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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 #07-109751 (P.O. Kinderman) – Disturbance –1802 Regent St. (Randall Elementary School)

On 09/13/07 @ 10:59 a.m., officers responded to a disturbance at Randall Elementary School. Upon arrival, staff reported that a 9 year-old 4th grader with ongoing behavior problems had caused the problem, including throwing numerous items at staff and striking one in the case and head. The juvenile was released to the custody of a family member.

Case #07-110358 (P.O. Masterson) – Suspicious Person- 1700 block Fish Hatchery Rd.

On 09/14/07 @ 2:00 p.m., officers responded to Wright Middle School regarding a suspicious person. Two students reported that while riding the bus to school in the morning the below described individual took a seat behind them and was acting strangely, including mumbling to himself. The suspect got off the bus at the same time as the students and may have been following them towards the school. **Patrol Officers provided extra patrol as a result of this report.**

African American Male 30-40 years-old tall/thin build short black hair, clean shaven red baseball cap, green and blue striped short-sleeved shirt

black jeans, black shoes pulling a brown “tow behind” suitcase on wheels

Case #07-111005 (Sgt. R. Peterson) – Weapons Offense – 1000 block Magnolia La.

On 09/15/07 @ 9:10 p.m., officers responded to a stabbing with a man down near Catalpa Rd near W. Badger Rd where they located the victim, an 18-year-old African American male with non-life threatening injuries.

The victim described the suspect as indicated below. The victim reported he did not know why he was stabbed in the back by the suspect.

African American Male “upper 20s” in age, deep voice, 6’3” with medium build, wearing a dark blue or black ¾ length jacket with a thick, white horizontal stripe at the bottom

Case assigned to Det. Aguilu.

Case #07-111387 (P.O. Wood) – Theft – 1200 block Chandler St.

On 09/16/07 @ 6:52 p.m., officers responded to a theft or burglary complaint. The victim reported that he was watching a football game with an individual he recently met at a party when two African American suspects entered the home and held him down on the couch. The suspects searched the victim’s pockets and asked where he kept his money and “stuff.” They eventually took a laptop computer, PDA and cell phone.

A suspect was later located and arrested for related charges. The stolen items were recovered.

Case assigned to Det. Johnson.

Case #07-111420 (P.O. Wood) – Battery/Weapons Offense – 10 block Adeline Circle

On 09/16/07 @ 7:55 p.m., officers responded to a report of a fight with shots fired. Upon arrival officers observed a crowd of approximately thirty people that were disruptive and argumentative. Officers stopped a vehicle occupied by a white male had been beaten. This victim indicated he did not know who had battered him or why. No evidence that a firearm had been involved could be ascertained.

Case #07-112383 (P.O. Templeton) – Drug Investigation – 2400 block Cypress Way

On 09/18/07 South CPT officers were monitoring suspicious activity and observed a known female prostitute contact a vehicle. The female was not a resident of the area. Officers contacted the female and determined that she was trespassing. A search of her purse revealed she was in possession of drug paraphernalia. The female was charged with related offenses.

Case #07-113009 (Lt. Peterson) – Identity Theft

On 09/20/07 officers investigated an identity theft complaint. The victim reported that his personal information had been used to secure employment, credit and in other manners. The subsequent investigation identified two individuals who were charged with related offenses.

Case #07-113044 (P.O. Dunnington) – Suspicious Person – 2800 block Fish Hatchery Rd.

A female reported suspicious behavior by the individual described below. Suspect contacted the female and asked her where she worked and lived. Suspect followed the female to a restaurant where he was verbally abusive to her.

African American male, 20-24 years- old, 6’ 165# black skull cap, lime green t-shirt with black writing, blue jeans and black Nike athletic shoes with lime green designs

Suspect was operating the below vehicle:

Older, boxy minivan, gray in front and blue to rear; rear tinted windows rear tailgate with two side by side doors

Case #07-113108 (P.O. D. Murphy) – Disturbance- 30 Ash St. (West HS)

On 09/20/07 @ 11:15 a.m., officers responded to a disturbance in the school. The subsequent investigation resulted in two students being charged with related offenses.

Case #07-113376 (P.O. Winter) – Strong-Armed Robbery – 100 block S. Randall St.

On 09/20/07 @ 11:56 p.m., officers responded to a strong-arm robbery report. The victims, white

male and white female, were both area college students. They reported that the suspects described below attacked them and took property from them with force.

African American male, 18-20 years-old, 5'6" 130# wearing white t-shirt

African American male, 18-20 years-old, 6' 150# wearing white t-shirt

Case #07-114225 (P.O. Morovic) – Arrested Persons – 900 block W. Badger Rd.

Officers observed two females behaving in a manner that indicated they were involved in prostitution. The subsequent investigation resulted in both being charged with related offenses.

Case #07-115495 (P.O. Baldukas) – Entry Into Locked Vehicle – 1000 block Moorland Rd.

Officers responded to an injury accident. The subsequent investigation revealed that the occupants of one vehicle had been involved in stealing property from vehicles. Two individuals were charged with related offenses.

Case assigned to Det. Johnson.

Case # 07-115760 (P.O. Hanson) – Exposure – 2000 block University Ave.

Female reports that while waiting at a bus stop, the below described suspect, exposed himself to her.

White male, mid 20's, scruffy beard, shaggy hair operating: 1993 Buick Regal 4-dr

Case assigned to Det. Doheny.

