

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter August 2019



Waunakee Police to Host National Night Out

On **Wednesday, August 7th, 2019** the Waunakee Police Department will host National Night Out at Village Park on Main Street from 5pm-7pm. National Night Out 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.

There will be activities for kids, free brats and hot dogs, and numerous displays by various law enforcement agencies. The event will conclude with a prize drawing. Members of the community are encouraged to sign up to win one of the many prizes to be given away.

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Waunakee Emergency Services Citizens Academy

Have you ever wanted to drive a police squad car? Or get your hands on police, fire and EMS equipment?

Waunakee Police, Fire, and EMS are excited to host the annual Waunakee Emergency Services Citizen's Academy starting **Wednesday September 4th, 2019!** Classes run Wednesday evenings from 6pm-8:30pm for 9 consecutive weeks (The last class will be Oct. 30th). The Citizen's Academy is a "hands on" program. The goal 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 Police Officer, Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician.

Sign up to interact with emergency professionals in a fun and positive way! We are accepting applications now. Preference is given to those who live or work in Waunakee. The class will be filled on a first-come first-served basis, so sign up soon!

If you have questions or wish to sign up please contact Sergeant Asher Torbeck at 849-4523 or e-mail atorbeck@waunakeepd.org.

WaunaBooms and Waunafest a big success!!

July is always a busy month for the Waunakee Police Department. With big events come big crowds and officer's work hard to coordinate and control the many moving parts of these events to keep everyone involved safe. This year was no different but we are happy to report no major issues at either event! Thank you to everyone who helped to keep these events safe and fun!



Park Safety

This time of year we often receive traffic/vehicle related complaints in our larger parks (Ripp, Centennial and Village). Please drive slowly and safely in the park and obey all traffic signs. **The speed limit is 15 mph in the parks.** Please park in the designated parking areas and not on the grass. Park hours are from 5:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.



If you find a sick, injured or orphaned wild animal

Please call the Dane Co Humane Society at (608) 287-3235 or (608) 838-0413 ext. 151 and leave a message with your name, phone number and a detailed description of the situation. 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 are able, please email (wildlife@giveshelter.org) or text (608) 960-8328 a photo of the animal to help them better assess the age and condition. The Dane Co Humane Society accepts patients from 10 am to 6 pm seven days a week. While you wait for a return 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 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 they 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/wildlife-center>

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



The National Coalition for Safer Roads (NCSR) is proud to partner with organizations and communities across the country to raise awareness about the dangers of red-light running during National Stop on Red Week. Each day of this dedicated week emphasizes different safety aspects, useful statistics and information.

Sliding through stop signs is among the most common causes of accidents on the road. In 2016, 808 people were killed and 137,000 were injured as a result of drivers running red lights. In the same year, 39% of people were injured in crashes in which motorists ran traffic controls. Pedestrians, bicyclists or occupants in vehicles make up for over half the deaths caused by running red lights.

For more information please contact info@NCSRsafety.org



Drive sober or get pulled over

To help discourage impaired driving, state and local law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin will participate in the “*Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*” law enforcement campaign that begins August 16th, 2019 and continues through September 2nd.

- As part of this nationwide effort to save lives and prevent injuries, law enforcement agencies from around Wisconsin will patrol in greater numbers and for longer hours to keep a sharp eye out for impaired drivers who endanger everyone along our roadways.
- As always, the goal is not simply to make arrests or issue citations, but to encourage voluntary compliance with traffic laws designed to keep all citizens safe.

The Effects of Blood Alcohol Concentration

Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) in g/dL	Typical Effects	Predictable Effects on Driving
.02	Some loss of judgment; relaxation, slight body warmth, altered mood	Decline in visual functions (rapid tracking of a moving target), decline in ability to perform two tasks at the same time (divided attention)
.05	Exaggerated behavior, may have loss of small-muscle control (e.g., focusing your eyes), impaired judgment, usually good feeling, lowered alertness, release of inhibition	Reduced coordination, reduced ability to track moving objects, difficulty steering, reduced response to emergency driving situations
.08	Muscle coordination becomes poor (e.g., balance, speech, vision, reaction time, and hearing), harder to detect danger; judgment, self-control, reasoning, and memory are impaired	Concentration, short-term memory loss, speed control, reduced information processing capability (e.g., signal detection, visual search), impaired perception
.10	Clear deterioration of reaction time and control, slurred speech, poor coordination, and slowed thinking	Reduced ability to maintain lane position and brake appropriately
.15	Far less muscle control than normal, vomiting may occur (unless this level is reached slowly or a person has developed a tolerance for alcohol), major loss of balance	Substantial impairment in vehicle control, attention to driving task, and in necessary visual and auditory information processing

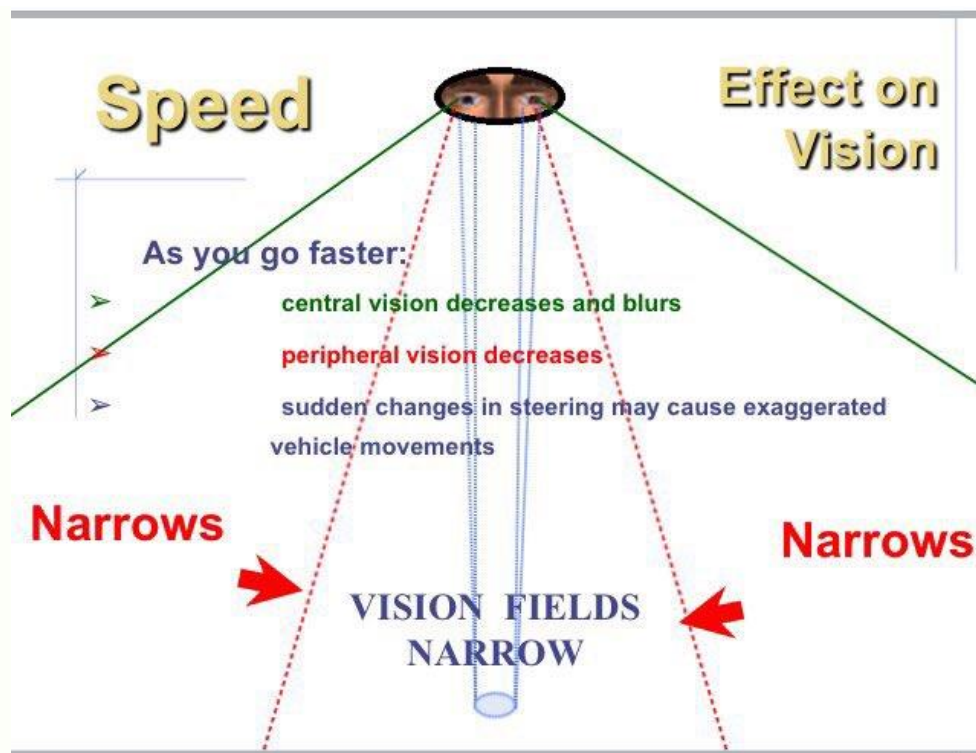
Source National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving>



SPEED Follow the Speed Limit

For more than two decades, speeding has been involved in approximately one-third of all motor vehicle fatalities. In 2016, speeding was a contributing factor in 27 percent of all fatal crashes. Speed also affects your safety even when you are driving at the speed limit but too fast for road conditions, such as during bad weather, when a road is under repair or in an area at night that isn't well lit.

For more information visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website with facts and figures on the effects of speeding. <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/speeding>



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.

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.