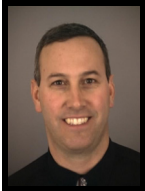


# Madison Police Department

## West Police District Newsletter



### About WPD

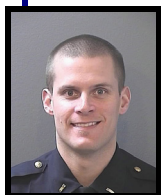


**Captain Jay Lengfeld**

Summer is over and children are back in school, which means there will be hundreds of children crossing our city streets to get to and from school. It is the responsibility of everybody who drives to slow down and follow all traffic rules. Traffic enforcement is still one of the top priorities for the West Police District. The West District has a new tool to help educate the community on speeding. Through grants and a donation from Get it Now! business the department has purchased a second speed board for use west of the square. You might have seen it out on a street near you. This is a great tool to slow down traffic and educate drivers.

Have a Fun and Safe Fall!

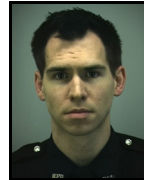
### Patrol Operations



**Lieutenant John Patterson**

September brings an introduction to two more officers, one who works our daytime shift and the other on the afternoon shift.

The first officer is Officer Mike Evans. Mike is a 10 year veteran and has worked in the West District for the past two years. Prior to coming to the West District, Mike worked in the South, Central and North Districts. Mike works from 7am-3pm in the central portion of the West District and is the patrol liaison to the Midvale Heights Neighborhood. Mike was born and raised in Madison and attended East High School and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Mike enjoys traveling and has visited London, England, Mexico and many of the United States. Mike is a devoted Packers and Badger fan. Thanks Mike!



The next officer I would like to introduce is Officer Brian Shaul. Brian joined MPD in 2007 and started his career here in the West District. Brian works from 3pm-11pm and also patrols the central portion of the West District. Brian is the patrol liaison to the Country Meadows Apartments. Prior to joining MPD, Brian studied English at Carleton College and earned a J.D. from Drake University Law School in Des Moines. Brian has been playing the guitar since the age of 17 and was in two different bands during high school and college. Brian also enjoys running and working out in his spare time. Brian lives with his girlfriend who works for the Madison Public Libraries. Thanks Brian!

During September, patrol officers responded to **3,811** calls for service. That is an average of over **127** per day. These incidents included:

- 6 Robberies
- 11 Weapons Offenses
- 48 Burglaries
- 30 Batteries
- 14 Stolen Autos
- 221 Motor Vehicle Crashes
- 77 Retail Thefts
- 116 Disturbances

In August, West District Officers issued a total of **521** traffic citations, consisting of **348** "hazardous" citations (speeding, following too close, etc) and **173** "non-hazardous" citations (defective equipment, registration violations, etc). Officers also issued **139** municipal citations (trespassing, retail theft, etc). These numbers total an average of over **10** citations per officer.

## Field



**Lieutenant Tony Bitterman**

In an emergency, when minutes can literally make the difference between life and death, critical seconds can be lost if emergency personnel are obstructed in their response. Please take sirens seriously and make way for an ambulance, fire truck or police vehicle. The life at stake may belong to someone you know.

Wisconsin state law mandates that drivers must yield to an emergency vehicle by "immediately driving to a position as near the right hand edge or curb and as parallel as possible, clear of any intersection, and unless directed by a traffic officer, shall stop and remain stopped in such a position until emergency vehicle has passed".

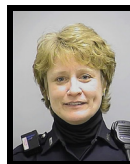
Beyond following the letter of the law, there are some simple things you can do to assist emergency personnel in safely reaching a person in need. Use the acronym SIREN to remember the correct way to yield to an emergency vehicle.

- S:** Stay Alert- Drive defensively, and keep the noise level down in your car. This will help you to hear and locate an emergency vehicle quickly.
- I:** Investigate- Check your rear view mirror, scan in front and on both sides of your vehicle, until the emergency vehicle is located.
- R:** React- React quickly, but calmly, and scan in all directions before pulling over. Always use your turn signal to indicate your intentions. Don't slam on your brakes or pull over suddenly. Pull over to the side of the roadway as far as possible. Watch for pedestrians and bicyclists. Do not stop in an intersection.
- E:** Enter- Before re-entering the road, make certain the emergency vehicle(s) has passed, signal your intention, and make a visual sweep in all directions. Remember, oftentimes, more than one emergency vehicle will respond to a scene. Before you merge back onto the roadway, make certain the siren you may still hear belongs to the emergency vehicle to which you just yielded, and not another approaching emergency vehicle.
- N:** Never- Never stop at a place that doesn't have enough room to allow you to pull over safely. Never follow or try to outrun an emergency vehicle.

Keeping these tips in mind will help you to do your part in allowing emergency personnel to reach a person in need.

## Neighborhood Officers

### Allied Drive



**Officer Carren Corcoran**



**Officer Samuel Ward**

September has been a steady month in the Allied Drive area. PO Ward and I were able to attend the Allied Drive Landlord Association Meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was well attended and many positive ideas were discussed reference supporting the ongoing improvement in the Allied Neighborhood. As these new ideas are implemented, we will be sure to share the news.

