

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter February 2014



Wisconsin ends 2014 with the lowest amount of traffic related deaths since the WWII era

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation released its highway traffic death report recently. The report revealed 527 traffic related fatalities in 2013. This is the lowest total death count since 1944 when 526 people died in vehicle crashes. The total was about 12 percent lower than in 2012, when 601 people were killed in crashes on Wisconsin roads. (2013 data is preliminary)

A total of 36 traffic related fatalities occurred on Dane County roads in 2013 up four from 32 in 2012. Dane County in 2013 ranked second in the State in the number of traffic related fatalities to Milwaukee County's 47.

Please remember to buckle up, pay attention, slow down and drive sober!

Craigslist Scams

I was reading through a recent Law Enforcement briefing and noticed a scam involving the online classifieds website, Craigslist. The scam in question involved Hunting Land for lease. The problem was...the land in question was not owned by the scammer who was trying to lease the land. Here are a few tips to help you avoid being scammed if you use Craigslist or similar websites to buy or sell.

1. DEAL LOCALLY WITH PEOPLE YOU CAN MEET IN PERSON follow this rule and you will avoid 99% of a scam attempts

2. NEVER WIRE FUNDS VIA WESTERN UNION, MONEYGRAM or other wire service - anyone who asks you to do so is likely a scammer.
3. FAKE CASHIER CHECKS & MONEY ORDERS ARE COMMON—BANKS WILL HOLD YOU RESPONSIBLE when the fake is discovered weeks later.
4. NEVER GIVE OUT FINANCIAL INFORMATION (bank account number, social security number, eBay/PayPal info, etc.).
5. AVOID DEALS INVOLVING SHIPPING OR ESCROW SERVICES and know that ONLY A SCAMMER WILL "GUARANTEE" YOUR TRANSACTION.
6. DO NOT RENT HOUSING OR PURCHASE GOODS SIGHT-UNSEEN—that amazing rental or cheap item may not exist.
7. DO NOT SUBMIT TO CREDIT OR BACKGROUND CHECKS until you have met the job interviewer or landlord/agent in person.

Waunakee Police Department TIP Line

The Waunakee Police Department maintains an anonymous tips line, 849-2TIP (2847). Callers can leave a message about criminal activity including drug information. The caller may report the information they have and can remain completely anonymous. Tipsters may be eligible for a cash reward if the information results in arrest.

Callers should provide the date and time of their call, as this will become your identifying number. For example, if you call on January 1, 2013, at 10:30 your ID number would be 010120131030. If callers do want to obtain a reward they must follow up with the Tip Line coordinator, Lt. Joe Peterson at 850-4510. You will only be asked to provide your identifying number. From there, arrangements will be made to pick up the reward at a specific location.

If you are calling about a crime in progress, call 911. If it is NOT an emergency but would either like to speak with an officer or have an officer respond, please call the non-emergency number at 849-4523.

Lost Property Reminder

If you lose a piece of property please call the Waunakee Police Dept. at 608-849-4523 to see if the property was turned into the department as found property. If property is turned in to us we do our best to find the rightful owner of the property. We are obligated to keep the property for 90 days. If the property goes unclaimed it is either returned to the finder or becomes property of the Village of Waunakee. We take in numerous electronic items, cell phones, keys, bicycles and other misc. property throughout the year.

We Need Your Help!

The Waunakee Police Department is trying to identify the three black males in the photos below, and/or their white sedan vehicle (possibly a Chevy Impala). They are suspects in the theft of money from Mojo's Pub & Grill, located in Waunakee. During the afternoon/evening hours of Sunday, January 12th they forcibly entered three poker/gaming machines, while the business was open to the public. Two appear to be in their late 20's and the third in his late 40's. One of the males was said to have deteriorating, dark stained teeth.

If anybody has information related to this case or these individuals please contact the Waunakee Police Department @ 608-849-4523 or the Tip Line 849-2TIP



Home Disaster Supply Kit

It is always good to be prepared! If a disaster strikes you may need to survive on your own for a few days. Local Officials and relief workers may have their hands full depending on the severity of the disaster. Here are a few items you should have ready in case of an emergency. For more information on disaster planning visit

<http://www.ready.gov/>

1. Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
2. Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
3. Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
4. Flashlight and extra batteries
5. First aid kit
6. Whistle to signal for help
7. Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
8. Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
9. Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities

10. Manual can opener for food
11. Local maps
12. Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

Pet Licensing Change

The Village of Waunakee will be using a new animal licensing program in 2014. The new program is available on-line through PetData. To register your pets online go to <http://www.petdata.com> or call toll free 1-855-312-9070. License(s) will be mailed within 10 business days of PetData's receipt of payment and documentation.

******The Village of Waunakee will no longer be issuing animal licenses at any of their locations.**



PetData Inc. P.O. Box 141929 Irving Texas 75014-1929

Facebook

Please “like” our Waunakee Police Department Facebook page. We provide information regarding local events, safety tips and press releases for major incidents. You can also send us your questions through private messages and tips on any recent crimes that have taken place.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Waunakee-Police-Department/349673238430794>

Newsletter ideas or topics

If you have a topic or idea you would like us to consider for future Waunakee Police Newsletter, please email the idea for consideration to the address below.

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.