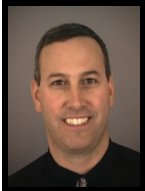


Madison Police Department

West Police District Newsletter



About WPD



Captain Jay Lengfeld

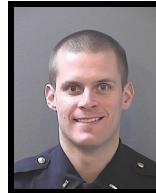
Signs of Spring are starting to show up; the master gardens that volunteer at the West Police District have set up two work days, the Fire Department has burned the prairies around both of our buildings and it is time to fill out the annual West Police District Survey. We are asking everybody who lives or owns property in the West District to fill out a survey. You can find the survey at the below address, click on "district survey" located at the bottom of the page and you are ready to go. It should take you about 5-10 minutes to complete. Thank you for taking the time to complete it.

www.cityofmadison.com/Police/west

March has been a busy month for us, but very successful. In a ten-day period in March, West staff made 9 burglary arrests on five cases. Martie the K-9 unit assigned to the Community Policing Team found 234 gram of crack cocaine and a patrol officer developed a drug case, which concluded with a search warrant and the seizure of \$11,000. These are just a few of the success stories for the month of March.

Make sure you lock your doors and remove valuables from your car.

Patrol Operations



Lieutenant John Patterson

This month I would like to introduce two more of our hardworking patrol officers. The first is Officer Julia Helbach, who patrols your neighborhoods on the nights shift. If you find yourself awake in the late hours, you may see her covering the neighborhoods south of Raymond Road and west of Whitney Way. Julia has been with MPD since 2005 and this is currently Julia's fourth year assigned to the West District. Julia is also one of our resident computer experts and is responsible for putting together and sending out this newsletter every month. Julia is the liaison to the Stone Meadows Neighborhood Association. Before she was an officer, Julia worked as a computer analyst and enjoys building and fixing computers in her spare time. Julia's love of computers is evident when it comes up in conversation. Julia also enjoys inline skating, rock climbing, paintball and playing hockey. Thanks Julia!



The second officer I would like to introduce to you all is Officer Lindsey Ludden. Lindsey one of the few officers who can say that they have been to Timbuktu. Lindsey joined MPD in 2006 and has worked the afternoon shift for the past three years in the West District. This year, Lindsey splits her work weeks covering the Midvale area and the Wexford Ridge & High Point area. Lindsey grew up in Madison and attended Glen Stephens, Jefferson Middle School and Memorial High School. She has a real vested interest in policing the Westside of Madison! When she isn't patrolling your streets or traveling to places like South Africa, Senegal or Mali, she enjoys spending time outdoors with her two bulldogs. Thanks Lindsey!

March was a busy month for officers in the West District. Our patrol officers responded to **3,652** calls for service. This is an average almost **118** calls per day. These incidents included:

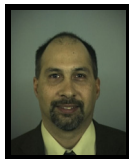
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| 8 | Robberies |
| 10 | Weapons Offenses |

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| 45 | Burglaries |
| 22 | Batteries |
| 8 | Stolen Autos |
| 208 | Motor Vehicle Crashes |
| 63 | Retail Thefts |
| 117 | Disturbances |

Traffic enforcement is a top priority in the West District. In January, West District Officers issued a total of **360** traffic citations, consisting of **208** "hazardous" citations (speeding, following too close, etc) and **152** "non-hazardous" citations (defective equipment, registration violations, etc). Officers also issued **106** municipal citations (trespassing, retail theft, etc). These numbers total an average of just over **7** citations per officer.

Investigations



Lieutenant Dan Olivas

West District Detectives have been working very hard following up on several excellent cases, many initiated by patrol arrests:

March 7, 3 suspects arrested in 2 non-residential burglaries on Mineral Point Rd.

March 10, 1 suspect arrested in a non-residential burglary on Plaza Dr.

March 11, 3 suspects arrested in numerous residential burglaries involving new appliances in the Allied Dr area.

March 12, 1 juvenile arrested after confessing to a residential burglary.

