

Madison Police Department

West Police District Newsletter



About WPD



Captain Jay Lengfeld

I hope everybody had a great Holiday Season and is enjoying all this snow. Many of us at the West Police District are glad 2009 is over, it was a very busy and difficult year. The West District had some horrible crimes and violent crimes to deal with, but as a team (community and police) we were able to end the shootings, solve all the homicides, and so many other crimes. I also saw the relationship between the community and police grow this year.

A perfect example of this was when a neighborhood was hit real hard with a number home burglaries. When interviewed by the media, the spokesperson for neighborhood stated that the neighborhood is safe, but we have a number of thieves stealing from us and we need neighbors to watch over the neighborhood and report suspicious activity to the police, because we (neighbors) know what is suspicious in our neighborhood. At the same time the West District had two detectives, patrol officers, neighborhood officers and Community Policing Team members working these cases. Within days an arrest was made and the burglaries stopped. This how it should work! The West Police District staff looks forward to working with you in 2010.

Patrol Operations



Lieutenant John Patterson

The November/December Newsletter brings an introduction to two more officers, both who work our day shift.



The first officer is Caleb Bedford. Caleb joined MPD in 2001 and has spent the past six years in the West District. Prior to coming to the West District, he worked on the north side and downtown. Some of you probably remember him as the Hammersley Neighborhood Officer, a position that he held for two years. Caleb is staying in the West District in 2010 and will be a part of the new 8pm-4am shift. Caleb is currently the patrol liaison to the Greentree Neighborhood. Caleb is a member of the department's Special Events Team and serves as one of the team's trainers in defense and arrest tactics. When I asked Caleb to share a few facts about himself, he decided to share a couple of stories from his childhood. Caleb spent most of his childhood obsessively collecting baseball cards, and then at the age of 16, he sold most of his collection at a deep discount so that he could buy a new set of tires for his beloved powder blue 1981 Mercury Capri. Under the subject of Music on his second grade report card, his teacher wrote, "What Caleb lacks in musical talent, he makes up for in enthusiasm." Thanks Caleb!



The next officer I would like to introduce is Officer Mike Ott. Mike joined MPD in 2000 and has worked for two years downtown, but has spent the majority of his time in the West District. During his time in the West District, Mike has spent a few years covering the southwest area of Madison. Mike is currently patrolling the day shift as a relief officer to the neighborhoods in the West District which are immediately north and south of the beltline, and east of Verona Road. In 2010, Mike will be a part of the new 12pm-8pm shift in the West District. In 2009, Mike served as the patrol liaison to Hamilton Middle School. Mike is getting married this July and is currently learning to play the piano. Thanks Mike!

As you all are aware, November and December were very busy for all of our staff in the West District. While the significant events in the Park Edge neighborhood and on Loreen Drive were occurring, there was also an increase in burglaries in the Greentree Neighborhood. During November, officers also responded

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to **3,409** calls for service, which is an average of **113** per day. These incidents included:

5	Robberies
31	Batteries
64	Burglaries
80	Retail Thefts
98	Disturbances
232	Traffic Crashes
52	Theft from Auto

Also in November, West District Officers issued a total of **362** traffic citations, consisting of **177** "hazardous" citations (speeding, following too close, etc) and **85** "non-hazardous" citations (defective equipment, registration violations, etc). Officers also issued **100** municipal citations (trespassing, retail theft, etc) and **57** written traffic warnings. These numbers total an average of over **6** citations and/or warnings per officer.

Investigations



Lieutenant Dan Olivas

It has been a very busy couple of months for investigations. On November 28 Officers responded to the 1400 block of Loreen drive for multiple shooting victims in an apartment. Two of the victims were children, ages 5 and 7. The suspect in this case, Donte Beasley, also suffered a serious self-inflicted injury. The mother and her two children who survived this attack are continuing to recover and are doing quite well. This case has generated a lot of follow-up investigative work as it moves forward. The investigative staff here at the MPD has done a simply outstanding job putting this case together.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the many first-responding Officers, Paramedics, and Emergency room staff who pitched in to provide emergency care for the 4 subjects involved in this case. I have no doubt that a far greater tragedy was averted by the work of these every-day heroes who choose to serve the citizens of this community.

