

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter November 2014



Thank You for Calling!

On Oct 23rd 2014 at approximately 1:40 a.m., Waunakee Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Kearney Way for suspicious activity. Multiple suspects were observed looking into and attempting to enter parked vehicles in the area. Officers checked the area, located and took into custody two of the four suspects.

Officers then located the suspect vehicle parked in the area unoccupied. Officers waited by the vehicle and stopped the vehicle when a third suspect attempted to drive away in the vehicle. Inside the vehicle and on the suspects' persons were numerous pieces of property believed to be stolen from unlocked vehicles and garages in the area. The fourth suspect was not immediately located but was identified. Suspects were 16, 17, 18 and 19 years of age and are all residents of Madison. Approximately 20 victims have been identified in this incident.

We would like express our sincere gratitude to the individual(s) who called the police upon noticing the suspicious behavior. Without your help and concern for your fellow citizens we would not have been able to bring this case to a successful conclusion.



Waunakee Police Welcome a New Officer

On October 1st 2014, Officer Timothy Doherty joined the Waunakee Police Department as a patrol officer. Officer Dougherty is currently going through the field training process and will be on solo patrol by the middle of November. Officer Doherty has prior law enforcement experience and is from the South Central Wisconsin area.



Snow and Ice Removal

Winter is just around the corner. Soon we will be shoveling the snow and scraping the ice! According to ordinance 82-281, snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours from the time the snow or ice ceases to accumulate on the sidewalk. It is also illegal to deposit any snow or ice onto any public street, alley, public or private sidewalk. Persons responsible for doing so may be cited.

Alternate Side Parking

Odd-Even side parking begins in Waunakee November 1st 2014 and will end April 1st 2015. 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.



Hunter Sight-In

The Dane County Sheriff's Office is hosting the Annual Hunter Sight-In Program. The program starts Saturday, Nov. 8th, and will run through Friday, Nov. 21st.

Area hunters can prepare for the yearly Wisconsin deer hunt by sighting in their shotguns, rifles and pistols in a safe environment at the Dane County Law Enforcement Training Center. The training center is located between Interstate 90/94 and Waunakee at 5184 State Hwy 19. No appointment is necessary.

The facility is open to the public between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily. Citizens may bring only firearms that are legal for use in hunting deer in Wisconsin. Experienced instructors will be on hand to

provide assistance in the sighting and adjusting of firearms. There is a fee of \$10 for the first gun and \$5 for each additional gun. Hearing and eye protection is mandatory and will be provided, or you may use your own.



Emergency Services Academy

Congratulations to the 2014 Emergency Service Academy Class. Participants completed the final phase of instruction on 10-29-14. Participants received demonstrations and hands on experience from Waunakee EMS, Fire and Police. Participants experienced everything from vehicle extraction, CCR training, active shooter training, defense and arrest tactics, to driving squad cars at the 151 speedway and so much more!

If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling in the 2015 Emergency Services Academy, please contact Sgt. Adam Kreitzman by email: akreitzman@waunakeepd.org or by phone (608) 849-0709. The classes are scheduled to begin in early September 2015.

Help Prevent Children from Sexting

The last few years the Waunakee Police Department has seen an increase in the number of incidents involving teens and sexting. What is sexting you may ask?

Sexting is the exchange of sexually suggestive messages, photos or images between minors via cell phone or other media device. For example, a girl might take a nude photo of herself and send it to her boyfriend. Her boyfriend may forward the picture to one or a number of friends, who then decide to forward the picture to others. In this way, the girl's picture could travel all over the internet, expanding to countless viewers in a very short period of time!

- Before buying your child a cell phone, set rules for its use, including what sort of information and images are appropriate to share via text.
- Know what safeguards are available on your child's phone, such as turning off and/or blocking texting and picture features.
- Talk to your child about the possible social, academic, and legal consequences of sexting. They could face humiliation, lose educational opportunities, and receive legal consequences.
 - Encourage your child to not be a bystander or an instigator. If he or she receives a "sext," discuss why it is important that he or she not forward the image to anyone else.
- Remind your child that they can talk to you if they receive a nude picture on their cell phone.
- Talk to your child's school about its policies on cell phones, cyberbullying, and sexting.
- Report any nude or semi-nude images that your child receives to law enforcement.

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.

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.