



Madison Police Department

SOUTHSIDE NEWS



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The South Side News is an electronic Newsletter distributed to district employees, area alder persons and other elected officials, business associations, school principals, south side planning council members, neighborhood association leaders, South Neighborhood Resource Team members, other government and community-based groups and interested citizens and command staff of the Madison Police Department.

The intent of the "South Side News" is to not only provide information on activities, events, incident reports and criminal cases occurring in the district, but also establish a means of ongoing communication within the district. The newsletter also serves as an effective mechanism for us to receive feedback and input on how to do our job more efficiently and effectively. I hope that you will not only read about what is taking place in our district and department, but you will also "get involved" in making our community a better place to live.

A primary goal of decentralized police service is that police will be more attentive, and responsive to the small matters before they become a major crisis. Some of the information shared may seem to be very minor to some readers who may live in another neighborhood. Although not every item included in the newsletter applies to everyone in the district, it is hoped that by including a variety of issues, we will create an environment where we can use this information to improve the quality of life throughout the district.

We are always open to improving the services we provide to south side residents. Your comments can be e-mailed to me at jwheeler@cityofmadison.com or, you can call the South District at 266-5938.

The South Police District is one of five geographic areas served by the Madison Police Department. The South Police District encompasses the areas of the City of Madison which are south of the south shoreline of Lake Mendota,

and the areas south of Regent Street and Speedway. The South District is bounded to the east by Monona Avenue, and on the West by Seminole Highway. You may see the boundaries of the district by visiting this website: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/police/district.html>

Case Summaries



Lieutenant Wayne Strong

Case #05-152999 - Armed Robbery - 2809 Curry Parkway - 12/22/05: Victim reports that she was unloading packages after returning home from a shopping trip when she was approached the suspect who demanded her purse. The suspect displayed what the victim described as a "black, boxy handgun. The suspect removed the purse from around the victim's neck and fled after being joined by a second suspect. The purse contained over \$1,000 in cash and other miscellaneous items. **Suspect #1 was described as a m/b, 20's, heavy build, wearing a dark colored ski mask. Suspect #2 was described as a m/w, with short, curly blond hair.** No further information.

Case #05-151329 - Strong Armed Robbery - 1901 Lakepoint Drive - 12/18/05: Fifty six year old victim reports that she was waiting for the bus at the corner of Lakepoint and Hoboken around 6 p.m. when she was approached by one of 3 m/b subjects. Victim became concerned for her safety and was proceeding to leave the area and return to her at 1901 Lakepoint when she was pushed to the ground by suspect #1. At this point suspects #2 and #3 grabbed her purse and fled eastbound on foot. The purse contained over \$3,000 in one hundred dollar bills and other miscellaneous items. **Suspect #1: m/b, 25, 6', 180, wearing a grey winter jacket. Suspect #2: m/b, 25, 6', 180, wearing a black winter jacket.**

Suspect #3: m/b, 25, 6'180. No further information.

Case #05-150888 - Arson/Residential Burglary - 305 S. Randall Avenue- 12/17/05: Seventy year old victim reports that earlier that morning she had heard a loud thud hit the north side of her residence. Upon looking outside she observed that her trellis had been broken off of its stand and was now lying in the driveway. She would later find a discarded paint can lying in the bushes underneath the side of her house. Entry had also been forced into the garage and a fire had been set with some straw material. There had been a part at 303 S. Randall the previous night with a large amount of short term traffic. No suspect information.

Case #05-148835 - Residential Burglary - 144 N. Breese Terrace - 12/12/05:Victim reports that someone entered his room and stole his Dell Inspiron laptop computer and several dvd's. No suspect information.

Case #05-150125 - Residential Burglary - 1519 Madison Street - 12/15/05: Victim reports the someone the unlocked door to her residence and stole her Hewlitt Packard laptop computer and an Olympus digital camera. No suspect information.

Case #05-149256 - Residential Burglary - 1311 Chandler Street - 12/13/05: Victims report that while they were gone some entered there unlocked residence and stole the following items: a Sony Playstation, a Toshiba Satellite M35, 17' widescreen laptop computer and a Sony Cyber-shot DSCP100 camera. No suspect information.

Case #05-153900 - Residential Burglary - 2202 Waunona Way - 12/25/05: Victim reports that she returned home to find several rear windows of residence broken. Footprints in the snow indicate that the suspect approached the front of the residence prior to going to the rear where entry was gained to an enclosed porch area. The residence was entered as well and a large was broken which had previously contained approximately \$90 in U.S. coins. No suspect information.

Case #05-153936 - Residential Burglary - 1225 Milton Street - 12/25/05: Victim's residence was entered through a front window. Several items of electronic equipment were taken including a Sony video camera. No suspect information.