On December 3, 2009 Officers responded to the 6800 block of Park Edge Drive for a Mother and child murdered in their vehicle, inside a garage at that location. Later that same day a 2nd Mother and child were discovered murdered in Middleton. The suspect in these cases was identified as Tyrone Adair. The Madison Police Department worked very closely with the Dane County Sheriff's Department and the Middleton Police Department in coordinating a large-scale manhunt over the following weekend. The suspect was eventually discovered deceased (self-inflicted injury) by a landowner in rural Cottage Grove. This was a senseless tragedy that will no doubt continue to reverberate through this community in the months and years to come.

Investigations continued...

I am extremely proud of the response by all the agencies involved in this investigation. It is a credit to the many individual investigators who continue to forge positive working relationships across jurisdictional lines. This multi-agency investigation went very smoothly and was truly a cooperative effort.

These 2 cases have made a significant impression on local law enforcement agencies and this Community as a whole. The Madison/Dane County area remains one of the best places to live and work in the country, but clearly there is more work to be done.

Below are several resources available in the Madison area for Domestic Violence Prevention and assistance, as well as substance abuse and parental stress. This listing is by no means comprehensive, there are many, many services available in the Madison Area. The United Way also coordinates the local 2-1-1 first call for help hotline in our area.

Wisconsin Coalition Against [Domestic Violence](http://www.wcadv.org)
www.wcadv.org - (608) 255-0539

Unidos Against [Domestic Violence](http://www.unidosagainstdv.org)
www.unidosagainstdv.org - (608) 256-9195

[Domestic Abuse Intervention Services](http://www.abuseintervention.org)
www.abuseintervention.org - (608) 251-4445

Gateway Recovery
25 Kessell Court Suite 200
Madison, WI, 53711
(608) 278-8200
http://www.usnodrugs.com/Wisconsin/Madison/Gateway_Recovery

Tellurian UCAN
<http://tellurian.org/>
Contact Tellurian today for the help you need.

If you would like to speak with a professional at Tellurian, **please call us at 608.222.7311, or toll free at 877.661.9051 during regular business hours (8:00 am to 4:00 pm central time)**. Ask to speak with **Mike Florek (Ext. 104)**, and he will discuss your substance abuse treatment needs in a confidential manner.

United Way/Joining Forces for Families:
<http://www.unitedwaydanecounty.org/index.php?page=124&l=w>

Dane County Human Services
(608) 242-6200
<http://www.danecountyhumanservices.org/>

Respite Center (Crisis Child Care/Parent Support)
<http://www.respitecenter.org/>
(608) 244-5730

Dane County District Attorney Victim/Witness Unit
(608) 266-4211
<http://www.countyofdane.com/daoffice/victim.htm>

Field



Lieutenant Tony Bitterman

For many of us, using automated bank cash machines(ATM's), has become a part of our weekly routine. They offer a quick and convenient way to obtain money as we go about our busy lives, but also offer an element of risk. There are people who prey on those using ATM's as their own way to obtain cash. Using a bank ATM safely requires awareness and a little planning.

Most bank ATM robberies occur between 7p and midnight. Those committing the robberies are usually young males, under 25 years of age, and typically work alone. Robbers will usually position themselves nearby the bank ATM, and wait for a victim to start making a withdrawal before approaching and demanding money. They frequently are either armed, or threaten to possess a weapon.

