



# WPD Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events:

**January 1**

New Years Day

**January 20**

Martin Luther King Day

**February 1**

Groundhog Day

**February 14**

Valentine's Day

**February 17**

President's Day

**March 17**

St. Patrick's Day

**March 24 - 28**

Spring Break for Schools

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## Year in Review - 2013

by: Chief Lisa Otterbacher

The "Year in Review" has become an annual affair, which assesses if the yearly goals were transitioned from concepts to action. The sign of successful growth is finding the balance between an existing foundation and processes and effective and sustainable growth. A review provides an opportunity to reflect, recognize and appreciate all of the changes and accomplishments the department has experienced throughout the year.

Technology changes from year to year and there seems to be a never ending supply of new ideas as to how to accomplish a given task more efficiently. It was indeed notable to be the first police department in Wisconsin to go live with the AXON on-officer camera system on May 6, 2013. However, being first wasn't nearly as fulfilling as watching how this technology has successfully lessened time spent on evidence collection and report writing. It has also successfully cleared several citizen complaints and minimized time

dedicated to courtroom testimony for victims and officers. Though the initial implementation presented a few trials and tribulations along the way, today the founding principles of the on-officer cameras and associated technology supports many aspects of our Mission Statement relative to developing a creative and problem solving workforce dedicated to innovation and meeting the challenges of tomorrow,

Crime prevention continues to be at the forefront of the department's mission. With concern and empathy for the victims of crime in mind, we are now providing victims with an update on the status of their investigations. In an effort to work collaboratively to maintain public safety and sharing information, the Crime Prevention Team officers have facilitated one-on-one meetings with the local tavern owners. In 2013, the Unified Tactics instructors collaborated with the Crime Prevention Team officers and representatives from Walworth and Jefferson County

Sheriff's Department to provide the first hands-on, full scale options based training with all Whitewater Unified School District personnel. This proved to be a very successful training initiative providing life-skills that can be applied in and out of the school setting. Similar trainings have also been provided to local business partners. The Crime Prevention Team officers and civilian support staff facilitated our first National Night Out community crime prevention event that proved to be the highest attended community partnership event thus far. Additionally, our K9 fundraising committee has dedicated countless hours towards fundraising efforts to implement the department's first K9 Unit. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the committee the department is close to our fundraising goal.

The partnership between the Whitewater P.D. and the UW-Whitewater Police Services has been enhanced by collaborating on the implementation of a drug task force to tackle local drug investigations.

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## Whitewater Police Personnel Updates



### Michael Ciardo Retires:

By: Chief Lisa Otterbacher

I would like to announce that after 31 ½ years of dedicated service to the community of Whitewater, Michael Ciardo has officially submitted his letter of retirement. Mike's last official work day at the department will be January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The City of Whitewater recognized Mike's years of service at the City Council meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The Whitewater Police Department will formally recognize Mike's years of service at our annual Police Day Ceremony in May. Mike's many contributions to public safety, community partnerships, emergency government and leadership will be missed by everyone. Please join me in extending our congratulations to Mike and his family for his 31 ½ years of honorable service to the Whitewater Police Department and the community of Whitewater.

## Whitewater K9 Getting Closer to Reality

by: Capt. Brian Uhl

The Whitewater Police Department's goal of adding a K9 Unit is almost a reality. Chief Lisa Otterbacher gave a presentation on December 17th to the city council members on progress of the fundraising thus far. The Chief outlined the importance of the K9 Unit to the department, the community and also addressed our fundraising efforts. To date, we have raised over \$33,000. We would



like raise another \$15,000 to make this goal a reality and feel very strongly it will be accomplished in the early part of 2014.

We will start the process of selecting a handler in January of 2014. This will be similar to a promotional process with interviews by members of the command staff as well as interviews conducted by current K9 handlers from surrounding jurisdictions. The K9 handler will be responsible for the care and training of the dog 24 hours a day. There will be a dedicated squad car issued to

the K9 handler with special equipment needed to transport the dog.

