

# Waunakee Police Department Newsletter June 2015



## The Waunakee Police Department 2015



Top: Sgt. Hutchinson, Ofc. Torbeck, Ofc. Schmidt, Ofc. Geldernick, Sgt. Bartels, Chief Plendl, Det. Pittsley, Ofc. Houk, Ofc. Jacob, Ofc. Brehmer, Administrative Assistant Rottscheit, Administrative Manager Helleis, Bottom: Sgt. Beaudette, Ofc. Carbon, Ofc. Christenson, Lt. Peterson, Sgt. Kreitzman, K-9 Alex, Ofc. Doherty, Ofc. Steinhauer



### 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.** 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, the individual 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 individual underage drinker. Each individual violation is \$313. The bottom line is parents that host lose the most. Don't be a party to underage drinking.

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## Waunakee Police to Host National Night Out

On Wednesday August 12, 2015 the Waunakee Police Department will be hosting their National Night Out festivities at Village Park on East Main Street from 5pm-7pm. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, involves 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 to make Waunakee a safe community.

There will be activities for kids, prizes, free brats and hot dogs, and numerous displays by various law enforcement agencies. Med-Flight has also been invited. 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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## Waunakee Police Department Bike Patrol

The Waunakee Police Department currently has two bicycle patrol officers that you may see on patrol this summer. We have had WNPD officers patrolling on bicycles for more than a decade. The following is the mission of the WNPD bike patrol and just a few of the many objectives of this patrol function.

**Mission:** To enhance the image and resources of the Waunakee Police Department through increased accessibility to the public, to reduce crime by proactive policing and patrol the community with increased mobility and stealth.

**Objectives:**

1. Patrol village parks, conservancies, playgrounds, enforce park related ordinances and provide community relations.
2. Assist/lead in the off road or other terrain search and rescue operations unsuited for conventional patrol vehicles.
3. Provide aggressive drug/alcohol detection and enforcement in parks, public spaces, school grounds and residential areas.
4. Enhance bicycle safety through education of the public. Officers will make informal contact with citizens, share bicycle safety information and bicycle laws.
5. Perform building checks in the business districts.



## **Fireworks Reminder**

Fireworks in Wisconsin are regulated by Wisconsin Statute 167.10.

Very few fireworks are actually legal in Wisconsin without a permit. Legal “fireworks” are; sparklers, stationary cones and fountains, toy snakes, smoke bombs and caps, noisemakers and confetti poppers with less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a grain of explosive mixture.

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 and/or explodes it is illegal.

Valid fireworks permits can only be issued by the village president or a designated municipal employee. If a permit is issued it is only valid within the village. Therefore, permits issued by fireworks vendors are not valid.



### **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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## **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