

## **Officer Richard C Friday**

**Officer Friday started his policing career with the Madison Police Department in 2008. He holds a bachelor's degree in 'Classical Languages' from Hope College. Officer Friday has prior work experience as a computer technician and day-camp counselor.**

### **Commendation/Discipline Summary Current as of July 2016**

**During his tenure at MPD, Officer Friday has worked exclusively in patrol services. Officer Friday has earned 3 life saving awards and 17 commendations during his career with MPD.**

#### **Commendations/Awards:**

- **Life Saving Award 10/13/09**  
**Summary:** While out of state and off duty, Officer Friday observed a vehicle crash and start on fire. Officer Friday and other witnesses pulled the two occupants from the burning vehicle saving their lives.
- **Life Saving Award 11/15/11**  
**Summary:** Officers performed life saving efforts on a man that had no pulse and was not breathing. Paramedics commended the officers for their actions with both the injured person as well as his distraught spouse.
- **Life Saving Award 12/26/11**  
**Summary:** Officer Friday responded to a report of an unresponsive person. After assessing the victim, Officer Friday performed CCR until paramedics arrived on scene. A pulse was regained and the citizen was transported to a local hospital.
- **Commendation 09/02/09**  
**Summary:** A Sergeant recognized Officer Friday for a proactive traffic stop resulting in the arrest of an Intoxicated Driver.
- **Commendation 10/06/09**  
**Summary:** Officers were recognized for problem solving efforts. After numerous calls from citizens about a suspected drug house, officers took proactive action that led to the eviction of the tenants and a reduction in police calls to this area.

- **Commendation 02/28/11**  
**Summary:** Officers were recognized for their response and investigation of a pedestrian struck by a hit and run vehicle.
- **Commendation 07/13/11**  
**Summary:** Officers were recognized by a citizen for recovering two puppies that were stolen as part of a financial scam.
- **Commendation 10/20/11**  
**Summary:** A coworker recognized the efforts of multiple MPD staff in assisting in a homicide case that lead to the conviction of numerous gang members on multiple homicide related charges.
- **Commendation 01/17/12**  
**Summary:** Multiple officers were recognized for their response to a subject barricaded with a knife. Officers spent 3 hours in subzero wind-chill on a perimeter before taking the man into custody. The subject was taken to the hospital and provided mental health assistance.
- **Commendation 07/27/13**  
**Summary:** Officer Friday was recognized by a Sergeant for a proactive traffic stop and investigation that resulted in numerous drug charges. This area was known for frequent drug activity.
- **Commendation 05/22/13**  
**Summary:** The FBI recognized multiple officers for their role in assisting the FBI with the safe apprehension of a dangerous, wanted fugitive.
- **Commendation 06/06/14**  
**Summary:** A citizen recognized Officer Friday following a police ride along. The citizen cited his level of transparency, multitasking, professionalism and investigative skill as being very impressive.
- **Commendation 06/26/14**  
**Summary:** 5 years after being arrested, a citizen sent a letter to the MPD commending the arresting officers for their professionalism.
- **Commendation 12/13/15**  
**Summary:** In the wake of an east side homicide, Officer Friday assisted detectives in identifying the suspect and an accomplice by following exhaustive investigative leads ultimately ending with an arrest.

- **Commendation 12/14/15**  
**Summary:** Officer Friday recovered a missing juvenile and was complimented on his ability to build tremendous rapport and show great compassion in a subsequent interview, allowing the juvenile to feel comfortable enough to share additional previous abuse allegations.
  
- **Commendation 1/7/16**  
**Summary:** Officer Friday was one of many officers who worked to update the MPD Field Manual which is valued as a tremendous resource by officers responding to calls for service.
  
- **Commendation 2/2/16**  
**Summary:** Officer Friday responded to what was later deemed a homicide in which the officer provided immediate first aid to the dying victim in an empathetic and caring manner.
  
- **Commendation 2/8/16**  
**Summary:** Officer Friday investigated a suspicious vehicle which led to the recovery of several pieces of evidence, including a firearm, believed to have been assembled with the intent of committing further violent crime in the area.
  
- **Commendation 2/18/16**  
**Summary:** Officer Friday was sent to a local elementary school to assist staff with an out of control student in crisis. He was praised for his ability to interact with the student in a caring manner and successfully deescalated the situation to the point of cooperation.
  
- **Commendation 6/21/16**  
**Summary:** An employee of a local business called to report that Officer Friday provided consistent service that was friendly, courteous, and positive and that the officer had been especially compassionate and helpful with those citizens he dealt with who were dealing with drug addiction, to include their families as well.

**Complaint History:** No sustained discipline stemming from 6 investigations into alleged policy/procedure violations. Three of these are use of force investigations and are summarized below. The other 3 are categorized as minor rule violations and are not included for reasons outlined in the decision written by Judge Mark Frankel in the *Wisconsin State Journal, et al. v. City of Madison Police Department, Case No 96-CV-1137*.

**Use of Force complaints:** Three allegations, in each case Officer Friday was exonerated of any policy/procedure violations.

- **Incident number: 2010-CR-0170**

**Summary:** A citizen complained after observing two officers search an arrested subject. Officers were initially dispatched to a theft complaint after another citizen called police reporting that a person known to her had stolen her car keys.

Officers located the suspect, handcuffed him and placed him in the back of a squad car. Illegal drugs were located in a backpack belonging to the suspect. While in the back of the squad car he began moving his hands attempting to reach into his pocket leading the officers to believe that he was attempting to remove or conceal additional drugs.

The suspect was removed from the vehicle and officers attempted a more thorough search but the suspect physically resisted. Officers secured the suspect by leaning him over the squad car as a means to stabilize him until the search could be completed.

The use of force to control and search the arrested subject was determined to be reasonable and within MPD policy and procedure.

- **Incident number: 2010-CR-0308**

**Summary:** A citizen complained that officers pointed their handguns at the driver of a vehicle during the course of a traffic stop. The investigation showed that a traffic stop was conducted for a routine traffic violation. During the course of the stop the driver drove away. Officers then pursued the vehicle until the vehicle stopped for a second time. Officers drew their weapons during this second stop until they determined that the driver was confused and not attempting to flee.

It was reasonable for the officers to believe that the driver was attempting to flee from the police. Officers are trained to draw their weapons during high risk traffic stop situations until the incident has been stabilized and the threat has subsided. All involved officers were exonerated of any policy/procedure violations.

- **Incident number: 2011-CR-0212**

**Summary:** A citizen complained that he was placed into handcuffs by Officer Friday. The investigation determined that the citizen was one of two people being detained as part of a criminal investigation.

Officer Friday was attempting to question the citizen who stood up and began walking towards the other involved party while creating a disturbance. The citizen was then placed in handcuffs and

physically detained. Once he calmed down the handcuffs were removed and the investigation continued.

A criminal investigation gives a police officer the authority to detain an involved party. In this case the level of force used (handcuffing) was deemed reasonable given the actions of the subject (causing a disturbance and ignoring lawful commands). Officer Friday was exonerated of any policy/procedure violations.