



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>



Detective Lieutenant Tony Peterson

Case Summaries

Case #07-029215 (P.O. Templeton/South Community Police Team) – Drug Investigation – 2400 block S. Park St.

On 03/19/07 @ 9:40 p.m., the South Community Police Team was monitoring activity and observed two vehicles pull into an area business parking lot within minutes of each other. There was contact between the vehicle occupants and both vehicles then left.

South CPT stopped one of the vehicles and contacted the occupants who admitted being in the parking lot, but were untruthful about their activities there. Located in the vehicle was a large amount of U.S. currency a small amount of marijuana residue. Both were confiscated. The driver was cited for a traffic offense. The incident is being investigated by the Dane County Narcotics and Gangs Task Force.

Case #07-029533 (P.O. Krause/Cypress-Magnolia area Neighborhood Officer) Arrested Person – 2400 block Cypress Way

On 03/20/07 @ 4:05 p.m. Officer Krause observed an individual drink from and then discard on the grass terrace a plastic water bottle. The individual was

contacted and charged with a related offense.

Case #07-030439 (P.O. Jacobsen) – Substantial Battery – 800 block W. Badger Rd.

On 03/22/07 @ 10:31 p.m. officers responded to a battery. Upon arrival they contacted an individual who had injuries to his mouth. The victim and witnesses reported that the below suspect and victim exchanged words after the suspect attempted to sell drugs to the witness. The victim was standing between his vehicle's open driver's door and body when the suspect kicked the door causing it to strike the victim in the face. The victim incurred significant injury to his mouth and teeth. Suspect is at large. **Case assigned to Det. Johnson.**

Suspect:

M/B 6'1" light complexion 18-20 years-old wearing a white oversized t-shirt, blue jeans, and tennis shoes

Case #07-031190 (P.O. Dexheimer) – Arrested Person – 2101 Fisher St (Penn Park)

On 03/24/07 @ 3:22 p.m. Officer Dexheimer was patrolling Penn Park. He observed an occupied vehicle in the parking lot that displayed to different license plates. Upon contacting the occupants drug paraphernalia was observed. The occupant and vehicle were searched. Marijuana and additional drug paraphernalia were located. The occupant was charged with related offenses.

Case #07-031322 (P.O. Dexheimer) – Arrested Person/Domestic Dispute – 900 block Ann St.

On 03/24/07 @ 8:31 p.m. officers responded to a report of a weapons violation. Upon arrival they learned that there had been a mother/daughter argument that included the mother threatening her daughter with a knife. The mother was arrested for related charges. The daughter was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Case #07-031458 (P.O. Herrera) – Arrested Persons/Disturbance – 10 block Applegate Ct.

On 03/25/07 @ 2:15 a.m. officers responded to an area bar. Upon arrival they contacted security officers who

had detained two females who had allegedly stolen money from a tip jar. Both females were intoxicated. When the females were placed under arrest they became resistive with officers. During the struggle to gain control of the females one officer was injured when kicked in the arm. Both females were charged with related offenses.

Case #07-034069 (P.O. Herrera) – Arrested Person/Prostitution Investigation – 2400 block Cypress Way

On 04/01/07 @ 1:35 a.m. Officer Herrera was patrolling the area and observed suspicious activity. He contacted two male individuals including one who reported that the other was offering to make available one or two females to him for sex. The suspect was charged with a related offense.

Neighborhood Reports



Officer Sue Krause

Many good things are coming together in the neighborhood. 2006 was the first year for the Burr Oaks Community Garden located behind 926 Magnolia Lane. In mid-April, gardeners again met (with some new faces...!) to organize for the 2007 growing season. Many thanks to Burr Oaks President Dale Cox who got this project off the ground. Janet Parker of CAC was also instrumental in the garden's success. Kate Moran of Dane St is taking over as coordinator while Sia Xiong is the monitor. We are especially fortunate to have the children from the Early Childhood Learning Center on Hughes Place as special junior gardeners.

Early May brings the first "Boom Car" training for community members of the south side. PO Lori

Chalecki of the South CPT is the coordinator of this popular initiative. After attending a training and hands-on practice, community members will be able to document vehicle with loud stereos (via description of driver, of car, of music, license plate) and turn the information in to the PD. With proper documentation, an officer can issue a citation to the owner of the vehicle (as long as proper procedures and timelines are met). Thanks to Lori for your work in getting this project together.

A shooting at Penn Park disrupted the latest "prostitution initiative" designed to arrest both men and women for prostitution. Later in the evening, teams were able to make some arrests. Dr. Araceli Alonso from the UW Madison as well as Jan Miyasaki from Project Respect were both present to speak to the arrested persons about involvement in prostitution. The goal of their involvement was to get more information from the arrested persons about their motivation for this type of activity, what kinds of intervention would work to reduce it, options for drug treatment, etc. It is hoped that by taking a broader view of the problem in the Cypress/Badger neighborhood, that we can be more creative in our solutions.

I would like to see, for example, a recovery/12-step drop-in space in the neighborhood where folks can meet to get support. Project Respect is currently doing some of this work on Allied using a wellness model. The old model of simply making arrests does not change things in the long term. I am dealing with some of the same individuals from 10 years ago when I was Charlie 8.

The first planning meeting for the Summer Picnic will be held May 8. We hope to again have warm weather and sunny skies for the June 26 event held on the grounds at Lincoln School....by the "Big Oak Tree".....join us for lunch and your turn at the drum circle. Try your hand at an art project courtesy of MSCR's Art Cart. We will have something for everyone....

National Night Out will be held the first week of August at Penn Park. It is a nationwide event that celebrates citizens standing up in their neighborhoods for what is right and just. A southside group is meeting to prepare for this event. The event will include youth talent, a march, food and fellowship. The next planning meeting is May 31 at 6 pm at the Catholic

Multicultural Center (corner of Beld/Bram). Call me with any questions: 577-5629.

Officer Sue Krause

Cypress/Magnolia

South Community Policing Team



Sgt Dave McClurg

Listed below are some of the activities completed by the South Community Police Team in April:

- Speed wave 600 block of John Nolen Dr.
- Speed wave West Beltline and Rimrock Rd.
- Sound wave 1900 blk Fisher St.
- Red Signal enforcement Fish Hatchery Rd. and Badger Rd.
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- Arrested one of Madison Most Wanted with 5 warrants.
- Prostitution sting
- Assist Detectives with attempted homicide investigation.
- Continued work on verifying SORP offenders addresses.
- Surveillance at reported hot spots throughout the South District.
- Increased visibility around West High School during lunch and at let out.
- Attending training put on by Dane County Task Force.
- Attended a variety of neighborhood meetings.

From the Captain

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.*