Although these robberies are fairly uncommon in Madison, there are still several things you can do to further minimize the risk and prevent yourself from becoming a victim of a robbery at an ATM. Choose a safe location to use the ATM. Choose an ATM in a well lighted, high-traffic area. ATM's inside businesses, such as supermarkets, are usually safest due to the activity. Try and limit your use of ATM's to daylight hours. Don't use ATM machines that are remote or hidden, such as those behind buildings, pillars, or concealed by landscaping.

When you approach an ATM, have your card ready and your personal identification number memorized to speed your transaction. As you perform your transaction, continually scan the areas behind you and to the side, mindful for anyone approaching. If anyone suspicious or seemingly dangerous approaches, terminate your transaction and leave immediately, even if it means leaving your card in the machine. After you have completed a transaction at an ATM, put the cash away immediately don't count it in public. Extract your card, and walk away.

Choosing a drive up ATM can lend another layer of security to an ATM transaction. When you drive up to the ATM, carefully scan the area for any suspicious persons, or possible hiding places where a robber might be. If you see someone or something that makes you uncomfortable, drive away, and report your suspicions to the police. While completing a transaction, continually check for people coming from behind you, or from the side. Keep your vehicle in gear, with your foot firmly on the brake. If you see anyone approaching, drive away, even if it means leaving your card in the machine.

Despite these precautions, if you should find yourself confronted by a robber, it might be wise to give up your money. While this is ultimately a personal choice, remember that cash can be replaced, life and well being cannot. Get to a safe place and call the police immediately. It is my sincere wish that you and your families have a pleasant, and safe, holiday season.

Allied Drive

Neighborhood Officers



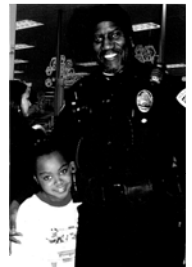
Officer Carren Corcoran



Officer Samuel Ward

On Sunday December 6, 2009 Allied Drive Neighborhood Officer Sam Ward participated in the annual 'shop with a cop' event with Allied youth Mariah. PO Ward and Mariah began the day shopping at Target east. Mariah selected winter clothes and coats for herself, her siblings, and mom. Mariah was also able to obtain a toy for each of her brothers. After shopping the event moved to the VFW where they wrapped presents and had pizza from Little Caesars. Mariah had pictures taken with Bucky Badger and the lil Caesar mascot.

The Allied Neighborhood Officer Carren Corcoran will be leaving her position in the winter of 2010. PO Corcoran has been selected to become a dual-purpose patrol dog handler. PO Corcoran will not go far as she will be assigned to the West Community Police Team.



Madison Police Officer Matt Nordquist has been selected as the incoming Allied Drive Neighborhood Officer. See January's Newsletter to learn more about PO Nordquist.

Hammersley



Officer Justine Harris

This past month has been a very difficult one for this area. In just about a week's time, our community was struck with two horrific and heartless acts of violence.

There is no way to make sense of what happened to these families, especially the brutality and wickedness that was inflicted upon the children. To many of the neighbors and Madison Police and EMS personnel, the situations seemed almost unreal.

Unfortunately, while it is unusual for such horrendous incidents to happen so close in time and geography to each other, violence within families is all too real and common. Each year 1.5 women in the United States are victims of domestic violence. Over 3 million U.S. children live in violent homes.

Hammersley Continued...

Contrary to popular opinion, leaving an abuser doesn't necessarily end the abuse. It is often more dangerous for battered women after they leave a violent relationship. Even though divorced and separated women make up only 10% of all women in this country, they account for 75% of all battered women.

So how can we help our friends, family and neighbors that live in abusive situations? To begin with, we can be aware of the signs of abuse.

Adults living in abusive situations may:

- Have very low self-esteem, even if they used to be confident.
- Seem afraid or anxious to please their partner.
- Check in often with their partner to report where they are and what they're doing.
- Receive frequent, harassing phone calls from their partner.
- Talk about their partner's temper, jealousy, or possessiveness.
- Have frequent injuries, with the excuse of "accidents."
- Frequently miss work, school, or social occasions, without explanation.
- Be restricted from seeing family and friends.
- Rarely go out in public without their partner.
- Have limited access to money, credit cards, or the car.