Starting a K9 unit is no small task and I would like to thank all of those who have been instrumental in helping us achieve this goal! In order to maintain this unit, we will be holding annual fundraisers such as the K9 run/walk, t-shirt sales and other events. Everyone at the Whitewater Police Department appreciates the continued support shown by the community of Whitewater! Have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year! ♦

## Internet Crimes Against Children

by: Det. Sgt. Tina Winger

In September 1998, the U.S. Department of Justice began a national Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force program to counter the emerging threat of offenders using the Internet or other online technology to sexually exploit children. Under this program, regional ICAC task forces serve as sources of prevention, education and investigative expertise to provide assistance to parents, teachers, law enforcement and other professionals working on child victimization issues. Wisconsin's ICAC Task Force has been administered through the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Division of Criminal Investigation since its inception in the spring of 1999.

The Wisconsin ICAC Task Force is a national leader in fighting Internet crimes against children. The task force, comprised of Wisconsin Department of Justice personnel as well as police and sheriff's departments around the state, has been responsible for over 800 arrests since 2005.

In 2009, the Whitewater Police Department joined forces with the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force and became an affiliate. Being an affiliate means that our agency will respond to and investigate Internet Crimes Against Children using the National Operational and Investigative Standards guidelines. Being an affiliate also means that we will provide training to our communities in the area of internet safety.

We have done an excellent job of

teaching our kids and community members about Internet Safety. Just in the month of November a total of four presentations were given alone. A variety of groups were trained to include 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at the middle school, parents of middle school students (English and Spanish training were done by myself and JO Valadez), and Walworth County Disciplines that included Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, SANE nurses, and child forensic interviewers.



Det. Sgt. Winger and J.O. Valadez presenting Internet Safety to parents.



An area that I think we need to improve on is in our proactive efforts to investigate online predators and the possession and distribution of child pornography. This is a lofty goal, but one I am confident can be attained with the dedication and support of everyone. Updating our software and getting the entire detective bureau trained in the newest types of software has been our biggest hurdle. We plan to make 2014

our year to train and implement proactive investigations. To give you an idea of how prevalent child pornography is on the web, below is a photo of the known identified child pornography pictures/videos being accessed online in the United States within a 10 hour period. The red dots signify the known images.



As you can see, child pornography is a huge problem that law enforcement has a hard time containing because there are a lot more people downloading and trading than there are investigating.

I recently attended an ICAC training hosted by DOJ at the Oak Creek Police Department. I was able to make some valuable contacts with agents on the task force from DCI and we hope to be working closely with those agents in 2014. If anyone in the community would like more information about ICAC or the trainings we offer, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions. A great resource for parents, communities, schools, and law enforcement is a website called Netsmartz. You can find the site at [www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org). Check it out and stay informed. The more we know about technology, the better we can protect the most innocent of victims, our children. ♦

## W PD Retiree Update

*What's New with Our Past...*

### Roger Millard

"... I retired from Whitewater P.D. on August 16, 1996, after 32 years. OK, it was five months short of 32 years, but it is an easy number to remember. I was called a Senior Investigator on retirement, which amounts to me being the oldest of the three investigators at the time. ...I started as patrolman, became the juvenile officer for a few years, and was then made the first plain clothes officer of the department. For some reason Chief Simon didn't like the title "Detective", so I became an investigator. Sometime later he advised there was only one "Chief" in town, so I became a Senior Investigator.

There were many comical situations that occurred over the years. I guess the one that stands out with me, is right after we moved into the new city hall building, which you occupy at this time. The building being new and made of concrete, made a lot of noise, snapping a popping, as the structure settled. One young officer, who had to work the late shift as a dispatcher, was very unsettled by the noise, and several occasions called units in from the street to check the building for intruders. One night, about the time the road officers believed they would be called in, they tossed several M-80's in the back door and took off. Knowing this was going to happen, I had my scanner on and heard "10-33 shots fired inside the P.D.". There



was very special emphases on the word "inside". I was later advised as the officers came in the door, all they could see was smoke, and the very top of the dispatching officers shaved head, and the business end of his

38 revolver over the top of the rear counter. He blamed the incident on a fun loving fraternity at the time. We later advised him in timely fashion, (OK it was ten years) what had really happened the night.

I do miss the guys and gals I worked with, but probably miss the occasional adrenaline rushes that came with the job, more. From the third day on duty, when Bruce Lyon and I stopped an armed robbery suspect on Hwy 59, I knew I was hooked on the adrenaline, and over the years, the job didn't disappoint.

