

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter May 2017



We are pleased to announce, Waunakee Police Department's newest K-9 hit the streets in April of 2017. K-9 Thoro is a yellow Labrador Retriever and is partnered with his handler, Officer Mitch Houk. K-9 Thoro was purchased with money donated by organizations and individuals from the community. K-9 Thoro was born December 3rd, 2015 in Holland. He was brought to the United States by Shallow Creek Kennels in Pennsylvania where he was trained for police work. Officer Houk and K-9 Thoro spent 200 hours training to become certified in drug detection and tracking prior to going on patrol. The team is certified by the nationally recognized North American Police Workdog Association. In addition to drug detection, K-9 Thoro will be used for tracking and educational presentations.

We are excited to have a new K-9 working in Waunakee since the retirement of K-9, Alex. We believe the K-9 will be a great benefit to the community and surrounding jurisdictions that may call on K-9 Thoro's special skills.

For more information on the North American Police Workdog Association go to: <http://www.napwda.com/>



Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15th

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. During Police Week we honor Peace Officers who have died in the line of duty.

For more information visit the Officer Down Memorial Page at: <https://www.odmp.org/>



WNPd, Sgt. Geoff Hutchinson made a commitment to join the Police Unity Tour “Ride for Those Who Died” with thousands of other officers throughout the nation. The primary purpose of the Police Unity Tour is to raise awareness of Law Enforcement Officers who have died in the line of duty with a secondary purpose of raising funds for the National Law Enforcement Officer’s Memorial Fund and Museum in Washington D.C.

The ride consists of a 260 mile, four day, bicycle ride starting in Philadelphia PA on May 9th and finishing in Washington D.C. at the National Law Enforcement Memorial during National Police Week on May 12th. Once at the memorial, riders will present the families of those who lost a loved one in the line of duty with a bracelet with their officer’s name engraved on it.

Sgt. Hutchinson will be riding for all 140 officers killed in the line of duty in 2016. However he will be specifically riding for Deputy Dan Glaze of Rusk County, WI, who served his last tour of duty on October 29, 2016. Collin Rose, an officer with the Wayne State University Police Department in Michigan. Collin rode with the Police Unity Tour last year; Collin’s last tour of duty was on November 23, 2016. Deputy Adam Hartwig of Ozaukee County, WI, who served his last tour of duty on March 18, 2016 and Officer Michael Ventura of Town of Salem Dept. of Public Safety, he served his last tour of duty July 8, 2016.

If you would like to know more about the Police Unity Tour you can visit: policeunitytour.com

Sgt. Hutchinson will be riding with Chapter 9. We hope to provide you with updates in the June Newsletter.



The Waunakee Police Department is teaming up with the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Wisconsin® and selling T-shirts to raise funds and awareness to benefit local athletes. Our department goal is to sell at least 37 T-shirts which would raise enough funds to host a local sports competition/tournament for the athletes or support one Special Olympics athlete in our community for a year. Contact Officer Tim Doherty at tdoherty@waunakeepd.org for further information on how to purchase a T-shirt today! Orders must be placed by June 1, 2017. If you are not interested in purchasing a T-shirt but would like to donate, donations can be made at www.specialolympicswisconsin.org.



Thanks for slowing down signs available!

Are you concerned about speeding or vehicles operating at inappropriate speeds in your neighborhood or near your school? Please pick up a “Thanks for slowing down” 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 the signs in your yard or in the neighborhood, they will be available for pick up while supplies last at the Waunakee Police Department. Thanks to sponsors American Family Insurance, AAA Wisconsin and Safe Communities.



Tri 4 Schools Triathlon May 20th

The annual Tri 4 Schools kid’s triathlon will be held in Waunakee. The race will be on Saturday May 20th, starting at 8:30am. The triathlon will include swimming, biking and running. The swim will be held in the indoor pool at the Waunakee Aquatic Center. The running will take place on the Waunakee High School track and the biking will take place on the roadways surrounding the Waunakee High School.

There will be some temporary road closures (900 and 1000 blocks of South St, Kingston Way and Wexford Dr) between 8:15 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The roads will be closed for the safety of the cyclist during the biking portion of the race. The Waunakee Police Department will be assisting with traffic direction during the race.

Please check the following website for the route of the bicycle course.

<http://www.tri4schools.org/events/waunakee/>



Waunakee Bike Rodeo

The Waunakee Police Department will be hosting its annual Bike Rodeo on **Thursday June 1st from 4:00pm to 5:30pm at Heritage Elementary School**. The Bike Rodeo is designed to promote safe riding habits and skills needed for young bike riders, ages 5-12. Free helmet fitting, free bike licensing and a bike technician will be on hand to help identify mechanical issues of the kid’s bikes. An activities checklist will be provided and if completed all participants will receive a prize! Prize tickets will be drawn after the event and prizes delivered to the child’s school. No need to register or sign up. This is a free event, just show up and enjoy!

