

The Southside News

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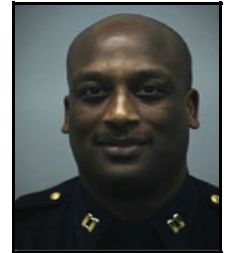
Submitted by: Capt. James Wheeler

We are still experiencing a significant amount of non-residential burglaries in the South District and across the City. I want to take this opportunity to update you on what has been put in place by the Department since we noticed this increase in the fall of 2007. It should be noted that the City of Madison is not the only jurisdiction to see an increase in commercial burglaries. Other jurisdictions in Dane County have also seen similar increases in non-residential burglaries.

In response to this increase in non-commercial burglaries the department has initiated the following:

- A citywide commercial burglary plan was implemented
- A burglary task force consisting of various components of the Department was created to take a comprehensive citywide approach to the problem
- Surveillance initiatives have been conducted based upon burglary patterns

- Beat officers have been conducting surveillance when available on likely targets
- We are exchanging information with other affected jurisdictions
- Arrests have been made on some of these incidents and a number of burglaries were cleared as a result



Captain Wheeler

These are but a few of the initiatives that the department has taken to address this issue. Our task force will continue to develop additional strategies to combat this problem. On a district level, we will also continue to assign resources to follow up on investigative leads and share information with those affected. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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*“Officer Jokala
uses Nuisance and
Drug abatement
laws to deal with
problem addresses”*

Cypress/Magnolia Neighborhood News

Submitted by: Officer Tracie Jokala

Greetings! My name is Officer Jokala and I am the new Cypress/Magnolia Neighborhood Officer. I have been a Madison officer for 7 years and have worked in a variety of districts and beats. The Cypress/Magnolia area is a challenging in a number of ways, and I plan to meet these challenges head-on. There are two significant strategies which are in motion, which aim to have a notable impact on the quality of life in Cypress/Magnolia:

1. Nuisance and Drug Abatement

Rental property in the Cypress-Magnolia area averages 9 calls per year. There are a handful who average over 80 calls. This is a heavy drain on community and police resources. As a result, proactive endeavors in the area cannot be pursued and the quality of life for other residents suffers.

The vast majority of landlords in the area are responsible managers. They screen prospective tenants and are good communicators with the police department. They care about welfare of their properties and the neighborhood in general.

The landlord who is faced with abatement action (drug or nuisance) is legally required to take actions that the responsible landlord already engages in: parking plans, walk-through and inspections, tenant screening, communication with MPD about problems, and landlord training. Any illegal activity reported by landlords is exempt from abatement action, as landlord communication is the one of the goals. However, if illegal activity at abatement properties remains unchanged (or increases), the City of Madison can take further legal action. This can include confiscation of property.

One service I offer to property owners is an “Incident Analysis” report, which I can provide in person or by mail. This is a snapshot of police calls-for-service over a designated period of time. This tool provides case numbers, incident types, dates, and times of any police related incidents generated at a given address. I can also be reached via phone or e-mail and can provide this information to you.

2. The Community Coordinated Response Program

I am proud to take over NPO Krause’s significant role in the CCR program. The CCR is an effort to answer the problem of prostitution in the south Madison area. Many city resources are involved, including Public Health, JFF (Joining Forces for Families), RESPECT, P&P, MPD, and more. There are two main areas of the CCR effort: the Women’s Workshop, and the J.O.H.N. (Joining and Organizing Healthy Neighborhoods) course.

The Women’s Workshop is held on Saturday evenings at the JFF office (2501 Fish Hatchery Rd). This program enables women to have access to various resources such as HIV testing, counseling, and shelter.

The J.O.H.N course is an alternative to prosecution for solicitors of prostitutes. The citation for this offense is \$676.00. Through a cooperative effort of various city resources, we will be holding a class in May for any arrested offender who opts to participate. The goal is to educate the offender and therefore reduce the recidivism rate.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would simply like to meet your new NPO, please feel free to email or call! I look forward to meeting you!

