



# MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT



## *North District Newsletter*

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Captain Richard Bach

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### About The North 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](http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/police/north.html). You will also find prior newsletters posted at this site.

The Madison Police Department is currently conducting a community survey. In the past we have selected a few neighborhoods in each district to survey by hand, but this year the survey will be district-wide and is on our website, so everyone will have the opportunity to complete it electronically. This survey will help us better understand what is occurring in your neighborhood and your feelings related to safety and priorities for the police department.

The survey will take about 10-15 minutes to complete and can be accessed directly at :

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=62983699063>

or

[www.madisonpolice.com/north.html](http://www.madisonpolice.com/north.html)

Please take the time to fill out this survey today.

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Lieutenant Kristen Roman, Detective Services 245-3654

Note: Below are incidents which have been selected for inclusion in this months 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.

**Person Crimes - Robberies:**

Date	Location	Details
03/26	1200 Huxley St	<b>Attempted Strong Arm Robbery-</b> Victim was walking near the north transfer point when the suspect rushed out of near by bushes attacking her. Victim was able to get away after punching the suspect. Suspect: m/unknown, 600
04/03	1100 N Sherman Ave	<b>Armed Robbery:</b> Suspect entered store wearing a hooded sweatshirt, blue baggy jeans, with his face concealed. Suspect was armed with a handgun and threatened the teller. Suspect is a described as a M/B, 5'2"-5'4", and heavy build.
04/07	Packers Ave & Scott Ln	<b>Strong Armed Robbery:</b> Victim & girlfriend were walking home when they were "jumped" by two subjects who exited their vehicle and took money from the victims. Suspect#1- M/B, 20-25 yrs. old, 5'11" wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt. Suspect #2- M/B, 5'08", stocky, wearing a dark winter coat, gloves & stocking cap.

**Person Crimes - Battery/D.C. Whiled Armed/Weapons Offense:**

Date	Location	Details
04/01	3554 E Washington Ave	<b>D.C While Armed:</b> Suspect who was asked to leave the bar went into the parking lot and began running in between cars with a metal pipe. Suspect was confronted by 2 bouncers and told to leave the area. Suspect later returned to the parking lot with a knife and began waving it in a threatening manner. Arrested: Santo A Lopresto m/h (03/13/58), charged with DC, DC While Armed and OMVWI.
04/08	4500 American Pkwy	<b>Battery:</b> Victim and girlfriend were driving home from when they cut off a vehicle merging onto Hwy 151. The suspect vehicle then got in front of their vehicle causing them to stop. The victim then got out of his vehicle and was battered by 4 m/w's. Victim's girlfriend was also battered by a f/w. Suspect vehicle is described as a Buick SUV, gold or silver in color with dealer plates.
04/15	85 East Towne Mall	<b>D.C. While Armed:</b> Suspect and his girlfriend got into a verbal argument outside East Towne Mall. A third party observed the suspect armed with a baseball bat follow the female as she was attempting to walk inside the mall. Arrested: Keith A Thomas M/B (10/31/61), charged with DC While Armed.

Property Crimes - Graffiti

Date	Location	Details
03/30	1200 Northport Dr.	<b>Graffiti:</b> A witness observed several suspects spray-painting two garage doors. A description of the suspects vehicle was given and a traffic stop later lead to their arrest. All were charged with trespass and one was charged for the graffiti. Arrested: Juan F Ceballos-Alfaro m/h, (10/19/89). Ryan A Nelson, m/w, (12/29/89). Michael A Evans, m/a, (08/23/89).

Property Crimes - Burglaries:

Date	Location	Type	Entry	Target/Stolen
03/26	1423 Northport Dr	Commercial	Front Door Smashed	Cigarettes, change
03/30	Northridge Ter	Residential	Apartment door pried open	Jewelry and shoes
04/01	1901 Aberg Ave	Commercial	Screen removed	Cigarettes
04/06	600 Vera Ct	Residential	Screen removed	Prescription Meds.
04/08	39 East Towne Mall	Commercial	Lifting security gate	Cash
04/09	200 N Sixth St	Residential	Side door broken	Jewelry
04/14	2500 E Mifflin St	Residential	Front door kicked in	DVD's & CD's

Of Note:

Date	Location	Details
03/30	2222 E Washington Ave	<b>Bomb Threat:</b> Written on wall in bathroom. School was evacuated.

North District Patrol Operations & Traffic Enforcement



Lieutenant Brian Ackeret, Patrol Services 245-3653



Traffic Safety

The Madison Police Department continues to respond to complaints of speeding and aggressive driving with specific traffic enforcement efforts. The following enforcement efforts were conducted in April.

