

# Madison Police Department

## West Police District Newsletter



## About WPD



**Captain Jay Lengfeld**

During the listening sessions we heard many concerns about the Madison Police Department's Self-Reporting system. Chief Wray is committed to making some changes to the system in 2008, but until then, I think it is important for everybody to understand the current system. Many of the concerns expressed come from not understanding the process of the Self-Reporting system. I would like to walk you through the process.

You are a victim of a crime and call the police. Your call is answered by the **Dane County** 911 Center and they determine—based on Madison Police Department guidelines—whether the call is answered by an officer or forward to the Self-Reporting system. If sent to Self-Reporting system, you are asked to leave some information on an answering machine. A number of volunteers check the answering machine daily and send out a Self-Report form by mail with a case number on it. You fill out the report and send it back to the department. Once the department receives the report a copy of the report is made and sent to the District that the crime occurred in. The original report is sent to our records section and is handled like all other reports done by officers. The information from the report is entered into our computer database. The copy of the report that goes to the District is reviewed by the Detective Lieutenant and in some cases given to a detective as information or as an assignment.

Here are some reasons why you should spend the time to report crimes and fill out the Self-Report:

1. It helps the police department know about criminal activity in the district.
2. It will increase the chances of your property being returned to you. Remember, the Madison Police Department holds two auctions a year where we sell recovered property, simply because the owner cannot be located.
3. It is needed for us to make an arrest in the case.
4. A report maybe needed for an insurance claim.

## Patrol Operations



**Lieutenant Victor Wahl**

Summer is typically the busiest time of year for the Madison Police Department. While the fall months usually show a slight decline in overall calls for service, they do bring other challenges – like the start of school. There are sixteen public schools in the West District, and they do result in a demand for MPD resources.

As most of you are likely aware, the Mayor, Chief Wray and West District command staff have attended a number of community meetings over the past few months. These meetings have focused on public safety. MPD has, as a result, commenced a public safety initiative in the southwest area. Additional officers – on overtime – have been scheduled to work the area, focusing on citizen concerns (like traffic safety and park violations). So far, over 280 hours of officer overtime have been utilized. You may have seen the officers in your neighborhood doing foot patrol or checking parks. Officers have also been focusing on traffic enforcement, issuing more than 180 citations during these initiatives.

The Madison Police Department responded to **3,077** calls for police service in the West District during the month of September, an average of more than **102** per day. These incidents included:

6	Sexual assaults
13	Robberies
2	Aggravated batteries
11	Weapons offenses/gun calls
76	Burglaries
37	Thefts from autos
24	Stolen autos
261	Motor vehicle crashes
23	Batteries
98	Retail thefts
117	Disturbances
96	Domestic Disputes

## Operations Continued...

Some of the noteworthy incidents:

**Robbery, 4687 Verona Road** – On September 1 at about 10pm, WPD officers arrested an individual in the Allied Drive area who was suspected of committing three robberies earlier in the evening. The suspect was in possession of a crack pipe at the time of his arrest.

**Disturbance, 201 South Gammon Road** – On September 5 at about 11:30am, the Memorial High School educational resource officer (ERO) attempted to escort an individual out of the school. The individual was not a student, and had not explanation for being in the building. The individual resisted, and a physical struggle ensued. Several members of the individual's family were present, and intervened. A taser was deployed during the altercation. Multiple officers – including officers from Middleton, Shorewood Hills and the Dane County Sheriff's Office – responded to the school to assist.

**Weapons Offense, 201 South Gammon Road** – On September 6 at about 2pm, the Memorial High School ERO contacted an individual in the school who was not in a classroom. The officer subsequently performed a pat-down on the individual, and discovered a very realistic looking BB gun.

**Fatality Accident, 4301 Cherokee Drive** – On September 10 at about 7:15am, officers responded to Cherokee Middle School at 4301 Cherokee Drive for an accident. A parent had dropped of a student and struck a school staff member while starting to drive away. The staff member was killed as a result of the collision.

**Stabbing, 7000 Flower Lane** – On September 11 at about 8:45pm, officers responded to a local hospital reference a female who had appeared in the emergency room with three stab wounds. Investigation showed that the stabbing had happened earlier in the 7000 block of Flower Lane after a fight. Investigation continuing.

**Shooting, 2300 Allied Drive** – On September 20 shortly before midnight, officers responded to a report of shots being fired in the 2300 block of Allied Drive. Officers located an individual who had sustained two gunshot wounds to the legs. Shell casings were also recovered at the scene. Investigation continuing.

