



## Captain's Corner

by Captain Tom Snyder

As you are all probably aware, school is now back in session. We will be doing our best to monitor traffic in and around our eastside schools reminding motorists to slow down and drive with caution. We cannot be everywhere, and it is important that all of us be mindful of our driving. Please drive safely. If



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you see areas in which you believe extra traffic enforcement is necessary, let us know. The phone number for the Traffic Safety Hotline is 266-4622. You also welcome to contact East Station Officer Mary Anne Thurber at 266-4731 or stop in and speak to her directly about the problem.

We want to hear from you! The Madison Police Department has once again begun a city-wide community survey by district. The survey can be filled out electronically, but we will also select neighborhoods later this summer in which personnel will deliver hard copies for completion. Ideally, we are hoping for several hundred responses. I believe this survey will help us better understand what is occurring in your neighborhood and your feelings related to safety and priorities for the MPD. If you or someone you know does not have access to a computer, please call 266-4887 for a hard copy of the survey.

Please click on the 2010 East Madison Community Survey link below:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/99FH8BL>

## Upcoming Events

- ONGOING: Stop by the station and pick up a "SLOW!" sign for your yard (limited quantity)



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The East District coverage area extends from Lien Road on the north to the McFarland Village limits on the south.

## LaFollette High School Update

by Officer Greg Rosetti

As the cooler weather approaches we begin to look forward to another good school year at LaFollette High School (LHS). The past 2009/2010 school year was particularly good. LHS has piloted many new programs and initiatives and last year recorded the fewest numbers of problems such as fights or disturbances in some time. As the school year progresses, I will continue to keep you abreast of new developments.



Officer Greg Rosetti

Earlier this summer, a number of officers from the East Police District participated in a staged shooting at LaFollette High School. Students and staff played the part of victims while officers responded to deal with an armed threat. The tactical training exercise brought together law enforcement and other first responders to include the Madison Fire Department and the Dane County 911 Center.

An active shooting situation in a school is a horrible tragedy and although still rare, it has occurred in Wisconsin before. The goal for MPD East Officers was to get them thinking about how they would respond and move around in a big building like LaFollette with chaos surrounding the incident. Officers were required to move quickly and confront the threat. We take training like this seriously and those who participated found the exercise to be very valuable.

We certainly hope nothing like this ever happens in Madison, but getting the school and first responders on the same page during any crises is vital. Thank you to LHS for all the support provided to us during the exercise. We would also like to thank those staff and students who volunteered to participate!

See the report below from WKOW (Ch. 27) who covered the training exercise:

<http://www.wkowntv.com/Global/story.asp?S=12692966>

## Patrol Operations Update

by Lieutenant Wayne Strong

### ALIVE AT 25 DEFENSIVE DRIVING PROGRAM

Alive at 25 is a program designed to decrease driving deaths for those between the ages of 16 and 25. For this age group, car crashes are the number one cause of death. The National Safety Council created the Alive at 25 Defensive Driving Course in order to reduce serious crashes, and death and injury for this age group.



Lieutenant Wayne Strong

The impact of this program has been quite substantial. Research conducted by the National Safety Coalition and the Colorado State Patrol shows that a completion of this program has resulted in a 98% reduction in serious crashes.

The contrast between Alive at 25 and traditional driving course programs is that driver's education courses focuses on the mechanics of driving while Alive at 25 focuses on decision-making and behavior. We know that while many in this age group have a pretty good concept of how to drive, it is more often behavior and other poor choices will result in serious crashes or death. Speeding, driving while under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances, and other distractions are usually the main factors.

The course uses workbook exercises, interactive media segments, group discussions, role playing, combined with short lectures to assist young drivers develop coping mechanisms that will help keep them safe on the road.

Recently, Cheryl Wittke of the Safe Communities Coalition and I met with Principal Joe Gothard to discuss setting up a course to be offered to students at LaFollette High School. Mr. Gothard was very enthused about the prospect of offering the course to his students and preparations have to implement the course are currently underway.

For more information about Alive at 25, please feel to contact Cheryl at 25606713 or e-mail at [cwittke@safercommunity.net](mailto:cwittke@safercommunity.net).

