



North District Newsletter

Madison Police Department



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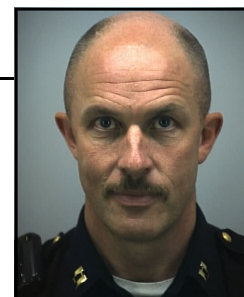
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Captain's Corner

Greetings from the North Police District!

As summer heats up, so have some of the activities that drive the work of the officers of the Madison PD.

Our mid-year data analysis has some bright points however: Crimes against Persons (Murder, Battery, Robbery, Sexual Assault, etc) are down significantly this year for the second year running; Property Crimes (Thefts, Burglary, Criminal Damage, etc) are down overall as well.



Captain Cameron McLay

There are also some trends everyone should bear in mind: Thefts from Autos and Burglaries are up; Disturbances, Fights and Drug activity complaints are also up. Many of these seem to be related to youthful offenders. There is likely some gang influence here, but it would be a mistake to believe that gang activity is the main culprit here. There seems to be an increasing tendency toward youth disturbances, degenerating into violence, and there is clearly an increase in unlawful behavior from youthful offenders during the summer months. While our rates of victimization for serious crime is decreasing, these trends certainly have an adverse effect on peoples' perception of safety in their community.

It is a fact that most crimes are crimes of opportunity. While we at the Police Department are working on dealing with the illegal behaviors here, there are a number of things that each and every one of you should do to prevent becoming a victim.

- Do not leave valuables in plain view, whether in your vehicle or your home. Avoid showcasing to those outside the items of value that are there to be stolen.
- Always lock your home, garage and / or car.
- Assure that the exterior of your home or where your car is parked is well illuminated at night.
- Trim back any bushes or other plantings that obscure view of your home from the roadway. This creates blind spots where burglars can work without fear of being seen by passing traffic, police or watchful neighbors.
- Never ever leave your keys in your car! Many of our recent stolen auto cases still involved cars with keys left in them.

We will be further analyzing the trends here, and will be redeploying personnel as necessary to be as effective as we can with the resources we have available. Following these simple steps could easily prevent suspects for choosing you as their next victim!

Now I have a favor to ask of you: Tell us how we are doing! We are again doing a community survey about police services and would very much like to hear what we can do to better serve. There are a couple of ways to take this simple survey:

1. Online – Go to this link on the internet to take the survey online found on the MPD North District Website <http://www.cityofmadison.com/police/north.html>, then click on “Take the 2008 North District Community Survey” (or click hyperlink on originating email).
2. Pick up a copy at the North Police District Station at 2033 Londonderry Drive during regular business hours.

If neither option will work for you, and you wish to participate, please call or email me, and I will assure that we find a way to get the survey to you. Your input is invaluable in helping me to determine what we need to do to better serve you. Thanks in advance for taking the time to help.

Captain Cam McLay
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North District Incident Summary

The following reflects only a small sampling of the higher profile cases that North Police District officers and detectives investigated. In the month of June, in addition to the following, there were over 39 Batteries, 11 Weapon Offences, 19 Stolen Autos, over 50 thefts, 4 non-criminal Death Investigations, and 14 Fraud Investigations. The follow up investigations for these crimes is shared between our 9 Detectives! While busy, this is not an atypical month.

Person Crimes - Robberies

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Details</u>
6/12	1625 N Stoughton Rd	Armed Robbery - Black male suspect wearing hoodie robbed PDQ. Suspect not located.
6/25	E Washington Ave at Oak St	Strong Armed Robbery - Victim was approached by James Beviel (suspect) near the Metro Bus Stop. Beviel asked victim for money to buy cigarettes, then forcibly grabbed the victim by his shirt and said, "Give me the money or I'll kill you." Victim turned over \$23 and Beviel walked a short distance away. When officers arrived, Beviel was still on scene and lied to officers about his name. Beviel arrested.

Note: Incidents are selected for inclusion in the monthly newsletter due to their particular interest to the community and are not intended to provide an account of all the incidents to which police responded in the North District during the past month.

Residential Burglaries

6/1	2300 Independence Lane
6/3	900 Northport Drive
6/3	2800 Moland
6/10	4400 Rigley Lane
6/11	10 Straubel Court
6/12	2500 Hoard Street
6/14	1500 Trailway
6/14	5517 Comanche Way
6/16	2600 Fairfield Place
6/18	1800 Boyd Ave
6/19	500 Northport Drive
6/21	2500 Dahle Street
6/23	1900 Sachtjen St
6/25	1800 Aberg Avenue
6/26	5500 Comanche Way