Case #05-146539 - Theft - 2802 Coho Street Suite 102 (Transmart Technologies) - 12/6/05: One suspect dis-

tracted an employee while the other entered a room and took a Dell Inspiron 6000 and a Dell Inspiron 600. Both left the business without detection. **Suspect #1: m/b, early 30's, 6'2", 200, muscular build, wearing a grey sweatshirt. Suspect #2: m/b, early 30's, 6'2", muscular build, wearing a black ski cap.** No further information.

Case #05-146220 - Theft from Auto - 931 Stewart Street (Rudy's Shop) - 12/5/05: Victim reports that while his vehicle was being repaired at the shop someone had removed 4 brand new tires, an MTX speaker, an amplifier, an electronic converter and over 100 compact discs from the car. The total loss was nearly \$4,000. Investigation continuing.

Case #05-148794 - Theft from Auto - 1334 Vilas Avenue - 12/12/05: Victim reports that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and stole a radar detector and an Apple mini I-Pod. No suspect information.

Case #05-148225 - Theft from Auto/Burglary - 2630 Park Place - 12/10/05: Victim reports that her vehicle was unlocked and parked in an unlocked garage when she later observed that it had been ransacked. Compact discs were taken.

Case #05-143275(sr) - Criminal Damage to Property - 2950 Traceway Drive - Victim reports that the windows of his vehicle had been shot with a bb gun and the side window had been shattered as a result. No suspect information.

Case #05- 144545(sr) - Criminal Damage to Property - 117 Koster Street - Victim reports that his drivers' side window had been shot out with a bb gun. No suspect information.

Case #05-149097 - Criminal Damage to Property - 1030 Moorland Road - 12/12/05: Victim reports that his car had been extensively spray painted with graffiti while parked in the main parking lot of his apartment complex. Appears to be gang related. No additional information.

*sr= self report

End of Summary

Neighborhood Officer Reports



Cypress/Magnolisa
Sue Krause

The Cypress/Magnolisa neighborhood has seen some recent changes. 902 Magnolia Lane is to be empty at the beginning of December 2005, with a splash park to be built in its place. 902 W Badger Rd was also recently refurbished, with a new group of tenants now moving in. Street level drug and prostitution activity seems to have lessened with late summer/fall arrests and the utilization of bail conditions for problem subjects.

The Burr Oaks Neighborhood Association has continued to commit to the Cub Scouts, serving as the hosting organization. Starting small, the group now has nine members. The Scouts meet at the PD and have recently toured the 911 center. The Scouts may be taking on a community gardening plot behind the car wash and Park/Beltline.

I have also been working closely with the South Madison Anti-Drug Coalition. We are addressing concerns about the 911 center (when to call, what to say, how to stay safe if you fear retribution, etc). MA Thurber and I developed a flyer on tips for calling 911 regarding citizen concerns which was put in the Bram's Addition Newsletter. We also put together a tour of the 911 Center for interested citizens. The group reported back and was very positive about the experience.

I am working on trying to find summer programming for south kids for 2006. There was little that I could find for children last year for such programming. I have been in touch with Lincoln School, Boys and Girls Club, MSCR, City Weed and Seed and Child Development Inc. I am also talking with some potential funding sources. I hope to be able to get some offerings for 2006 for our most needy kids.

Take care all Sue



Fisher/Baird
Greg Esser

With the holiday season in full swing I would like to take the opportunity to discuss some crime prevention tips. During this time of year the Madison Police Department will typically see a rise in theft from automobiles and a rise in residential burglaries.

Please remember to always keep your vehicle locked, as this is your first line of defense. This holds true even when you are driving. As well, try not to keep valuables in plain-view. Whenever possible, try and lock valuables in the glove compartment or trunk of your automobile. This can be especially important when shopping at area malls. People will walk the mall parking lots looking for vehicles that appear to have large amounts of recently purchased items inside the vehicle. Even when doors are locked, windows can be easily smashed and before you know it you are a victim of theft and criminal damage to property. Additionally, do not keep valuables such as social security cards, credit cards or driver's licenses in your car, as this can lead to identity theft.

Gift giving at this time of year can also be an enjoyable experience. As a pre-caution, try not to keep large amounts of wrapped or unwrapped presents near windows in your home. If someone can easily see into your home, through an uncovered window and observe large amounts of gifts, this might provide incentive to a burglar to attempt entry into your home.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Neighborhood Officer
Greg Esser



Todd Dr
Dave Samson

Happy Holidays to all!! During this holiday season I'm asking you to pay special attention to our traffic laws. With an increase in vehicular and pedestrian traffic, as well as inclement weather conditions, it's important we all travel at safe speeds and obey traffic signs and signals. The last thing I want to do is issue citations with monetary fines during this time of year.

Overall, the Todd Drive neighborhood has been fairly quiet, with no significant calls for police service.

