



WPD Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

October 12
Columbus Day

October 31
Halloween

October 31
UW-W Homecoming

November 11
Veteran's Day

November 26
Thanksgiving

December 21
First day of Winter

December 24
Christmas Eve

December 25
Christmas Day

December 31
New Years Eve

WILEAG Reaccreditation

By: Chief Lisa Otterbacher

On June 23, 2015, a three member assessment team representing Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) arrived at the Whitwater Police Department to complete a comprehensive review of the department. Over the course of three days the team reviewed of the departments' policies and procedures, interviewed personnel, and received phone calls and letters from community members as they sought to evaluate the overall performance of our agency. In order for the Whitwater Police Department to become re-accredited the department needed to be found in compliance with 235 WILEAG accreditation standards.

The department's first accreditation took place 2001, through Commission on Accreditation for Law

Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). On December 12, 2003 the department was formally accreditation through WILEAG for a period of five years. On June 1, 2008 and again on July 16, 2012 the department underwent our third and fourth reaccreditation processes.

On August 31, 2015, the WILEAG Governing Board convened to discuss the final report and unanimously voted to re-accredit the Whitwater Police Department, for a three year term. This recognition is both an honor and a credit to every member of the department, for it took a team of highly dedicated personnel to ensure we were successful in our efforts to become reaccredited. Accreditation is essentially the culture within an organization. True accreditation isn't a certificate, but rather the adherence to foundational principals a department operates within

through every facet of their profession. Accreditation standards were met because every member of our department sought to deliver a service that consistently adheres to each accreditation standard while maintaining strict adherence to department policies and procedures, within the framework of the Department's Mission and Value Statements.

Congratulations to the WPD team for a job well done, I appreciate the dedication each of you brings not only to the essence of professional policing, but also for the commitment to service you provide to people you encounter and assist every day. ♦



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Whitwater Police Personnel Updates

Lieutenant Tim Gray Retires

"I wanted all of you to know that I have submitted my two week resignation notice to the chief today and am planning on retiring. I had an unexpected opportunity come up recently to go to work for a friend's relative's business in Fort Atkinson as a sales representative and the offer was something that really interested me and felt I couldn't pass it up. This is an exciting opportunity for me to start a new career but I'm retiring with some trepidation as well. I've spent half my life working for this department and already know that I will miss working with each and every one of our employees. I will also at some point in the near future, be joining and working part-time at a police department too. I guess I just can't quit cop work cold turkey!" - Tim Gray ♦



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Captain Brian Uhl Resigns to become Chief of Police at Oregon Police Dept.

“Just a short note to say that it has been my honor to work with you these past eight years. I can’t believe it has been eight years already since I started here. I can remember talking with Chief Coan about his expectations of me when I joined WPD as a new detective! As I leave here, I take away many fond memories and can say without hesitation that this has been the most rewarding time of my law enforcement career. I don’t mean that just because of the positions I have held here. It’s because of the great people who work here.

As you all know, Whitewater PD was the third agency I worked for in my 15+ years



in law enforcement as was easily the best agency. We have all heard the phrase, “the grass isn’t always greener on the other side.” It truly does apply here. I really want those words to stick in your mind as you think about your careers. I learned that first hand when I went to Staff and Command and listened to other administrators from around the state talk about their challenges and the idiotic things they were dealing at their PD’s and Sheriff’s Departments. Whitewater PD is a great place to work and your administrative staff wants nothing more than to see each of you accomplish your goals.

Be proud of the career you have chosen. It’s easy to get caught up in the media and public scrutiny of law enforcement today. The negative headlines about cops “doing wrong”

seem to be never ending these days. Yes, it truly is a difficult time to be in this profession. That doesn’t mean, however, that you have to dwell on the negatives of this profession brought on by the loud few. Please understand the silent **majority** out there really do appreciate you and the job you do for them. They understand the dangers of your job and the sacrifices you make each and every day for your community and for your family. Dispatchers and clerical staff work in an often stressful environment too so please appreciate the job they do for you every day.

I didn’t want to leave here without telling you all thank you! Good luck on whatever the future holds for you and I wish you all nothing but success and happiness. Remember, life is short. Love your family and always, always have a positive attitude!”

- Brian Uhl ♦

Detective Promotions



“I am pleased to announce that Ben Lindsey has been promoted to the rank of Detective. Detective Lindsey has accepted the position, which will become effective immediately.



