

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter July 2015



Waunakee Police to Host National Night Out

On Wednesday August 12, 2015 the Waunakee Police Department will be hosting their National Night Out festivities at Village Park on East Main Street from 5pm-7pm.

National Night out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts;(3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and united with the police in their efforts to make Waunakee a safe community to live in.

There will be activities for kids, prizes, free brats and hot dogs, and numerous displays by various law enforcement agencies. Med-Flight has also been invited. Members of the community are encouraged to sign up to win one of the many prizes to be given away at National Night Out.

Anyone interested in donating to National Night Out should contact Lt. Joe Peterson, (608) 849-4523.

Waunakee Emergency Services Citizens Academy

Waunakee Police, Fire, and EMS are pleased to announce the 2015 Waunakee Emergency Services Citizen's Academy program starting **September 2, 2015**. Participants will meet on Wednesday evenings 6pm-8:30pm for 9 consecutive weeks. The Citizen's Academy is a "hands on" program.

The goal of the program is to give participants a better understanding of Police, Fire, and EMS duties and responsibilities. During simulations, participants will be able to assume the role of the Police Officer, Firefighter, and Emergency Medical Technician. The class is limited to 14 participants. Requirements: You must be at least 18 years of age. Preference will be given to Village of Waunakee residents. **Applications Due August 26, 2015**. Applications and course schedule may be picked up at the Waunakee Police Department, Waunakee Police Department website, or by contacting Sergeant Adam Kreitzman at 849-4523 or e-mail akreitzman@waunakeepd.org



The annual WaunaFest celebration is scheduled for July 23-26 at Centennial Park. The Waunakee Police Department will have extended office hours and increased staffing. As a reminder:

Carry-in alcoholic beverages are prohibited and no alcoholic beverages are allowed outside the two beer tents.

Please note: The WaunaFest parade will be held July 26th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Main Street, Omalley Street, Sixth Street, and Holiday Drive from Sixth to Centennial Parkway will be closed to traffic during the parade.

Please visit the website at <http://www.waunafest.org/>, for more information on the event.

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 the 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 due to their smaller stature.

If you're interested in posting signs in your yard or neighborhood, they will be available for pick up while supplies last at the Waunakee Police Department.



Tech Support Scam

Scam artists are using the phone to try to break into your computer. They call, claiming to be computer techs associated with well-known companies like Microsoft. They say they've detected viruses or other malware on your computer to trick you into giving them remote access or paying for software you don't need. They know that computer users have been told that it is important to install security software and may try to sell you bogus security software or convince you to provide personal information.

If you get a call from someone who claims to be a tech support person, hang up and call the company yourself on a phone number you know to be genuine. A caller who creates a sense of urgency or uses high-pressure tactics is probably a scam artist.



Attention Businesses

Waunakee Police Officers regularly respond to local businesses for burglar alarms. Waunakee officers also perform regular foot patrols and checks of businesses. It is common for officers to find unsecured doors or windows as a result of an alarm or during the foot patrols. On occasion, officers find other problems that need immediate attention.

There is often a need to contact the owners or managers of the local businesses to notify them of a problem. Our officers usually obtain business contact information from a Waunakee Police and Fire Contact Form. This form is only helpful if it is updated with current information.

If you are an owner or manager of a business and your contact information is not current, please stop at the police department or call us and we will email you the form.



Driving in work zones

Drivers need to slow down whenever they see flashing lights, or move over to leave the lane beside the work zone open. In some construction areas, lowered speed limits are posted and must be obeyed at all times.

Remember, when you enter a work zone, be patient. Worrying about the time and traffic won't get you anywhere faster. Instead, slow down and pay attention to your surroundings. These tips can help you get in and out of a work zone safely:

- Don't fool around. Eliminate distractions like eating, drinking, talking on the phone, or fiddling with electronic devices.
- Expect the unexpected. Speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed, and people and vehicles may be working on or near the road.
- Slow down. A car traveling 60 mph travels 88 feet per second, and the faster you go the longer it takes to stop.
- Give yourself room. Rear-end collisions are the most common work zone crashes, so don't tailgate.
- Allow about three seconds of braking distance. Look for signs. Orange, diamond-shaped signs usually give you ample warning of lane closings, construction areas, and flaggers and other workers ahead.
- Be patient. If you don't see workers, that doesn't mean they're not there. Observe the signs until you see one that says you've left the work zone.
- Plan ahead. Leave early or map out an alternate route. Find the latest road conditions and work zone news at 511 Wisconsin Travel Information.
- Follow the law. Slow down and move over, if possible, when you see flashing lights.

Below are links to some videos from WDOT that show the seriousness of driving safely through work zones.

<http://dotmedia.wi.gov/main/Play/b94d87a7-65f9-44c2-a0d0-9889895db051>

<http://dotmedia.wi.gov/main/Play/8d5897eb-eb33-42b0-a1f6-cfdb8cbc714e>



Park Safety

During the summer we often receive traffic/vehicle related complaints in our parks that allow vehicle traffic (Ripp, Centennial and Village Park). 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.



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 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.



Fireworks Reminder

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

Very few fireworks are actually legal in Wisconsin, without having 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 found in convenience and grocery stores.

Possessing or using any other 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.



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.

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.