March 16, 1 arrested in a residential burglary on Georgetown Cir.

March 31, 2 arrested in an armed robbery, Verona Rd.

These cases represent only a fraction of the cases coming through the Detective Bureau this past month, but are good examples of how in many instances, the arrest is only the beginning of many, many days of work.

I would like to again stress the importance of securing vehicles, garages, and homes (windows). As the weather warms, we anticipate an increase in over-night thefts and burglaries across the city. Thefts from unlocked vehicles, homes, and garages remain a significant percentage of total property crime.

Field



Lieutenant Tony Bitterman

According to the 2000 Wisconsin Census, senior citizens, defined as those age 65 or older, comprise nearly 10% of the population in Madison. With seniors comprising a significant part of Madison's population, I thought I'd touch on a few concepts addressing senior safety.

The first and best way to promote senior safety is to prevent yourself from becoming a victim. Although there are no guarantees, there are several things you can do to promote personal safety:

First, BE ALERT. Be in tune with your surroundings, don't allow yourself to be taken by surprise. Be aware and prepared, even when you are out in your own neighborhood.

Second, BE CONFIDENT. Carry yourself in a self assured manner, don't appear afraid.

Third, TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS. If you are uncomfortable in a situation or place, leave right away. Get help if necessary.

To promote safety at home, always keep your exterior doors locked, and NEVER open your door to strangers. If someone does come to your door, insist on proper identification and a means of verification. If someone comes to your door with an emergency, call 911 for them, don't let them in.

Make sure your home is secure. Use deadbolt locks on all exterior doors. Equip exterior doors with a peephole, so you can see who is paying you a visit. Don't rely on security chains, as they can easily be broken by a determined assailant. Do not keep a key to your home hidden outside. Each window in your home should be secured with a good lock. Also, keep the outside of your home well illuminated at night.

In your automobile, before driving anywhere, know where you are going and how to get there. If possible, restrict your trips to daylight hours. Prior to leaving, let someone know where you are going, and what time you plan on returning. When driving, make sure your doors and windows are locked, and make certain to lock them when leaving your car.

Be certain to keep your vehicle in good, working order. If you suspect someone is following you, drive to the nearest police station, or public place, where you can safely make a report.

Neighborhood Officers

Allied Drive



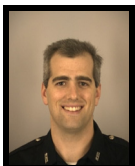
Officer Carren Corcoran



Officer Samuel Ward

On May 8th 2009 at 6:00 pm all are invited to walk along with POs Ward and Corcoran for the first Allied Dr Safety Walk. The intention of the walk is to make a visible show of neighborhood support for safety. The walk area will include Allied Dr, Carling Dr, Jenewein Road, Crescent Rd, Rosenberry Rd, and Thurston Lane. Residents, Property Owners, and Stakeholders are all welcome to join in. Please meet at the intersection of Allied Dr and Lovell Lane. Thanks ahead for your support.

Hammersley



Officer Mike Hanson

With the snowmelt comes the unpleasant view of winter trash on people's lawns. Last summer there were many homes in the neighborhood that I service in which people blatantly disregarded their lawns and left trash all over it. Our goal is to have people want to live in a nice neighborhood and care for their properties. Starting in mid-April, after this warning and personal warnings to those who have trash littering their lawns; I will be starting a new approach. There is a city ordinance titled: "Deposit rubbish/refuse on exterior of a property creating a nuisance or danger". The cost of this citation is \$298. The simpler way to have a clean neighborhood would be for residents to take ownership and pride by throwing away trash in the appropriate manner. However, some people just don't care about the homes they rent and let trash fly. We hope to change that philosophy in 2009.