I am also pleased to announce that Derrick Schleis has been offered and appointed to the rotational Detective position. His appointment became effective on Monday, August 31, 2015.

Please join me in congratulating both Ben and Derrick in their new positions in the Detective Bureau. I have every confidence that Detectives Lindsey and Detective Schleis will be highly effective and dedicated Detectives and will bring many assets to the Detective Bureau.”

- Chief Lisa Otterbacher ♦

Senior Fraud

By: Officer William Oliver

Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to present a fraud/scam presentation to residents at Fairhaven. As you well know, a particularly heinous group of fraudsters prey upon people who they perceive as the weakest among us, our seniors. They attempt to take advantage of their qualities, such as being trusting, helpful and caring. The impact of fraud is especially devastating for our seniors, as they are past their earning years and have a shorter window for recovery. I believe the best way that we as a police department and community can combat this type of crime is through on-going communication with a desired goal of prevention. It can be as simple as alerting our senior

facilities of the latest area scam or well placed fraud reminder posters.

When the Chief asked me to present at Fairhaven, I did not know what to expect, but I certainly did not expect the large number of seniors who showed up and participated in the presentation. The seniors were well aware of the issues, ready to fight back and were very appreciative of our efforts.

In 2016, we hope to present a shorted quasi seniors academy at Fairhaven dealing with the functions of the police department. ♦



Above: Photos from the Fairhaven’s Police Department Tour in August.

Left: Chief Otterbacher during a presentation at Fairhaven in August.



National Night Out August 4, 2015



L to R: AJ Porter, Jaida Downs, Danielle Porter, Tami Bisgar



Operation Click

Impaired Driving Course



Shoot - Don't Shoot

with iCombat

Taser Demos

with Volunteers



K9 Unit Demos



Association for the Prevention of Family Violence

MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM

WPD Family Picnic August 26, 2015

Food, Family and Fun! ♦



Best Wishes Retiree Tim Gray!



Officer of the Year
Derrick Schleis with Mel Lentz



Training Officer of the Year
Ryan Weston with family

H R218: Retiree Shoot

L to R: Roger Millard, Mike Strauss,
Larry Meyer, Eric Johnson, Jim Nevicosi
Not Pictured: Dave Haberman ♦



Whitewater Unified School District's Run-Hide-Fight Training

August
27th,
2015



WPD Anniversaries & Birthdays

October

- Kathy Hogue, 21 yrs on 10/17
- Shawn Reif, birthday
- Jake Hintz, birthday
- Tina Winger, birthday
- Heidi Gempler, birthday

November

- Ryan Weston, 16 yrs on 11/9
- Sabrina Ojibway, birthday
- Kyle Hathorn, birthday
- Neal Kolb, birthday
- Cathy Pierce, birthday
- Tim Swartz, birthday

December

- Heidi Gempler, 12 yrs on 12/1
- Nick Borchardt, 1 year on 12/1
- Marsha Petersen, 20 yrs on 12/2
- Jim Elder, 9 years on 12/8
- Neal Kolb, 19 years on 12/9
- Ben Lindsey, 2 years on 12/16
- Dan Bradford, 20 yrs on 12/27
- Bill Becker, birthday



Notes 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.

- "Hi Lisa, I just wanted to take a sec and let you know that the active shooter training today at school was phenomenal! All of the officers that were here were so friendly and SO helpful! I really appreciated the training and even after being raised in a "police" family, I feel the training was very beneficial! You have a great group of officers working for you, please pass on my thank yous for all of their hard work! I hope all is well with you!" -Jill Hernke, Whitewater High School, Special Education Teacher
- Emmett Hying... came into the PD today to thank officers for their quick and effective response to a complaint of a loud party/DC subjects... last night... He was impressed with how fast officers responded and that the problem was completely taken care of when they left.
- "Good afternoon, Lisa! Hope things are going well. I just wanted to drop you a quick email to commend a couple of your officers; On Friday evening, the Rescue Squad was dispatched for a patient who was unresponsive. I responded to the scene due to the nature of the call and when I arrived on scene, Officer Elder and Officer Schleis were tending to the patient. Officers then checked the patient... Officers had gathered [information] from others on scene that patient had a previous narcotic abuse history and then decided to administer Narcan. Within a few minutes, patient become responsive. All of this happened before the ambulance even arrived on scene. When the ambulance did arrive on scene, patient was alert and talking. Due to the quick thinking and fast actions of your Officers, patient had no further complications and signed off. In our field, a lot of great actions often go unrecognized because "it is a part of the job," but I think these Officers truly deserve to be commended for their actions. We are so lucky to have such a great team of Officers who respond to our rescue calls and in this case, fix the problem before we even get there. Your team of Officers truly make Whitewater a great community to live in. Thanks," - Ashley Kopps, MPH, Walworth County Health and Human Services Public Health Specialist
- "We appreciate your service and dedication to child abuse prevention. Gratefully," - The Tree House
- "Dear law enforcement officers, supervisors and staff, With all the recent negativity toward law enforcement officers across the country, I wanted to show our gratitude for all you do in your city/town/county. I never thought I'd see the day so many innocent men/women who vow to protect citizens & property