Children from abusive homes may exhibit a wide variety of behavioral problems ranging from extreme withdrawal to violent outbursts. The same stresses that affect the adult being abused also impact the children; including:

- Having the family controlled by one dominant and irrational member
- Seeing one parent being abused
- Isolation of the family in order to achieve control
- The stress of protecting the "family secret"
- The guilt of feeling that if they just "behaved better" the abuse wouldn't occur.

Abusers often alternate between the abusive behaviors and periods of "making up", in which they attempt to re-charm their partner. Signs to watch for are both behavioral and attitudinal. Does the person:

- Humiliate, criticize or yell?
- Put down other's opinions or accomplishments?
- Blame others for his/her own abusive behavior?
- Have a bad and unpredictable temper?
- Hurt others or threaten to hurt or kill others?
- Threaten to commit suicide if his/her partner leaves?
- Act excessively jealous and possessive?

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- Keep his/her partner from seeing friends or family?
- Limit the family's access to money, the phone, or the car?

The first step to ending domestic violence is recognizing it. The second step is reaching out for help. If you are in an abusive situation or believe you know someone who is, there are resources to help. Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) provides a 24-hour crisis line which can provide information, resources and referrals. Crisis resources include help with restraining orders and emergency planning. DAIS provides shelter for families and legal assistance if needed. They also offer support groups for adults and children. The DAIS resources can be accessed by calling (608) 251-4445.

Wexford



Officer Cynthia Thiesenhusen

The snow has come, luckily it held off for November. With the better than average weather in November, there was more than average calls for service. A specific ongoing issue involved 2 groups of juvenile girls. The altercations started in the neighborhood, then transferred to West Towne mall, and finally to Jefferson Middle School. School Principal and School Social Worker and myself attempted interventions with hopeful success. By the end, the girls no longer remembered why they were feuding.

Other issues that came to rise in November were disturbance calls at 7, noise complaints at 8, Check persons at 5, and check property at 7. In total, there were 70 calls for service in the Wexford Ridge Neighborhood. September there were 83 calls for service.

On December 15th, Madison Neighborhood officers will be participating in 'Toy Tour 2009', sponsored by Star Country 96.3, 'John and Tammy in the Morning.' Toys generated from this event will be given to various organizations throughout the City of Madison, including but not limited to Joining Forces for Families, Neighborhood Centers, Neighborhood groups, ect. The majority of toys allotted to me will be donated to the Lussier Community Education Center. This is taking place on December 15, with a live broadcast. Toys will be disseminated on December 16th.

Madison Police will not have toys after Dec 16th, unless there is an extreme emergency.

Russett Road



Officer John Amos

Calls for service are still down for the Balsam/Russett neighborhood when compared from previous years. There were no major calls. A stolen vehicle was recovered to the rear of a building in the 5700 block of Russett Rd. I used an apartment to interdict suspected drug activity in the 5800 block of Russett Rd and subsequent investigation came to naught.

During the holiday season many people leave to visit family and friends leaving their homes vulnerable to burglars. Please ensure friends and neighbors will keep an eye on one's home if it is unattended for any length of time. Leave a contact phone number with them. **Hide your car keys** in the house as burglars now break into homes and take the victims vehicles as they leave.

Memorial High School



Officer Shannon Blackamore

The month of November was pretty busy. There were 19 total calls for service at Memorial from 11/03/09 through 11/30/09. The calls took place primarily during the hours of school, however, there was an accident that occurred after regular school hours.

Students are actively engaged in winter sports such as basketball, wrestling and hockey. The basketball team took the state championship last year, and there are many high expectations surrounding this years current team.

Administration and the students are gearing up for the winter break that starts on the 18th of December, but we're still keeping students focused before that date arrives. Obviously, the students are pretty hyper and excited about the coming holiday break until next year, so my hope is that they continue making good decisions.

