

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter August 2017



Waunakee Police welcome new officer

Officer Mike Taschek joined the Waunakee Police Department on July 24th 2017. He is currently in the field training process with the goal of solo patrol in a few months. If you see Officer Taschek out on patrol please feel free to say hello.



Waunakee Police to Host National Night Out

On Wednesday August 9th, 2017 the Waunakee Police Department will be hosting their National Night Out festivities at Village Park in Waunakee from 5pm-7pm. 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.

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Waunakee Emergency Services Citizens Academy

Waunakee Police, Fire, and EMS are pleased to announce the 2017 Waunakee Emergency Services Citizen's Academy program starting **September 6, 2017**. 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 30, 2017.**

Applications and course schedule are attached, 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 Federal Highway Administration created the campaign in 1995 to educate the public and bring awareness to the number and severity of intersection crashes. This event provides a great opportunity to promote safe driving and remind the public of why it's so important to stop on red. Join us on social to be a part of the conversation and make a difference! Follow and use the **#StopOnRed2017**.

2 PEOPLE DIED EACH DAY IN RED-LIGHT RUNNING CRASHES on average in the United States in 2015.

Source: National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA), an office of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

719 PEOPLE DIED EACH YEAR IN RED-LIGHT RUNNING CRASHES on average from 2011- 2015.

Source: NCSA.

MORE THAN 1/2 OF THE PEOPLE KILLED IN RED-LIGHT RUNNING in 2014 were **PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS AND PEOPLE IN OTHER VEHICLES WHO WERE HIT BY THE RED-LIGHT RUNNERS.**

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

For more information on the National Stop on Red Week please visit: <https://www.atsol.com/stop-on-red-week-2017/>



Fake Amazon Order Cancellation Emails Making the Rounds

Did you get an order cancellation email from Amazon.com for a product you don't remember buying? It may be a scam. Do not click any links contained in the email.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is aware of a phishing scam involving fake Amazon order cancellation emails and asks consumers to be suspicious of any similar emails they receive. If you click any links in the email, you could unintentionally download malicious software onto your device or be driven to a site that aims to collect your Amazon account username and password or other personal information.

If you receive a cancellation email and you wish to inquire further, do NOT click the links in the email. Instead, go directly to Amazon.com or use the company's app to check your account. If you share access to an Amazon account with a family member, check with that person to see if they did cancel the supposed order before you take any additional action.

For additional information, visit the Consumer Protection Bureau at <http://datcp.wisconsin.gov>, send an e-mail to datcph hotline@wisconsin.gov or call the Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-800-422-7128.

Another IRS Phone Scam Variation

In this new twist, the IRS reports that phone scammers have recently begun telling taxpayers that they failed to respond to two certified letters from the agency and that they risk arrest if an immediate payment is not made by prepaid debit card. The scammer falsely claims that the debit card is linked to the IRS's payment system (the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System or EFTPS) and warns the victim not to contact their tax preparer, an attorney or the local IRS office until the payment is made.

It is likely that these scammers are playing off of the recent news that the IRS has begun using four approved debt collection companies to assist in collecting debts that are more than two years old. Those taxpayers affected by this change will, in fact, receive two letters to inform them that they will be contacted by one of these companies – one letter will come from the IRS directly and the other will be from the collection company. There is additional information about the debt collection program on the IRS website.

Act Phone Scam

Beware of a new scam reported recently to the WNPD involving someone claiming to be from the ACT Office. The caller claims your child requested an ACT Study Guide be sent to them and begins asking personal information. Please remember if the phone calls are suspicious and inaccurate, do not provide your personal or financial information. If you think what the person is telling you may be true, verify the information first.



If you find a sick, injured or orphaned wild animal

Please call us the Dane Co Humane Society(DCHS) at (608) 838-0413 ext. 151 and leave a message with your name, phone number and a detailed description of the situation. They will return your call as quickly as we possible. The Dane Co Humane Society accepts patients from 10 am to 6 pm seven days a week. While you wait for them to return your call, please keep the animal in a quiet location and do not feed the animal.

If you have found an injured wild animal outside of our regular admission hours, please leave a message for the DCHS at 608-287-3235 so they may return your call right away in the morning. In the meantime, please do not feed the animal, and keep them in a secure, warm and quiet location away from pets and people until they return your call. Thank you for caring about wildlife!

DCHS works with all species of native birds, reptiles and amphibians, bats and most small mammals. They do not work with deer, raccoon, house sparrows, European starlings, mice or skunk. If you have found an animal that is one of the species we do not work with, please call the DNR Service Center at 1-888-936-7463 for the name and number of another rehabilitator that can help you.

To learn more about the DCHS wildlife program please visit: <https://www.giveshelter.org/four-lakes-wildlife-center.html>

You may call the WNPd if you have concerns about wildlife or domestic animals causing an immediate problem at 849-4523.



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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.