Be Safe.

## Station Officer Update

by Officer Mary Anne Thurber

### CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

With the onset of cooler weather and the decline of the car-sized blood-sucking mosquitoes, people are emerging from their air-conditioned homes and opening their windows. It is hard to believe that we're looking toward fall!

Crooks love the transitional seasons. Garage doors are up, cars are parked with the windows down, screened windows are very easily defeated and doors are left unlocked "for just a minute," all opening the door for a crook to pop in and out and make off with your property: virtually undetected. Please lock up!

A recent survey of grinning parents tells us our kids will be going back to school soon. Talk to them about personal safety. MPD has a Protective Behaviors class and the fundamental concepts can be found on our website under Safety Education. Also be alert for occasional computer safety courses offered by MPD. It is a great way for you to talk to your kids about on-line issues without alarming them.

Scammers will be making their last rounds offering to sell you windows or seal your driveway, trim your trees or roof your house. If you are in need of these services be sure that you are dealing with a local, reputable business. **DO NOT** pay for services prior to the service being rendered or until you are satisfied with the products. Reputable businesses will always stand behind their work.

And as always, if you would like to chat about an issue, feel free to stop at the East Police District. I'm in the office M-F and am happy to accommodate your schedule. If weekends better suit your needs I am happy to work with you then as well!



Officer Mary Anne Thurber

**Please take the opportunity to visit the new and improved Madison Police website at [www.madisonpolice.com](http://www.madisonpolice.com). A great deal of effort has gone into making this a more user friendly and informative site. You may want to visit the "East District" section. Here you will find a map of our district which shows which of our Community Policing Officers are responsible for the areas in which you live and work.**

## Investigative Update

by Lieutenant Melissa Schiferl

Date	Address	Information
06/24/10	44 S. Fair Oaks Ave. (Fair Oaks Diner) Commercial Burglary Arrested Persons	A witness observed two subjects attempting to break into the diner. Suspects gained entry by throwing a rock through the window. Officers responded and located both of them inside the business and took them into custody. Both were charged with party to a crime of burglary.
07/09/10	100 Quaker St. Strong Armed Robbery Arrested Person	The 63 year old female victim made a withdrawal from the ATM machine after shopping at a local business. She returned home where she was approached by the suspect who told her he had struck her car in the parking lot of that business and wanted to exchange names with her. The victim started to write down his plate when the suspect slapped the victim's keys from her hand, opened her vehicle and took money from a fanny pack located inside. After continuing investigation, the suspect was ultimately arrested.
07/10/10	1200 MacArthur Rd. Suspicious Person Theft	Caller reported a male impersonated a Charter Cable worker and removed three cable boxes and two modems. The caller followed the suspect from room to room as he removed the cable box and modems but thought it was odd when he picked the lock on one bedroom. The caller spoke with her mother and she called Charter who had no service request at her address.
07/10/10	3000 Webb Ave. Weapons Violation	A large disturbance broke out in the neighborhood and a shotgun was fired. A vehicle associated with the disturbance fled the area, but was later located and impounded. After further investigation, a gun was recovered from the trunk. Two suspects have been identified, and charges will be filed pending their arrest.
08/06/10	4600 Bob-O-Link Ln. Damage to Property	Victim heard a loud crashing sound coming from outside, a male voice laughing, and then the sound of a vehicle driving away. Victim's windshield on her vehicle parked on the street in front of this address was broken. This was one of several incidents reported this weekend. If you see or hear suspicious activity, contact police immediately. This increases our chances of getting to the area more quickly and possibly contacting potential suspects.
08/11/10	4500 Stein Ave. Damage to Property Arrested Juveniles	Father called police reference his son and his friends destroying property. Father looked on Face Book using his son's account and discovered one of the friends posted a note at 3:00 a.m. stating he was with the suspects smashing windows and racing carts at Woodman's. The father drove around the area his son told him about and discovered damaged mailboxes near Rockefeller La. and Kim La. Son said while on Stein Ave. they tipped over all the garbage and recycling bins, found a sledge hammer in the back of a truck and took it, then broke out different truck's window, walked to Woodman's and rode the electric carts inside the store and on the way back home threw stones at cars driving past them and also damaged mailboxes. Three juveniles were ultimately arrested and charges with various crimes.
UPDATE: 05/05/10	4200 Milwaukee St. (Heistand Park) Weapons Offense	Officers were dispatched to St. Mary's ER reference a male coming to the ER with a gunshot wound to his leg. The male reported that he was walking eastbound in the 4200 block of Milwaukee St. when a black vehicle with two subjects (described as African American males) pulled over and one of the occupants shot twice towards him. The victim claims he was struck in the leg by one of the shots. The victim claims at the time of the alleged shooting, his girlfriend and another male were present. Statements of these individuals differed as well as the locations of some key events. No physical evidence was located in the area. A canvas of the area was completed and all subjects contacted did not hear any gun shots.  After a lengthy investigation, it was finally determined that an accidental shooting occurred in a residence in another location. The parties then came up with this story as two of them have a prior criminal history. Charges are pending as these parties have not been arrested.
UPDATE: 05/15/10	4100 Portland Pkwy. Suspicious Vehicle	A Fed Ex driver attempted to deliver four packages (2' x 1') to an address on this street. The driver noted that the individual named on the packages did not reside at the address and left with the packages. During this time, the residents noticed a black Town and Country van with a Rhode Island plate circling the area and then slowing when they reached this address. Later, the Fed Ex driver returned with the packages and this time the black van pulled up to the Fed Ex truck's bumper. There were three females and one male in the suspect van. The driver exited and retained the packages for the individual listed on the address. The resident from Portland Parkway asked the driver why the packages were sent to his address and the driver did not reply. The plate on the suspect vehicle came back to a company rather than an individual.  Some additional follow-up was done and the van was actually a rental out of Chicago that was returned to another location in Illinois. The renter of the vehicle used minimal information (i.e. only a telephone number) and gave an address that comes back to a business in Dolton, Illinois, rather than a house address. No further information could be located on the name of the individual renting the vehicle.  It is our experience that this type of activity involves shipment of drugs. If you notice this activity in your neighborhood or have a similar experience, it is suggested that you call police immediately as it may be possible to contact the individuals involved in this type of illegal activity.

