

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 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

LISTENING SESSION FOR EAST SIDE

A listening sessions has been scheduled:

Wednesday, Sept. 12
7 pm
LaFollette High School Auditorium

You're invited to voice your concerns about crime and safety to Police Chief Noble Wray, East Police District Captain Jill Klubertanz, Mayor Dave Cieslewicz and officers from the East District.

Hosted by the East District Alders

BURGLARIES, THEFTS, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY REPORTS (Reported in August)

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- Burke Ave., 8/2, a friend of the victim startled the suspect who fled from the scene.
- Timothy Ave., 8/2, reached through dog door to open door.

- Dixon St., 8/3, reached through dog door to open door.
- Rethke Ave., 8/4, unlocked patio door.
- Jackson St. 8/10, open garage door overnight.
- N. Thompson, 8/6, unlocked patio door.
- Oakridge Ave., 8/7, unlocked door.
- N. Thompson, 8/7, unlocked door.
- Sommers Ave., 8/13, unlocked garage.
- Acewood Blvd., 8/18
- Hegg Ave., 8/17
- Littlemore Dr., 8/25, purse taken from unlocked car in unlocked garage.

NON - RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

- Carol's Laundry, 3700 Milwaukee, 8/3, machines broken into
- KNY, 3002 Atwood, 8/2
- Cellcessories, 2827 E. Washington
- Kentucky Fried Chicken, 602 Cottage Grove Rd., 8/9
- Village Manor Apts laundry room, 8/9
- KNY, 3002 Atwood, 8/10
- Brothers Main, 2050 S. Stoughton Rd., 8/19
- Any & All Video, 4604 Monona Dr., 8/22
- Humane Society, 5132 Voges, 8/21
- Leisure Coin Machines, 4506 Femrite, 8/21
- Rosati's, 4933 Commercial, 8/24
- Chang Jiang, 4929 Commercial Ave., 8/25
- Pedro's Mexican Restaurant, 3555 E. Washington Ave., 8/28
- Aring Equipment, 2405 S. Stoughton Rd., 8/29

THEFTS FROM AUTOS

- Atlas Ct., 8/3
- Ellestad Dr., 8/5
- Atlas Ct., Robertson Rd., numerous incidents, 8/9
- Robertson Rd., 8/10
- 2424 S. Stoughton Rd., Schoepp Motors, 8/24, tires and rims stolen off truck
- N. Marquette, 8/25

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

8/5, Parkwood La. Three teenagers saw a man in a car following them. They confronted him and threatened to call police. He left the area. He was a black male, 25 yrs, shaved head and large eyes, driving a burgundy Buick with a horizontal silver stripe.

BOY SHOTS NEIGHBOR WITH AIR SOFT GUN

On 8/7, a 12 yr old boy was charged with a City Ordinance violation after he shot an 8 yr old neighbor with an air soft gun. He initially denied any involvement until his mother located the air soft gun hidden in the garage. The mother was unaware her son had obtained the air soft gun from a friend.

WAL-MART THIEF CAUGHT

On 8/11, a woman had her open purse sitting in her shopping cart. While she was looking away, a man grabbed

her wallet out of her purse. The woman realized what had happened and chased after the man. She was joined by her husband who had been in the next aisle. When they tried to stop the man, he began to fight with the couple. Two store employees came to their aid and held the man for police. Located on the man were several syringes and other items consistent with heroin use.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

On 8/16, a teenage girl was walking her dog on Turquoise Ln. when a male in a car asked if he could walk with her. She said no and he left the area. The man was a black male in his late 20's, medium build, driving an older red sports car.

FOUR BURGLARS ARRESTED

On 8/16, at 2:50 am, a citizen reported seeing 4 men trying to break into the KNY Clothing store at Atwood and Fair Oaks. The first officer to arrive found one of the suspects hiding behind a car in the parking lot. As the officer contacted him, a crowbar dropped to the ground. Three more suspects were located hiding behind a dumpster near by. All four were charged with Attempted Burglary. They ranged in age from 17-19 and live in Madison. Arrested were: Chris K. Weaver, Demario D. Thompson, Bradley D. Thompson and Tyrone A. Flowers.

ATTEMPTED STRONG ARM ROBBERY

On 08/17 at 4202 Milwaukee St. at the PDQ, When the clerk opened the till the suspect tried to reach over the counter to take money. The suspect started to come around the counter when a customer came in and the suspect fled. Suspect M/B 30's, 6', thin build wearing gray sweatpants, blue windbreaker, black stocking hat.