Non-residential Burglaries

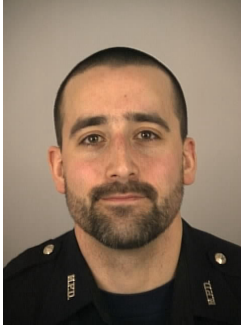
6/6	2050 E Johnson Street
6/7	1719 Thierer Road
6/8	2338 East Springs Drive
6/9	2050 E Johnson Street
6/10	1719 Thierer Road
6/15	1719 Thierer Road
6/16	1719 Thierer Road
6/19	4214 E Washington Avenue
6/21	4628 E Washington Avenue
6/24	1411 Northport Drive
6/25	3074 E Washington Avenue
6/28	2102 East Springs Drive
6/29	Pennsylvania Ave at Commercial
6/30	2412 Packers Avenue

North District Incident Summary Continued

Person Crimes - Battery/D.C. Whiled Armed/Weapons

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Details</u>
6/21	2309 Monterey	Domestic Arrest - Officers responded to a domestic disturbance/911 hang-up, could hear sounds of distress coming from within. Officers announced their presence, and received no response, therefore forced entry. Victim located with possible broken nose, swollen face and numerous scratches. Two other males were in the apartment, cited for obstructing for not opening door when police announced. Suspect heard police and jumped from second story window, and later located at Meriter Hospital suffering from a broken foot. Suspect was medically cleared and arrested, charged with substantial battery, domestic disorderly conduct, obstructing, intimidation of a victim and a P&P hold.
6/21	3409 Killing Dr	Carrying Concealed Weapon - Caller reported a man in the parking lot got out of a vehicle, took a gun out of the trunk, and put it in his waistband. The man then went into apartment building. A 17 year old was taken into custody with a facsimile semi-auto handgun.
6/26		Pursuit/Stolen Vehicle - Officers were sent to 1710 Browning Rd for the report of a stolen car there. Caller provided vehicle plate and told dispatch car had been stolen the day before. Officer found the vehicle, confirmed stolen status, and followed the vehicle, and attempted to stop the vehicle on Packers Ave. Driver fled and pursuit initiated, ending at Kennedy Heights apartments when driver and passenger abandoned the vehicle (still in gear) and fled on foot in separate directions. Officer Frei was able to stop the vehicle using his own squad, and driver was later arrested after a search of the area.
6/28	1902 Bartillon Dr	Stabbing - Officers responded to Sports Pub to find victim had been stabbed once in abdomen. Female suspect identified and charged after detective follow-up investigation.
6/30	800 block of Mayer Ave	Home Invasion - Male went to car to get something and two male suspects confronted victim and forced him back inside his apartment. Both suspects armed and demanded money. Victims later able to free themselves and called police. Suspects are black male, 35-40 years old, bald with rough looking face; and a black male 6'4"/220 lbs, braids. Investigation continuing.





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North District Community Policing Team

Hello,

There are several items to address in this column. First, Officer Lester Moore has taken a positive with the gang unit; we wish him the best in his new assignment. Replacing Lester is Officer Kraig Knutson. Kraig is an eight year veteran of MPD, most recently having spent two and a half years with Central CPT (and prior to central he was a member of the North/East CPT). Kraig is also a member of the Special Events Team. Kraig will be taking over Lester's liaison positions effective Mid-June.

In my last column, I said I would talk about how NCPT addresses a 'drug house'. NCPT relies on information in order to effectively deal with problems. Obviously, the most important piece of information is that there is an issue with a particular address or area. Residents, who by their very propinquity see activity and recognize patterns and activities that do not make sense for their area often identify this first piece of the puzzle.

Once the problem is identified, NCPT uses a variety of resources to continue gather intelligence: internal department databases, surveillance, confidential informants, and information culled from other agencies such as the Task Force. **Above all else, however, is continuing information from residents – license plates, suspect descriptions, times of day, and other details.** Using this information allows us to assess the nature of the problem – is it a place for drug use, drug selling, or is the activity more innocuous?

Following an assessment, NCPT typically tries to address drug houses by using surveillance; traffic stops, and knock-and-talks to generate evidence to 1) generate a search warrant; and/or 2) request drug abatement; and/or 3) evict the persons (if a renter) and displace them from the area. Sometimes, these problems can be dealt with quickly; more often than not, it may take weeks or months in order to build the case.

Drug activity is a nuisance, a safety issue, and, importantly, a quality of life issue. NCPT takes these issues very seriously. Timely and specific information – provided by involved and concerned residents – is critical to effectively addressing drug houses.

Finally (and, I promise, briefly), NCPT will be hosting a 'boom-car' training for interested citizens. This training allows you to generate the necessary elements of noise violations in order to allow an officer to later cite the offender. If you are interested in this training please call me at 608-243-0542 or email at jfreedman@cityofmadison.com. We are hoping to do the training some time in mid to late July.

Thanks,

Jason



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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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