**Attempted Robbery, 5300 Raymond Road** – On September 21 at about 12:45am officers responded to the area of 5300 Raymond Road for a robbery. An individual had been walking home from a convenience store when he had been approached by two individuals. The individuals struck the victim, but were not able to get any of his possessions. Investigation continuing.

**Robbery, Westfield Road & Tree Lane** – On September

21 at about 6pm officers responded to the area of Westfield Road and Tree Lane for a robbery. Two juvenile victims were walking home from West Towne Mall when they were robbed at gunpoint. A suspect fled on foot. Investigation continuing.

**Traffic enforcement:** West District officers issued **514** total citations in September, consisting of **266** "hazardous" traffic violations (speeding, reckless driving, etc.); **78** "non-hazardous" traffic violations (typically equipment, registration or licensing violations) and **170** municipal ordinance violations (disorderly conduct, retail theft, etc.). This is an average of about **10** citations per officer.

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## Neighborhood Officers

### Allied Drive



Officer Jason Ostrenga



Officer John Messer

We're happy to see that calls for service in the Allied Drive neighborhood continue to decline. For example, this month calls are down 59% when compared to the same month last year.

MPD recently sponsored a 3-point shooting contest at the Allied area Boys & Girls Club. See photos of the event at the end of this article and at the end of the newsletter. Approximately 30 contestants from the neighborhood competed and had a great time. Winners (by age division) received plaques, while all competitors received a free t-shirt. The event was funded through Madison's Weed & Seed grant.

We were also busy this month conducting landlord training. Approximately 50 landlords from the neighborhood and surrounding areas attended excellent training put on by Assistant City Atty. Jennifer Zilavy and Nancy Jensen from the Apartment Association of South Central Wisconsin.

Look for announcements in the coming month we are planning to sponsor another session of evening drop-in basketball at the Boys & Girls Club. We have sponsored

two prior sessions, which have both been very successful.

3-point Contest Photos:



## Hammersley



**Officer Caleb Bedford**

This month I would like to invite you to attend a sentencing hearing. At 2:30 pm on Monday, November 19, a judge will sentence Kordarow Moore. (This is not the same man I arrested on Loreen Dr with a pocketful of crack; that was one of Kordarow's brothers, Martez. Martez and one of the other brothers, Kortney, are in federal custody, thanks to good work by the US Attorneys.) The new courthouse is at 215 S. Hamilton St and this hearing is scheduled to take place in Room 8B. I realize that most of you will be working at that time, but perhaps some of you might have enough flexibility in your schedules to attend.

## **Hammersley Continued...**

You may recall that Moore was living at 1435 Loreen Drive until recently. In July, a judge found Moore guilty of possessing cocaine with intent to deliver and carrying a concealed handgun. Moore was allowed to remain free on bail until the sentencing hearing. About one year later, while Moore was still out on bail, Officers Ted Fondrk and Dan Borth got into a fight with Moore on Hammersley Rd. I have seen the video of this fight, and I can tell you that it is one of the most compelling and sobering police videos I have ever watched. Moore fought with the officers as they struggled to detain him. Officer Fondrk then saw the loaded handgun in Moore's waistband and yanked it out. Officer Fondrk then held the gun out of reach with one hand while delivering knee strikes until Moore finally succumbed. (For those of you keeping score, this was the second illegal gun seized from Moore in a span of about a year.)

At the sentencing hearing on the 19<sup>th</sup>, the judge will consider a range of recommendations. I am not at liberty to disclose who will be making these recommendations or why, but allow me to bait you by revealing that a serious argument may be made for 6 months in the county jail followed by probation.

I am inviting you to the sentencing hearing for a couple of reasons. My constant refrain has been that, as a community, we are not responding fast enough or severely enough to the most dangerous criminals in our midst. So I am inviting you to witness an example firsthand of how sentencing decisions in our County courts impact public safety. We, the police, have caught (twice) and arrested (twice) a violent, armed crack dealer. We have offered him up to the court. Now the court will decide whether to remove this violent criminal from society so the rest of us might live safely or, alternatively, to allow him a few months in the county jail with Huber release privilege, followed by "supervised" release out among us.

The second reason for inviting you to attend this hearing is that through your appearance you might influence the outcome.

## Community Policing Team



**Sergeant Linda Kosovac**

### **Follow this case:**

Our unit receives tips daily from many different sources. We research these tips and must decide if the tip will allow for follow-up. The following is an example of information we received and our response to that information.

