

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter June 2018



The Waunakee Police Department is pleased to announce the addition of Officer Kendra Barman. Kendra began the field training program on May 22nd is scheduled for solo patrol during mid-summer. If you see Officer Barman around town, welcome her to Waunakee.

Police Unity Tour Ride Update



May 9th – 12th, Sgt. Geoffrey Hutchinson, joined over 2,500 fellow law enforcement officers and survivors of fallen law enforcement officers throughout the country to participate in the 2018 Police Unity Tour. The Police Unity Tour is a four day, 300 mile bicycle ride from Somerset, New Jersey to Washington D.C. For more information on the Police Unity Tour please visit www.policeunitytour.com.

Bike Rodeo



Officers Schmidt, Jacob and Perkins had a great time on May 31st at the annual WNPD bike rodeo. Special thanks to the volunteers that helped make the event a success.

Special Olympics



On May 5th, Sgt Geoffrey Hutchinson with the Waunakee Police Department along with several other Dane County area agencies assisted with the Special Olympics Region 6 Athletics Meet held in Oregon WI. Officers greeted and cheered on the athletes as they were introduced on to the field. Over 300 athletes competed in several track and field events. Sgt Hutchinson was honored to greet the Waunakee Athletes and carry the torch on the last leg with athlete, Jamie, before lighting the cauldron.



Hosting graduation parties can cost you!

A warning to parents and other adults thinking of hosting a Graduation party that involves alcohol being served to those under 21...don't do it. The Waunakee Police Department often receives reports of underage drinking parties related to the Graduation season. According to the CDC more than 4,300 deaths to underage youth are attributed to alcohol, including but not limited to drinking and driving, accidental falls and fights. These deaths are preventable.

If WNPD officers contact a person under 21 whom has been drinking alcohol they will receive a citation. The citation will range from \$98.80 - \$439.00 depending on the age of the person and number of prior offenses.

If you are an adult who is hosting or procuring the alcohol you can be fined for each violation. Each violation is typically the number of underage individuals found to be drinking at the party or provided alcohol. The fines could reach thousands of dollars very quickly. The bottom line is: "the parents that host lose the most", don't be a party to underage drinking. Don't buy alcohol for parties when minors will be attending.



Thanks to all who participated in the coffee with a cop event in May.



Fireworks Reminder

Fireworks in Wisconsin are strictly regulated by state law WI Stat. 167.10

Very few fireworks are actually legal in Wisconsin, without having a permit. Those “fireworks” are; sparklers, stationary cones and fountains, toy snakes, smoke bombs and caps, noisemakers and confetti poppers with less than ¼ of a grain of explosive mixture. These “fireworks” are the type usually found in convenience and grocery stores.

Possessing or using any other fireworks such as firecrackers, roman candles, bottle rockets and mortars, without a valid permit is illegal. A general rule of thumb is if the device leaves the ground or explodes it is illegal.

Almost all fireworks permits held by users of the fireworks are not valid. Valid fireworks permits can only be issued by a mayor, village president, or a municipal employee they have designated. If a valid permit is issued it is only valid within the city, village or town where it was issued. Therefore, permits issued by fireworks vendors are not valid.



On Wednesday August 8, 2018 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. 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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WAUNABOOM: Ripp Park on July 4 from 2:00 – 10:30 pm.

Come and celebrate Independence Day at this free event, while experiencing the fun, food, music, family activities, F-16 flyover, Black Hawk Helicopter Fly in and fireworks display. Visit the WAUNABOOM website for more information on the event and family activities.

<http://waunaboom.com/>



Safeguard your home and property

Answer the below questions for a safer home to prevent burglaries

- Are my doors locked (and double locked if possible) at the main entrance?
- Are my other doors locked from access?
- Are my windows shut all the way?
- Is my property well-lit at night?
- Can I see any of my valuables from outside on the street?
- Are there areas in my neighborhood that could offer cover or leverage for a criminal to break in easily?

- Does my routine at home make it easy for a thief to know when is the best time to try and enter?



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.

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