If you have any questions please contact Officer Asher Torbeck at 849-2109.



Animals at Large

Waunakee has ordinance restrictions in place to prevent domestic animals from “running at large”. Ordinance 14-5 (a) (1) 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.

***Owners can be held liable for damages their animals cause to others property. The fine amount for an animal running at large is \$98.80 for a first offense, and \$124.00 for second and subsequent offenses.

If your dog or cat is not licensed please go to the Pet Data website, and obtain an animal license.
<http://www.petdata.com>



Waunakee Community Garage Sales

Reminder: The Waunakee Community wide garage sale is scheduled for May 11th - May 13th. Please be aware there is a considerable increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic due to the amount of people attracted to this event. Be extra cautious while driving about the Village. Please obey and respect all parking laws as well. We receive many complaints of parking violations during the event. For more information on the event please visit the following website, <http://waunakeegaragesalemap.com/>



**From the Waunakee Police Department,
Wisconsin DOT, Division of State Patrol, and
Bureau of Transportation Safety**



Waunakee Police Department to mobilize for Click It or Ticket safety belt enforcement from May 23 to June 5

Waunakee Police Department will join hundreds of other law enforcement agencies throughout Wisconsin for the annual Click It or Ticket safety belt enforcement campaign from May 23 to June 5.

We are serious about safety belt enforcement because far too many unbuckled drivers and passengers are killed or injured in traffic crashes. During the Click It or Ticket mobilization and throughout the year, our goal is not to write more tickets. Through enforcement and education, we're determined to get people to buckle up every time they drive or ride in a vehicle. Buckling up is the best possible protection against being ejected from a vehicle during a crash or thrown around violently inside it.

Although the state's safety belt use rate of 86 percent is the highest ever, approximately half of the drivers and passengers killed in Wisconsin traffic crashes last year were not wearing safety belts. In addition, last year there were nearly 55,000 convictions for failure to fasten a seat belt.

If you have any questions please contact Sgt. Geoffrey Hutchinson at 608-849-4523.



DANE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER PUBLIC USE/ OPEN SHOOT

The Dane County Sheriff's Office and The WI DNR are once again opening the Dane County Law Enforcement Training Center range at 5184 State Highway 19 east of Waunakee for the public to shoot on weekends. The range is open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays April 22 – October 29, 2017, 9am-4pm. The cost is \$10.00/shooter, 12-17 yr. old w/parent or guardian and hunter safety class.

Bring your own: Eye and Ear Protection, Target, ammunition, weapon (anything that is legal to possess, no full auto or "bump-fire")

**DANE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER
5184 STATE ROAD 19, Waunakee WI 53597 608-849-2660**



On 4-19-17, Investigator Carbon and Detective Pittsley in cooperation with the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups, spoke with members of the community about different forms of elder abuse to include fraud. Investigator Carbon provided information and tips to reduce the chances of becoming a victim of common scams/fraud. Much of the information can be found in the "Senior Guide" published by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection. Download a copy of the guide by visiting their website: <https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Publications/SeniorGuide.aspx>



Roundabout Information

A newsletter reader requested a review on the rules regarding roundabouts. Please review to make sure you are following the proper procedures when you drive through a roundabout.

Driving vehicles in a roundabout

- Slow down.
- Watch for and obey traffic signs.
- Move into the correct lane the direction you want to travel as you approach the roundabout.
- Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists as you enter and exit the roundabout.
- Yield to all lanes of traffic on your left before entering.
- Keep your speed low and stay in your lane within the roundabout (do not change lanes within the roundabout).
- Exit carefully to your destination. Use your right-turn signal, in front of the splitter island just prior to your exit, to indicate your intention to exit.

Watch for large vehicles

- 2015 Wisconsin Act 139 requires drivers at roundabouts to yield right-of-way to trucks and other large vehicles (and combinations of vehicles, such as trucks towing boats or RVs towing cars) measuring at least 40 feet long or 10 feet wide.
- Motorists are required to give space to larger vehicles when approaching and driving through roundabouts.
- The law was passed in the interest of safety, as commercial trucks can weigh up to 80,000 pounds, and most larger vehicles have an expanded turning radius.
- Drivers are asked to remain mindful that all motorists approaching a roundabout must yield to any traffic already within a roundabout, as signed and per law.
- If two large vehicles approach a roundabout at the same time, the vehicle on the right must yield right-of-way to the vehicle on the left.



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.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Waunakee-Police-Department/349673238430794>

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.