



MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT



North District Newsletter

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.

Captain Cameron McLay

February 2008



Captain's Corner

Greetings! As you will read in the incident summaries to follow, 2008 has been both busy and productive for the North Police District. As many of you are well aware, we experienced a rash of stolen autos. The common thread in these cases was that the cars were stolen when the owner /operator left the vehicle running and unoccupied. In response to this, I sent out a Reverse 911 call to all residents in the North /West half of the North police district. This call was a recorded message alerting the public to this trend, and urging that citizens exercise caution, and avoid this practice to prevent being victimized. While I was doing this, our Patrol officers were catching stolen cars as they were being operated and our detectives were following up on the unresolved cases. After several arrests, the suspects were identified and held accountable. This trend appears to have been resolved, for the time being.

There are similar efforts underway to deal with the string of burglaries that is currently plaguing all of Dane County. There have been a few key arrests that have helped somewhat, however this disturbing crime trends continues. A special Burglary Task Force has been created to lead a department-wide effort to address this issue. Within the MPD, detectives and patrol personnel are sharing information and working together to attack this problem. Several good on-sight arrests by our patrol officers have resulted from stepped up patrols

around the areas affected by these burglaries. I am pleased and proud of the work our officers are doing to deal with criminal behaviors that disrupt the community.

As I indicated in last month's newsletter, improved responsiveness to community issues remains my top focus for 2008. We held a District In-service training day last month, during which all personnel in the district met together. During that session, we established processes for communication and information sharing, developed procedures for tracking issues brought to our attention, and I laid out my expectations for dealing with issues brought to our attention. All processes are aimed at the same goal: To assure that we provide greater responsiveness, and that we are optimally efficient in addressing those issues.

A key feature for assuring that citizens throughout the North District have a point of contact within the North Police District will be our Liaison officers. Although nearly every member of the North District has liaison responsibilities, the officers of our Community Policing Team (CPT), along with our District Command staff, remain the most visible and readily accessible.

Here is how it will work: Each officer of the Community Policing Team is assigned Liaison responsibilities for a geographic portion of the North District. This information will be disseminated via email; will be included in the next newsletter, the MPD Website, and through personal contacts to all neighborhood associations. If a resident has an issue that is not a crime in progress, they can call the cell phone number for the CPT Officer for their area. That officer will either deal with the issue personally, or will forward it to the beat officer who

works the area in question during the time of day when the problem occurs. The goal is to prevent messages from being left unanswered, leaving the caller to wonder if their voice had been heard at all. In addition, we have developed internal mechanisms to more effectively track the processing of complaints brought to our attention. This is meant to assure that we do not lose sight of important issues.

Another key goal for the year is to improve our use of data to stay on top of crime trends, and as a tool to assist with problem solving recurring issues that exist in the district. We are working with our Departmental crime analyst to improve our systems and to get upgraded tools and training for data analysis. Preliminarily, my goal is to assure that we are aware of, and responding to emerging trends in a timely manner, so that we can deal with issues before they become entrenched. Long term, I would also like to set up mechanisms to measure the effectiveness of our intervention strategies for district crime trends. At present, we are somewhat limited in our capabilities, both in terms of funds for equipment / software, and staffing with the technical skills and the time available to do detailed crime analysis.

In terms of staffing, this year will be a challenging year for the MPD. We started this year with the lowest officer to beat ratio in recent memory. This will result in difficulties in staffing special enforcement initiatives, as all available personnel will be necessary to fill assignments necessary for basic services. For the officers, it will result in difficulties in getting time off for vacation, training, and other important opportunities for a respite the stresses of the day-to-day job. We will do what we can with the resources available, and work toward increasing our responsiveness to community issues and improving our analysis capabilities in coming years by making the most effective use of the resources presently available.

In closing, it is my goal to attend meetings with each neighborhood and community group that has a desire to do so, during the course of the coming year. Many of these meetings I will be attending in partnership with the Alder for the area, so that we can listen and be prepared to respond jointly to neighborhood concerns with a more coordinated response, accessing all available City resources. If you have a desire to meet with me, or a member of the North Police District, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address below.

Take care and Be Safe...

Captain Cam McLay

North District Incident Summary



Lieutenant Trevor Knight, Detective Services 245-3654

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.

