

The Southside News

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- MPD Annual Survey
- Weather radios are important
- Bike Around The Bay Event

Madison Police Department-South District

The Wheeler Report

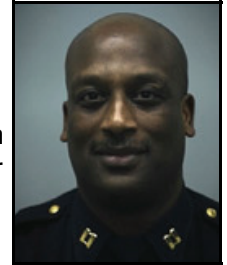
Submitted by: Capt. James Wheeler

This is the time of year when the potential for tornadoes and other severe weather conditions are at their highest. As part of an emergency preparedness plan, it is important to plan on how you will be informed in the case of a man-made or natural disaster. Dane County Emergency Management has several ways of notifying residents in the event of an all-hazards emergency. These include outdoor warning systems (sirens), reverse 911, and the emergency broadcast system to name a few. I want to point out that there is one other emergency alert item that can be purchased by you as an added means of ensuring you are notified in the event of an emergency. This item is an NOAA All-Hazards Radio.

There are some advantages to having this type of alert system in your home. The first advantage being that this radio fills a hole where other systems might not be as effective. For instance, if you depend on outdoor sirens to receive alerts, will you be able to hear the siren if the windows are closed and the air conditioner is running or if you are sleeping? If you depend on receiving alerts through broadcast media will you be listening to the television or radio when the alerts go off? This radio acts just the same as a smoke detector. It silently monitors and will alert you to immediate, life-threatening hazards in your area, like tornadoes, floods and other dangerous events.

All-Hazards/Weather alert radios have come a long way. With the older radios you would get an alert for a particular region to include several counties. You may notice this when an alert is given over the broadcast media and it lists the affected counties. If your county was not affected you would still get the alert. Newer technology has allowed the radios to be configured to the alerts that are specific to any county in the United States. The radio can also be configured to alert you to specific threats such as hazardous materials release or other localized hazards. This technology is called Specific Area Message Encoding (S.A.M.E.).

On April 26, 2008, the City of Madison sold all-hazards radios for residents which were made available through Dane County Emergency Management at a cost of \$22.68. Needless to say these radios sold out very quickly. The City will be ordering another shipment to be sold in the next few weeks. I would encourage you to research this type of alert system and decide if it will meet your needs. As the American Red Cross emergency preparedness mantra goes, "Get a Kit, Make a Plan, and Be Informed."



Captain Wheeler

Cypress/Magnolia Neighborhood News

Submitted by: Officer Tracie Jokala

Greetings and Happy Spring!

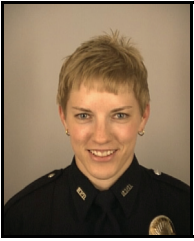
At the April 15th Burr Oaks Neighborhood Meeting, I distributed a new "MPD Bulletin" which is available to all residents who attend. If you were unable to attend and would like to receive a copy, please let me know. The MPD Bulletin focuses on the Burr Oaks area including Cypress/Magnolia/W. Badger and summarizes crime statistics, and offers news regarding the area.

On May 23rd at 8 p.m., at the South District Police Department Community Room, a Citizen Observer Training for Prostitutes/Solicitors will be offered. All citizens are welcome and there is no sign-up. This training will teach area citizens how to document and report their observations in order to assist with investigations. Attendees will receive informational documents and certificates of completion. Also, blank forms will be available to take home. If you would like to help distribute flyers for this event, please call 577-5629.

Last month I also mentioned the availability of "Incident Analysis Reports" to property owners and landlords. This report is generated from our police database and can give you a picture of

police activities on or around your particular property. Another great tool for rental property owners, as well as business owners, is the "No Authorization" letter. This is a letter signed by the owner or agent authorizing police to enforce No Trespassing ordinances. The letter states that the owner/agent does not consent to trespassing activity, and requests that all suspects are cited (if cause is found). This is a very useful tool that is being used on many of the Cypress/Magnolia/W. Badger rental properties. After the letter is submitted, MPD will provide the owner/agent with No Trespassing signs. McDonalds on S Park St at Hughes recently signed a letter authorizing officers to cite all suspects involved in ANY illegal activity. Officers are now able to substantially reduce investigation time by not having to contact staff. Only several days after this letter was signed, officers were able to arrest three subjects observed trespassing on the property – for a variety of felony, misdemeanor, and municipal charges.