My wife, Sue, is currently the COO of Brotoloc South Inc. running the whole company for Whitewater, Milwaukee, and Kenosha regions. If you have transported any prisoners to the Walworth County Jail over the years, they have probably been checked in by my son, Roger Jr. My son, Ben, is a production scientist with a bio company in Madison, and my daughter, Beth, is an estimator for another bio company in Madison. The kids have made me a grandpa four times over, two granddaughters and two grandsons.

I retired from the P.D. on a Friday and

started working maintenance for DLK on the following Monday. After about two and a half years, Dave Kachel and I decided we could not afford each other on a Friday and on the following Monday, I started working as the maintenance man for Brotoloc Health Care Systems, Inc., (now Brotoloc South Inc.) in Milwaukee and Kenosha. During that time I got my pilots license and built a Kit Fox light airplane and test flew it on a Friday the 13th of 2003, and lived through it. There's that rush again. I then decided I had to go higher and faster and built a Van's RV12, with three time the speed and horse power, with an instrument pane that makes an airline pilot envious. I test flew it, again on another Friday the 13th of this year and again lived through it

I plan on retiring for the last time May of 2014, and do some long cross country flying. Sue doesn't like small planes, so she will wait in a long security line, be jammed between two people, and have a small window to look out of, fly so high she can't make out anything on the ground, while I get there before her. I'll bet she will want me to take her bags... Roger Millard" ♦



## A Always a Cop

by: Anonymous Author

Once the badge goes on, it never comes off, whether they can see it, or not. It fuses to the soul through adversity, fear and adrenaline and no one who has ever worn it with pride, integrity and guts, can ever sleep through the 'call of the wild' that wafts through bedroom windows in the deep of the night.

## W hen Cops Retire

When a good cop leaves the 'job' and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased and yet others, who may have already retired, wonder. We wonder if he knows what he is

leaving behind, because we already know. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times. We know in the law enforcement life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to

ignore and always will look at the rest of the law enforcement world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing. Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the 'job' and merely being allowed to leave 'active' duty.

So what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that 'Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called children of God,' and you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known. ♦

## Note of Appreciation

*While many of the Whitewater Police Department employee's efforts are commendable and deserve thanks, here are a few letters and comments that have been recently brought to the attention of the Chief of Police.*

- "Thank you for all that you do for this town. We appreciate all the time and effort you give. Thanks! ~ The gals from Sydney Hackney's 16th Birthday Party" ♦

### WPD Anniversaries & Birthdays

#### January

Kim Millis, 6 years on 1/2  
 Angela Sahr, 4 years on 1/4  
 Dan Meyer, 4 years on 1/4  
 Mel Lentz, 34 years on 1/7  
 Saul Valadez, 7 years on 1/12  
 Dave Gempler, birthday

#### February

Jake Hintz, 2 years on 2/6  
 Cathy Swartz, 11 years on 2/18  
 Michele Martin, birthday  
 Derrick Schleis, birthday  
 Dan Meyer, birthday  
 Angela Sahr, birthday

#### March

Joe Matteson, 13 years on 3/21  
 Bill Oliver, birthday  
 Adam Vander Steeg, birthday ♦

### Whitewater Police Personnel Updates (continued)

- We are pleased to announce that on December 16th, Ben Lindsey became our newest patrol officer. Ben comes to us from Watertown PD where he served as a patrol officer for the past five years, which included a two year tour with the Jefferson Co. Drug Task Force. Ben and his wife currently reside in Fort Atkinson. We know that Ben will be a strong asset to our team and has a bright future with our department. Welcome Ben!



- Ofc. Derrick Schleis graduated from UW-Whitewater on December 14th with a Bachelors Degree in Sociology with a Criminal Justice Emphasis and a Spanish Minor. Congratulation!



