

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter August 2015



AUGUST 2-8, 2015

StopOnRedWeek.com

August 2nd-8th 2015 is National Stop on Red Week

In 2013, 697 people were killed and an estimated 127,000 were injured in crashes that involved red light running. We must do everything in our power to protect our children and communities from the dangerous behavior of red-light runners.

Top Ten Reasons to Stop on Red!

1. Red-light running is dangerous
2. Between 2004-2013, an estimated 7,799 people were killed from red-light running incidents
3. The cost to society of all crashes exceeds \$230 billion annually.
4. One in three Americans know someone who has been injured or killed in a red-light running crash.
5. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children age 4 and the second leading cause of death for children age 3 and 5-14.
6. About half of the deaths in red-light running crashes are pedestrians, bicyclists and occupants in other vehicles that are hit by the red-light runners.
7. In 2013, more than 697 people were killed and an estimated 127,000 were injured in crashes that involved red-light running.
8. Motorists in urban areas are more likely to be injured in crashes involving red-light running than in any other type of crash.
9. Red-light runners are more than three times as likely as other drivers to have multiple speeding convictions on their driver records.

10. More than 36 percent of drivers continue to run red-lights and take risks, despite the fact that 55 percent of the participants said it is a very serious threat and 73 percent acknowledged that running red-lights is unacceptable.



Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over crackdown—Aug 19th – Sept 7th 2015.

Waukegan Police will be participating in the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” Crackdown. The 2015 national drunk driving enforcement crackdown, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over", goes into effect across the country from August 19 to September 7, 2015. One of the deadliest and most often committed - yet preventable - of crimes [drunk driving], has become a serious safety epidemic in our country.

199 people died during the July 4th weekend in 2013 as a result of drinking and driving.

2 out of 3 fatal crashes involving drunk driving occurred between 12-3am.

There was 1 drunken driving fatality every 51 minutes in 2012.

In 2012, 3 out of 4 persons arrested for DUI were male.

On average 10,000 people die each year due to drunk driving.

Just another reason not to drink and drive!

The new WI State budget bill, 2015 Act 55, has added a \$50 safe ride program surcharge for OMVWI violations. If you are arrested in the Village of Waukegan for a 1st offense OMVWI violation, the citation amount is \$861.00.

The citation is just the beginning of the total costs. The following is an estimate of other likely expenditures associated with an OMVWI arrest and conviction.

1. Attorney's fees \$500.00 to \$10,000.00
2. Insurance rate increase for at least the next 3 years \$3,600.00 - \$6,000.00
3. Driver's license suspension or revocation
4. Driver's license reinstatement fee \$200.00
5. If your Blood Alcohol Concentration was over .15 or you refused testing, you may be ordered to equip your vehicle with an Ignition Interlock Device. The average cost for installation and service fees is over \$1000.00 annually.

***This is an example of a “routine 1st offense OMVWI” situation. If you damaged your vehicle, injured or killed someone while driving while intoxicated the above listed estimates are just a fraction of the total costs.

Bottom line...call a taxi or a sober friend, it will be much cheaper



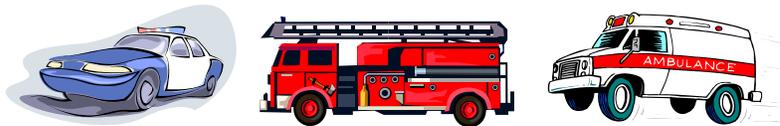
Waunakee Police to Host National Night Out

On Wednesday August 12, 2015, from 5pm-7pm the Waunakee Police Department will host National Night Out festivities at Village Park on East Main Street. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, and co-sponsored by the Waunakee Police Department, will involve over 10,000 communities from all 50 states.

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 Village Park during 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. Requirement: At least 18 years of age by September 2, 2015. Preference will be given to Village of Waunakee residents. **Applications are 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



Cops on the Rooftop at Dunkin Donuts

It's the running joke, where do all the cops hang out? At the donut shop! On August 14th from 6am. -10a.m. cops will be at the Waunakee Dunkin Donuts. The purpose is to bring awareness to and raise money for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Wisconsin, supporting athletes with disabilities. Each year, the Law Enforcement Torch Run raises more than one million dollars for Special Olympics.

Door to Door Canvassing

Employees/ volunteers representing Wisconsin Public Television (PBS) will be making door to door contact with residents in the Village of Waunakee during the month of August. Please be aware, non-profit organizations such as PBS are exempt from being regulated by our Transient Merchant ordinance.

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.