



WPD Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

- May 8**
Mother's Day
- May 11**
LINCS Law Enforcement Luncheon
- May 14**
UW-Whitewater Commencement
- May 15**
Peace Officers Memorial Day
- May 30**
Memorial Day
- June 3**
WUSD Last Day of Classes
- June 4**
WPD K9 5K/10K Walk/Run
- June 9**
Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics
- June 14**
Flag Day
- June 19**
Father's Day

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Reflections

By: Chief Lisa Otterbacher

Reflection is an important part of professional growth. Reflecting on historical responses provides opportunities to ensure outdated habits haven't taken a stronghold in an organization. Most significant changes in law enforcement have been a result of a catastrophic event; 9/11 completely altered the way we handle radio communications, the Columbine Shooting changed law enforcement staging for SWAT, and Sandy Hook changed the way school personnel responded to an active threat.

As we assess the past it's clear the law enforcement profession has changed notably. During the 1970s through the early 2000's there were similarities in how we served and protected the community; telephone calls were received by the 911 center and

subsequent law enforcement response netted a warning, arrest or incarceration. Incident reports were typed (on a typewriter or a computer) and citations were hand written when applicable.

In the past ten years law enforcement has transitioned to mandatory videotaped interviews, state statute driven line-up procedures, mobile data computers, printed tickets and uninterrupted videotaping of all police contacts. Policing with transparency is now the expectation of our taxpayers.

On the horizon is the technology for the community to have the capability to text or share video with the communications center. Additionally, we will soon have the ability, in emergency situations, to have a county dispatcher assist the Whitewater Communications Center from a neighboring community utilizing

shared technology.

In reflection, should we ever wish for "the good ole days"? The answer can vary and is probably different for everyone, but to reflect honestly we'd have to question if we would be willing to return to handwritten tickets and typed police reports that rely on written notes. We can effectively wash clothes with wash boards, but is it the efficient method for cleaning clothes? For me, I cherish my early years in law enforcement and recognize that some significant crimes were solved by old fashion leg work; however, technology has provided more tools that allow law enforcement to enhance professionalism, efficiency and transparency. The Whitewater Police Department has been honorably serving and protecting the community since 1858, our mission is to continue that integrity driven service with 21st Century technology. ♦

Whitewater Police Personnel Updates *(continued on page 3)*

New Patrol Officers

I am happy to announce that Liz Tlougan, Mike Zens, and Ray Boro have all accepted offers to be our newest police officers. All three started their Field Training on March 28th.

Liz currently lives in Janesville and is a graduate of Winona State University. Liz completed the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College in November and has experience working in the mental health field as well as working with children.

Mike currently lives in Mukwonago and had been a

part-time police officer for the Village of East Troy Police Department since October of 2015. Mike also has previous law enforcement experience as a part-time officer with the Town of Delavan Police Department. Mike completed the Law Enforcement Academy at Waukesha County Technical College in December of 2014.

Ray currently lives in Lake Geneva and had been employed as a part-time police officer with the Town of Linn Police Department since January of 2014 as well as with the Village

of Genoa City Police Department since July of 2015. Ray graduated from Aurora University and completed the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College in May of 2014. ♦



L to R: Chief Otterbacher, Officer Tlougan, Officer Boro, Officer Zens, and Captain Meyer

Whitewater Police Department Crime Prevention Program

By: Dispatcher Sabrina Ojibway

Crime prevention is defined as the anticipation, recognition, and appraisal of a crime risk and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce it. The City of Whitewater Police Department's crime prevention team will seek to study trends and use creative and cost effective problem solving to reduce the opportunity for crime and the fear it produces by developing police/community partnerships to enhance safety and improve the quality of life. The team will consist of an officer representative from each shift, members of the detective bureau, communications, support services and the School Resource Officer.

Our mission is to provide crime deterrent services and programs to the citizens and businesses within the City

of Whitewater. Included in this endeavor is the development of crime prevention presentations to cover topics involving senior safety, bullying, identity theft, drug prevention, internet safety and personal safety/situational awareness. In addition to our citizens academy, we will be working with an area retirement facility to create a core training program for senior citizens focused on fraud awareness, how to be a good witness, when to contact the police and other topics. We want to establish the Whitewater Police Department as an internet safe zone for those engaging in online transactions. Once again, we will be partnering with local taverns in an effort to reduce violations stemming from excessive alcohol consumption. It is our hope that these complimentary services not only assist in the suppression of crime but also minimize the negative perception

associated with crime.

