

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter

March 2015



The “Operation Homeless” scheme strikes in

Waunakee

The Waunakee Police Department recently investigated an attempted forgery case involving a local business. Here is how this scheme works. Thieves from out of the area steal mail from local businesses. Industrial parks and high density business districts are easy targets. The thieves are looking for incoming and outgoing checks. They use the checks for routing numbers, signatures and other bank information. The scammers then recruit homeless individuals to assist in the scam. The scammers offer food, clothing and a percent of the check amount to the homeless to lure them into the scheme. The scammers then manufacture fraudulent checks that look almost identical to the originals. The checks are made out in the name of the homeless individual. The homeless individual is then driven to a bank where the check is cashed. This scheme originated in Atlanta and St Louis and is linked with the “bloods” street gang.

Thanks to an alert bank teller, the scheme was foiled and the business located in Waunakee is not out any money. Other businesses in Dane County have not been so lucky. To prevent this from happening, businesses should make sure mail is not left in mailboxes overnight. Another option is to hand deliver checks directly to the Post Office and have checks received via a P.O. Box.



Where Does the Money Collected From a OWI Citation Go?

A citation for Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated (1st Offense) is written through Waunakee Municipal Court with a fine amount of \$811.00.

Of the \$811.00 collected:

\$250.00 - Forfeiture is kept by the Village of Waunakee.

\$38.00 – Municipal Court Cost –

\$13.00 – Crime Lab & Drug Enforcement Assessment – All to the State of WI

\$65.00 – 26% Penalty Surcharge (26% of forfeiture amount of \$250) – All to the State of WI

\$10.00 – County Jail Surcharge – to Dane County

\$435.00 –Driver Improvement Surcharge (40% goes to the State and 60 % to the County)



School Zones

Let's think positive and prepare for warmer weather. With warmer weather there will be an increase of pedestrians on sidewalks and roadways. This is especially true in school zones. Every school zone has a special speed limit sign posted. These signs insure drivers are aware they are traveling through a school zone. Waunakee school zones have a speed limit of 15 MPH. The adjusted speed limit applies anytime children are present; whether the children are on the adjacent sidewalks, parking lots, or on the roadway. Penalties for violating school safety zone speed limits carry stiffer penalties than normal speeding violations.



We Are Hiring!

The Waunakee Police Department is hiring a full time police officer in 2015. If you or someone you know would be interested please go to: <https://wilenet.org/html/employment/index.jsp> Qualifications, responsibilities and other necessary information is contained in the posting. Applications must be received by 4:00 PM, 3-13-2015.

Incident Command System training

We are currently in the process of training all Waunakee officers on the Incident Command System (ICS). ICS is a systematic tool used for the command, control, and coordination of emergency response. ICS is based upon a changeable, scalable response organization providing a common hierarchy within which people can work together effectively. These people may be drawn from multiple agencies that do not routinely work together. ICS is designed to give standard response and operation procedures to reduce the problems and potential for miscommunication on such incidents.

Run, Hide, Fight


As part of a city emergency preparedness program, the city of Houston, Texas and the Department of Homeland Security have produced a video training program describing what to do if confronted with an active shooter situation. Houston Police Department has given permission for other police departments to make this video available to their citizens.

The Waunakee Police Department encourages all Waunakee residents to view this video and to mentally prepare themselves for the unlikely possibility that they may someday need to Run, Hide, Fight.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D0>

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