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Community Police Team News

Submitted by: Lt. Stephanie Bradley Wilson



The officers, standing left to right, are: Officer Steve Chvala, Officer Scott Beckfield, Officer David Dexheimer, Officer Tom Finnegan, Officer Rahim Rahaman and Sgt. David McClurg

The South Community Policing Team has been active in many activities between March 1 and March 15, 2008. The team conducted traffic enforcement in the areas of Fish Hatchery Rd, Speedway and the W. Beltline Hwy resulting in 74 citations being issued and 8 written warning given to motorists. Other activities include two felony arrests (1 drug), two misdemeanor arrests, four ordinance violation arrests and 15 warrants served. The team seized several grams of cocaine base and marijuana as well as one firearm. Some team members have attended neighborhood association meetings and participated with the Burr Oaks Neighborhood Association on their neighborhood walks.

Each team member is responsible for a certain area of the district along with our patrol officers. If you have concern please contact the unit's supervisor, Sgt. Dave McClurg, after 2 PM. The unit works a rotating schedule to accommodate the needs of the South District.

Sgt. Dave McClurg: 266-5934 after 2 PM

Liaison Assignments:

Officer Rahaman: Coho / Todd Drive Area
 Officer Dexheimer: Regent St. / West HS / Brittingham Park
 Officer Finnegan: Baird / Fisher
 Officer Chavala: Cypress / Magnolia
 Officer Beckfield: Moorland Rd. / Lakepoint

Amigos en Azul

Submitted by: Officer Gloria Reyes



Amigos en Azul is composed of City of Madison Police Officers dedicated to dissolving cultural barriers, building partnerships and opening lines of communication between the Latino Community and the City of Madison Police Department.

In 2007 Amigos en Azul participated in various Latino community events such as el Dia de los Ninos, Fiesta Hispana, Latino Health Fair and the Mexican Independence Day celebration. We look forward to attending community events this year.

We are also working as part of a team in addressing the prostitution problem on the south side of Madison. Members of Amigos have been involved in prostitution enforcement efforts and we are currently working with other community members on a deferred prosecution, Joining and Organizing Healthy Neighborhoods, (J.O.H.N. course) for Spanish-speaking offenders.

We continue to include Spanish crime stopper articles in the La Comunidad newspaper with regards to wanted subjects, unsolved crimes, and crime prevention information.

Our goals this year are to increase community awareness of the Amigos en Azul program and to identify and operationalize efforts to improve the relationship between law enforcement and the Latino community.

If you have any suggestions or questions with regards to the program, please call 209-2403 or email amigosenzul@cityofmadison.com.

*"Amigos en Azul
 (Friends in Blue)
 work on many city-
 wide projects"*



Investigative Updates

Submitted by: Lt. Jane Stoklasa

South District Detectives have been investigating several serious incidents, which occurred in March.

3-1-08: Several autos, in the 500 block of Moorland Road were damaged, and items were stolen from the vehicles.

3-1-08: A man was intentionally run over, by people in a car, on the 2900 block of Coho St. This may have been related to a disturbance, earlier that morning, at another location. A suspect has been identified and will be charged, when located.

3-3-08: Two armed men approached people, as they unloaded their car, in the 2200 block of Pike Drive. The men entered the people's home and stole items from them. No one was injured.

3-4-08: A man robbed a cab driver, on Greenway Cross. The man fled to a nearby business, where officers located him and arrested him. He has a criminal history, which includes robbing cab drivers, in the past. No one was injured.

3-7-08: Two men robbed a man, as he loaded things into his car, in the 2200 Block of Regent St. A gun was displayed, and no one was injured.

3-7-08: Two men robbed a man as he walked down Jefferson St. A gun was displayed, and no one was injured.

3-10-08: A man robbed a cab driver, displaying a knife, when he was dropped at off at his destination, on Cypress way. No one was injured.

3-10-08: A road rage incident turned into a physical altercation, when one driver swung a baseball bat at the other driver, when they had stopped and exited their vehicles, on Moorland Road. No one was injured.

Many people have had outgoing mail stolen from their mailboxes. The suspects look for bills that the victims are sending out; they then alter the victim's check, so that the amount and payee are changed, thus stealing from the victims' checking accounts. Some suspects have been identified and Madison PD is working with the Postal Inspector on the cases.

South Detectives continue to work diligently on the homicide of Joel Marino, which occurred on 1-28-08. Detectives, officers, and citizens continue to gather information and analyze it as the investigation continues. We have received hundreds of tips as well as reports on the analysis of the crime scene evidence from the Wisconsin State Crime Lab. Detectives have been following up on all facts and tips, as they have developed more information on a suspect, who is still at large.

