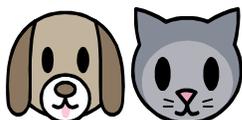


Waunakee Police Department

Newsletter

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Waunakee Police Acquire Universal Pet Microchip Reader

Every year the Waunakee Police Department receives numerous calls of stray dogs and cats. Often these animals are found without any tags to identify the owner. In these cases the animals are transported to the Dane County Human Society.

The Waunakee Police Department has acquired a microchip reader that can scan for implanted microchips on animals. The reader is capable of read most microchips from major manufacturers. This tool will assist officers in reuniting pets with their owners quickly.

Waunakee does have ordinance restrictions in place to prevent domestic animals from “running at large”. Ordinance 14-3(c) states the following:

(1) No person having the possession or ownership of any animal or fowl shall allow the animal or fowl to run at large within the village. The owner of any animal, whether licensed or unlicensed, shall keep the animal tied or enclosed in a proper enclosure so as not to allow the animal to interfere with the passing public or neighbors. Any animal running at large unlicensed and required by state law or this chapter to be licensed shall be seized and impounded by a humane officer or law enforcement officer.

(2) A dog or cat shall not be considered to be running at large if it is on a leash and under control of a person physically able to control it.

The fine amount for an animal running at large is \$98.80 for a first offense, and \$124.00 for second and subsequent offenses.

Slow Down Watch for Kids Signs Available!



Please pick up a Slow down Watch for Kids sign at the Waunakee Police Department. We all need a reminder to slow down when children are present. The faster vehicles travel, the more likely crashes are to occur and the more severe injuries are likely to be. Children are especially vulnerable.

Unintentional pedestrian injuries are the fifth leading cause of injury-related death in the United States for children ages 5 to 19. Teenagers are at greatest risk. Teens have a death rate twice that of younger children and account for half of all child pedestrian deaths. Teach kids to look around and pay extra attention when crossing the street, especially when using headphones, cell phones or electronic devices. Make it a rule to stop using these devices when crossing the street.

A look at the leading cause of death for Children in the US ages 0-19 clearly shows traffic related accidents are the major threat to children 5-19. The following are the leading causes of death for children according to age.

Age	<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19
#1 Cause	Suffocation	Drowning	MV Traffic	MV Traffic	MV Traffic
	81.5%	31.3%	46.7%	51.1%	63.8%

Statistics are from the Overview of Childhood Injury Morbidity and Mortality in the U.S. Fact Sheet (2013)



849-2TIP “We want your information, not your name”

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



Thefts/Burglaries

The cool weather we have experienced the last few months resulted in secure doors and windows. Now that warmer weather is here, many people forget to close windows and lock doors when they leave their homes. Please take the extra time to secure doors and windows to protect your property.



Keep an Eye Out!

The Village of Waunakee is fortunate to have wonderful parks and green spaces to enjoy. During the summer, we often receive reports of vandalism to park shelters and equipment. Please help us and call police if you observe anyone damaging park property or acting suspiciously. Remember you can always remain anonymous!

We also receive traffic/vehicle related complaints in our larger parks (Ripp, Centennial and Village Parks). Please drive slowly and safely in the park and obey all traffic signs. The speed limit is 15 mph inside the parks. Please park in the designated parking areas and not on the grass. Park hours are from 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Upcoming Event

WaunaFest

The annual WaunaFest celebration is scheduled for July 24-27. The Waunakee Police Department will have extended office hours and increased staffing. Please remember: **Carry-in alcoholic beverages are prohibited at Centennial Park.** Please visit the website at <http://www.waunafest.org/>, for more information on the event.

*****The WaunaFest parade has been cancelled this year due to the Main St construction project.**



Fireworks Reminder

Fireworks in Wisconsin are strictly regulated by state law Wis Stat. 167.10

Very few fireworks are actually legal in Wisconsin without a permit. Legal “fireworks” are; sparklers, stationary cones and fountains, toy snakes, smoke bombs and caps, noisemakers and confetti poppers with less than ¼ of a grain of explosive mixture. These “fireworks” are the type usually sold in convenience and grocery stores.

Use of fireworks such as firecrackers, roman candles, bottle rockets and mortars, without a valid permit is illegal. A general rule of thumb is if the device leaves the ground or explodes it is illegal.



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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.

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.