

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter November 2018



Shop with a Cop 2018

For the past 17 years, a group of Dane County law enforcement agencies have collaborated on an event called Shop With A Cop. This will be the 7th year the Waunakee Police Department has participated. In 2014 the participating agencies (including Waunakee Police Department) joined together to form a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization called Shop With A Cop -- Dane County Inc.

Shop With A Cop -- Dane County Inc. assists economically disadvantaged families within Waunakee and Dane County during the Holiday Season. We work with school social workers to identify children of families in need. We look for children that are working to full capacity in school and have no major discipline issues. This event gives the children the opportunity to interact with law enforcement in a positive environment. It also allows law enforcement to give back to their communities, and it gives the children a sense of satisfaction to be able to provide gifts for their families.

On Sunday, December 2, 2018, approximately 85 children throughout Dane County will be paired with officers to partake in this wonderful event. For the children selected from Waunakee, Waunakee Police Department officers will pick up each child in a squad car and accompany them to a Target in Madison to go shopping. Each child receives a credit of approximately \$175.00 to spend on gifts for their family and themselves. The children and officers then travel to a VFW in Madison to wrap presents and enjoy lunch together.

In order to continue the success of this program, we need the ongoing support and monetary contributions from area businesses and individuals. If you would like to make a contribution to the Shop With A Cop -- Dane County, Inc., please mail or drop off a donation to the Waunakee Police Department, 205 N. Klein Drive. **Please make checks payable to Shop With A Cop -- Dane County Inc., not the Village of Waunakee.**

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact me. All donations to the program are tax deductible and a receipt will be provided. Thank you for your time and generosity!

Sincerely,
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2018 Emergency Services Citizens Academy

Congratulations to the 2018 Emergency Service Citizens Academy Class. Participants completed the final phase of instruction on 10-30-18. Participants received demonstrations and hands on instruction from Waunakee EMS, Fire and Police. Topics varied from vehicle extraction, EMS training, active shooter training, defense and arrest tactics and emergency vehicle operation at the Madison International Speedway.

If you or someone you know may be interested in enrolling in the 2019 Emergency Services Academy, please contact Sgt. Asher Torbeck by email: atorbeck@waunakeepd.org or by phone (608) 849-0709. The classes are scheduled to begin in early September 2019.

Crash Reports

Officers are often asked how a driver involved in a crash can obtain a copy of a crash report. The Waunakee Police Department has a link to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation page where the public can purchase a crash report. Go to the Waunakee Police Department website and enter the records section. This will lead you to the link to the WIDOT page: <https://app.wi.gov/crashreports>

Please be aware that the reports have to go through a review process and then be uploaded to the system. The reports will not be in the system for up to two weeks. You must have the date of the crash and a driver's license number involved in the crash. You may order up to 50 crash reports at a time.

The application is best used on a desktop or laptop computer. Mobile devices such as tablets and smart phones can be used but may not have the proper software or PDF viewers needed to view the crash reports. This application requires your device to be compatible with Adobe Reader/ PDF viewer. After purchase, your report(s) are available immediately for download via PDF format as an electronic document. Online purchases will not result in the report being emailed, faxed, or postal mailed to you.



Dane County Jail Inmate List

We periodically receive phone calls inquiring if a friend or relative is currently in the Dane County Jail. The Dane County Sheriff's Department has a list of jail inmates on their website. Go to <https://www.danesheriff.com/Inmates> and you can view the current list of inmates.



Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention

In 2016, more than three-quarters of a million vehicles were stolen in the United State and nearly half of those thefts were due to owner error. Vehicle theft is a multi-billion-dollar crime, with the cost of stolen vehicles coming in at almost \$6 billion in 2016 alone, up from \$5 billion in 2015.

The Waunakee Police Department and other surrounding agencies continue to receive reports of stolen vehicles. Almost all of the thefts could be prevented if the victims took proper precautions listed below.

1. Lock the vehicle if it is parked outside
2. Do not leave the keys/fob inside the vehicle
3. Close your garage door especially overnight
4. Lock the door between the house and garage
5. Do not leave your vehicle running while unattended especially in convenience store parking lots



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.

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.