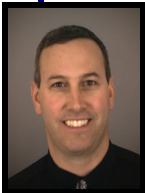


Madison Police Department

West Police District Newsletter



About WPD



Captain Jay Lengfeld

Many of you are aware that we have had a number of shootings in the West District over the last two months. These shootings have resulted in a number of people being injured and the first homicide of the year for Madison. All shootings are dangerous, but some of these shootings have been off the charts on the level of danger to the community because of the time of day they occurred, number of shots fired, and number of incidents related to a small group of individuals. The Police Department has dedicated 8-9 detectives, all field staff, Criminal Intelligence section staff, Investigators to these cases and are working with ATF, US Marshals, FBI, Gang Task Force and a number of Community Policing Teams to solve these cases. We have recovered eight firearms including a Tec-9, SKS high power rifle, shotgun, and a number of handguns. I am confident that we will make arrests in a number of these shootings and you should know that the department is working very hard on these cases.

On a more positive note, the 4th of July celebration at Elver Park will be Friday, July 3rd starting at 6:00 PM. The traffic plan will be the same as the last two years and we will continue to staff the event with the same number of officers as we have in the past. Please join your neighbors at this great event.

Patrol Operations



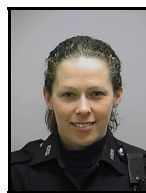
Lieutenant John Patterson

This month I would like to introduce two more of our officers, one who works on our day shift and the other who works on our afternoon shift.

The first is Officer Kelly Hoeft. Kelly is one of our relief officers during the day, so the odds are that you may have seen her covering a number of areas in the West District this year. Kelly has been with MPD since 2000 and this is currently Kelly's fourth year assigned to the West District. Kelly is the patrol liaison to the Wexford Village Homeowners Association. Growing up, Kelly spent many summers living in France or sharing her home with French exchange students (Her mom is a French teacher). Prior to coming to MPD, Kelly attended UW-Madison and spent a year living in Piedras Negras, Mexico, where she taught literature at a bilingual high school. When she isn't working, Kelly enjoys camping, hiking and spending time with her son. Thanks Kelly!



The second officer I would like to introduce to you all is Officer Kathy Peterson. Kathy patrols the northeast section of the West District during the afternoon hours and is currently the patrol liaison to the University Hill Farms Neighborhood Association. Kathy joined MPD in 1998 and has worked in the West District for most of her career. Kathy started on the night shift and has been working afternoon hours for the past 6 years. Kathy is a Master Sergeant with the US Army Reserves, and as of August 8th of this year, she will have completed 21 years of service with the Army. Kathy was deployed for Operation Desert Storm in 1990 and 1991. Kathy runs at least one 1/2 marathon every year and is planning on completing her first full marathon next year on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Kathy also loves to travel – Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria, the Netherlands, Belgium, England and Scotland are just a few of the places she has visited. Thanks Kathy!



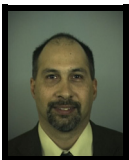
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April was a very busy month for officers in the West District. Our patrol officers responded to **4,213** calls for service. This is an average of over **135** calls per day. These incidents included:

9	Robberies
14	Weapons Offenses
21	Burglaries
27	Batteries
7	Stolen Autos
213	Motor Vehicle Crashes
81	Retail Thefts
140	Disturbances

Traffic enforcement is always top priority in the West District. In April, West District Officers issued a total of **497** traffic citations, consisting of **331** "hazardous" citations (speeding, following too close, etc) and **166** "non-hazardous" citations (defective equipment, registration violations, etc). Officers also issued **112** municipal citations (trespassing, retail theft, etc). These numbers total an av-

Investigations



Lieutenant Dan Olivas

The West PD Detective Bureau has had a very busy month in May. The preparation for the murder trial related to the 2007 murder of Kevin Cobbins on Loreen Dr has consumed a great deal of time for many of our Detectives (****UPDATE****, **James Bohanan was convicted of First Degree Intentional Homicide regarding this case on June 8, 2009**). I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Patrol Officers, Investigators, Detectives, and Police Supervisors who were instrumental in bringing this case to a successful conclusion. The Dane County District Attorney's Office did an outstanding job prosecuting this case, the United States Marshall's Service effected the arrest of Bohanan in Chicago, and many community members assisted in providing information, all so that justice could be served.

