

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter May 2016



Waunakee Police Department to mobilize for Click It or Ticket safety belt enforcement from May 23 to June 5th



Waunakee Police Department will join hundreds of law enforcement agencies throughout Wisconsin for the annual Click It or Ticket safety belt enforcement from May 23rd – June 5th. Our goal is to save lives and prevent injuries.

We periodically receive questions about the number of people arrested for drunk driving and the circumstances surrounding the case. Below is a list of the drunken driving arrests in Waunakee from January 1-April 24, 2016. A total of 8 arrests were made.

January 17th at 240 AM: An Officer observed a suspicious vehicle near Anchor Bank. A 23 year old female was arrested for 1st offense. Her breath test result was .15.

January 27 at 3:30 AM: Officers discovered a vehicle stuck in the snowbank. A 30 year old female was arrested for 1st offense. Her blood alcohol level was .16.

March 4 : A vehicle was involved in two hit and run accidents. The driver a 40 year old female was located and arrested for 3rd offense, hit and run, failure notify police of an accident, reckless driving. She refused testing.

March 11 at 12:26 AM: An officer observed a vehicle fail to stop for a stop sign. A 46 year old male was arrested for his 3rd offense. His breath test result was .18.

April 5th at 6:50 PM: A vehicle was reported to be driving off road with front end damage. Officer located the vehicle disabled nearby. The 21year old male driver was arrested for 1st offense. His breath test result was .18.

April 8th at 9:49 PM: A vehicle was stopped for suspended registration and erratic driving. The 37 year old female driver was arrested for 1st offense. Her breath test result was .21.

April 15th at 4:23 AM: A caller reported an intoxicated driver on Woodland Dr. The 36 year old male driver was located and arrested for his 2nd offense. His breath test result was .14.

April 24th at 3:39 AM: A vehicle was stopped for speeding. The 36 year old female driver was arrested for 1st offense. Her breath test result was .16



Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15th)

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. During Police Week (May 12th -21st) we honor Peace Officers who have died in the line of duty.

- Since 1791 there have been 22,480 (known) line of duty deaths in America and counting.
- 128 Officers were killed in the line of duty in 2015 in the United States. The two leading causes of death were from gunfire (39) and automobile accidents (27).
- In 2015 the average age of the officer was 41 years old. The average tour of duty of 12 years 4 months.
- A total of 274 Officers in Wisconsin have died in the line of duty including 1K9.

We honor those who have laid so costly a sacrifice for their communities in maintaining law, order and freedom to the law abiding citizens of this great nation.

For more information visit the following websites:

Officer Down Memorial: <https://www.odmp.org/>

Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial: <http://www.wlem.com/>



CURFEW for children under 16

It shall be unlawful for any juvenile under 16 years of age to be on foot, bicycle or in any type of vehicle on any public street, avenue, highway, road, alley, park, school grounds, swimming beach, cemetery, playground, public building or any other public place in the village between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., unless accompanied by such juvenile's parent or guardian or person having lawful custody and control of such person.



Bike Rodeo

The Waunakee Police Department will be hosting its annual Bike Rodeo on Thursday May 26th from 4:00pm to 5:30pm at Prairie Elementary School. The Bike Rodeo is designed to promote safe riding habits and skills needed for young bike riders, ages 5-12. Free helmet fitting, free bike licensing and a bike technician will be on hand to help identify mechanical issues of the kid's bikes. All participants will receive a prize! Prize tickets will be drawn after the event and prizes delivered to the school. No need to register or sign up. This is a free event, just show up and enjoy!

If you have any questions please contact Officer Asher Torbeck at 849-2109.



Waunakee Community Garage Sales

The Community wide garage sale is scheduled for May 5-7th. As we all know, there is a considerable increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic due to this event. Be extra cautious while driving around the Village. This event draws many individuals from outside the area who are unfamiliar with our roads. We receive many complaints of parking violations during the event. If you have any problems please give us a call 849-4523.

For more information on the event visit: <http://www.waunakeegaragesalemap.com/Home.html>



Waunakee Police Department "safe zone"

Residents have been using the Waunakee Police Department parking lot for a safe meeting place for many years. It is common for residents to use the parking lot for child custody and property exchanges. The parking lot is under 24 hour video surveillance and officers are coming and going at all hours.

A newsletter reader recently asked if it would be okay to use the Police Department parking lot to conduct a craigslist transaction. The answer is yes, and we encourage it. You are welcome to use our parking lot as a safe meeting place. We would much rather have you use our location than for you to become the victim of crime.



What are the Qualifications to be a Waunakee Police Officer?

A reader of the Waunakee Police Newsletter thought it would be a good topic to describe the qualifications our officers need before they are hired and the type of ongoing training they receive.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice Bureau of Training and Standards mandates candidates for police officer must have 60 college credits within five years of hire and no felony or domestic violence convictions.

Our standards in Waunakee are significantly higher. Candidates must be at least 21 with a minimum of an Associate Degree and must have completed the law enforcement academy (currently 700 hours) prior to starting employment.

Upon hire, the new officer serves an 18 month probationary period. The officer must complete 400 hours of field training. This process requires the new officer to ride with a field training officer and the officer is evaluated every day. The new officer must meet the standards or employment is terminated.

The police department currently employs 18 police officers. We have a vacancy we are working to fill. The educational level of these current employees is:

- 2 With Masters
- 12 With Bachelors
- 4 With Associates

Annual Training

Officers in Wisconsin are required to receive a minimum of 24 hours annual training. The average annual training for Waunakee Officers is double this standard.

Some of the core annual training all officers receive includes three firearms, two defense and arrest tactics, and one emergency vehicle operations/pursuit. Additionally, every month a relevant topic is chosen and 30 minute training is completed.

Many officers receive specialized training in a wide variety of topics each year. Some training topics include; rapid response to active shooter, mental health, evidence technician, juvenile issues, legal updates, crimes against children, computer crimes, and drug crimes/trends.

Active Shooter Training

What do you do if there is an Active Shooter in your area? Unfortunately this has become a question that many people of all ages have had to ask themselves only moments before they are forced to make life and death decisions. Lack of knowledge and preparation has led to disastrous outcomes. The simple fact is, most people do not know what to do, and that could be deadly. In your greatest moment of need you need to react appropriately in the fastest way possible. The ALICE program teaches people what their options are and when those options are appropriate. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate, and is built around lessons learned from active shooter events.

The Waunakee Police Department would like to invite you to a free ALICE training event to be held at **Waunakee High School in the Performing Arts Center on Monday May 23rd at 7pm**. Waunakee Police Officer Asher Torbeck is a certified ALICE instructor and will provide the ALICE training and then take questions on the topic.



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.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Waunakee-Police-Department/349673238430794>

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.