

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter June 2017



Police Unity Tour Ride Update



The ride was a very rewarding week but also physically and emotionally draining. We rode a total of 265 mile over four days to honor the memories of our fallen brothers and sisters and that their names and legacy will live forever.

The first day we rode 57 miles with several stops honoring families and fallen officers. Day two was our longest ride of 85 miles with a stop honoring Delaware State Trooper Stephen Ballard who was shot and killed April 26, 2017 while investigating a suspicious vehicle. Day three was a little shorter riding 70 miles but 50 of the miles were in freezing cold rain with another stop honoring several other fallen officers. Friday and our last day of riding was about 53 miles ending at the Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C, once there we presented the families we rode for the bracelets we wore during the ride honoring their loved ones .

On Saturday evening the candle light vigil took place at the National Mall grounds where we stood with 30,000 officers, survivors, and supporters while all 394 names of fallen officers being added to the wall this year were read aloud. The reading was followed by a candlelight vigil and while a thin blue line illuminated the night sky.

It was an honor and privilege to ride with officers from all over the state and family survivors who have lost loved ones to ensure that fallen officers are never forgotten. Please check out the Wisconsin Police Unity Tour Riders Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WisconsinRidersPUT/>

I would like to thank the citizens of Waunakee who show us great support on a daily basis...Thank you! Sgt. Geoffrey Hutchinson

2017 Special Olympics



On May 13th, Officer Doherty was honored to represent the Waunakee Police Department at the Region 6 Special Olympics Athletics Tournament held at the Oregon High School. Several hundred athletes competed in running, walking, jumping, and throwing events for a chance to compete in the 2017 Summer Games in Steven's Point.

Officer Doherty was lucky enough to be able to take a group picture with some of the Waunakee athletes at this event. It was a wonderful experience supporting the local Special Olympics athletes. Good luck at the State Games!

Bike Rodeo

Thanks to all who attended the Waunakee Police Department 2017 bike rodeo on June 1st. A special thanks to the volunteers and WNPD Officers: Torbeck, Jacob and Doherty.



Wisconsin Law Enforcement Agencies Rank #1 in US for drug take back day.

Attorney General Brad Schimel announced the official collection numbers for April's Drug Take Back events reached a record-breaking 66,830 lbs. of unused medications.

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Source: Press Release WIDJ May 22, 2017



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. The Waunakee Police Department often receives reports of underage drinking parties related to the Graduation season. 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 they 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 violation. Each violation is typically the number of underage individuals found to be drinking at the party or provided alcohol. The fines could reach thousands of dollars very quickly. The bottom line is: "the parents that host lose the most", don't be a party to underage drinking. Don't buy alcohol for parties when minors will be attending.

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Fireworks Reminder

Fireworks in Wisconsin are strictly regulated by state law WI 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.



WAUNABOOM: Ripp Park on July 4 from 2:00 – 10:30 pm.

Come and celebrate Independence Day at this free event, while experiencing the fun, food, music, family activities, volunteer firefighter recognition, F-16 flyover and fireworks display. This wouldn't be possible without the support of our generous sponsors, volunteers and the Waunakee Area Chamber of Commerce.

Visit the WAUNABOOM website for more information on the event and family activities.

<http://waunaboom.com/>



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