- 04/10/07 Speeding 1200 Blk Troy Dr. 17 citations issued
- 04/12/07 Red Signal Violations Portage Rd at E Washington Ave
- 04/21/07 Speeding 3300 Blk E Washington Ave 6 citations issued
- 04/21/07 Aggressive driving and tire squealing (Cruisers) 6 citations issued
- 04/27/07 Speeding 3300 E Washington Ave 13 citations issued, 1 warrant arrest

Patrol Officers assisted with traffic direction at the following Elementary and Middle School Events:

03/30/07 Sherman Middle School Fun Run/Walk

04/20/07 Lakeview Elementary Earth Day Warner Park clean up

We also receive complaints of parking violations at the schools near the crosswalks. These streets are typically posted No Parking 8am-4pm During School Days or No Stopping, Standing or Parking. It is important that cars not park in these posted areas while dropping off or picking up children at school, as the parked cars obstruct the view of drivers and pedestrians as the children attempt to cross the street.

As always, we ask for voluntary compliance with parking and traffic regulations. Please try to set a good example for other drivers, as well as the passengers in your vehicle, by driving and parking in a safe manner.

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**From The North/East Community Policing Team (CPT)**

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Sergeant Chuck Weiss 266-5945

During the month of April the North/East CPT was involved in several traffic operations in the North District. Speed waves were conducted in the 3300 of the E Washington Ave and the 1200 block of Troy Dr. There were additional traffic initiatives done on weekend evenings on E. Washington Ave. These initiatives were focused mainly on reckless driving behavior such as racing. North District patrol officers assisted on all of these projects.

On April 10<sup>th</sup> North/East CPT officers arrested a subject who was wanted for attempted homicide. The suspect, who was wanted by Kenosha PD was located at a North side motel and taken into custody without incident.

On April 28<sup>th</sup> Officer Steve Chvala received minor injuries while arresting a wanted subject on Wright St. Officer Chvala learned of the wanted subject while following up on a parking complaint in the Truax neighborhood. He contacted the subject and placed him under arrest. It was at that point the subject began to resist. The subject briefly escaped but after a very short foot pursuit was taken into custody. The suspect had warrants for Possession with Intent to Deliver Cocaine and Escape. The suspect has new charges for Escape, Resisting an Officer, Battery to a Police Officer and Trespassing.

In the North district, we have begun several proactive, community based initiatives meant to increase our visibility and interaction with citizens. As a part of this initiative, Officer Tom Finnegan has recently begun foot patrol in the Northside Towne Center (Sherman Plaza). This will continue as we move towards summer. Additionally, CPT officers are beginning regular foot and bicycle patrols in North District neighborhoods. We will rotate through various neighborhoods as a part of this initiative. We welcome any information or feedback that citizens may have regarding their neighborhoods or problems in the district.

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**From The East High School Educational Resource Officer**

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Police Officer Pat Green 204-1673



Excitement abounds with the end of the school year in sight. Many students are staying busy with after-school activities and spring athletics. The warmer weather also brings the students outside more often and in larger numbers. Officers have been providing more visibility and presence around East High School in the morning hours and are making significant impact on the few students who tend to linger outside rather than attend class. With Prom approaching I want to encourage responsible behavior so everyone can have a fun, safe and memorable event.

**Physical Abuse to a Child** - A 17 year old student was arrested for Physical Abuse of a Child after the suspect kicked the victim in the upper right arm during a fight involving 6 people. The victim suffered a separated shoulder and needed medical attention.

**Disorderly Conduct** - Two students were arrested for Disorderly Conduct as a result of their actions while non-school personnel protested on public property outside of school during lunch. One of the students threw a combination lock and the other threw an orange that nearly struck people around the protest.

**Battery/Disorderly Conduct** - On 04/13/04 three fights occurred throughout the day, which resulted in one student transported to the hospital via Fire Rescue. As a result of the investigation nearly 15 students were arrested for charges of Battery and Disorderly Conduct. One student was taken to the Dane County Jail and one student was transported to the Juvenile Reception Center for secure custody. This large-scale disruption caused all extra activities during the school day to be cancelled. At least 8 Madison Police Officers and Detectives were sent to the school to maintain a secure presence during the remainder of the day.

**Unlawful Presence on School Property** - A 30 year old was arrested for coming into school to contact an adult student. The 30 year old drove all night from St. Paul, MN to speak with the student. The student requested the 30 year old to cease attempting to contact the student.

**Bomb Threat** - A bomb threat was located in a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bathroom. Investigation continues.