GRAFFITI

- Honeysuckle Park playground equipment, 8/14, misc. words
- American Family Insurance sign, 718 Cottage Grove Rd., black paint
- 2701 Atwood Ave., 8/25, BB holes in window and graffiti spray painted on one
- Sennett Middle School, on brick wall, gang graffiti, 8/26
- Community Alliance Living, 1414 McArthur, unreadable spray paint on building
- 4313 Nakoosa Tr., 8/29, gang graffiti
- Royster Co., 902 Dempsey, gang graffiti
- Bike Path between Dempsey and Dennett, misc. words, 8/30

THE DELICATE BALANCE BETWEEN BELIEVING A VICTIM AND FINDING THE TRUTH

Recently a 13 yr old girl gave a very detailed story about how she was walking home alone one evening and a man drove up and tried to pull her into his car. The girl gave a detailed description of the man and how she screamed and fought to get out of his grasp. One patrol officer and two detectives worked with the girl for at least 3 hours, returning to the scene and clarifying various details. When some of the details did not seem to make sense, the girl would change the story slightly. Finally, after 3 hours, the girl admitted she had made the story up because she thought she might get into trouble for being with someone her parents did not want her to be with.

WORTHINGTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

In recent weeks we have seen an increase of people loitering in the area of Darbo. Some of these people appear to be selling drugs. But we have also seen a number of woman loitering in the area for the purpose of prostitution. The Neighborhood Officer Greg Rossetti, our Community Policing Team and many of our patrol officers have been working hard to address these issues.

One of the tools we use is to post nearby businesses and apartment complexes with no trespassing signs. Our officers have made numerous arrests in the past few weeks of people loitering on these properties without being

able to provide a legitimate reason for their presence.

Many contacts have been made based on officer observation and based on reports from the neighborhood residents. Here are two such incidents.

An officer contacted a 39 yr old female after a resident of the area had told him the woman had been seen smoking crack nearby. The officer located a pipe for smoking crack and other drug paraphernalia on the woman resulting in the woman's arrest.

At 9 am one morning, a 25 yr old woman flagged down a man near Darbo and Clyde Gallagher. The woman spoke to the man and offered her services to him. The man reported the incident to police. When an officer contacted the woman she admitted soliciting the man saying she had to work to pay for her drugs. The woman was subsequently arrested. Occasionally we put together an undercover operation to address these issues. These operations require numerous numerous officers to insure the safety of the undercover officers. Our community policing team recently organized this type of operation to address the prostitution problem. A male officers posed as a man looking for a prostitute to provide him with sex. In the course of this investigation, the woman suddenly grabbed the officer in the crotch, resulting in an additional charge of 4th Degree Sexual Assault. This is a tactic used by many prostitutes to try to determine if the man is an undercover officer. They believe an undercover officer cannot or will not allow them to touch him.

Officers have been making numerous traffic stops of people loitering or circling in the area. Many of these stops have resulted in arrests for traffic violations, warrants and possession of drugs.

We will continue to give this area extra attention to address these issues and hope area residents will continue to be vigilant in calling us with their observations.

SCHOOL HAS STARTED

This phrase often makes us think about slowing down and driving more carefully around schools. In addition, it made us think about the behaviors we might expect at our high schools as the school year begins. You may have noticed an increase number of officers around LaFollette High School this week. It is only normal that as the students return to school, there will be some posturing between members of different gangs to try to establish their position of power at the school. So far, the extra police presence appears to have paid off. There was one incident on Thursday after school where a group of kids starting posturing as if they were going to fight. Officers were near by and contacted them. The only other significant incident a LaFollette involved two 15 yr old girls fighting over a boyfriend. The fight started outside of the sewing class and became physical with school staff trying to break it up. One of the girls was holding a scissors from the sewing room and stabbed the other girl in the shoulder in the course of trying to punch her. The injury was minor and the girl was arrested.

2007 STOP ON RED CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

SAFETY TIPS FROM THE MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REDUCE RED LIGHT RUNNING CRASHES

For many of us, trying to "beat the light" has become a way to save a few minutes when we're in a hurry. Or, it's become habit to speed up when we see a yellow light, instead of slowing down and stopping. Another problem is driver distraction: when drivers aren't paying attention or are distracted by other passengers, they may run red lights or stop signs.

Whatever the reason, red light running is costly, in terms of injuries, traffic tickets and damage to vehicles. Red light and stop sign running are top causes of motor vehicle-related death and injury. Angle collisions can result in very serious head injuries to passengers in vehicles that are hit broadside by motorists running red lights or stop signs. Whiplash, and injuries to the back, knee, ankle, wrist and hand are also common. Typically it is the driver who followed the law and stopped on red that is injured, not the driver who caused the crash by rear-ending the car in front.

The Madison Police Department is participating in Safe Communities' 2007 Stop on Red Campaign because we're concerned about the number of red light running crashes in our community. We'll be paying special attention to the intersections of Hwy 51 and Buckeye. As you enter this intersection, please be on the lookout even if you have the green light. Also, please remember to stop on yellow during the campaign, and after it's over!

That's all for now.

Be safe. Be careful.

Captain Jill Klubertanz
East Police District