We have also been quite busy investigating a string of related shootings which have occurred mainly on the South and West Sides. We have been working very closely with other Districts, suburban agencies, County, and Federal Law Enforcement to quell and solve these incidents. I would like to stress that these shootings are related to specific individuals. Some of the information previously released has given the mistaken impression that random buildings were shot at, and this is not believed to be the case.

Field



Lieutenant Tony Bitterman

As we get deeper into spring and the weather continues to improve, people are spending more time outside. Most people who are taking advantage of the weather are pursuing recreational activities or hobbies, but some people use the nice conditions to try and take advantage of others. While persons crimes in Madison are still relatively uncommon, here is some personal safety information to help you protect yourself in the event someone does target you for crime.

The first step toward ensuring personal safety is to be aware of your surroundings. Look around you as you walk, listen to your surroundings. Make it difficult for anyone to catch you by surprise. Don't wear headphones when you walk as they inhibit your ability to hear someone approach. Walk confidently, during daylight hours, and with a friend whenever you can. When walking at night, stay on populated and well illuminated streets. If possible, walk near the curb or edge of the street. Avoid shortcuts through alleys, vacant lots, and other deserted areas.

When you find yourself in a situation that doesn't feel right, trust your instincts. Suspend your concerns with etiquette and remove yourself from the situation, calling attention to yourself if necessary. Your safety may depend on a quick and decisive reaction.

Try and keep your hands and arms free as you walk. If you carry personal property when you are outside, use a "fanny pack" or other close to the body carrier. However, if you are confronted by someone wanting your property, it is often best not to resist. While this is a personal choice, property often can be replaced, your life certainly cannot.

If you choose to carry a personal protection device, make certain it is quickly and easily accessible. Think carefully about the possible consequences should you be disarmed of the device you carry for protection. A few relatively safe options for personal protection are Oleoresin Capsicum (pepper spray), and personal alarms.

Neighborhood Officers

Allied Drive



Officer Carren Corcoran



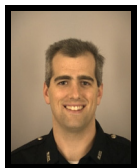
Officer Samuel Ward

The second Allied Safety Walk is set for Friday, June 12 at 6:00pm. We will meet at Allied Drive and Lovell Lane. Any and all residents are welcome and encouraged to walk along with PO Sam Ward and PO Carren Corcoran. Land owners and stake holders are also more than welcome to join in the walk. Please consider joining as the Allied Neighborhood can only improve its safety and quality of life with resident involvement.

The Allied Drive Festival is set for Saturday June 6th at Belmar Park located at Jenewein Rd and Rosenberry Road. Madison Police will have a member of the Mounted Horse Patrol and a member of the K9 Unit present from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Come say hello, learn about their jobs, and meet their 4 legged partners.

The Madison Police Department is also in need of information about the weapons offense that occurred in the 2300 Block of Allied Drive on May 29th.

Hammersley



Officer Mike Hanson

May was a busy month in the neighborhood. In April we had shots fired on Loreen Drive, during the daylight hours. Since that time, eight guns have been recovered and some arrests have been made. Although we do not have all of the shooters involved arrested, Detectives and officers are working this case very hard. There are several complexities and associations with this shooting and several other shootings throughout Madison. There are various frustrations for those who work these cases as "victims" and "witnesses" know far more than they often share with police; for a variety of reasons and that lack of information slows a case.

In other news, we have started the "neighborhood safety walks". This has evolved into youth joining the adults as we walk through the neighborhood. From what I observe,

Hammersley Continued...

just the fact that adults are walking and caring about the neighborhood seems to calm it down for that night. Residents, particularly those who join in the walk, really appreciate the sense of caring for the neighborhood.

I have gone door-to-door to deliver summer program enrollment packets. There are some excellent, low cost summer programs out there for the youth, in which these organizations also provide transportation. This worked out well for the neighborhood last year as then parents know the kids are safe for the day and supervised. It is not too late to enroll in some of these great programs!!