Our next quarterly safety meeting will be Monday, April 27 at 7 p.m. at the West Police District. Prior to the meeting there will be a training session on our Speed Wave program. Speed Wave allows for citizens to use our laser equipment to track the speed of vehicles traveling on their

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roadway. Typically a group of 2-3 residents will use the laser to mark down the speed and license plates of vehicles at whatever time you wish. That information is then turned over to the police department for our information. After the speed wave program the police department will follow up with and education and enforcement action in this neighborhood. This training will take place on April 27 at 6:15 p.m. just prior to the quarterly safety meeting.

Wexford



Officer Cynthia Thiesenhusen

March remained consistent with February. My concern remains elevated as the severity of calls are on the rise. Management and I continue to conduct weekly meetings and when we see need, we do conduct knock and talks. I believe this is an effective strategy it will continue to take time to send the message. Management and I continue to be concerned about the quality of life issues. There are some key troublemakers on the eviction trail. As these evictions come up, there will be some more significant changes.

February 2009 had 88 calls for service and March 2009 had 89 calls for service. To compare that with 2008, the calls increased significantly. In March 2008, there were 57 calls for service. A quick breakdown is as follows:

- Feb: 4 - domestic calls
- March: 6 - domestic calls

- Feb: 5 - disturbance calls
- March: 3 - disturbance calls

- Feb: 6 - noise complaints
- March: 3 - noise complaints

- Feb: 10 - 911 disconnects
- March: 9 - 911 disconnects

More calls include a sexual assault, 9 check persons, 6 assist citizens, 3 preserve the peace, and 7 parking complaints.

Community Policing Team



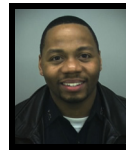
Sergeant David McClurg

This month Martie our K-9 and his handler Officer Rose Douglas had their first major narcotics find. While searching an apartment basement, Martie found 243 grams of cocaine base. Although, at this point no charges were made, the investigation is on going. This find was the result of an involved land manager, who upon receiving information contacted us. Martie's nose is a great tool, but it was only because we got information from the management that we were there.

In addition to our regular duties the CPT spent numerous hours working on proactive robbery enforcement throughout the City of Madison. We are very happy to be back working daily in the West District.

Prior to the robbery detail and into next month we had been and will now continue to address problems with drug sales in some of the business parking lots in the Verona Rd area. We have seen an increase in behavior frequently associated with drug sales in some of our target neighborhoods. It is only with your help that we can make an impact in your neighborhoods. Please call us with any information or suspicious behavior you observe.

Memorial High School



Officer Shannon Blackamore

Just recently during the month of March, I had the opportunity to secure some grant funds for a Youth Alcohol and Drug Grant. The funds were earmarked for the ERO's in each of the buildings to educate the students about the consequences and dangers of drugs and alcohol.

I knew from experience that if you have something important to say to students, it's critical that you entice them with something of value or edible. So, I made arrangements to work with Rosatti's Pizza on the Westside of Madison for some significant discounts.

Rosatti's agreed to provide pizza during the presentations at both lunch periods. I arranged for students join me in a classroom and presented a PowerPoint on Drugs and Alcohol. The school nurse Marie Heiligenstein, and AODA Coordinator James Howard, joined me to provide additional information and resources for the students.

Now, though I would like to believe that it was my eloquence and phenomenal ability to hold a group's attention during a speech, I know that the pizza played a part in getting such a large turnout. Hence my decision to have the pizza arrive at the halfway point, and open it up for questions as we ate.

We conducted the presentations during the 1st and 2nd hour lunch periods. So, students had to choose between hanging with their friends, or learning about drugs and alcohol. I'm happy to say that we had a packed class for each gathering, and good choices were made.

Ultimately, the students gained valuable lessons about the dangers posed when dealing with drugs and alcohol. Lots of questions were answered, and some students sought us out afterwards to ask follow up questions.

Sharing information that can impact the life and experiences of these young adults is critical as we move forward in their high school career. I thank the school's staff for assisting me with announcements and arrangements so that this could take place. We look forward to continuing this dialogue, and preparing the students to become future leaders grounded in a core of making good decisions. That's all for now.....