David Samson

Traffic Safety

Traffic Laws and YOU...

By MPD TEST - P.O. Stacey Vilas

The Madison Police Department receives complaints regarding traffic related issues regularly. Quite a few of the traffic issues are because someone is breaking a traffic law. We have found through the years that many people don't realize they are breaking a law. If you have a traffic question or concern you would like to see an article about, please contact the Madison Police Department via the Speeders Hotline at 266-4624.

No U-Turn Signs

U-turns at intersections with stoplights are illegal in Wisconsin. So why do some signalized intersections have "No U-Turn" signs.

Several years ago, in response to a high number of crashes at signalized intersections related to vehicles making illegal u-turns, the City of Madison posted "No

U-turn" signs at all City controlled divided highways with signalized intersections.

No-U-Turn signs are not mandated at any signalized intersection because **State law (S.S. 346.33) prohibits operators of motor vehicles from turning their vehicle to proceed in the opposite direction at the following places:**

- (a) **At any intersection where traffic is controlled by a traffic control signal**
- (b) Mid-block on any street in a business district
- (c) Mid-block on any through street in a residential district
- (d) At any place where signs prohibit such turns

As a user of public highways, either as an operator of a vehicle or as a pedestrian, you are expected to know the traffic laws regulating them. Not knowing a traffic law will not excuse you from getting a fine for violating the law.

Traffic signs accomplish several things. Some signs are needed to regulate traffic flow creating uniform guidelines for all users of the road. Other signs are educational or reminders of what the law actually is.

In addition to the "No U Turn" signs at signalized intersections, other signs in the Madison area that are used as reminders are; the in-street "Yield to Pedestrian" sign, and the "No Right Turn on Red from left lane"- where 2 lanes are designated to turn right. Again, these signs are not mandated because both laws are violations without a sign present, meaning if you turn right on red from the left turning lane and there is no sign prohibiting it, you are still in violation of 346.37(1)(c)(3), a 4 point violation.

You can learn more about the "Rules of the Road" laws from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The website address is; <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/vehicles/links/lawbook.htm>

School Zones

(1) When driving through a *school zone*, you have to slow down to 15 MPH (or 20 MPH if posted):

- a. When children are present
- b. **At those times when children are going to or coming from school or are**

playing within the sidewalk area at or about the school

- c. Only when children are present on school days

Answer: **12-b** At those times when children are going to or coming from school or are playing within the sidewalk area at or about the school

346.57(4)(a) Speed restrictions – Fixed Limits – School Zone

A school zone is typically the area adjacent to the school property. School zones are posted prior to the school property with the lime green or yellow, 5-sided sign with 2 children walking. Some schools have additional signs designating a speed to travel when children are present. All school zones begin with the school zone signs. Most school zones end where the regular speed for the street is posted, such as a 25 MPH sign.

When traveling through a school zone, drivers must slow to the 15 MPH or posted school zone speed and maintain this speed until the end of the school zone **“At those times when children are going to or coming from school or are playing within the sidewalk area at or about the school”**. Technically, a school zone is enforceable anytime of the day when children are “present” **and** at those times of the day when children are coming to or going from school, whether they are present or not.

(2)...When driving through a designated "school crossing zone", you have to slow down to 15 MPH (or 20 MPH if posted):

- a. Only when children and an adult crossing guard are present
- b. **When any child is present**
- c. **When an adult crossing guard is within a crosswalk at a designated school crossing, or is placing or removing cones from the roadway**
- d. a and c
- e. **b and c**

Answer: **13 e** When any child is present and when an adult crossing guard is within a crosswalk at a designated school crossing, or is placing or removing cones from the roadway

346.57(4)(b) Speed restrictions – Fixed Limits – School Crossing

A school crossing is any intersection posted with the School Crossing Zone signs, the fluorescent yellow-green

or yellow, 5-sided signs with 2 children crossing. Some signs have crosswalk lines; other school crossings are designated with an arrow pointed towards the crossing area. Some school crossings have the additional signs designating a specific speed when children are present. Some school crossings have an adult crossing guard with orange cones in the road; at others there may be student safety patrols present; then there are some school crossings that only have the school crossing zone signs posted. When traveling through a posted school crossings, operators of vehicles must slow to 15 MPH or the posted school zone limit when:

- 1) Any child is present
- 2) A school crossing guard is within a crosswalk at the intersection..
- 3) A school crossing guard is placing in or removing from the roadway at or near the intersection a temporary device (cones) or other device...

A Special Thanks

I want to give a special thanks to the Burr Oaks Neighborhood Association for sponsoring the annual Christmas Party for children at Lincoln School on December 16. The event was well attended by children in the neighborhood. The food was great and each child left the event with a gift. To all the members of the Association, I appreciate your kind hearts and dedication to the neighborhood.