# Annual Darbo Worthington Block Party



Basketball Tournament



Mounted Patrol Officers made a Special Appearance



Dancing to the Music



Hula Hoop Contest

Pictures provided by Jody Glynn Patrick, Salvation Army

## Darbo Worthington Neighborhood Update

by Officer Kelly Beckett

Hello! It has been a busy summer in the neighborhood! At the beginning of June, Joining Forces for Families, in conjunction with the Salvation Army and Madison Police hosted an ice cream social event at the Salvation Army. This event served as a kickoff to summer, and helped acquaint numerous neighborhood youth and their parents with police officers, the JFF team and Salvation Army and Mentoring Positives staff.

On June 26th, the Worthington Park Neighborhood Association sponsored the annual Darbo Worthington Block party, which brought out numerous area residents. Officer Wilson and his K9 partner Ivan, as well as mounted patrol officers, made a special appearance from the Madison Police Department, and party-goers kept busy in the bounce house, the dunk tank or by participating in the hula hoop contest. The Salvation Army even brought out their Emergency Disaster Services dispensary to get the food to the people! It was well attended and everyone appeared to have a fantastic time. Events like these make me proud to serve in the Darbo Worthington neighborhood because they truly highlight the benefits of collaborative community partnerships that

involve several different agencies working in and around the neighborhood. Special thanks to WPNA president Dace Zeps for all her hard work, and to the Salvation Army, Mentoring Positives and the Goodman Center for being such a positive, continued force in this community.



Officer Kelly Beckett

In July, Madison Police, in partnership with Mentoring Positives, held the first-ever summer girls basketball league at the Salvation Army. We had 9 girls attend this league, and through their participation these girls gained not only new basketball skills, but also learned how to exhibit good sportsmanship. For our inaugural year, I would say this girl's basketball group was a success, and we are already looking forward to reaching out to more female youth for next summer's league!

### Madison Police Department District Update: East



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