### Presentations and Speeches given by WPD Personnel

- ★ 10/08/13 Ofc Valadez spoke before the Kiwanis Club.
- ★ 10/22/13 Det. Sgt. Winger presented Crime Scene Photography to Walworth Co. Human Service CPS and APS workers.
- ★ 10/25/13 Sgt. Bradford, Det. Meyer, J.O. Valadez presented Active Threat and Hands on Training to the Lake Mills Personnel.
- ★ 11/06/13 Ofc. Schleis presented Career Preparation to UW-Whitewater Legal Eagles Learning Community.
- ★ 11/13/13 Ofc. Jen Ludlum presented DUI and House Party citation information to the UW-W Greek Sororities and Fraternities.
- ★ 11/15/13 Det. Sgt. Winger and J.O. Valadez presented Netsmartz to WMS 7th graders.
- ★ 11/16/13 Chief Otterbacher presented Law Enforcement/University Collaboration to the Associations of College Union Int'l.
- ★ 11/19/13 Det. Sgt. Winger and J.O. Valadez presented Netsmartz to WMS parents.
- ★ 12/02/13 The Crime Prevention Team presented Tavern Doorman Training to Tavern employees.
- ★ 12/18/13 J.O. Valadez presented Netsmartz to WMS 6th and 8th graders. ♦

## Tavern Doormen Training

by: Det. Dan Meyer

On December 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup> Officers from the Whitewater Police Department held informational meetings regarding best practices for doormen. All City of Whitewater tavern owners and employees were welcomed to the meetings. Sgt. Dan Bradford hosted the meetings and presented a PowerPoint presentation that he developed titled "A Guide for Tavern Doormen".

Sgt. Bradford's presentation hit on important topics relating to the job responsibilities and challenges of doormen. Bradford discussed the common misconception that the job of a doorman is to "bounce" and stated instead that doormen are much more successful when they are seen as

"professional". The presentation also detailed the responsibilities of doormen to include the following: checking ID's, denying entrance of intoxicated patrons, counseling, reminding patrons of rules, protecting property, reporting medical emergencies, promoting fire safety, as well as reporting violations. The importance of doormen to work in teams and wear clothing that clearly identifies them as being doormen was also emphasized.

The presentation detailed specific ordinances for tavern owners and employees to be aware. Bradford also covered specific state statutes that guide the limitations and guidelines that doormen are required to follow in regards to self defense and defense of others and protecting property. Disturbance

resolution strategies were also discussed with the intent to give doormen as many tools as possible so that they can do their jobs effectively. To conclude the presentation Bradford demonstrated three safe and effective techniques doormen can use in the event that a patron is physically resistive or needs to be restrained. Positive discussion was had throughout the meetings as the Officers present were eager to hear the perspectives and ideas of the tavern owners and employees. ♦



## UW-Whitewater Homecoming Goes K9 Crazy!

by: Jan Bilgen Craggs

This year the UW-Whitewater Homecoming theme was "Warhawks Unite!" Each organization chose their own "super" or "everyday" hero to represent them in their participation. The Homecoming Steering Committee (HSC), made up of 18 student volunteers, decided their focus would be our local heroes, specifically Police and Fire/Rescue.

To raise awareness about the efforts to add a K9 Unit to our department, HSC



sponsored a public service announcement contest that had seven groups creating a 90 second video to educate campus and community about the K9 unit and how our

community will benefit from its service.

Additionally, the Committee organized a "puppy play date". They brought dogs from The Rock County Humane Society and students paid to play with the dogs between classes on campus October 22, 2013. They raised a total of \$350.00 that was split between the Society and the K-9 fund. They also sold K9 shirts during the week.

Homecoming wrapped up with the football game and parade on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Grand Marshalls for the Parade were Chiefs Otterbacher, Kiederlen and Gregoire. They rode in a covered horse drawn carriage and were joined by McGruff, the crime dog who had also assisted with the Puppy Play Date event. Over 1,500 attended the parade in the cold and wet.

UW-Whitewater students to date have donated over \$7,000 towards our goal and have a "Zumba Barkathon" scheduled for the spring. WOOF! ♦

## WPPA Scholarship

by: Ofc. Neal Kolb

On June 1, 2001, now retired Juvenile Officer David Haberman, on behalf of the Whitewater Professional Police Association (WPPA), established a scholarship fund for local high school seniors who plan to continue their education and pursue a career in criminal justice. Funds for the scholarship are raised through proceeds from three soft drink machines that are located in City Hall (employee break room) and Washington Elementary School (for faculty use only). The soda machines have been provided by Coca-Cola, without charge, and are also maintained by Coca-Cola. The soda is restocked by members of the WPPA and purchased from proceeds of the machines. Funds are also raised through donations received from past Whitewater Police Department (WPD) employees, sale of the WPD history book, and donations from citizens and businesses in the community.