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

Date	Location	Details
2/02/08	1625 Northport Dr	Substantial Battery: During a Rec League basketball game there was a disagreement between a couple of players on the teams that were playing. This then led to several fights breaking out in the gym. A suspect, who was associated with one of the teams in some capacity, continued to escalate the situation as adults were trying to calm things down. The suspect kept going into the stands to fight people. He also punched a couple of people, causing one of them to get a broken nose. Suspect was arrested and charged with several offenses.
2/02/08	1900 Aberg Av	Weapons Offense: Two subjects got into a physical confrontation in the bar. The bouncer stepped in to separate the individuals. He stated that he then observed a suspect at the front door entrance waving a handgun-telling people to back away. This caused several patrons to flee out of the bar. All participants had left the scene prior to police arrival. No injuries reported
2/10/08	2800 N. Sherman Av	D.C. While Armed: Suspect was in the store causing a disturbance. A store employee observed what appeared to be a knife in the subject's coat. Officers removed a large kitchen knife from suspect. Suspect was intoxicated and had been yelling at customers in the store. He was arrested.
2/22/08	2300 Columbus Ln	Recklessly Endangering Safety: Victim stated he went out to store and when he returned, he was attacked by suspect. Victim indicated that he might have also been struck with some type of object during the attack that caused him significant injuries. Suspect is known to the victim and has been identified.

Person Crimes - Battery/D.C. Whiled Armed/Weapons Offense: (cont)

2/28/08	1600 Blk Ruskin St	D.C. While Armed: Student at a middle school brought a small utility knife to school. She claim it was for 'protection". The student apparently made comments to a couple of students that if they mess with her she would hurt them. She was subsequently charged.
2/05/08	700 Blk Dexter St	Battery: Victim called police about a loud disturbance in another apartment. Police arrived and contacted a resident of that apartment about the disturbance. As they were about to leave, the husband of the victim who had called in the disturbance came running out and told the officers that the resident was now attacking his wife for calling the police. Officers immediately responded back into the apartment building and observed the attack. They were able to gain control of the suspect even though she became very resistive. As she was placed in the squad, she attempted to kick out the squad window. She was arrested and charged.

Person Crimes - Robberies:

Date	Location	Details
2/01/08	4500 Blk. E. Washington Av	Armed Robbery: Suspect came into the store with face partially covered and approached the cash register. He displayed a handgun and ordered employee to open register and give him all the money. Suspect left towards East Towne Mall with the money, a pair of jeans and shoes that were also taken from store.
2/12/08	2800 Blk N. Sherman Av	Armed Robbery: Victim had just left the store and was getting into her vehicle. She was approached by suspect who displayed a handgun and demanded her money. Suspect took money and cell phone from victim. Suspect subsequently left in an unknown direction.
2/18/08	4800 blk American Pk	Attempted Strong-Arm Robbery: Victim stated he was plowing snow and was confronted by the suspect who asked how much money victim had. The suspect moved toward victim who believed he was about to be robbed or assaulted. Victim then punched the suspect who fell back. The suspect then got up and walked away.

Property Crimes - Burglaries:

Date	Location	Type	Entry	Target/Stolen
2/5/08	800 Blk Troy Dr	Res.	Attempted- through window in front door	Nothing taken
2/11/08	10 Blk Sage Cir	Res.	Forced inner garage door	Nothing taken
2/15/08	2500 Blk Calypso Rd.	Res.	Unlocked door	Electronics, computer
2/15/08	1900 Blk E. Washington Av	Res.	Unlocked front porch	Unknown
2/21/08	3400 Blk Marcy Rd	Res.	Unlocked front door	Laptop computer
2/17/08	2200 Blk Independance Ln	Res.	Forced front door	Laptop computer, CDs, currency
2/20/08	4400 Blk Maryland Dr	Res.	Forced rear door	Jewelry. Lots of damage within residence

Date	Location	Type	Entry	Target/Stolen
2/22/08	1900 Thackeray Rd	Res.	Force rear door	Jewelry, currency, weapon (shotgun)
2/27/08	2400 Fremont Av	Res.	Possibly with spare key	Video game systems, video games, MP3 player
2/27/08	2500 Brentwood Pk	Res	Forced front door	Nothing taken
2/03/08	4700 Blk Hayes Rd	Non-Res	Forced glass windows at multiple businesses	Laptop computers, electronics, currency
2/04/08	2100 Blk East Springs Dr	Non-Res	Forced entry to rear loading dock door	Tools and other items. Damage within the business
2/06/08	1700 Blk Thierer Rd	Non- Res	Forced glass front door	Bottles of alcohol, currency
2/07/08	1700 Blk Thierer Rd	Non- Res	Forced glass front door	Currency
2/08/08	4500 Blk E. Washington Av	Non-Res	Object thrown through glass door	Cash register/coins
2/8/08	4500 Blk E. Washington Av	Non- Res	Forced front glass door	Unk
2/13/08	4600 Blk E. Washington Av	Non-Res	Forced glass door	Safe, currency
2/9/08	4600 Blk E. Washington Av	Non- Res	Forced glass door	Nothing taken
2/10/08	4500 Blk E. Washington Av	Non- Res	Storage door forced	Keys, currency. Fresh graffiti in bathroom
2/27/08	4000 Blk Mandrake Rd	Non-Res	Broken window	Nothing taken

