



North District Newsletter

Madison Police Department

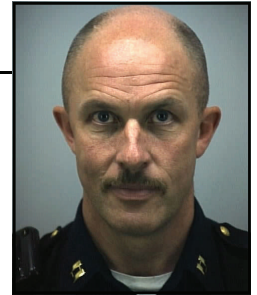


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Captain's Corner



Captain Cameron McLay

Greetings from the North Police District! As the warm weather is upon us, activity levels and demands on police resources has also increased. The good news is that we have not been hit with a major crime, such as a homicide, that strains available police resources for an extended period of time. This has allowed us to continue to conduct follow up on reported crimes that we receive when investigative leads indicate the potential for solving that crime.

One of the more exciting developments has been the rallying of stakeholders to support the Brentwood Village Neighborhood. This is an area that in 2007 and 2008, was seeing significant crime and disorder issues. Many of these incidents included open-air drug activity. In the latter half of 2008, Police Officer Susie Gonzalez was assigned to the Brentwood Neighborhood as a temporary neighborhood intervention officer. Her primary goals are to address the crime and disorder problems. PO Gonzalez is working in a collaborative effort with police investigative resources, involving other local, state and federal agencies. She is also identifying and cultivating existing leaders in the resident population. PO Gonzalez was requested to seek the involvement and support of the other stakeholder agencies that may help with our effort.

What has occurred is indeed exciting! The Northeast Senior Coalition, with support from the Madison Police Department, Alders, the Northside Planning Council and other vested stakeholders, applied for and was awarded a grant from the City of Madison. Specifically, this grant is to be utilized to cultivate leadership in the resident population.

Many City agencies have taken a vested interest in increasing the quality of life for the Brentwood Neighborhood. Some of these agencies include: Building Inspection as well as the Zoning Department; Traffic Engineering Division; Streets; Parks Division; the City Attorney's Office; Community Services Commission and the Apartment Assoc. of South Central Wisconsin. At the same time, PO Gonzalez has been maintaining constant communication with the Planning division's Northport-Warner Park-Sherman Ave. Neighborhood Plan effort, currently in progress. PO Gonzalez' efforts assures that the issues in the neighborhood are addressed in the long-term planning stage.

With the support from the Mayor's office, City agencies have begun to formalize mechanisms for assuring that all City agencies are at the table as we work through the issues that need to be addressed. This will help prevent the Brentwood Village Neighborhood from becoming the kind of neighborhood where the quality of life erodes for the residents and the area becomes a hardship on city services.

I am pleased and impressed by the way everyone is rallying to help in this effort. It shows what makes the Northside a very special part of the City of Madison and a great place to work and/or live!

Take care and Be Safe.

Captain Cam McLay



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Investigative Update

Crime Trend Update: Theft from Vehicles:

The good news is that Thefts from Autos are the only type of crime that is on the increase from last year's totals, and along with Aggravated Batteries and Batteries is the only crime type above the average since 2000.

The bad news is, the North District along with other parts of the city has seen an increase in theft from vehicle/ damage to vehicle reports. Although they have occurred in different parts of the district, the area of highest concentration for these recently seems to be happening in the Hayes Rd, East Towne Mall areas.

Most commonly, suspect(s) break the window on the vehicle to gain entry and then steal items within the vehicle, although far, far too often, we still see cases where the suspects are able to enter the Unlocked vehicle and steal valuables left therein.

Most of these incidents are happening overnight, however there have been reports where it has occurred during daylight hours.

We asked that you call police if you see any unusual, suspicious activity in parking lots/ramps or around vehicle parked on the roadway. **Most importantly, please do not leave any valuables in your vehicle especially in plain view!**

Bank Robberies

The North Police District is home to a large number of financial institutions, thus we also investigate numerous bank robberies each year. In 2006 the City of Madison had 27 bank robberies. In 2007, we had 10 robberies and in 2008 we had seven. We have also had several robberies already this year.

What can you as a citizen do to make yourself as safe as possible in the rare chance that you are the witness to a bank robbery? For starters, be a good witness, don't be a hero. Don't try to interfere, follow directions, and make sure to stay to talk to police after a robbery.