Wexford



Officer Cynthia Thiesenhusen

The calls for service numbers continue to climb. The severity of the calls continues to remain constant. We are in the midst of very hard times. These are the times in which Communities should be pulling together, neighbors helping neighbors. Not neighbors covering for neighbors. Neighbors holding each other accountable for their bad/negative behaviors. I'm not suggesting this is not happening, but the number of calls in the Wexford Ridge neighborhood suggest it is not happening enough. For the second time, I have included a quote from one of my favorite humanitarians, Marian Wright Edelman. I encourage all that read my newsletter entry to think about what she is really saying. Edelman is an American activist for the rights of children and is president and founder of the Children's Defense Fund. It is up to each and every one of us to take part in making our children, families, and communities safe. Every one of us can hold people accountable for their bad decision making/ criminal behavior. This is one thing we must do to make this a better place.

A break down of calls for May 2009. There were a total of 113 calls for service as compared to 105 in April.

- 10 Check persons
- 9 Parking complaints
- 9 Information
- 8 Domestic/family troubles
- 7 Disturbances
- 6 Noise complaints
- 5 Check property

The challenge of social justice is to evoke a sense of community that we need to make our nation a better place, just as we make it a safer place. - Marian Wright Edelman

Russett Road



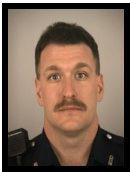
Officer John Amos

Last year at this time Russett Rd was hot for calls for service and now Balsam Rd is busy. Drug houses have popped up all over and once one is tackled the drug activity pops up in another location not far away. In addition, many people displaced from other locations in the city are moving to the Balsam/Russett area to apartment buildings whose owners don't background check or do any lease enforcement. This causes problems to the majority of good landlords and tenants in the area.

The Meadowood Neighborhood Center in the Meadowood Shopping Center is very successful in providing a space for the community for activities. I see many problem children engaged in activities when I pop in. The rush of juveniles flooding the neighborhood after school from Toki/Orchard Ridge is still a challenge.

The West Community Policing Team has been called on to do more reactive work because of an increase in gun violence in the last month. A rash of shootings in the last month between a group of 10 or so individuals is occurring with about half arrested so far. It takes a huge amount of time and resources every time one of these occurs. It also prevents us from working on the drug houses, traffic issues, and other police problems.

Community Policing Team



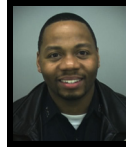
Sergeant David McClurg

During May, we worked closely with our neighborhood officers addressing problems in their areas of responsibility. We spent a considerable amount of time in the Loreen Dr. area by making our presence known through our contacts of any observed violations and looking for suspects.

Allied Drive, Flower and Tree Lane along with Balsam Rd have all saw increases in CPT activity in May. Our canine was used in drug sniffs of vehicles and in sniffs of apartment buildings where reports of illegal drug use and sales are taking place.

In addition to working with citizens to address complaints of drug activity we have run several speed enforcement projects to address ongoing traffic concerns and a sound wave on Hamersley Rd and Schroeder Rd to address citizens complaining of loud car stereos.

Memorial High School



Officer Shannon Blackamore

The month of May was quite busy. We had a number of students that were determined to skip classes and hang around inside and outside of the building. Unfortunately, this creates a situation that seems to give other students the impression that it's ok. So, we work hard to make sure that expectations are clear.

The end of school for this year is fast approaching, and it's imperative that the youth have an opportunity to continue positive relationships and activities. Parents are planning summer vacations and activities for the kids, and that's a great way to keep them focused.

During the summer I'll be working closely with the ERO from West High School. He and I will be making contacts with some of the students entering our respective High Schools next year. We'll also be reaching out and contacting some of the students that had challenging behavioral problems in school this year.

Our hope is that these contacts with the students and their families, will give us the face-to-face opportunity to express our willingness to work with them, and develop positive relationships. My job as an Educational Resource Officer involves making sure that the school, staff, and students are safe. I also reach out to troubled youth, and try to lead them down a more successful path.