"Lt. Stoklasa reports that several people have had outgoing mail stolen from their mail boxes"

Fisher/Baird St. News

Submitted by: Officer Tammy Droessler

*Looking for a
volunteer project for
yourself or group?
Consider helping
with Officer
Droessler's
Intergenerational
Project.*

There are many folks that want to see the city reach 100 inches of snow. There are far more that want to get started with spring. I am not afraid to say that I am in the second group. As the snow continues to pile up, good work is being done in the neighborhood.

I have been involved with a new intergenerational project in my neighborhood. It is called South Madison Generations and it is designed to provide monthly activities for youth and older adults. The organizations involved in the project are: Boys & Girls Club; Quaker Housing; Child Development Inc; South Madison Coalition of the Elderly; City of Madison Weed & Seed Program and the Madison Police Dept.

Our first project was a huge success. Some of the service groups at the Boys & Girls Club baked cutout sugar cookies and diabetic cookies. Quaker residents and younger Boys & Girls Club kids frosted and decorated the cookies and helped to deliver them to CDI and the Boys & Girls Club. Some were also delivered to Quaker residents who are homebound. Some cookies were packaged and sold at the primary. We made \$30 and this will be used to fund future activities. Special thanks goes out to Copps for donating the ingredients for the cookies.

I am also involved with another project called Penn Park Partners. We are having monthly meetings with South Madison stakeholders that care about the safety in this park. We plan on conducting research to see what people want to see in their park. We are concerned about the conditions of the bathrooms and the pavilion and we are committed to making improvements. Cameras are being installed as I write this. These will help to hold people accountable for their actions and will make the park safer.

MSCR will be planning a daily playground activity for kids entering kindergarten – 4th grade. This will be held during the summer, Monday- Friday, 9-5 pm. Kids will eat at Lincoln School, play at the Cypress Spray Park and also go on field trips. Sign up early before all the slots are taken. Remember that scholarships are available, so if you can't afford the fee, it will be waived. Let me know if you need an application.

If you have comments, concerns or you want to get involved in one of these projects, please call or email me. I look forward to hearing from you:

Officer Tammi Droessler
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Patrol Operations

Submitted by: Lt. Stephanie Bradley Wilson



Madison Police Department—South District

The South District Operations consist of patrol officers that respond to calls for service through the 911 Center and work proactively regarding on sight situations. South District officers handled over 2,000 incidents between February 15-March 15, 2008. This number does not include parking complaints that are handled by the three parking officers assigned to the District.

Although the winter has been busy, I expect the spring and summer months to be even busier with many more people being outside due to better weather. Our focus will be to continue to respond promptly for calls for service, be proactive when ever possible and provide the highest level of service to our south district community.

Efforts to Combat Prostitution

An example of proactive work by officers include a prostitution enforcement effort recently conducted in the Badger Road corridor that resulted in nine adult men and one juvenile male being arrested. The following people were arrested for Loitering for the Purpose of Prostitution and received a city ordinance ticket of \$676: Alejandro Aguirre, Tim Peterson, Travis Donnell, Tobias Baker, Roger Jameson, Rudy Barlow, Jose Luis Castaneda-Luna, Arturo Morales-Martinez, Oscar Suggs and an unnamed 15 year old male. These individuals live in the Madison, Belleville, Fitchburg and Monona areas. If you witness solicitation occurring in your neighborhood, please contact the 911 Center to report the behavior. The activity may cease prior to an officer’s arrival, but the documented activity allows MPD to develop strategies to respond to the problems. Prostitution is not a victimless crime! It impacts the quality of life in neighborhoods by bringing undesirable behavior, drug trafficking and increased traffic to your doorsteps. It also has a debilitating impact on the women who engage in the life style.

Community Liaisons

The community policing team members and patrol officers have been assigned specific organizations such as schools, neighborhood/business organizations or businesses as a liaison. It is the expectation of South command staff that the liaison maintain periodic contact with their organization to facilitate the flow of information between the police department and community. Please use this opportunity for your organization to share concerns about what is happening in your neighborhood or area.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Association Name	Assigned Officer
Ann St/Petra St. Apt	G. Reyes
Arbor Hills Nbhd Assoc	C. Lee
Association Name	Assigned Officer
Bay Creek Nbhd Assoc	D. Clark
Bram's Addition Nbhd Assoc	Droessler/K. Hartman
Brittingham	J. Stenson
Broadway-Lake Point Nbhd Assoc	R. Peterson
Burr Oaks Nbhd Assoc	T. Jokala
Capitol View Heights Nbhd Assoc	M. Walker
Dudgeon-Monroe Nbhd Assoc	D. Dexheimer
Greenbush Nbhd Assoc	D. Clark
Highland Manor Homeowners Assoc	M. Walker
Indian Springs Nbhd Assoc	Jerry Johnson
Leopold Nbhd Assoc	R. Pollard
Moorland-Rimrock	
Regent Nbhd Assoc	D. Dexheimer
Vilas Nbhd Assoc	R. Pollard
Waunona Nbhd Assoc	T. Xiong