Of Note:

Date	Location	Details
2/04/08	3500 Blk Packers Av	Theft: Victim and owner of the business was in the store alone when four individuals entered the store and started asking him questions about a product. He then observed another subject enter the store and go towards the back of the store. The four subjects then left without buying anything. He then started walking towards the back and saw the other subject walking from the back storage area. He claimed to be looking for a bathroom. He then left. The owner then went to the back office and discovered that two bank bags he was going to deposit were missing. He observed the suspects leave in a vehicle
2/05/08	2400 Columbus Ln	Arson Investigation: Smoke was seen coming from an apartment. Madison fire was able to put the fire out. Further investigation by the Arson Unit determined that the resident of the apartment started the fire. He was subsequently located and charged
2/13/08	2000 Londonderry Dr	Found Property: Subject reported that she found a handgun in the snow bank near a business. She was driving a rental vehicle and had placed the found weapon under the passenger seat. She returned the vehicle but forgot about the weapon under the seat. The vehicle was found to have already been rented out again. Detectives were able to track down the current renter and discovered that

the weapon was still under the passenger seat.

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2/19/08	1500 Troy Dr	Arson Investigation: Officers were sent reference a vehicle on fire in the parking lot. Madison Fire was able to extinguish the fully engulfed vehicle. A couple of other vehicles in the lot were also damaged. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
2/25/08	210 East Towne Mall	Entry Into Locked Vehicle: Report of someone breaking into a vehicle in the lot and taking a stereo out of it The suspects were seen leaving in a van. With the description of the van along with a plate, officers in the area were able to stop the van a short distance away. The owner of the vehicle that was broken into was able to identify his property that was found in the van. Three suspects were arrested and charged
2/29/08	4800 Hayes Rd	Theft: 74-year-old victim had just pulled up to the hotel; she placed her purse on the front passenger seat. She then went to the trunk of the car to get luggage when the two suspects walk pass her. One of the suspects grabbed her purse off the front seat and they both ran towards a nearby street. The victim started chasing suspects but fell down. Officers were not able to locate suspects.



North District Patrol Operations



Lieutenant Brian Ackeret, Patrol Services 245-3653

February North District Patrol Operations - Inside the Numbers

District Assigned Patrol Resources

- 32 Patrol Officers
- 5 Community Policing Team Officers
- 1 Neighborhood Officer-Northport/Packers
- 1 Education Resource Officer - East High School
- 1 Parking Enforcement Officer
- 6 Patrol Sergeants

February North District Calls For Service

2,434 total incidents reported

Average of 83.9 incidents per day, many incidents require 2 or more officers

194 Traffic Crashes

184 Traffic Stops/Incidents

168 Parking complaints

154 reports of information

154 assist citizens

112 check persons

84 check property

76 domestic disputes

74 disturbances

59 thefts

44 retail thefts

40 noise complaints

38 alarms

25 juvenile complaints/arrests

24 suspicious persons

19 non-residential burglaries

16 residential burglaries

16 batteries

8 robberies

4 weapons offenses

East High School Educational Resource Officer



Police Officer Jesse Harman, East High School, 204-1673

Hello to the residents of the North and North East sides, my name is Jesse Harman. As of February 3, I replaced PO Pat Green as East High's ERO and will carry out this duty until the permanent ERO, Kat Riley, returns from a physical injury. I know she is anxious to return to work.

As I have grown in my understanding of life, I have learned the power of perception and how often it is not based on fact. This is true of my negative perception of East High before assuming this post. I am pleased, however, to report that my perception of East High has been dispelled. I am very honored to work with such an excellent staff. Principals Rick Rogness, Be Bonet, David Kraus, Dean M Olson, along with security and support staff are fine people. They truly care about the kids entrusted to them. They work very hard to ensure the school is safe and when discipline is carried out it is fair and consistent. There is the occasional fight, verbal disturbance, theft, and the like, but such activity is not uncommon in most public schools. The majority of East High students are good people, doing the social, extra-curricular activities and academic work necessary to become future citizens. It might do us well to remember that a school like East has nearly 1,700 students with

almost 400 staff. Not much smaller than the town in which I grew up! My point: for its size, East is a safe school. Its staff is professional, competent and caring and the majority of students take advantage of their opportunities.

Recently, the North District has received e-mails from citizens concerned about loitering, fights and general quality of life issues in the area of E. Mifflin and 4th St., especially during the hours of lunch and after school. Thank you for sharing your concerns. Because of its proximity to the school, I am aware of the problems and along with CPT, am working to solve them. We will continue to take action to assure that all parties affected feel safe and that the threat to your quality of life is removed. On Monday, March 4, Juvenile Detective Tom Helgren and myself took action and arrested a 16yr old gang member, who has been selling drugs to East High students near the school. This incident will give us more leverage to solve the problems the residents at this address are causing the community in general and the school in particular. Unfortunately, our attempt to communicate with them about what it means to responsible neighbors has failed.