If you are interested in signing a "No Authorization" form, please call me 577-5629.



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Community Police Team News



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

Submitted by: Sgt. Dave McClurg

As the weather has warmed the amount of activities in the South district has increased. Your CPT has been busy with a variety of activities. I have listed many of them below.

- Five days were spent assisting the Central district with the Doty St. homicide.
- Thirteen meetings with a variety of community members and leaders to discuss concerns and our policing activities.
- Three days we assisted MPD's training division with the training of new officers.
- Daily addressing the ongoing traffic problems South leading to 109 traffic citations for the month of April.
- Regular foot patrol and Surveillance in the Magnolia, Cypress, and South Transfer Point, Penn Park and Coho areas.
- Bike Patrol of the South District when the weather agrees.

I look forward to continue warming of the weather and encourage you to contact us if we can assist you with any problems.

Bayview Neighborhood

Submitted by: Officer Jean Stenson



The Triangle Neighborhood has been very active with the Emergency Preparedness initiative being implemented through the City's nursing staff. The four categories that are being addressed are: Fire, Weather and the Environment, Personal Safety, and a Health and Wellness Communication.

I am assisting with the Personal Safety committee. The residents reported concerns about their personal safety. The committee assisted residents with drafting a letter and sending those concerns to the Community Development Authority. As part of a response to the residents' concerns, Officer MaryAnn Thurber will give a personal safety presentation at 4:00 p.m. on May 14th at the Community Room in 755 Braxton Place.

JBM is the new security company that was chosen to work at the Triangle. There will be a meeting in the near future to introduce JBM to the residents.

Brittingham Park, 401 West Shore Drive, has been quiet so far this year. I have noticed that more people seem to be using it for picnics, fishing, and volleyball.

The Ethnic Fest is scheduled for Sunday, August 17. Since last year's festival was cancelled due to rain, a good share of the plans that were in place for the 2007 event will be used this year. Please mark it on your calendar!

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Investigative Updates

Submitted by: Lt. Jane Stoklasa

South District detectives have worked on these cases of note, in April:

- 4-1 Robbery 800 Hughes Pl.
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- 4-20 Weapons Offense Shots fired at Industrial Dr. and South Towne Dr.
- 4-20 Weapons Offense Shots fired at Penn Park
- 4-23 Weapons Offense Shots fired at Penn Park
- 4-23 Weapons Offense Shots fired at 2400 Cypress Way
- 4-24 Weapons Offense Shots fired at 2900 Traceway

- Residential Burglaries on Warner St. and Irvington Way
 - Three people arrested for attempted burglary on Diving Hawk
 - Multiple car windows, broken out by bb guns, in the Moorland Road area
 - Several disturbances at the South Transfer Point: Officers and Detectives have worked the area
 - Officers and detectives assisted with the shooting at Dane County Mental Health. Suspect subsequently arrested
 - Detectives continue to follow leads on Marino homicide.
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Bike the Bay

Join Monona Bay and Bram's Addition Neighborhoods on

May 31, 2008
11 am, Vilas Park

for a Family-Friendly Bike Ride

The ride will go through several neighborhoods on the South and Near-West sides of Madison and will be stopping at Penn Park, Quann Park, and lastly, Brittingham Park for a final fiesta!

There will be FOOD, information, bicycle tune-ups, entertainment, at the stops, in addition to LUNCH!

