

# Waunakee Police Department Newsletter May 2018



## Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15<sup>th</sup>

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 National Police Week. During Police Week we honor Peace Officers who have died in the line of duty. Last year 135 Law Enforcement Officer died in the line of duty in the United States. In addition 24 Law Enforcement K9's died in the line of duty.

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



WNPDP, Sgt. Geoff Hutchinson will be riding with 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 300 mile, four day, bicycle ride starting in Somerset, NJ on May 9th and finishing in Washington D.C. at the National Law Enforcement Monument 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 is riding for all 135 law enforcement officers killed in 2017 and their families. However this year he is specifically riding for Detective Jason Weiland from the Everest Metropolitan Police Department and Wisconsin State Trooper Anthony Borostowski. Detective Weiland served his last tour of duty on March 22, 2017 when he responded to a domestic disturbance and multiple shootings. Upon arrival at the scene he was shot and killed. Trooper

Anthony Borostowski, served his last tour of duty on April 11, 2017. Anthony died after being involved in a single vehicle crash when his patrol vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree.

If you would like to know more about the Police Unity Tour you can visit [policeunitytour.com](http://policeunitytour.com). Sgt. Hutchinson will be riding with Chapter 1. We hope to provide you with an update in the June Newsletter.



### **Building relationships one cup at a time!**

The Waunakee Police Department will be hosting Coffee with a Cop on May 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This will take place at the Waunakee Senior Center located at 333 S. Madison St. The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve. There will be no specific topics or agendas covered. Citizens can ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know officers.

Please join us for a free cup of coffee!



### **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.



## **Waunakee Bike Rodeo**

The Waunakee Police Department will be hosting its annual Bike Rodeo on Thursday May 31st from 4:00pm to 5:30pm at Prairie 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. All participants will receive a prize! Prize tickets will be drawn after the event and prizes delivered to the school. No need to register or

sign up. This is a free event, just show up and enjoy! \*The Bike Rodeo may be canceled if there is inclement weather the day of the event.

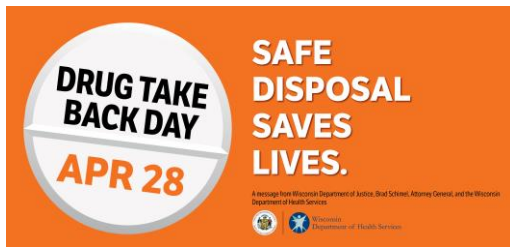
If you have any questions please contact WNPD School Resource Officer Erik Schmidt at 849-2109.



## Read with a Cop

WNPD Officer Martin enjoyed listening to a few children read her some stories on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Attention readers! Come to the Waunakee Library for the “Read with a Cop” program. Children can sign up for a 10 minute period to read the story of their choice to a Waunakee Police Officer. Sign up at the Waunakee library or call 849-4202 to reserve a time slot.



Thanks to those who came to the Waunakee Police Department for the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. We had approximately 50 people come to the WNPD and drop off unused prescription medications. If you missed out we have a Med-Drop box in the WNPD lobby that is accessible M-F during normal business hours. Just follow the directions posted on the wall. We do not accept hypodermic needles.

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.4 million Americans abused controlled prescription drugs. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet.



## 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>



## CURFEW for children under16

It shall be unlawful for any juvenile under 16 years of age to be on foot, bicycle or in any type of vehicle on any public street, avenue, highway, road, alley, park, school grounds, swimming beach, cemetery, playground, public building or any other public place in the village between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., unless accompanied by such juvenile's parent or guardian or person having lawful custody and control of such person.



## State law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians

- Who have started crossing an intersection or crosswalk on a walk signal or on a green light if there's no walk signal.
- Who are crossing the road within a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection where there are no traffic lights or control signals.
- When a vehicle is crossing a sidewalk or entering an alley or driveway.

**This time of year the pedestrian traffic is significantly increased. Please pay attention to pedestrians in the crosswalk. We recently performed specific crosswalk enforcement on W. Main St @ Fish St. A total of 12 vehicles were stopped for failing to yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk at this location.**



## Waunakee Community Garage Sales

Reminder: The Waunakee Community wide garage sale is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> - May 12<sup>th</sup>. 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/>



**Waunakee Police Department to mobilize for Click It or Ticket safety belt enforcement from May 21st to June 3rd**

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 21<sup>st</sup> to June 3rd.

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.

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



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](mailto:newsletter@waunakeepd.org). Questions submitted may be featured in future newsletters. The person submitting the question will not be identified.