Police Officer Kelly Donahue 245-3679



## Informative Workshop for Property Owners/Managers to Help Improve Our Community and Protect Your Investment

### **North District Challenges Facing Property Owners:**

- Resident Screening
- Tenant behavior/Evictions
- Marketing for Vacancies
- Question and Answers with Neighborhood Police Officers
- Pizza and Soda Provided

***Wednesday, May 2, 2007  
Lakeview Lutheran Church  
4001 Mandrake Rd  
Madison, WI***

***Registration: 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM  
Program: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM***

This program is co-hosted by the Apartment Association of South Central Wisconsin and the Madison Police Department.

To register, please contact Katie at 608-826-6226 or [katie@ascw.org](mailto:katie@ascw.org)

\***No fee to attend** and you will receive a free professional property management handbook for future reference!



### *Personal Safety Tips*

- Stay on populated, well-lit streets. Avoid shrubbery; dark areas near buildings and any other places an attacker might hide. Avoid shortcuts through alleys, vacant lots and other deserted places. Whenever possible, avoid walking or jogging alone – even during the day.
- Look around as you walk and be aware of your surroundings. Make it difficult for anyone to take you by surprise. Walk confidently at a steady pace.
- Avoid secluded or deserted areas and businesses (laundromats, phone booths, isolated ATM's)
- If possible, walk near the curb or edge of the street. Watch your reflection in windows as you pass in order to see if anyone is following you.
- If you believe you are in danger, run to the nearest well lit and populated area and yell while you are running.
- Be cautious about revealing cash or credit cards.
- Try to limit the number of packages you carry.
- If you carry a handbag, hold it close to your body. "Fanny-Packs" keep your personal items close to you while keeping your hands free. Don't risk your life for your personal property.
- Don't wear headphones when you walk.
- Never accept rides from strangers. If a driver asks directions, don't get too close to the car.
- Trust your instincts. Do not hesitate to remove yourself from the situation. Forget the rules of etiquette and social norms; be willing to make a scene if necessary. Your safety may depend on a quick and decisive reaction.
- Think twice about carrying a weapon of any kind. It can be used against you both physically and in a court of law. Weapons should only be used in order to get away from a dangerous situation. Safer alternatives to firearms or edged weapons include keys, pepper spray and personal alarms that make loud noises. Keep one or two of these handy - in your hand, not at the bottom of your purse or backpack.

## **New K9 Handler Henry Wilson and K9 Ivan**

In March, MPD welcomed a new addition to the K9 unit: Officer Henry Wilson and his K9 partner Ivan. Ivan is a German Shepherd who was born in Czechoslovakia in 2005. Officer Wilson is a 22 year veteran of MPD, and attended his initial K9 handler training in North Carolina. Officer Wilson and Ivan will generally work a noon – 8pm shift. The addition of Ivan to MPD was made possible by the support of Capital K9's, a nonprofit organization formed exclusively to fund MPD's patrol K9 unit. More information about Capital K9's, including how to support the unit, is available on their website: [www.capitalk9s.org](http://www.capitalk9s.org)



**FIREARM INFORMATION:  
BE SMART.  
BE SAFE.**

More than 3 million air guns (pneumatic, spring piston and CO2) are sold each year. With those sales come many opportunities for accidents. In fact, the CDC estimates that 30,000 persons with BB gun related injuries that come to emergency rooms each year! It is important for you to learn how to handle your gun *safely* and *responsibly*. By following these basic guidelines, you will increase your safety and your knowledge.

- Treat all guns as if they are loaded
- Keep the gun pointed in a safe direction and never at people
- Never shoot alone
- Keep muzzle clear
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are prepared to shoot
- Wear ear and eye protection
- Know your target and aim only at your target
- Guns should be unloaded when transporting or storing them
- Guns should be stored in a locked, secure place
- Ammunition should be stored separately
- Be respectful of other peoples property
- Know your environment
- Shoot only where you have permission

**CITY OF MADISON ORDINANCES**

- 25.06 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS VIOLATION  
Firearm, air gun, cannon cannot be discharged without written permission of the Chief of Police.  
FINE: Adult \$429  
Juvenile\* \$109
- 25.07 POSSESS FIREARM OR BOW AND ARROW IN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT WITHOUT CONSENT  
FINE: Adult \$429  
Juvenile\* \$109

\* Up to age 17

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It is important to note that many air guns are made to look **exactly** like guns that use gunpowder (rather than air) to move ammunition (bullets rather than bb's) through the gun barrel and at a target. Because of this similarity, it is VERY important that you use exercise good judgment in the way you transport and use your gun.

The Madison Police Department encourages you to take a firearm safety course to help you to develop excellent skills in safety and firearm discipline. Remember: Gun Safety is YOUR responsibility!

