to approx. 70 mph. When he saw an oncoming car near Blacksmith, he tried to brake and hit the right curb. This caused his car to spin as it crossed the road and hit the opposite curb. The car then flipped several times as it crossed the backyards of a house on Blacksmith and a house on Bellows. The car knocked down a small tree and several sections of fence. Fortunately, both teens were wearing seatbelts and were not injured. The boy admitted to speeding to try to impress the girl. He was cited for reckless driving.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Below are just a few of the areas where enforcement has been done. It is not all inclusive.

- 500 Pflaum - Right Turn Only out of Sennett's lot.
 - 800 N. Fair Oaks - Speeding
 - 3300 E. Washington - Speeding
 - Swanton Rd - Speeding
 - S. Thompson Rd - Citizen complaint about black Acura chronically speeding. Officer located it at nearby residence and warned driver.
 - 3200 Atwood Av.- Speeding
 - Cottage Grove Rd - Speeding
 - 2100 Vondron Rd - Speeding
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HOW ARE WE DOING? TAKE THE TIME TO TELL US.

We are in the process of doing our annual survey to find out what you are thinking and experiencing. This survey will ask your thoughts about your neighborhood, your safety and police response to your issues.

Just click on the link below to complete a survey. A moment of your time helps us to know how we can improve service to our community.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=VGwfMopHYg479cJWhKbJXA_3d_3d

CAN YOU TAKE THIS CHALLENGE?

The most common complaint heard by police is that there is too much speeding. Let's admit it...we have all been guilty of speeding at some time. Whether we were late for work, or a doctor's appt., or a baseball game, or to pick someone up. There are dozens of excuses that we use to justify driving a little, or sometimes a lot, faster than we should. Most of us are also guilty of speeding up in the hopes of getting through the intersection before the light "technically turns red". And what about this racing up to red lights as if there is a prize for getting there first?

THE CHALLENGE:

For just 1 or 2 days, drive the speed limit and see what differences you notice. Included in this challenge is coasting up to stop lights and not trying to "make the yellow."

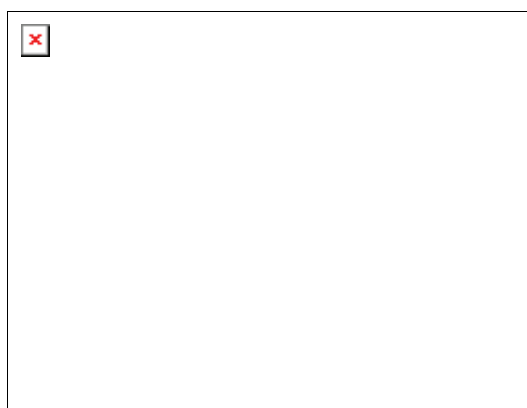
The first thing you will likely notice is how traffic seems to flow more easily and efficiently. When more people drive the speed limit, it makes it easier for other drivers to make turns, pull out from side streets and driveways and change lanes.

You may also notice that driving becomes less stressful. The slower speed gives you more time to watch for hazards and make adjustments as needed. You will probably notice things along your regular route that you never had time to see before.

At first it may seem that driving slower is going to take more time. But you are really just substituting speeding up and slowing down with a more constant average speed. Unless your trip is several hours long, the time saved will not be significant.

It will take longer for you to notice the savings in fuel but we know it is a fact that you will use less gas. And you will be more safe; but this is a benefit that is hard to see. You may never know what accidents were avoided because you had more time to react to a developing situation.

So next time you get in your car . . . take a deep breath . . . let it out . . . and take the challenge.



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Taking applications now for fall 2008 employment. Obtain an application from the City's website at www.cityofmadison.com/employment or call Human Resources Department Job Opportunity Line at (608) 266-4

Interviews for eligible applicants will begin approximately August 18, 2008.

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

Captain Jill Klubertanz
East Police District

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