

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter December 2013



Waunakee Police Welcome a New Officer



On September 23 2013, Officer Mitch Houk joined the WNPD as a patrol officer. Officer Houk grew up in South Central Wisconsin and has prior Law Enforcement experience. We are pleased to report; Officer Houk recently completed the field training process and is now on solo patrol assigned to the night shift.



Waunakee Police Department to join Booze and Belts traffic safety mobilization

To prevent traffic crashes and keep the upcoming holiday season from becoming a time of tragedy, Waunakee Police Department will mobilize for the statewide "*Booze and Belts*"

campaign from Dec. 13 to 21. Law enforcement agencies are cracking down on impaired and unbuckled motorists.

Last year in Wisconsin, there were more than 40,000 convictions for drunken driving. If you drive drunk you are risking humiliation, huge fines, possible jail time and having to install an ignition interlock device on every vehicle you own, have registered in your name, or drive; you also are risking your life and the lives of others on the road.”

Furthermore, there were nearly 120,000 convictions for failure to fasten safety belts, which was the second most frequent traffic conviction in 2010.

Our goal is not to make more drunken driving arrests or write more safety belt tickets. We are striving to save lives and prevent injuries, so we hope that people will voluntarily decide to buckle up and drive sober. But if they don't, our intensified enforcement will increase the risks of getting caught. We will pursue our enforcement and education efforts until we attain our ultimate goal of zero preventable traffic deaths in Wisconsin.

Snow Removal



In Wisconsin, there is a certainty of snow. This brings lots of winter fun for those who partake of the outdoors, however it brings along some danger. Ice and snow that build up on sidewalks are a significant slip hazard. Every year, Wisconsin police officers and EMS respond to reports of persons who have fallen because of slippery sidewalks.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours of the end of the snow or ice event.

No person shall push, shove or in any way deposit any snow or ice onto any public streets or alley, public or private sidewalk.

Alternate Side Parking

Odd-Even side parking is currently in effect and will end April 1st 2014. Alternate side parking is regulated between 2:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. on Waunakee Streets. Park your vehicles so it will be on the even numbered side of the street on even numbered mornings and on the odd side of the street on odd numbered mornings unless posted otherwise.

Safety Tips for running/walking in the dark

A Newsletter reader reported almost striking a walker/jogger recently and wanted us to pass on some safety tips. The runner/walker involved was wearing dark clothing making them difficult to see.

#1 Most Important rule is to be visible!

If you're running in the early morning or at night, even at dusk, wear white, yellow, or orange clothes. Also, make sure you have reflective gear on. Although some items (running shoes, jackets) already have reflective pieces on them, it doesn't hurt to add more. A headlamp or flashlight is also a great item for runners who do a lot of early morning or evening running.

Choose a well-lit route

It might not be your favorite route to run, but the most well-lit route is your safest choice. Oncoming cars see you better, and you'll always be able to see the road and avoid potential hazards.

Always run against traffic

It's easier to avoid cars if you can see them coming. Avoid busy roads and those with no shoulders or sidewalks.

Run with a Buddy

There's strength and safety in numbers. If possible, try to never run alone. If you're running alone, let someone know the route you're running and approximately how long you will be out.

Carry a cell phone

You'll be able to contact police immediately if something happens to you or you notice anything out of the ordinary.

Vary your routes and times

Potential attackers can study runners' routines and loom in a particularly dark or isolated area. Don't make yourself an easy target.

Cash Reward offered

The Waunakee Police Department is asking for the public's help identifying suspect(s) involved in an arson fire to a restroom at Westbridge Park shelter, 901 Welcome Blvd. The incident was reported to Police on the morning of October 8. Unknown suspect(s) started a fire in the men's restroom causing substantial damage. If you or someone you know has information about this case please contact the Waunakee Police Department at 849-4523 or the Waunakee Police Department 24 hour tip line at 849-2TIP. Individuals can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward if information leads to an arrest.

We had a newsletter reader who just moved to Wisconsin ask for some Data on crime statistics in the State.
Below are the statistics.

