

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter July 2016



Village of Waunakee's 4th of July Celebration

Come and celebrate Independence Day at this free event, while experiencing the fun, food, music, family activities, flagpole dedication and fireworks display. The event will be held at Ripp Park on July 4th from 2-10:30 p.m.

Carry-in alcoholic beverages are prohibited and no alcoholic beverages are allowed outside designated areas. Pets and personal fireworks such as sparklers are not permitted in the park. Please visit <http://waunaboom.com/> for more information on the event.



The annual WaunaFest celebration is scheduled for July 28-31. 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 31st between the hours of 11:00 a.m. - 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/Home.aspx> for more information on the event.



Waunakee Police to Host National Night Out

On Wednesday August 10, 2016 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. 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 Emergency Services Citizens Academy

Waunakee Police, Fire, and EMS are pleased to announce the 2016 Waunakee Emergency Services Citizen's Academy program starting **September 7, 2016**. Participants will meet on Wednesday evenings 6pm-8:30pm for 9 consecutive weeks. The Citizen's Academy is a "hands on" program. The goal of the program 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 the Police Officer, Firefighter, and Emergency Medical Technician. The class is limited to 14 participants. Requirements: You must be at least 18 years of age. Preference will be given to Village of Waunakee residents. **Applications Due August 31, 2016.**

Applications and course schedule are attached, may be picked up at the Waunakee Police Department, Waunakee Police Department website, or by contacting Sergeant Adam Kreitzman at 849-4523 or e-mail akreitzman@waunakeepd.org



Current Drug Trend "What is a Dab?"

Recently a reader asked what the current drug trends are among young people. The answer has stayed the same for many years, that being, marijuana is still the most commonly used. The difference now is how marijuana is being used, more specifically the THC which is the active chemical users seek. When you think about using marijuana, probably the first thought you have is that picture of someone rolling a joint or smoking it out of a glass pipe or bong. Young people nowadays see this very different. Yes, it is still popular to smoke the green leafy substance but growing in popularity at a very high rate is what's called a "Dab." This term refers to THC oil (also called Wax).

The process of making dabs or wax is alarming simple and parents may not even know the signs. Dabs are created by extracting the THC oil from green leafy substance using a simple method of running butane (Or Isopropyl Alcohol) over the green buds into a container. The runoff is caught in a container and then heated to evaporate the remaining butane. What's left behind is a brownish-yellow looking "wax" type substance containing high levels of THC. The THC oil can then be used in many different ways. The term "Dab" refers to a dab of this THC oil which is then placed in a E-Cigarette or Vaporizer type device. The challenge is that THC oil does not typically smell like the traditional marijuana smell (because the leaf is not being burnt). This means the user can place the dab in a vaporizer and use in public or around other people and they likely will not even know. It's very likely the users clothing will not smell like marijuana either. THC oil can also be added to food making almost anything edible THC. It's not just brownies anymore; Law Enforcement nationwide is seeing things like THC puppy chow, THC rice crispy treats, THC gummy bears, suckers...you name it. One of the biggest concerns with this type of use is the potential to overdose. Typical "bud" marijuana is somewhere between 13-20% THC; however if you extract the THC from the bud it can rise to levels in the 90% THC range. This can be very dangerous for obvious reasons and can easily lead to overdose.

Things to look for: Dabber tool (This looks like a very small 1/4" spoon used to scoop the dab into a vaporizer) E-Cig or Vaporizer (Don't be fooled-it can be used for much more than "cherry vapor" etc...) Small containers about the size of Carmex container. It may not smell like marijuana. If you open a container and it looks like a golden colored wax its likely dabs, police can test it. Butane (Can also be done with Isopropyl Alcohol), coffee filters, Pyrex containers, heating plate, mason jars (If you find these things they are lab materials for a THC extraction lab)



Property Damage

The Waunakee Police Department has recently received reports of damage to property in Village Parks. The majority of the damage has occurred in the bathrooms. If you or someone you know has any information on who may be responsible for the damage please contact the WNPD 849-4523 or the tip line below.

849-2TIP "We want your information, not your name"

The Waunakee Police Department maintains an anonymous tips line, 849-2TIP (2847). Callers can leave a message about criminal activity including drug information. The caller may report the information they have and can remain completely anonymous. Tipsters may be eligible for a cash reward if the information results in an arrest.



Attention Businesses

Waunakee Police Officers respond to burglar alarms to local businesses on a regular basis. Waunakee officers also perform regular foot patrols in the Waunakee business districts. Officers check doors and windows of closed businesses during the foot patrols. It is quite common for WNPD officers to find unsecured doors or windows to the businesses as a result of an alarm or during the foot patrols. On occasion officers find other problems that also need immediate attention.

There is often a need to contact the owners or managers of the local businesses to notify them of a problem. Our officers usually obtain business contact information from a Waunakee Police and Fire Contact Form. This form is only helpful if it is updated with current information.

If you are an owner or manager of a business and your contact information has not been updated with current information, stop on down to the police department and pick up a new business contact form in the lobby.



Park Safety

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



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.



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.