With the growing use of social media, the concept of community has taken on a much broader scope. Through our department Facebook page, we seek to educate the public and make them aware of the services available to them. Combined with this, we hope to increase awareness of the TipSoft program: text 274637(Crimes) and start message with keyword TIP4WC or www.tipsubmit.com; Walworth County Crime Stoppers 1-800-242-7463 or 1-262-723-2677; and the Wisconsin Crime Alert Network www.wisconsincrimealert.gov.

We look forward to implementing and tailoring plans dependent on local needs and conditions and better serving our community. Through education and community partnerships, our goal is a safer city and an improved quality of life for all of its citizens. ♦

Cadet Program Update

By: Detective Derrick Schleis

Fall of 2015 marked the beginning of the second year for the Whitewater Police Department's Cadet Program. This program was designed with Criminal Justice students in mind, and currently features 15 cadets; all of whom are also UW-Whitewater students. 8 of these cadets are returning members from the program's first year. The Cadet Program has a reciprocating effect on the department; cadets receive knowledge, experience, and training on various topics of criminal justice, while the Whitewater Police Department receives volunteer assistance from these same cadets for a wide variety of police-related events.

Whitewater Police Cadets participate in monthly meetings that feature training topics. Since the program's inception, a rotating, three-year training schedule has been implemented. Training topics include many of the various aspects that go into law enforcement, such as Vehicle Contacts,

Domestic Abuse Investigations, Sensitive Crimes, Accident Investigations, Evidence Collection, Drug Investigations, and many more. All cadets are also trained in how to direct traffic and how to administer CPR and an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Many of the cadet meetings make use of various knowledge areas from Whitewater Police Department trainers and officers. In addition, cadets participate in ride-alongs and dispatch observations so that they can see first-hand the inner workings of a police department.

Since the start of the program, Whitewater Police Cadets have gone on to attain additional roles as Community Service Officers, Campus Safety Officers, Neighborhood Service Officers, and Student Interns within our community. Many cadets are also presently seeking employment in criminal justice careers and admittance to law enforcement academies. Although the program is only in its second year, we look forward to the

many members of the criminal justice community that can one day say that their careers started as a Whitewater Police Department Cadets. ♦



2015 Whitewater Police Department Cadets



Cadets participating in monthly training exercise.

Whitewater Police Personnel Updates (continued from Page 1)

Dispatcher Hogue Retires

By: Chief Otterbacher

Typically, when personnel retire from the department they share some words of wisdom or a few favorite memories from their career as they say goodbye. In turn we add their memories to our newsletter. For those who know Kathy Hogue, she is anything but typical. Kathy quietly left on her last day, only after masterly facilitating a critical traffic crash call that shut down portions of the bypass while simultaneously juggling two rescue calls just days before her retirement. Kathy confidently ran the communications center like a conductor of a symphony; managing every responding unit from squads, ambulances, fire trucks and even rescue helicopters, coupled with ongoing radio traffic and the endless ringing of the telephone.



countless; from her many nick names of “Mama Hogue” and “Yo Baby” to a red-faced belly giggle like no other. What I believe we will all miss most is her warm friendship, her welcoming entry into the communications center, the nick names she created and assigned, and the group of treasured friends who gathered for lunch. Kathy left having impacted countless lives as she sought to ensure help was dispatched to every person in need and that all responding emergency units were carefully attended to until they returned safely to the station.

Kathy retired from the department after honorably serving the community of Whitewater for 21 and a half years and she is the very first dispatcher to retire in the history of the Whitewater Police Department. Well done Kathy Hogue, you will be missed. ♦

The fun memories of Kathy are



Disp. Hogue & Lt. Gempfer on her last day of work



Disp. Hogue as Mrs. Claus with her husband, Bruce



Ofc. Martin with Disp. Hogue

K9 Sniff

By: Officer Joe Matteson

From time to time, people have questions regarding when we can use a K9 during a traffic stop. I wanted to write a short article that gives people a general understanding of the rules that we need to follow when having K9 Boomer sniff vehicles.

On April 21, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States made a decision in the case: Rodriguez v. United States. This case dealt with a traffic stop being prolonged without reasonable suspicion to allow a K9 to sniff a vehicle. The court held that it is unlawful to prolong a traffic stop for a K9 sniff absent reasonable suspicion. This does



not make it unlawful to have a K9 sniff a vehicle during a traffic stop. A K9 sniff of the exterior of a vehicle during a traffic stop is not a search and does not violate the fourth amendment protection against unreasonable searches and seizures. The main issue is that the traffic stop cannot be prolonged to allow for a K9 sniff without reasonable suspicion.

We have been able to utilize K9 Boomer around traffic stops without reasonable suspicion by ensuring that the primary officer remains on task with their normal procedures during a traffic stop, such as completing paperwork, checking the driver's status and vehicle registration, or investigating other violations. I am able to respond to the traffic stop and coordinate with other officers

to have the occupants exit the vehicle to allow for a K9 sniff. If Boomer alerts on the vehicle during the exterior sniff, we are able to search inside. If reasonable suspicion exists that narcotics may be in the vehicle, the stop can be prolonged for up to 40 minutes to get a K9 on scene.