On or about 4/24/07, an anonymous phone call came in reporting that Mr. Walter Brown was selling marijuana from his apartment on Raymond Rd. The caller stated that Mr. Brown hid the marijuana in the shared basement of his 4-unit building. We were familiar with Walter Brown, having received similar information in the past. Furthermore, we reviewed Brown's criminal history and Madison police contact information on our computer data system. We saw that he had an arrest record in Wisconsin for: Criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct, possession of THC (twice), resisting arrest (twice), aggravated battery, battery, sexual intercourse with a child and knowingly violating a restraining order. Brown had spent time in the Dodge Correctional Facility and, with all of his arrests, we had a recent jail photo. In addition, he did not have a valid driver's license and had over 20 Madison Police contacts. We had several options to try and "catch" Walter. Some of those options would have required numerous police hours of surveillance. We opted for a quick fix, because quite frankly, even though he had a lengthy criminal history and believed he was a bona fide bad guy, we receive numerous complaints a week about people just like him and can't always spend hours on just one bad guy.

Officer Dao Xiong took the lead on this information. He drove to the 4-unit apartment building and received permission from a building resident to look in the shared basement. Once downstairs, Officer Xiong, now accompanied by Officer Matt Schroedl, followed his nose to a package hidden in the rafters. This package ended up to be approximately ¾ lbs. of marijuana. While the marijuana was being located, another officer watched as Walter Brown made a quick exit from the building. We were quite certain that the marijuana located belonged to Walter Brown, however, legally we did not have probable cause to arrest him at that point. Officer Xiong took the confiscated marijuana to the West Police District. He weighed, tested and properly packaged the goods, wrote a report and then sent the contraband to the Crime Lab. Officer Xiong had to wait until the Crime Lab could process the marijuana and associated packaging (turnaround time is not within an hour like the CSI shows we see on TV). He waited patiently, until 9/17/07, when the Crime Lab sent a letter indicating that Walter Brown's prints came up on the packaging. Now there was probable cause to arrest Walter Brown.

## Community Policing Team Continued...

The next day, Officers Xiong and Valenta sat back and waited for Walter to leave his apartment. Once he left his apartment, Xiong and Valenta stopped and arrested him. Walter Brown was charged with possession with intent to deliver marijuana, a felony. His case is now in the hands of the District Attorney's Office. You can follow his case by checking the Circuit Court Records, located on the following site: <http://wcca.wicourts.gov/index.xsl>. His case number is 2007CF001828. As a side note, Walter Brown is out of jail pending the outcome of this case. Of course, he is presumed innocent until proven otherwise.

## Memorial High School



**Officer Shannon Blackamore**

At the beginning of the school year here at Memorial High School, I had the opportunity to speak with all the incoming freshmen. On their first day, the freshmen students had the chance to find their classes and ask questions of the staff without the interference of upperclassmen and other distractions.

This was a great day, and a great deal of optimism was sweeping through the hallways. I also spoke to the freshmen to provide information on my responsibilities and how I could be used as a resource for them throughout the school year.

In addition, I spoke with the freshmen about the need to follow some of the basic school rules, and also the importance of being in class. Truancy is an ongoing issue in all the schools, and it's been a challenge addressing it with the amount of students who "ditch" on a daily basis.

Staff is working hard to touch base with parents about the lack of attendance by some of the chronic offenders, and I hope that many of the parents are working to change the attendance and behavior of their teens. I've had the opportunity to speak with a number of classes on various topics such as bullying, harassment, drugs, and juvenile delinquency.

My hope is that we've made an impression on most of the students, and have helped to steer them in a better direction for the remainder of their school year.

## Wexford



**Officer Cynthia Thiesenhusen**

On August 30, Meridian Management and I hosted an event we titled, 'Connections'. This was an extremely successful event, with 200-250 children and adults attending. Thanks to a generous donation from Don Becker we were able to give vouchers to 20 families for free car seats. This donation will directly impact the safety and welfare of the children in Wexford Ridge. Along with Mr. Becker's generous donation, Famous Footwear along with their partners donated numerous gifts that were both raffled and given away; this was a huge hit with all that attended. Rocky Rococo also participated by donating free slice coupons; these were given as prizes for the different events. Along with the giveaways, we also hosted some events. A 3 on 3 basketball tournament for the girls and boys was a hit, a double dutch contest that I also tried my hand in was a success with many young girls, and a sidewalk chalk drawing contest that drew contestants young and old. Madison Police officers were very active in the day; PO Jim Donnell with his K-9 partner Johnny, PO's Sarah McLaughlin and Casey Cherne and their equine partners were all hits with the kids and adults. PO's Kathy Peterson, Sue Krause, Tammi Droessler, Ryan Orvis, Justine Harris, and Kelly Hoeft were all essential to the success of this event. See the end of the newsletter for photos of the event.