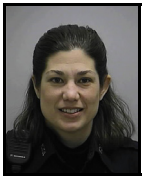
PO Ward and I supplied a small group of Allied kids with school supplies thanks to a weed and seed grant. An area resident, Joyce Haywood collected and distributed the supplies to the grateful children.

We have also been able to give out approximately 50 books through the REACH a child program. This program provides free books to encourage literacy. An area mother shared the following story. After her children received their free books, they immediately sat down and began to read. Meanwhile the youngest child who is not of reading age asked their mother to read to them. That night the children slept with their books.

The goal is to distribute as many books to area children as possible this fall.

Have a safe Halloween and please be mindful of children out trick or treating. To parents do encourage your children to be careful of traffic on Halloween after dark. Some costumes may be difficult to see after dark. And of course please provide the children adult supervision on the big night.

## Hammersley



**Officer Justine Harris**

One of the most enjoyable parts of being a police officer is getting to know the people in the community you serve. As I settle into my new position, I've been trying to get out and get to know as many people as I can in the neighborhoods. I've really enjoyed meeting and learning about the children and their families as I walk and drive through the area. If you see me walking or parked in your neighborhood, please don't hesitate to say hi and stop to have a talk. Getting to know you is part of my job.

Another way that I've been trying to get to know the people in my neighborhood is by getting an accurate listing of current tenants. In larger rental complexes, management routinely provides police with a list of tenants. In the Hammersley and Park Edge/Park Ridge areas, there are nearly as many landlords as there are tenants. This means there are more people invested in the community, but also makes it harder when police need information about who is living in the neighborhood.

All landlords in the Hammersley and Park Edge/Park Ridge areas should have received a request for information on their tenants. This information is vital in helping police do our job. Knowing who is living in the neighborhood allows police to serve the community better in several ways. An accurate listing of tenants helps police account for residents in case of emergency. Knowing who the leaseholder is at each address lets us know who we should contact in case of a problem when no one is home. In the past, having a list of current tenants has helped police to work closely with landlords and identify when people causing problems are staying at houses where they are not actually on the lease.

If you are a landlord in one of these neighborhoods, please take a few moments and complete the Tenant Information form. Having this information will help us to serve you and the community better.

## Wexford



**Officer Cynthia Thiesenhusen**

With summer over and fall in full swing, Wexford Ridge Neighborhood is enjoying days of quite and days of busyness. Most of the excitement is raveled around parking. The management is working on resurfacing all the parking lots, which means displacement of vehicles. This is a big deal to many. Can that be all? No, the calls for service have been coming in at a steady rate.

In September, there were a total of 83 calls for service. August had 85. In comparison, August had 9 disturbances and September had 6. In August, there were 7 check properties and September there were 5. August had 5 check persons and September had 10. Other calls include, 7 domestic calls, and 5 noise complaints.

It was a relatively peaceful month and I look forward to the change in season to see what comes next.

## Russett Road



**Officer John Amos**

I did an analysis of police calls for service for Balsam, Russett, and the Meadowood shopping center. Calls for service compared to last year are down for juvenile disturbances and other nuisance crimes that are the biggest complaints. In the Meadowood Shopping Center juvenile complaints were down a third in a 3 month period when compared to last year.

Russett Rd property owner Timothy Johnson, a leader in the community, is stepping down as organizer of the Russett Rd landlord and tenants. This vacancy is open to someone who lives on Russett Rd and would be willing to organize meetings and galvanize tenants and property owners.

The Meadowood Neighborhood Center is up for renewal of funding. Please contact your alders to give your support for continuation of the operation of the center.

## Community Policing Team



**Officer Chris Kobinsky**

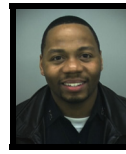
Upon receiving information about internet-based prostitution, West CPT researched the problem and determined a plan to address it.

Prostitution stings were then set up using two west side venues. Extensive planning took place to research prostitutes and organize the venues. The stings resulted in numerous arrests for prostitution, drug possession, concealed weapons and outstanding warrants.

In response to traffic complaints across the district, we have run speed waves in several problem areas and wrote numerous citations.

In addition, West CPT will continue to address problems with drug sales in the Verona Rd corridor. We have also seen 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**

The month of September was pretty quiet here at Memorial. We were challenged with a few incidents that occurred in the community, but carried over into the school. We still have a few students that are determined to skip classes and hang around inside and outside of the building

Most of the students are contacted before they leave the building and advised to return to class. However, there are some that tend to skip because they dislike the class, or have other things they want to attend to.

Ultimately, we hope to engage more of these students and impress upon them the importance of attending class on a regular basis. Parents are typically notified by a "skip call" from the school district, but should take it upon themselves to make contact with the school to ensure that their children are attending class.

My hope is that the month of October continues to be slow, and that we are able to build upon the relationships here at Memorial that fosters good habits and decision-making.