be gunned down doing their jobs. To show our support of law enforcement officer, my husband got "BLUE LIVES MATTER" decals that we have on both our vehicles. Thank you SO much for all you do to keep the citizens of your area safe. We truly respect, honor your dedication to law & order, & are grateful for all you do. Please share our sentiments with your entire staff. Please be extra cautious as you do your jobs & GOD Bless. Your friends" - Linda & Walt Faria

- "In appreciation of Jeff (CSO Edmonds) and the rest of the staff at the Whitewater PD who helped return our newly adopted rescue collie, Macy, to us, please accept this donation to the PD's K-9 Unit!" - The Zaballos family ♦



Presentations and Speeches given by WPD Personnel

- ★ On July 20th Ofc. Valadez conducted the Run, Hide, Fight Presentation for the Fort Health Care Facility Staff.
- ★ On July 22nd Sgt. Bradford presented Army National Guard Site Security to the Whitewater Army National Guard training sergeants and command staff.
- ★ On July 27th Ofc. Matteson and K9 Boomer gave a K9 Demonstration for the Whitewater Public Library to children and parents.
- ★ On July 27th Ofc. Matteson and K9 Boomer gave a K9 Demonstration for the Whitewater Lion's Club.
- ★ On August 24th Ofc. Matteson & Det. Becker conducted the Run, Hide, Fight Presentation for the Cambridge School District staff.
- ★ On August 27th Sgt. Bradford, Det. Sgt. Meyer, Det. Becker, SRO Hintz, Ofc. Vander Steeg, Ofc. Elder, CSO Hathorn and CSO Edmonds conducted the Active Threat Response/Run, Hide, Fight presentation to the Whitewater Unified School District staff and faculty.
- ★ On September 2nd Chief Otterbacher presented the "State of the Department" safety trends to Fairhaven residents.
- ★ On September 20th Ofc. Oliver presented Community Safety information to community members at the Whitewater Fire Department's Annual Pancake Breakfast. ♦

Community Connection

Whitewater July 4th Parade



Detective Bill Becker leads the parade.



Bike Officers Oliver and Sgt. Gempler with Ofc. Vander Steeg ♦

BIG RIG GIG - July 9, 2015



"Lt. Gray, Thank you so much for organizing your staff to be part of the Big Rig Gig, it was a perfect night and everyone loved the vehicle, bike, lights and sirens. I couldn't tell who was having more fun, the families or Sergeant Gempler and Officer Valadez. Thanks again and hope they can come back next year." - Michelle Dujardin, Whitewater Recreation and Community Events Programmer ♦

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UW-Whitewater Summer on the Mall "Hula on Over to the UC" - July 16, 2015



WPD participated in a Nerf-ball bucket catch fundraiser for WPD K9 Unit. Det. Sgt. Meyer was the winner with the most balls caught. ♦

Whitewater Fire Dept Pancake Breakfast - September 13, 2015



Officer Oliver with Makaylyn and Nataly Benes.



Officer Oliver enjoying breakfast with former Whitewater citizens. ♦

Donations

Chief Otterbacher would like to thank the businesses and individuals who have recently given donations to the Whitewater Police Department.

- ★ UW-W University Center Summer on the Mall
- ★ John's Disposal
- ★ Mavis Salske
- ★ John and Shirley Hapka
- ★ Eric and Cathy Johnson
- ★ Zaballos Family

(the funds will be used toward the K9 program)



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