As spring nears with warmer weather we can expect increased foot traffic in the neighborhood during lunch hours as kids venture outside. We will try and monitor this activity as best we can. Take Care.

Jesse

From The Northport/Kipling Dr. Neighborhood Officer



Police Officer Katie Adler, Northport/Kipling Neighborhood Officer, 245-3679

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Northport/Packer Neighborhood Officer. My name is Officer Katie Adler, and have been with the Madison Police Department for 10 year and 6 months. During my career I have spent approximately 8 of the 10 years of my time working second detail, the hours of 2pm-10pm, in a patrol position on the north side working the beat of 2E1, [which is the area around Northport Drive](#). I'm not only familiar with the north side but also familiar with people that live in the neighborhood that I am now responsible for as most of the people are familiar with me.

Obviously I have some big shoes to fill in taking over this position since Officer Kelly Donahue has left because of her promotion to Sergeant. My transition into the new position has gone smoothly because of my established relationships with both the managers Sandra Willis-Smith and Sainey Nyassi at Northport and Packers. I've also had the opportunity to contact the business owners in the Northside Towne Center (i.e. Sherman Plaza) to introduce myself and give them a person of contact for any concerns they may have. Obviously my position allows me to be flexible with my work hours however, I will mainly be working the hours of 2p-10p. I hope to work some later hours once the weather gets warmer and we get rid of the snow, let's think Spring!

Neighborhood Officer Katie Adler



Sergeant Jason Freedman, Community Policing Team, 243-0542

As you saw in the Captain's introduction, member of the Community Policing Team serve as the primary points of contact for citizens wanting to talk to an officer about on-going problems in their neighborhoods.

Just so we are clear, ALWAYS CALL 911 FOR INCIDENTS THAT ARE IN PROGRESS, AND THE 911 CENTER NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER IF YOU NEED TO SEE AN OFFICER RIGHT AWAY! Liaison officers are the point of contact for those on-going nuisance issues that are not successfully dealt with by the initial responding officers!

Here are the members of the North Community Policing Team (CPT) and their areas of responsibility:

Sergeant Jason Freedman is the supervisor of the North District Community Policing Team: he has been on the Department for 11 years. His main duties are to: 1) coordinate resources within the CPT and other Departmental units, such as Patrol Services; 2) ensure that information is gathered and used effectively to deal with district issues, and 3) document activities of the team. He can be reached at 243-0542 or by email at jfreedman@cityofmadison.com.

Officer Ryan Orvis has been with the Department for eight years. He is assigned as the liaison officer for the area of the North District that includes the Glarendon Hills Homeowners Association, the Bluff Acres Neighborhood Association, and the Norman Acres Neighborhood Association. His area also includes the areas in and around East Town Mall, American Family Insurance on American Parkway, and High Crossing Blvd. He is the North CPT contact for Probation and Parole, as well as for the Sex Offender Registry Program (SORP). He can be reached by phone at 243-0542, or email at rorvis@cityofmadison.com.

Officer Ryan Finnegan has been with the Department for eight years. He is assigned as the liaison officer for the area of the North District that includes the Carpenter Ridgeway Neighborhood Association, and the Truax Neighborhood Association. His area also includes the areas in and around MATC, and the Dane County Airport. He is the North CPT contact to Officer Katie Adler for the Packers/Northport corridor. He can be reached by phone at 243-0542, or email at rfinnegan@cityofmadison.com.

Officer Lester Moore has been with the Department for nine years. He is assigned as the liaison officer for the area of the North District that includes the Eken Park Neighborhood Association, and the Emerson East Neighborhood Association. His area also includes the areas in and around East High School, Demetral Park, and the North Street corridor. He can be reached by phone at 243-0542, or email at lmoore@cityofmadison.com.

Officer Ed Bernards has been with the Department for nine years. He is assigned as the liaison officer for the area of the North District that includes the Brentwood Parkway Neighborhood Association. His area also includes the areas north of Northport Dr. He is the North CPT contact for Task Force, gangs, and wanted persons. He can be reached by phone at 243-0542, or email at ebernards@cityofmadison.com.

Officer Scott Templeton has been with the Department for nine years. He is assigned as the liaison officer for the following apartment complexes: The Woodlands in the 500 block of Northport Dr., Woodland Park in the 1500 block of Troy Dr., and properties on Northridge Ter. He can be reached by phone at 243-0542, or email at stempleton@cityofmadison.com.

