

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter February 2018



WNPD Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Waunakee Police Department to protect and serve all people with respect, fairness and compassion. We are committed to preserving peace, order and safety. We enforce laws and ordinances, safeguard constitutional rights and maintain efficient delivery of police services.



The Waunakee Police Department is seeking applicants to fill a full time police officer position. The job description is posted on Wilenet.org. Interested candidates should submit the DJ-LE 330 application by 4:00 pm February 9th 2018.

Please direct any questions regarding the position or the process to:

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2017 Wisconsin Crash Fatalities

Wisconsin traffic related fatalities increased in 2017 to a preliminary total of 603. This is up 15 fatalities from 2016. Dane County had 32 traffic related fatalities, which is down 6 from last year. Milwaukee County had the most traffic related fatalities, 86.

Please remember to buckle up, pay attention, slow down and drive sober! For a complete list of traffic related fatalities follow the link to the WI DOT webpage below.

<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/newsroom/statistics/countyfatality.aspx>



State Law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians

1. Who have started crossing an intersection or crosswalk on a walk signal or on a green light if there's no walk signal. (**Please note: drivers do not need to stop for pedestrians waiting on the side of the road/curb and are not in the act of crossing the road**)
2. Who are crossing the road within a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection where there are no traffic lights or control signals.
3. When a vehicle is crossing a sidewalk or entering an alley or driveway.
4. Pedestrians must give a driver enough space to safely yield to the pedestrian before leaving the curb or area of safety.

In addition, drivers may not legally overtake and pass any vehicle that has stopped for pedestrians at an intersection or crosswalk. Drivers who fail to yield the right of way to pedestrians who are legally crossing roadways in the Village of Waunakee may be issued citations in amounts ranging from **\$98.80 - \$250.00** (depending on the violation) and 3-4 demerit points.

On 1-24-18, WNPD Officers performed traffic enforcement on Main St @ Fish St. focusing on failing to yield to pedestrian violations. In a one hour period there were 6 vehicles stopped for this violation.



A newsletter reader asked who they should contact if they have a complaint about individuals going door to door seeking donations to a non-profit organization. Waunakee ordinances do not prohibit individuals from non-profit groups from going door to door to seek donations. However if the person (s) going door to door are acting suspicious call the Waunakee Police Department so we can investigate.

The **State of Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions** is another resource that may be of assistance. You can search for the charitable organization and file a complaint with the department if you wish. Visit their website for more information, <http://wdfi.org/CharitableOrganizations/default.htm> Below are some tips they recommend when considering a donation to a charity.

- Ask who is making the request - a charity or a professional fundraiser.
- Ask for the name, address, and telephone number of the organization asking for the donation.
- Ask how your donation will be used.
- Ask what percentage of your donation will be used for program services (the organization's charitable purpose) rather than for administrative, management, or fundraising costs.
- Ask the caller to send written material about the organization.
- Look up the charity on the Department of Financial Institutions' website to find out if it is registered and to find information about how it uses the contributions it receives.
- Look up the charity on some of the various "Charity Watchdog" websites. Links to some of these watchdogs' websites can be found on our [Online Resources For Donors](#) page.
- Don't feel pressured by emotional appeals or urgent requests for donations. A reputable charity will appreciate your donation just as much if you take time to research the donation first.
- Don't feel obligated to donate to a charity that sends you unsolicited greeting cards, address labels or other unordered merchandise.



Alternate Side Parking

Odd-Even side parking is currently in effect and will end April 1st 2018. Alternate side parking is regulated between 2:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. on Waunakee Streets. Park your vehicles so it will be on the even numbered side of the street on even numbered mornings and on the odd side of the street on odd numbered mornings unless posted otherwise.



Stay Back!

WI state statute 346.915(2) "Following a snowplow too close on highway." Drivers must follow snowplows (who are actively plowing) 200 feet back if the speed limit is over 35, and 75 feet back if the speed limit is under 35 unless you are passing or overtaking. At intersections, the distance is 20 feet back. The fine for violating this Statute in the village of Waunakee is \$98.80 and 3 demerit points.



Snow removal

It is the responsibility of the property owner to clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours of the end of the snow or ice event. No person shall push, shove or in any way deposit any snow or ice onto any public streets or alley, public or private sidewalk.



Animal Licensing

The Village of Waunakee has been using PetData as the animal licensing program since 2014. To register your pets online go to <http://www.petdata.com> or call toll free 1-855-312-9070. License(s) will be mailed within 10 business days of PetData's receipt of payment and documentation.



Waunakee Police Department TIP Line

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.

Callers should provide the date and time of their call, as this will become your identifying number. For example, if you call on January 1, 2018, at 10:30 your ID number would be 010120171030. If callers do want to obtain a reward they must follow up with the Tip Line coordinator, Lt. Joe Peterson at 850-4510.

You will only be asked to provide your identifying number. From there, arrangements will be made to pick up the reward at a specific location.

If you are calling about a crime in progress, call 911. If it is NOT an emergency but would either like to speak with an officer or have an officer respond, please call the non-emergency number at 849-4523.



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