The next newsletter article from me will be in 2010, so I close by wishing you and your family Happy Holidays, and a fantastic New Year.

Community Policing Team



Sergeant David McClurg

During November the WEST CPT has concentrated on working in the Verona Rd corridor. We have received many complaints of drug users and dealers meeting up in business parking lots for their deals. Working with the Dane County Task Force we made 5 arrests in the immediate area of Verona Rd.

For those not aware there has been a rash of burglaries in the West District. The CPT working with Detectives has been increasing both patrol and surveillance in areas that have been hit. We have also recovered two stolen cars from burglaries. We will continue to put our resources in areas with ongoing problems.

Did You Know



Sgt. Lori Chalecki

Burglaries

Burglaries and stolen vehicles have been the trend lately. The burglaries are occurring at a variety of times throughout the day and night. It would appear burglars are checking for people home by ringing the doorbell and determining their next course of action based on that outcome. When no one answers, they tend to make entry into the residence on the side or rear of the home by breaking out a window or forcing the door. After stealing small, manageable items from the interior of the residence, the burglars will leave in your vehicle parked in the garage if the keys were readily available from the house.

On that note, a few thoughts:

1. Lock your doors. They may still break in but it's nice if we don't invite them by leaving doors unlocked!
2. Lighting in general will help deter people as they no longer have the ability to move around in the safety of darkness. Motion lights are a good deterrent if you are looking to be energy conscious.
3. Mark desirable property with driver's license number for later identification. Also, maintain a log of your desirable property with its description and serial number.
4. Increase occupancy indicators by leaving on lights, radio, or tv.
5. Keep your car keys in an inconspicuous location.
6. If you will be out of town, have a neighbor or friend look in on the house.
 - a. Make sure someone picks up your mail and/or newspaper or put the delivery on hold.
 - b. During the snowy season, make arrangements for someone to shovel your sidewalk and driveway. If shoveling the driveway is too much to ask or do, have them drive into your driveway to leave tire tracks, thus the appearance someone is home.
 - c. Use a variety of timers throughout the house to activate lights in different rooms.
 - d. Have someone put your trashcan out on the curb, and return it, on trash day.

Stolen Vehicles

Who wouldn't see the luxury of a nice warm car during our recent frigid temperatures? We're finding the bad guys do, too. We are seeing a lot of people starting their cars to warm them up or leave them running while they run into a business. In the meantime the bad guy, who also sees the value of your warm car...takes it!!! Please be mindful of this if you opt for the warm car!

DID You Know?

While this ordinance is typically enforced by building inspection, it is just as much a quality of life and safety ordinance!

10.28 Snow and Ice to Be Removed From Sidewalks

This ordinance requires the owner of each lot or part of a lot to remove all snow and ice upon the sidewalk abutting the premises, which he/she owns no later than 12:00 noon of the day after the snow or ice has accumulated on the sidewalk.

The fine for this ordinance is progressive and therefore increases in amount with each additional citation received.

Alternate Side Parking Rules

The alternate side parking rules require that vehicles must be parked on the even house numbered side of the street from 1:00a.m. until 7:00 a.m. on even numbered days and on the odd house numbered side of the street from 1:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. on odd numbered days. Madison's alternate side parking rules are in effect from November 15th through March 15th. These rules are in effect for most of Madison seven days a week regardless of weather conditions.

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- Violations of the Alternate Side Parking rules are subject to a fine of \$20 when a Snow Emergency has NOT been declared.
- In the Snow Emergency Zone, the parking violation has increased from \$30 to \$60. In the Alternate Side Parking Zone, the parking violation will remain at \$20 unless there is a Declared Snow Emergency then the parking violation will be increased to \$60. When there is a Declared Snow Emergency, the entire City must abide by the alternate side parking ordinance or they will be subject to a parking violation fine of \$60.