Police will ask for a detailed suspect description and car description. Try to get a license plate number of any vehicles associated with the suspect. That is the easiest way for police to match a name to a vehicle. If you just say, "the suspect got into a red small car" it doesn't help us out as much as getting a license plate number. As for a suspect description, try to make note of the suspect's race, height, weight, hairstyle and color, facial hair, jewelry, tattoo's and clothing description.

There is no average type of bank robber; they can be male or female, any race, and any age. It is also very common for a robber to do pre-surveillance before a robbery. Before going into a bank, scan the area for any suspicious individuals. Immediately report any suspicious behavior to bank employees or call 911.

We are more than willing to put on scenario based bank robbery training for your financial institution. Just contact the North District. --- Detective Cory Nelson

Update Continued: I would like to introduce you to the two Persons Crimes detectives that serve the North District. These detectives are assigned cases associated with violent crimes such as Armed Robbery, Homicide, Substantial Battery, and Weapons Offenses.

Detective Pete Baio is newly assigned to the North District as a detective. He has worked in the district as a patrol officer in the past. He has been with the Madison Police Department for nine years. Prior to being promoted as a detective, Baio was assigned to our CIS unit as the Crimestoppers Coordinator. In addition to his current duties, he is also a member of our SWAT and Honor Guard teams.

Detective Cory Nelson has been assigned to the North District for several years as both a patrol officer and a detective. He has been with the Madison Police Department for approximately twenty years with ten years experience as a detective. Detective Nelson has done a variety of assignments in his career including the Dane County Narcotics and Gangs Task Force and the Blue Blanket Task Force. He has been a member of our SWAT (formally ERT) team. In addition to his current duties, Detective Nelson is also on the Arson Investigation team.

From The Northport/Packers Neighborhood Officer

As a Neighborhood Officer, one gets to know people at a personal level. I also get to know their stories, where they came from and how far some have come. This is a success story of one of the people in my neighborhood. I am familiar with this woman and some of her life story, she was willing to give me her story hoping it would help others. Her name is Paula.

Paula lives in Packer Townhouses. Paula grew up in Aurora, IL and is the youngest of 11 children. Paula's father worked in a factory all his life and her mother was a stay at home mom who struggled with diabetes. Paula graduated from high school and then went to cosmetology school where she got her license. When Paula turned 19 she got her own apartment, but her mom fell ill with diabetes and Paula moved home to take care of her mom. Paula's mom's health worsened and she had to move into a nursing home. Paula said her mom was her best friend and was afraid she wouldn't live much longer. This stressed Paula out. Paula said for many reasons she started using crack cocaine. Paula was 32 years old. Paula said she used periodically until her mom passed away and her addiction took over. Paula had a crack habit of \$100.00 a day at her lowest point. Paula's daughter and her family gave her an ultimatum of either her daughter or the drugs. She went into treatment in 2004 in Rockford for 28 days. Paula said after being home for 2 weeks, she relapsed because she went back to the same people, places and things. Paula then went into treatment again this time in Joliet, IL where she spent 120 days in residential treatment and then a halfway house where she was a group leader. Paula said at treatment they taught you life survival skills. Paula gave custody of her daughter to her sister. Paula said this was one of the hardest things she has ever had to do.

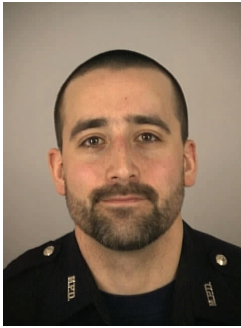
After treatment Paula moved into her own place in Joliet, IL for a year, until she moved to Madison. Today Paula has been clean from drugs since June 2005. Paula said she still follows the programs she learned in treatment and takes one day at a time. Paula also is in the process of trying to give back to others by getting her daycare license.

In times where people feel hopeless this is just a story of someone's struggles and success. I thank Paula for the candidness in which she spoke to me and for putting her life story out there for everyone. Hopefully it will help someone somewhere.