Boomer has been very effective in helping officers with drug investigations. I very grateful for all of the support that members of the community have shown for the K9 Unit. ♦



* June 4th, 2016 *

K9 5k/10k Run/Walk Fundraiser

The 4th annual Whitewater Police Department K9 5k/10k Run/Walk will be held at the Cravath Lakefront Park on Saturday, June 4th, with registration from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. Chip timing will be provided by Absolute Race Timing and participants will receive a race t-shirt donated by Whitewater Manufacturing. We look forward to welcoming back our dedicated volunteers that have helped us with the event in the past as well as our Volunteer Cadets. During 2015's event, there were 167 human participants and over 60 dogs. We hope there will be an increase in human and canine

participation with this year's event in order to help us fund our successful K9 team. To stay up to date on race info or register, please go to www.wwk9run.com. To learn more about other K9 events "like" our "Whitewater Police K9" page on Facebook. ♦



Photos from the 2015 K9 5k/10k Run/Walk



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.

➤ "Chief Otterbacher: This letter is to thank the Whitewater Police Department for their service while dealing with a very disruptive tenant ... during the months of November and December 2015. The tenant made

numerous inappropriate calls to the police, fire department and rescue unit during this period of time. Your department handled these sensitive calls with great professionalism. The department's help allowed this tenant

to get the services she required to stabilize her situation. Thank you, and a special thanks to all the officers that responded to these calls." - Dale R. Wolf ♦

Presentations and Speeches given by WPD Personnel

- ★ On February 3rd, Detective Schleis gave a presentation on Investigative Procedure to the UW-Whitewater Mock Trial Students.
- ★ On February 11th, Officer Matteson and K9 Boomer gave a K9 presentation and demonstration to the UW-Whitewater Law Enforcement Workshop students.
- ★ On March 13th, Officer Stuppy presented information on Personal Safety and Situational Awareness to Whitewater students and resident during Whitewater W3lfest.
- ★ On March 14th, Detective Lindsey gave a Drug presentation to the Garden Apartment's Neighborhood Watch residents. ♦

WPD Anniversaries & Birthdays

April

Justin Stuppy, 3 years on 4/15
 Lisa Otterbacher, 26 years on 4/24
 Marsha Petersen, birthday
 Nick Borchardt, birthday
 Ben Lindsey, birthday

May

Michele Martin, 20 years on 5/3
 Bill Oliver, 25 years on 5/13
 Sabrina Ojibway, 18 years on 5/14
 Tim Swartz, 15 years on 5/23
 Jeff Edmonds, 1 year on 5/26
 Jennifer Ludlum, birthday
 Cathy Swartz, birthday
 Lisa Otterbacher, birthday

June

Bill Becker, 6 years on 6/1
 Tina Winger, 23 years on 6/28
 Derrick Schleis, 6 years on 6/28
 Jennifer Ludlum, 13 years on 6/30
 Kathy Boyd, birthday
 Saul Valadez, birthday

Community Connection

On February 13th, Chief Otterbacher participated as a judge in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. Captain Meyer was also there to show his support for Special Olympics. ♦



On March 13th, Officer Justin Stuppy gave a presentation on Personal Safety and Situational Awareness during the W3's Wellfest at the Whitewater High School. ♦



Donations

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

- ★ Mavis Salske
- ★ Peter Underwood & Mary Jarosz
(50% of the proceeds from their honey stand)
- ★ LINC'S Leadership Team



(the funds will be used for the K9 Program)

Dear Whitewater K9 Unit,

The LINC'S Leadership Team had its annual Valentine's Day Dog and Cat Treat Sale! We earned \$126.00 and are splitting it between your organization and Touched By a Paw.

We hope this helps!

Sincerely,
The LINC'S Leadership Team and the students, families and staff of LINC'S



WHITEWATER

5K9

Saturday
June 4, 2016

START

1mi kiddie run

5k run/walk

10k run/walk

START

Run/Walk
with your
Dog!

All benefits go to:

Race Day Schedule and Fees

Same Day Registration: 7:30am-8:30am

Kiddie 1-mile Sprint: 8:30am, Cost \$10

5k/10k Individual: 9:00am, Cost \$20/\$25

5k/10k Team(3+ People): 9:00am, Cost/Person \$15/\$20

Register Online or by Mail!

Organized by the Whitewater PD K9 Committee, contact Heidi or Jim at 262-473-0555

For more information visit our race website: www.k9run.com



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