*“Canines help
increase officer
safety during
building searches”*

Johnny and Officer Jim Donnell, K-9 Partners

Submitted by: Lt. Stephanie Bradley Wilson,

Beginning in 2004, the Madison Police Department formed a K-9 unit after reviewing the benefits of using dogs during the 1980's and 1990's on a limited basis. The unit currently consists of 5 teams of K-9 partners, Sgt. Chris Boyd and Lt. Victor Wahl as supervisors.

Recent research reveals that patrol canine units increase departmental efficiency, while enhancing the safety of officers and the community.

Studies have shown that building searches are quicker and more effective when a dog is used than when officers alone are involved. Officer safety is significantly increased and reduces the likelihood of a situational becoming confrontational. The presence of a canine during a building search tends to encourage quicker compliance in situations when a suspect is located.

Officer Jim Donnell and his partner Johnny are involved in a number of calls from drug searches, tracks and community education.

Beginning his law enforcement career in 1992, Officer Donnell joined the Madison Police Department in 1998. He has had an ongoing interest in becoming a canine

officer and once MPD started the unit, applied for the open position. Officer Donnell was partnered with Johnny in January 2005.

Johnny, a Belgian Malinois, was almost two years old when he met Officer Donnell. Originally imported from the Netherlands, Johnny was purchased and trained through Northern Michigan K-9 School.

Johnny and Officer Donnell graduated from Northern Michigan K-9 training center in February 2005 and have successfully worked the streets of Madison ever since. Johnny is a friendly and active dog, who is serious about his work.

Officer Donnell says the most rewarding case they have worked involved locating an endangered elderly adult. Officers had been searching for the woman for over an hour. Once Johnny and Officer Donnell arrived on the scene, the woman was located a short time later by Johnny tracking her scent.

The MPD canine unit is funded primarily through Capital K-9, a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide on-going financial support. To make a donation to Capital K-9, go to: www.capitalk9s.org.



**Wanted Person
Felix Romero-Ocotl**



**Felix Romero-Ocotl is currently wanted for
Felony Hit and Run Resulting in Death**

**Felix Romero-Ocotl
2210 Catalpa Rd. #C
Madison, WI, 53713
DOB 07 / 12 / 77
Brn/Blk
505
150lbs**

**If located contact
Officer Wilson
at cell 225-8450**



West High News



West High School

Submitted by: Dan Murphy, West High Educational Resource Officer, Madison Police Department

Other than the extreme amounts of snow we received during February and March, things have been fairly status quo at West HS for the month. The one issue that has become more prevalent in the school this February is the amount of gang graffiti popping up in the stairwells, bathrooms, locker rooms and hallways. Maintenance staff (who end up cleaning up the graffiti) tell me this increase is fairly common in the winter months. Either way, besides the fact that the graffiti is a form of property damage, which takes time to clean up, it's also unsightly. More importantly, it only serves to stir things up between rival gangs members. I was lucky enough to catch two gang members "tagging" on the lockers and wall in one of the hallways. The students were tagging in response to other graffiti in the school the week prior. Both were physically arrested for their participation. Since the arrests the graffiti incidents have since slowed down, although there continues to be gang-fueled disturbances between students.

There were two incidents this month where I physically arrested students for battery complaints. Both involved students in gangs. I also addressed some "habitual truancy" issues per administration, resulting in citations being issued. In attempt to correct their attendance issues, the habitual truant students are ordered to a special truancy court different from the regular juvenile court proceedings. Thefts also continue to occur. Most of the time the stolen items are phones, I-pods or other unessential electronics students bring to school. While school rules do not allow students to have these items in school, I know the reality is that students will continue to bring them. Unfortunately there is not a lot that can be done to retrieve these items, especially given the fact there is often no suspect information.

Thanks for the continued calls reference your concerns. Your involvement in helping West High School stay safe is always appreciated.



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"Policing in Partnership with our Community"

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.