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Neighborhood Officer
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From The North Community Policing Team



Sergeant
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Community Policing
Team
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***Bothered by loud
stereos or cars roam-
ing through your
neighborhood?***

***Become part of the solu-
tion!***

***North CPT will be offering
second annual Boom Car
Training at the North Dis-
trict in June.***

***Please call Sgt Jason
Freedman at 243-0542 or
email
jfreed-
man@cityofmadison.com
if you are interested in
this 2 hour training.***

***Time and date to be de-
termined.***

The North Community Policing Team (NCPT) is a proactive unit of five officers and a sergeant that address a variety of safety and quality of life issues throughout the North District. NCPT generally works from 2pm to 10pm, although we flex our hours as necessary. We work in concert with patrol operations, the Task Force, other CPT's, and detectives. Some of the services we provide are:

****Traffic enforcement:*** so far in 2009, we have addressed several complaints and issues including in the construction zone on E Washington Ave near Hwy 30, school zone enforcement, Cruisers on the Ave, and speeding concerns on Hoepker, Anderson, Packers, and Northport. The team engages in both individual and group efforts, depending on the issue. We regularly work with the Traffic Enforcement Safety Team. We utilize laser, radar, and undercover and shadow vehicles. Please call our office at 243-0542 with concerns or complaints.

****Special Events Support:*** NCPT helped to staff the Mifflin St Block Party; we will be out during Rhythm and Booms, Elver Park, and numerous other events. We also routinely participate in local community events such as the upcoming Senior Coalition Concert series at Warner Park.

****Major Case Support:*** During the crime spree of 'the Parka Bandit', NCPT (and many others) was heavily involved in apprehension efforts. As major incidents take place, you can expect the NCPT to assist in investigations and apprehensions.

****Drug Interdiction:*** Are you seeing short-term traffic in your neighborhood? Are people/vehicles coming and going at all hours? Do people do 'hand-to-hand' exchanges on the street? Is there suspicious activity that just doesn't 'feel right'? These are all indicators of potential drug activity. If you are seeing this type of behavior, please let us know. NCPT utilizes a number of tools to identify, deter, and stop drug activity on the North side. You are the most important step in this process—you know what isn't right, and you see the activity. Letting us know allows us to locate and address the problem. Please call our office at 243-0542 with concerns or complaints.

****Assisting Patrol and Neighborhood:*** NCPT responds to calls for service as needed, and routinely shares information with your beat officers in order to better identify and solve district problems. We also work closely with neighborhood officers Adler and Gonzalez to address issues in and around their areas.

****Education:*** In addition to participating in community meetings, team officers also train citizens (e.g. boom-car, citizen's academy) and recruits (e.g. firearms, tactics).

****Problem Solving Initiatives:*** Addressing root causes is usually preferable to addressing the symptoms. We are currently engaged in problem solving activities involving homes (e.g. a flop-house where alcohol is a major problem) and businesses (e.g. late night disturbances and noise issues at a local establishment). We also work with major apartment complexes (e.g. assisting with evicting problem tenants and reducing trespassing and short-term traffic at a large complex on Northport Drive), to name a few of our current 'irons in the fire'.

The above is but a partial list of the services that we strive to provide. Obviously, there is always a lot for us to tackle and we must triage our efforts. Yet the most important element in a successful triage is good information—and that information often comes from you. Call! Have a safe, enjoyable summer.

Brentwood Neighborhood

I was assigned the Brentwood Neighborhood Intervention Officer position in October 2008. I share neighborhood information with the North Community Policing Team, Task Force, the K-9 Unit, and local, state and federal agencies as well as with several city agencies. Such agencies include Building Inspection/Zoning, Traffic Engineering, Parks Dept., The Apartment Association of South Central WI and the City Attorney's Office. We have many active and vested stakeholders in the community, willing and able to help create a better quality of life for the Brentwood Neighborhood. I have already noticed the hard work by the property owners to create aesthetically pleasing front yards.