As for calls for service in the neighborhood, there were a total of 42 calls during the month of September. Of these calls, 8 were for juvenile disturbances. This is a sharp increase and an indication that school has begun. The amount of time and resources going into different juvenile activities is increasing. Juveniles are coming onto Wexford Property during the school day. As I am able, I will be addressing this with trespass citations if the juveniles are unable to tell me where they are going or who they are on the property to see. Wexford Ridge Neighborhood is posted for no trespassing at all the entrances and exits to the property.

During the last week of September, there was an armed robbery that occurred at Westfield and Tree lane. The suspect ran into the Wexford Ridge Neighborhood. The suspect was id'd as a juvenile who lived in the neighborhood. This juvenile was eventually arrested and charged with the armed robbery.

The remainder of the calls for service were spread out over several different call types and there were no calls that stood out as much as the juvenile complaints. Looking at the actual numbers, calls for service have decreased. I am hopeful that with some attention given to the juveniles, there will be an even greater reduction.

## Investigations



**Lieutenant Tony Bitterman**

Over the past several months, we have seen a significant spike in the number of burglaries to businesses on the westside. These burglaries have been occurring largely in the early morning hours. Usually cash and electronics (laptop computers, cash registers, televisions, cameras, etc.) are targeted. The burglars are not sophisticated in their methods, generally a rock or other object located on scene is used to smash through a window or glass door, allowing entry. The burglars appear to target businesses that are not equipped with alarms, which allows them to operate with less likelihood of detection. It is also possible that the burglars are posting one or several lookouts, to notify the others if someone is approaching.

Earlier this month, Verona police stopped a vehicle containing several young males. The officer observed a cash register in the backseat of the vehicle. Learning that Fitchburg had several burglaries that morning, they were able to tie the individuals to those burglaries. Detective Melanie Palmer of the Madison Police Department also interviewed these individuals, and was able to develop enough information to charge these individuals with over 20 counts of burglary for burglaries committed in Madison. Several other suspects are still being investigated.

These arrests have slowed the number of burglaries we have seen recently, but unfortunately, not eliminated them. There are several things that business owners and citizens can do to help with the investigation of these crimes. First, report any suspicious activity (people loitering in business areas after hours, looking in windows etc.). For business owners, don't park vehicles directly in front of your business or in an area that would obstruct an officers view of your business. Also, make use of outdoor lighting. Try to keep your storefront and parking lot clear of items that could be used to smash windows. If possible, at the end of the business day, remove from plain sight any items a burglar might target. Finally, do not leave cash in your business overnight, or if you must, lock it in a safe. Burglars are less likely to target a business a second time if there wasn't anything to take the first time.



# NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS!

CREATE SAFER, STRONGER, MORE INCLUSIVE NEIGHBORHOODS

## SAT NOV 3 MAYOR'S ROUNDTABLE

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Mayor's welcome and dynamic workshop series to include partnering with and instituting neighborhood-based programs to address safety, discussing leading neighborhood indicators to measure changes, and brainstorming how to work collectively to involve all residents.

### WHERE?

CUNA Mutual Group Training Center, 5810 Mineral Point Road

WHEN? Saturday November 3, 8:00 A.M. - NOON

### HOW CAN YOU GET THERE?

Metro Route 67, call Madison Metro 244-4466 for details. Bike or drive, park onsite.

### HOW DO YOU SIGN-UP?

Sign up online at [www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods](http://www.cityofmadison.com/neighborhoods), or call the Planning Division at 267-8727, Ext. 211. Language interpretation, and special food and disability needs on request.

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# Community Crime Watch

MADISON AREA CRIME STOPPERS  
266-6014

THE MADISON AREA HAS EXPERIENCED AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF BURGLARIES WHERE SMALL ELECTRONICS HAVE BEEN STOLEN.

MADISON POLICE NEED YOUR HELP IDENTIFYING THE SUSPECTS IN THESE BURGLARIES AS WELL AS WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THESE STOLEN ELECTRONICS.

MADISON POLICE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REMIND CITIZENS TO LOCK THEIR DOORS AND WINDOWS AT ALL TIMES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THESE BURGLARIES OR KNOW WHAT IS BEING DONE WITH THESE STOLEN LAPTOPS, PLEASE CALL CRIME STOPPERS AT 266-6014. CALLERS CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS AND MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A CASH REWARD OF UP TO \$1000.



Photos from Wexford Ridge "Connections" Event



Photos From MPD's Allied 3-point Shooting Contest

