

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter July 2013



Slow Down Watch for Kids Signs Available!



Please pick up a Slow Down Watch for Kids 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 a child pedestrian is hit by a car traveling at 20 mph, 5 percent do not live, most injuries are slight, and 30 percent suffer no injuries at all. At 30 mph, 45% do not live and many are injured. At 40 mph, 85% do not live.

According to the National SAFE KIDS Campaign, pedestrian injuries are the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 5 to 14. Each year in the United States, nearly 900 children ages 14 and under die from pedestrian injuries and another 24,000 are injured in traffic-related crashes.

When child pedestrians are hit by cars, it's usually as they dart out between cars mid-block. Please drive slowly and be on the lookout for kids!

If you're interested in posting signs in your yard or neighborhood, they will be available for pick up while supplies last at the Waunakee Police Department.

Fireworks Reminder

Fireworks in Wisconsin are strictly regulated by state law Wis 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.

Waunakee Police Department MED-DROP

Waunakee Police has partnered with Safe Communities and is an official drop sight for unwanted drugs. There are many reasons to take advantage of this great service. People want to get unused medicines out of the house because unwanted drugs may unintentionally be consumed by children and others. Medications can also be scavenged from trash and sold illegally. Improper disposal of medicines can contaminate rivers, lakes and streams. Medicines collected at the MedDrop locations are incinerated and disposed of in the most environmentally safe method currently available.

Disposal is very simple and there are no forms or paperwork to fill out. The disposal box is located in the lobby of the Waunakee Police Department at 205 N Klein Dr in the Village of Waunakee. The box will be open for drops **Monday thru Friday from 8am to 7pm.**

To dispose of medications in the MedDrop drop boxes, please bring your unused or expired medication and a Ziploc or other resealable bag to the MedDrop at the police department. Empty contents of pill bottles into a Ziploc bag and recycle your pill bottles. Leave liquids, gels or creams in their original containers and place them in a Ziploc bag as well. Place the sealed Ziploc bags into the MedDrop box.

*** Items that can be disposed ***

Prescription Medicine (pills, liquids and creams), Over-the-Counter Medicine (pills, liquids and creams), Medications for Pets, Vitamins, Medication Samples, Nebulizer Solution & Inhalers

****Items that are NOT accepted at the MedDrop box****

Illegal Street Drugs, IV Bags, Oxygen Tanks, Nebulizer Machines, Thermometers, Sharps, Epi-pens or anything with a needle or lance.

We have received many questions about where to dispose of Medical sharps, such as needles, syringes and lancets. There are 52 collection stations throughout Dane County most of which are located in Madison. Below are a few collection stations near Waunakee.

1. Shopko Pharmacy 2602 Shopko Dr. Madison WI
2. Walgreen Pharmacy 1725 Northport Dr. Madison WI
3. Walgreen Pharmacy 3700 University Ave Madison WI
4. Shopko Pharmacy 7401 Mineral Point Rd Madison WI

Visit the Wisconsin DNR website below for a complete list of collection stations throughout the State.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/healthwaste/householdsharps.html>

Never leave your child alone in a vehicle

Leaving a child or animal in a vehicle for a “quick” errand – even for a few minutes – could be a deadly mistake. This goes for dog and cat owners too. Sometimes animal owners leave animals inside vehicles for “not so quick” errands lasting several hours. Unfortunately, a child or animal alone in a car, even on a mild day, can become overheated quickly. This can lead to a deadly tragedy.

On days when the outside temperature exceeds 85° F, the internal temperature of a car can quickly reach upwards of 130° F. When left in a hot vehicle, a child’s body temperature can increase three to five times faster than an adult’s. Eighty-eight percent of children who die from heat stroke are ages 3 and younger.

Estimated Vehicle Interior Air Temperature v. Elapsed Time

Elapsed time	Outside Air Temperature (F)					
	70	75	80	85	90	95
0 minutes	70	75	80	85	90	95
10 minutes	89	94	99	104	109	114
20 minutes	99	104	109	114	119	124
30 minutes	104	109	114	119	124	129
40 minutes	108	113	118	123	128	133
50 minutes	111	116	121	126	131	136
60 minutes	113	118	123	128	133	138
> 1 hour	115	120	125	130	135	140

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Attention Parents: Check out “NetSmartz 411”

NetSmartz411[®] is a first-of-its-kind online service provided by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children[®] to answer questions about Internet safety, computers and the Web.

The public — especially parents and guardians — can search the NetSmartz411 library for answers to their questions and contact NCMEC staff to ask specific questions about online safety and the Internet.

All research and answers provided by NetSmartz411 are written by skilled professionals who work in the Exploited Children Division at NCMEC. These individuals are trained to understand the Internet, areas of emerging technologies, and are well-versed in the online techniques used by people who may try to harm children online.

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Visit www.NetSmartz411.org to learn more.

Upcoming Events

WaunaFest

The annual WaunaFest celebration is scheduled for July 25-28. The Waunakee Police Department will have extended office hours and increased staffing. As was the case the last few years; **carry-in alcoholic beverages are prohibited and no alcoholic beverages are allowed outside designated areas.**

Please note: The WaunaFest parade will be held July 28th between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Hwy 19/113 E. Main St will be closed to traffic as will other streets along the parade route.

Please visit the website at <http://www.waunafest.org/>, for more information on the event.

Waunakee Police to Host National Night Out

On Wednesday August 14, 2013 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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Grandparent Scam

The newsletter received a request to repeat this common scam from last month's newsletter. Waunakee Citizens continue to receive phone calls, similar if not identical to this scam. Please help us pass the word to those who may fall victim to this scam.

A grandparent receives a frantic call from someone they believe to be their grandchild. The supposed grandchild sounds distressed and may be calling from a noisy location. The supposed grandchild claims to be involved in some type of trouble while traveling in Canada or overseas, such as being arrested or in a car accident or needing emergency car repairs, and asks the grandparent to immediately wire money to post bail or pay for medical treatment or car repairs. The scammer typically asks for several thousand dollars, and may even call back again several hours or days later asking for more money. He or she may claim embarrassment about the alleged trouble and ask the grandparent to keep it a secret.

A variation of the scam may involve two scammers -- the first scammer calls and poses as a grandchild under arrest. The second scammer, posing as some type of law enforcement officer, then gets on the phone with the grandparent and explains what fines need to be paid. Alternatively, the scammer may pretend to be a family friend or neighbor.

A common theme of the scam across the nation is the caller's request for the grandparent to wire money through Western Union or MoneyGram or to provide bank account routing numbers. Wiring money is like sending cash; there are no protections for the sender. Typically there is no way you can reverse the transaction, trace the money, or recover payment from the telephone con artists.

It is possible that the scammers are finding their targets on the Internet. Names, addresses, birth dates, and telephone numbers are easily ascertained online. Scammers may also check Facebook or other social networking websites to learn about someone's vacation plans, (especially during spring and summer months when many families take vacations), and then contact that person's grandparent pretending to be the real grandchild. Another possibility is that the scammers are calling telephone numbers randomly until they reach a senior citizen. In some cases, the senior citizen unknowingly "fills in the blanks" for the thief. For instance, the senior answers the phone, the scammer says something like, "Hi Grandma, it's me, your favorite grandchild," the grandparent guesses the name of the grandchild the caller sounds most like, and the scammer takes on that grandchild's identity for the remainder of the call.

Facebook

Please "like" our Waunakee Police Department Facebook page. So far we have 293 likes! 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.