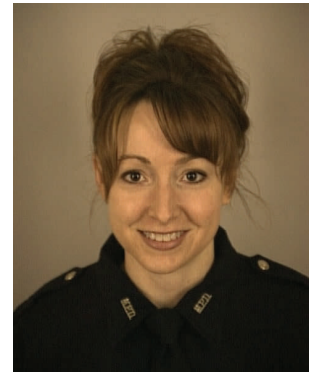
One of my initiatives was to install more street lighting to our streets and sidewalks. Thanks to the Parks Dept. for trimming tree branches and to Traffic Engineering to installing more streetlights. This will positively brighten our neighborhood and the darkness will no longer enable drug activity and crime!

As warmer weather approaches, I am getting to know the children in the neighborhood as they are out and about. I have disseminated many books, stuffed animals, stickers and blankets to the children. You may have seen some of these items in your homes. Please remember to supervise your children and know who they are associating with and their whereabouts. It is very important to stress Stranger Danger to the children. Furthermore, please be aware of curfew for ages 12 – 16 years' old: Sunday – Thursday 11 pm – 4 am and Friday/Saturday 12 am – 5 am.

As the summer months approach, I expect more activity in the neighborhood. Please be vigilant and practice personal safety. Often times, property crimes are crimes of opportunity. So, make sure that your car doors are locked and your valuables are out of sight. It is important that your doors are secure and this includes the front and back doors of your apartment complex/house. Please be mindful of open windows as well.

I am still waiting for a neighborhood representative or block captain to come forward and initiate a Brentwood Neighborhood Watch Program. In order to create a better quality of living in our area, we need citizens like you, to be a leader in your community and encourage residents to become vigilant and create a neighborhood watch program. If you are interested in helping your community, please contact the Madison Police Department Crime Prevention Office at 266-4238 to create a watch meeting. The Crime Prevention Officer, Frank Chandler, will provide the neighborhood representative or block captain with neighborhood watch meeting invitations and pamphlets. PO Chandler may also provide presentations and trainings on personal safety. The information provided may also be tailored to seniors and children. Let's fight crime together. It is a collaborative effort by police and the community!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

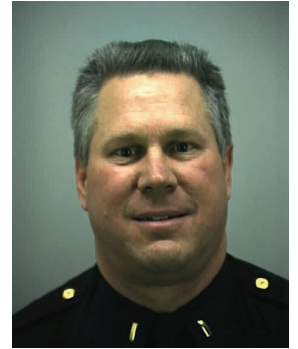


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North District Operations

On Tuesday May 5, 2009 Lakeview Elementary students and staff took to the streets walking the neighborhood promoting the new Lakeview School Traffic Safety Plan. Principal Kristi Kloos organized several meetings with parents, students, and city agencies developing a new school traffic safety plan hopefully making student drop off and pick up safer for all.

Students and staff were joined by parents, Mayor Dave, Alder Rhodes Conway, and area Law Enforcement to demonstrate the safe neighborhood walking routes and crossings. The walk also promoted the kickoff of the Safe Communities Coalition Slow Down Campaign promoting safe driving habits in school zones and residential neighborhoods.



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"Policing in Partnership with our Community"

About the North Police District

The North Police District Newsletter is distributed electronically to district employees, area alder persons and other elected officials, business associations, school principals, media, North Side Planning Council members, neighborhood association leaders, North Neighborhood Resource Team members, East Neighborhood Resource Team members, interested citizens and staff of the Madison Police Department. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information about incident reports and criminal cases as well as community events and activities occurring in the North District.

There are 25 neighborhood associations and 3 business associations represented in the North District. Some of the information shared in the newsletter is intended to serve as feedback to those associations on enforcement or problem solving efforts in the community. We are always open to improving the services we provide to north side residents. Your comments can be e-mailed to me or, if you wish to speak in person call me at 245-3652.

The North Police District is one of five geographic areas served by the Madison Police Department. The North District is bounded by Lake Mendota and Maple Bluff to the west, E. Washington Ave. and Highway 30 to the south, and I-90/94 to the east. It also includes the area east of I-90/94 and north of Highway 151 to the Sun Prairie border. You may see the boundaries of the district by visiting our website: www.ci.madison.wi.us/police/north.html. You will also find prior newsletters posted at this site.



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