See <http://mononabayneighborhood.blogspot.com> for updates

Contact: Aaron Crandall, aaron.crandall@yahoo.com

Brought to you by the generous support of the [Dane County Bicycle Association](#) and the time and efforts of several neighborhood volunteers

CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY AT THE SOUTH TRANSFER POINT, PENN PARK OR YOUR SOUTH MADISON NEIGHBORHOOD?

**WOULD YOU LIKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE A PEACEFUL,
POSITIVE AND FUN SUMMER?**

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOUTH MADISON?

HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GET POSITIVELY INVOLVED.

The South Madison Peace Partners, a group of community volunteers, is forming to promote peaceful relationships in South Madison. Volunteers represent area churches, neighborhood associations, community organizations and neighbors in collaboration with the Madison Police Department to promote a safe and violence-free community.

YOUR HELP AND PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED NOW!

Take These Steps to Help

- ❑ Call the Nehemiah Business Service Center, 608-467-1100; leave your name, address, and a phone number.
- ❑ Plan to attend one of two mandatory volunteer Orientation Sessions
 - Thursday, May 29, 6 PM to approximately 8 PM OR
 - Saturday, May 31, 10 AM to approximately Noon

Both sessions will be held at the South Police District Station-Community Room, 825 Hughes Place. (Near the McDonald's on S. Park St)

If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem! Join your neighbors and friends in helping to keep the Pride of the Southside alive



Patrol Operations

Submitted by: Lt. Stephanie Bradley Wilson



Madison Police Department—South District

During April, officers responded to a variety of calls throughout the South District. We have put additional enforcement and visibility efforts in the Burr Oaks areas due to a several fights and shots fired calls at or near Penn Park. The steps we took to stabilize the park and make it safe for legitimate park users included closing the gate to the parking lot and having increased foot patrols between 5 PM and 9 PM. The gate to the parking lot was closed to eliminate the loitering that was occurring in the lot. Although this is a short-term answer to the problem, it has reduced a good portion of loitering. A longer-term solution needs to be developed to address the parking lot concerns.

Increased foot patrol has also been initiated in the Leopold neighborhood focusing on Post Road, Traceway Drive, Sunfish Court areas and Leopold Park. We will work with Fitchburg Police Department to address common problems between the two municipalities.

As always give us a call if you are seeing suspicious behavior. Call 911 if you need police to respond quickly and the non-emergency number, 255-2345, for non-life threatening, less serious issues that don't require an immediate response. You can email questions or concerns to me at sbradleywilson@cityofmadison.com.

MPD ANNUAL SURVEY

MPD is conducting its annual survey where we solicit information on the concerns and quality of life issues of individuals in our community. To access the survey, visit: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=gEvI95NCDkPtXoFxmIbMw_3d_3d.

Please take a few moments to share your opinions to help improve our service.

CITIZEN TRAINING OFFERED

Boom Car Training

If you are interested in learning how to document noise complaints (Boom Cars)

on drivers who loudly play radios or other devices in their vehicle, this class is for you. Training will be held on May 20, 2008, 6:30 PM, in the SPD Community Room, 825 Hughes Place. Officer Dave Dexheimer, who is our district coordinator for Boom Cars, will conduct the training. The training is intended to give citizens an active role in the enforcement of our nuisance noise ordinance. The class takes only about an hour and will allow citizens to make enforceable reports of noise complaints.

PROSTITUTION OBSERVER TRAINING

A short 60 minutes Observer Training for Prostitution/Solicitation will be held on Friday, May 23, 2008, 8 PM, at the SPD Community Room. The purpose of the training is to develop a pool of citizen observers that can provide reliable and adequate information to officers. The information gathered will assist officers in citing offenders who not only offer sexual services, but individuals who solicit too. Officer Tracie Jokala is conducting the training.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Directed traffic enforcement took place during April in highly traveled areas of the South District to include but not limited to: John Nolen Drive, Speedway and Fish Hatchery Rd.