Case #07-116623 (P.O. Murphy) – 30 Ash St. (West HS)

On 09/27/07 @ 1:45 p.m., officers obtained information that a student may be involved in several thefts of property in the school. The subsequent investigation resulted in a student being charged with related offenses.

Case #07-117475 (P.O. J. Sweeney) 401 W. Shore Dr (Brittingham Park)

Officers responded to a report of individuals consuming intoxicants and littering in the park. The subse-

quent investigation resulted in four suspects being charged with related offenses.

Community Policing Team Activities

The month of September has been a busy one for the South CPT. I have listed below some of our activities.

-Numerous hours working at West High School assisting the ERO and filling in as ERO.

-Worked with the Regent Neighborhood association contacting new renters and handing out literature on parties and underage drinking.

-Assisted Detectives with follow up for Kings Inn Homicide Investigation.

-Brittingham Park initiative resulting in 8 arrests and assisting parks personnel with cleaning up the park.

-Assisted with the Lincoln Elementary School open house.

-Participated in 3 Neighborhood meetings.

-Worked the Regent Street Corridor during all Badger home football games.

-Attended the Problem Orientated Policing Conference in Madison.

-Ran several traffic initiatives in the Monroe St, John Nolen and Speedway Areas.

-Maintained surveillance on several problematic addresses on the South Side and made 5 arrests for possession of marijuana and cocaine.

From the Captain:

As you are probably aware, there was an incident at UW Hospital which resulted in the "lockdown" of certain areas on the UW campus. Several residents in the area adjacent to the UW raised concerns over why they were not given the information as the students were. Since the UW was the lead agency on this, I do not have an answer as to why. Because of the concerns expressed to me, I started to think of how they could be addressed and what are some of the lessons learned. Since notifying residents of hazards that may effect them is part of emergency preparedness in general, I am committed to looking

at our systems and seeing what improvements need to be made to address your concerns.

Although I received a few emails from the residents adjacent to the UW, I want to share one of the emails that I received and my response. In my response, I do touch on a couple of issues regarding critical incidents and notifications.

Captain Wheeler,
I don't know if Troy Rost, RNA President or Robbie, our Alder, got any comments, but I have heard from several residents in my area near Highland somewhat concerned that there was no Police auto call concerning the potential dangerous situation of a few afternoons ago with the disturbed gentleman to our neck of the woods. I think it would have been a good thing and would suggest doing so in the future.

I was off on Friday so I did not see the emails regarding notification issues until today. I was not aware of the situation regarding the suspect until our briefing the next morning. Since I was not in the command center and this was a UW operation, I do not know any more than what was reported on the broadcast news. But since September was emergency preparedness month, I thought it would be a good idea to let people know some of the ways emergency notifications are made. I want to reiterate that I do not know anything about the UW incident since I was not there. I just thought that this is some valuable information to share with you.

When a significant event occurs, our training in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) dictates that the lead agency set up an incident command post. I will not bore you with the whole NIMS concept but under this system an incident commander establishes a command post. Depending on the incident, the Incident Commander (IC) can create a command staff to help out with the incident. The components of the command staff would be a Public Information Officer (PIO), Liaison Officer, and a Safety Officer. The staff could be expanded beyond these individuals but I will not do that here since we are talking about notification. When there is information to disseminate, it is the job of the PIO to make sure that it gets out to the community. This information should be approved by the IC. According to NIMS, it would be improper for information regarding an incident to come from any other source other than the IC or PIO associated with the incident. The major reason for this is so you have continuity of information. It

could potentially be a dangerous situation if the public received conflicting information regarding the same incident from multiple agencies or sources.

There are various ways that this information can be disseminated to the public. It includes broadcast television, Dane County warning system (sirens and email notification), Reverse 911 and the emergency alert system to name a few. Each of these have their advantages and disadvantages. For example, the media does a good job of putting out information but the disadvantage is the timeliness and one must have a television to hear and/or view the message. This is why that one must take a systematic approach when dealing with public notifications due to the advantages and disadvantages of each. Citizens should not just depend on one method of notification but also others so that there is redundancy and you increase the odds of getting the message from somewhere.

Your email mentioned "police auto call". I am assuming that you mean "reverse 911". This is a good system but it does have its limitations. In order for a person to be notified, their telephone number must be published in the "white pages". The system will not call non-published numbers unless the phone number and address is filed with the 911 center. You can go to the Dane County Emergency Management website to sign up for this. You can also submit your cell phone number but it should be tied to a specific address. It does not have to be tied to a specific address but if a notification only affected specific neighborhood that was not yours, you would still receive the message. There is some timeliness issues with reverse 911 but I do not think it raises to the level of other means of notification. For instance, the system has the capacity to make 40 outgoing calls at one time. The actual number of calls depends on the number of phone lines and the length of the message. Bottom line is that we are looking at one hour to make 4800 calls to disseminate a 30 second message.

I hope this information is helpful; especially the information on reverse 911. I do not know how many people are aware that the system will not call unpublished numbers or other features of the system. I also do not know how many people are aware of warning systems in place for Dane County. I will put some information in my newsletter directing people to the Dane County Emergency Management website to learn about the various notification systems. Give me a call if you have any questions.

For more information on Dane County's Emergency Notification System, please go to the following link:

<http://www.countyofdane.com/ems/popwarn.htm>

Take Care