Wisconsin Crime Rates 1960 - 2012

Year	Population	Index	Violent	Property	Murder	Forcible		Aggravated		Larceny- Vehicle	
						Rape	Robbery	assault	Burglary	Theft	Theft
1960	3,951,777	45,270	1,261	44,009	50	109	327	775	7,847	32,035	4,127
1961	4,022,000	47,937	1,268	46,669	63	101	361	743	9,021	34,197	3,451
1962	4,092,000	48,212	1,174	47,038	37	98	348	691	8,757	34,041	4,240
1963	4,061,000	54,702	1,312	53,390	70	115	393	734	9,584	38,919	4,887
1964	4,107,000	65,110	1,762	63,348	60	124	451	1,127	11,725	45,756	5,867
1965	4,144,000	65,845	1,911	63,934	64	149	475	1,223	11,871	45,701	6,362
1966	4,161,000	79,039	1,984	77,055	80	151	537	1,216	14,346	54,736	7,973
1967	4,189,000	93,504	2,948	90,556	80	194	1,171	1,503	18,862	62,703	8,991
1968	4,213,000	100,534	3,400	97,134	92	262	1,394	1,652	21,225	67,312	8,597
1969	4,233,000	105,320	3,411	101,909	87	305	1,196	1,823	21,101	71,330	9,478
1970	4,417,933	119,376	3,792	115,584	88	296	1,462	1,946	23,792	82,178	9,614
1971	4,476,000	134,737	3,957	130,780	126	341	1,411	2,079	28,172	91,837	10,771
1972	4,520,000	133,382	4,358	129,024	126	376	1,661	2,195	28,862	89,642	10,520
1973	4,569,000	145,151	5,273	139,878	119	492	2,226	2,436	32,467	96,953	10,458
1974	4,566,000	166,254	6,411	159,843	138	514	3,025	2,734	38,212	110,395	11,236
1975	4,607,000	183,157	6,992	176,165	150	490	3,381	2,971	42,317	122,794	11,054
1976	4,609,000	179,782	6,345	173,437	140	542	2,734	2,929	38,891	124,275	10,271
1977	4,651,000	177,362	6,117	171,245	130	600	2,426	2,961	39,390	121,588	10,267
1978	4,679,000	181,556	6,184	175,372	118	677	2,336	3,053	39,599	125,037	10,736
1979	4,720,000	207,112	7,839	199,273	160	758	2,857	4,064	44,806	141,880	12,587
1980	4,680,917	224,619	8,546	216,073	136	697	3,310	4,403	50,524	154,070	11,479
1981	4,739,000	225,901	8,904	216,997	161	745	3,249	4,749	50,813	155,892	10,292
1982	4,765,000	211,524	9,077	202,447	148	680	3,393	4,856	46,564	147,177	8,706
1983	4,751,000	202,188	9,070	193,118	131	861	3,415	4,663	41,980	141,434	9,704
1984	4,766,000	198,851	9,367	189,484	117	790	3,167	5,293	39,755	138,526	11,203
1985	4,775,000	191,798	9,880	181,918	135	875	3,351	5,519	37,987	133,349	10,582
1986	4,785,000	196,031	12,339	183,692	149	961	3,483	7,746	37,464	134,083	12,145
1987	4,807,000	200,425	12,014	188,411	168	954	3,192	7,700	40,502	136,058	11,851
1988	4,858,000	192,959	10,414	182,545	144	965	3,258	6,047	35,423	134,046	13,076
1989	4,867,000	202,703	10,834	191,869	176	993	3,659	6,006	35,683	140,040	16,146
1990	4,891,769	215,000	12,948	202,052	225	1,013	5,514	6,196	36,755	144,924	20,373
1991	4,955,000	221,283	13,723	207,560	239	1,259	5,895	6,330	37,241	148,695	21,624
1992	5,007,000	216,254	13,806	202,448	218	1,315	5,997	6,276	34,645	146,198	21,605
1993	5,038,000	204,244	13,321	190,923	222	1,269	5,714	6,116	33,400	139,148	18,375
1994	5,082,000	200,452	13,748	186,704	227	1,192	5,739	6,590	32,824	135,559	18,321
1995	5,123,000	199,064	14,399	184,665	219	1,194	5,384	7,602	31,416	134,623	18,626
1996	5,160,000	197,182	13,039	184,143	204	1,086	4,982	6,767	30,356	135,941	17,846

1997	5,170,000	190,133	13,988	176,145	205	1,048	5,214	7,521	29,503	131,002	15,640
1998	5,224,000	185,093	13,009	172,084	190	1,037	4,474	7,308	29,740	128,134	14,210
1999	5,250,446	173,062	12,908	160,154	179	1,055	4,449	7,225	25,633	120,702	13,819
2000	5,363,675	172,124	12,700	159,424	169	1,165	4,537	6,829	25,183	119,605	14,636
2001	5,405,947	179,410	12,486	166,924	192	1,142	4,444	6,708	26,927	125,275	14,722
2002	5,439,692	176,987	12,238	164,749	154	1,237	4,713	6,134	27,926	123,365	13,458
2003	5,474,290	169,788	12,104	157,684	183	1,202	4,397	6,322	26,546	118,775	12,363
2004	5,503,533	158,258	11,548	146,710	154	1,136	4,067	6,191	23,854	111,482	11,374
2005	5,527,644	160,923	13,367	147,556	206	1,135	4,555	7,471	24,448	110,531	12,577
2006	5,556,506	172,354	15,783	156,571	164	1,131	5,567	8,921	26,994	115,546	14,031
2007	5,601,604	172,354	16,296	158,959	183	1,223	5,474	9,416	27,839	117,687	13,433
2008	5,627,610	170,868	15,499	155,369	146	1,128	5,163	9,062	27,455	116,420	11,539
2009	5,654,774	162,342	14,650	147,692	146	1,118	4,904	8,482	26,813	111,947	8,932
2010	5,691,659	156,948	14,167	142,781	155	1,191	4,516	8,305	26,636	107,993	8,152
2011	5,709,843	154,180	14,268	139,912	138	1,190	4,600	8,340	27,167	104,472	8,273
2012	5,726,398	156,577	16,064	140,513	173	1,219	4,622	10,050	27,945	104,352	8,216

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Newsletter ideas or topics

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Questions can be sent to newsletter@waunakeepd.org. Questions submitted may be featured in future newsletters. The person submitting the question will not be identified.