Click it or Ticket

The national Click it or Ticket Safety Belt campaign runs May 19-June 1, 2008. The theme is **Day and Night, Cops are Cracking Down**. Every year during this holiday period, law enforcement agencies join forces day and night, from coast-to-coast, for an enforcement blitz that delivers on our message "Click It or Ticket". The mobilization is supported by national and local paid advertising and earned media campaigns aimed at raising awareness before the blitz that . . . *Day or*

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Night - Buckle Up or Pay Up. Expect to see more officers out in all jurisdictions throughout U.S. to help enforce traffic laws especially safety belt, car seat and booster seat violations.

Slow Down Signs

Safe Communities Slow Down Signs may still be obtain from the South District. Stop by between 8 AM and 4 PM to pick up your sign.

Speeders Hotline

The Speeders Hotline can be access 24/7 to report speeders, reckless drivers, and other hazardous driving behaviors by calling 266-4624.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bike the Bay Bike Ride
Penn Park, 11 AM

Saturday May 31, 2008

Juneteenth Celebration
Penn Park

Saturday, June 14, 2008

Parade 10 AM, Park Activities Noon to 6 PM

Fisher/Baird St. News

Submitted by: Officer Tammy Drossler

Many of you may have noticed that the parking lot to Penn Park is closed. The weather warmed up and so did the activity in the park. We had hundreds of folks using the park. Unfortunately, a few decided to fight and shoot in the park. We responded to four fights and two shots fired calls in 10 days.

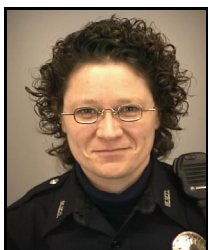
I heard from many frustrated neighbors who are concerned about the violence picking up in the park. Neighbors stated they feel the gate needs to be shut. They told me that it seems to help keep the negative activity to a minimum. The police know that this is not a long-term solution, but we need to take steps now to stabilize the park. You should also see more officers in the park, especially in the evening hours. The camera should also assist us with our monitoring of the park.

Penn Park Partners is a group of stakeholders who are interested in making Penn Park a safer, more family-friendly place. We met this past month and listed possible improvements for the short term and long term. We can always use some extra voices at the meeting and we look forward to hearing from you.

South Madison Generations is a project involving Quaker seniors, CDI (Child Development, Inc) kids and Boys & Girls Club kids. Quaker hosted a crafting event on April 16. Kids and seniors made their own jewelry and decorated fish. One senior also led the kids with some wonderful singing. We are planning a gardening event in late May.

Earth Day clean up was held April 26th. It was a cold morning and the attendance was down. Those who joined in enjoyed the day and the refreshments/food provided by Wisconsin & Southern Railroad. The railroad recently assisted the neighborhood by clearing up the area close to the tracks. We wanted to help them back by picking up garbage along the tracks. We will need to schedule another clean up day to get this accomplished.

We were able to get Penn Park completely done as well as several others areas of the neighborhood. Boys & Girls Club kids helped to clean up as well. Thanks to all who came out!



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West High News

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



April has not been without activity at West High School. As anticipated, the warmer weather has helped to facilitate some of the behavioral issues experienced this month.



West High School

Most notable this month were two incidents of physical altercations resulting in a total of six students being physically arrested. One happened on school grounds while the other happened across the street from the front of the school. In each of these fights the arrested students were either directly or indirectly involved in a gang and the fight stemmed from that involvement. On two other separate incidents, a student was physically arrested for disorderly conduct for creating a disturbance in the halls with another student. In the other incident a student

with some mental health needs was subsequently arrested after attacking a staff member and attempting to disarm me of my taser. I cited three other students for disorderly conduct and four people received citations for trespassing this month. Lastly, I cited two students for possession of marijuana and one for possession of smoking material. There was one other battery of a West student, which happened just off campus, where the suspect has yet to be apprehended.

Let's hope for a safe final six weeks for our students. Please continue to contact me at school at 204-4123 if you have any questions or concerns.



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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.