In 2010, the WPPA Scholarship Fund

received a donation from Mark Simon, son of the late, retired WPD Chief Don Simon, which allowed the scholarship award to be increased from \$500 to \$1,000. The scholarship was also renamed the WPPA / Don Simon Memorial Scholarship. It is the intention of the WPPA, to keep this title until those donated funds have been dispersed to deserving students.

The WPPA currently offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a Whitewater High School senior who furthers their education in any area of criminal justice. To date, we have provided \$8,000 in scholarship awards to 12 high school seniors. Our hope is to continue to increase the Scholarship Fund so that it will become self-sustaining. With the rapidly increasing costs of secondary education, we are also hoping to increase the individual monetary award to each student.

In March 2010, we lost WPPA member and friend Officer Raymond Trost. At the direction of the WPPA members, a scholarship fund was established for Ray and Jean Trost's son, Daniel. The

scholarship will be presented to Daniel at his high school graduation, to be used toward any secondary education discipline he chooses. Funds for the scholarship have increased through continued donations and through WPD bake sales at WPD Community Safety events. Baked goods were made by WPD families and sold at these events by employees who donated their time to staff the booths.

In an effort to increase the amount of these scholarships, we are asking for donations from members of the community to help us reach our goal of supporting local students with their advanced education. Checks can be made payable to the *WPPA Scholarship Fund* or the *Daniel Trost Scholarship Fund* and sent to *WPPA Scholarship Funds, P.O. Box 117, Whitewater, WI 53190*. Please feel free to contact Officer Neal Kolb with any questions at (262) 473-0555. The WPPA greatly appreciates your support. ♦

## A Year in Review - 2013

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Enhancing partnerships with the UW-Whitewater Police Services serves as a gain to both agencies. Sharing knowledge, resources and personnel provides the united force necessary to combat crime and disorder throughout the City and

University population.

It is clear from a public safety standpoint that we are doing well here in Whitewater, particularly when compared with other communities in our region. Our greatest strength continues to be our united response to any and all public safety calls for service from every member

of the department. The Whitewater Police Department has enjoyed a reputation as a highly professional and integrity driven agency and in 2014 we will continue with the same highly valued standards. ♦

# Community Connection



Ofc. Elder with Ofc. Becker running in the background

Officer Bill Becker and Officer Jim Elder with fiancé, Heather, participated in Watertown PD's 5<sup>th</sup> annual *Run From The Cops* 5k run/walk was held on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The run/walk was created by the Coordinated Community Response Team to raise awareness of the issue of domestic violence and support its victims. All proceeds are donated to PADA (People Against Domestic and Sexual Assault), a victim advocate group in Jefferson County. ♦



Jim with fiancé Heather

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, WPD Honor Guard attended the Star Spangled Banner Tribute at LINCS Elementary School.



Ofc. Ryan Weston, J.O. Saul Valadez, Ofc. Michele Martin, Ofc. Jake Hintz



On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, McGruff and CSO Brody Fiedler at Laps for Lakeview school fundraiser.



On October 4<sup>th</sup>, McGruff and CSO Brody Fiedler at Walk 4 Washington school fundraiser.



## K9 5k Run/Walk - 6/8/2014

by: Officer Jim Elder

The Whitewater Police Department K9 Committee will be holding our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Whitewater K9 5k Run/Walk on Sunday, June 8, 2014. The funds raised will go towards the police department's ongoing fundraising efforts for a K9 Unit. Last year's event was extremely successful, with approximately 125 human and 40 dog participants. We were able to raise over \$3,000 for the K9 fund. This year our goal is to double the number of race participants!

The event will be held at the Cravath Lakefront Park and include a 1 mile Kiddie Sprint, 5k and 10k run/walk, and silent auction. This year we are working towards booking an official timing company to assist with the event. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers in various age categories. The route will be similar to the one used last year, heading south on Wisconsin St. to Parkside Dr, and then

taking the bike path to Tripp Beach Park before heading back to the Cravath Lakefront. Interested participants can "like" Whitewater Police K9 on our Facebook page. Registration can be found on Active.com. Anyone interested in donating to the event can contact Officer Jim Elder. We hope to see you there! ♦



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