



WPD Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

July 4
Independence Day

August 2
National Night Out

September 1
WUSD 1st Day of School

September 5
Labor Day

September 7
UWW 1st Day of Classes

September 11
Patriot Day

Wisconsin National Guard Participates in Active Threat Scenarios

By: Officer Ryan Weston

Unfortunately, in this day and age, preparing for a potential active shooter can never be more important. On June 5, 2016, several members of the Whitewater Police Department partnered with the Whitewater 257th Brigade Support Battalion of the Wisconsin Army National Guard which took the initiative to be the first Guard unit in the state to train and practice for the threat of an active shooter. The National Guard recognized that the potential for an internal or terrorist active shooter is a real threat and subsequently took the past year to implement a military version of the "Run, Hide, Fight" training. This training highlights the importance of flexibility in the decision to evacuate a building, barricade within a room, or incapacitate the perpetrator.

The Whitewater Police Department has been actively partnered with the National

Guard for the past year assisting with the training and implementation of the protocol. The training on June 5th included two active shooter scenarios where an attack was waged inside the National Guard Unit. Unaware of when the active shooter would attack, over 65 Guardsmen were present for their weekend drill duty and going about their normal routines when the scenarios began with random attackers inside the building. A police response by the Whitewater Police Department was coordinated as part of the scenario. Specialized equipment such as Redman gear, IR Tactical gear, and blank ammunition was used to increase the realism of



the attacks. All these pieces were put in place to make the scenario all that more lifelike, and the training all that more useful to those present. A special thanks to Captain Sanford and Sgt. Grodsky of the Wisconsin National Guard for coordinating the training event, which resulted in a beneficial partnership with the Whitewater Police Department. ♦



Ofc. Matteson & Ofc. Weston

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New Officer



We are pleased to announce that Kyle Hathorn has accepted the position of police officer, Kyle is a former community service officer. Kyle will be attend the Blackhawk Police Academy starting on May 17, 2016 through September 16, 2016. Kyle will begin his formal field training after his graduation from the academy. Please join us in congratulating Kyle on his new position as police officer. - Chief Otterbacher

New Dispatcher



We are pleased to announce that Jessica Gardner has accepted the position of dispatcher with our department. Jessica started her new position on Wednesday, June 29th. Jessica is a graduate of UW-Whitewater with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. She is a resident of Whitewater and has been a member of the Whitewater Rescue Squad since May of 2012. Please join us in welcoming Jessica to our department as our newest dispatcher. - SSM Boyd ♦

Whitewater Professional Police Association (WPPA) / Don Simon Memorial Scholarship

By: Juvenile Officer Jacob Hintz

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 employees, sale of the Whitewater Police Department 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 Whitewater Police Chief Don Simon, which allowed the scholarship award to be increased from \$500 to \$1,000. The scholarship was also renamed the Whitewater Professional Police Association/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.

The 2016 recipient of the WPPA Scholarship was Keely Fiedler. Fiedler's application was one of three that were received for the scholarship. The decision was a hard one to make since all three candidates provided well written applications. Fiedler was presented with this award on May 25, 2016, at the annual Scholarship Night held at

Whitewater High School. Fiedler is looking to further her education at Upper Iowa University in the criminal justice field.

In an effort to increase the amount of these scholarships, we are reaching out to members of the community for donations to help us reach our goal of supporting local students with their advanced education.

Checks can be made payable to the WPPA Scholarship Fund and sent to WPPA Scholarship Funds, P.O. Box 117, Whitewater, WI 53190. Please feel free to contact Detective Lieutenant Neal Kolb with any questions at 262-473-1369. The WPPA greatly appreciates your support. ♦



2016 Scholarship Recipient Keely Fiedler and Juvenile Officer Jacob Hintz at Whitewater High School's Scholarship Night.

LINCS Law Enforcement Luncheon

By: Officer Michele Martin

On Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 22 law enforcement employees from five different local agencies attended the annual LINCS Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon. The attendees included: Whitewater Police Department members - Community Service Officer Jeff Edmonds, Lieutenant Dave Gempler, School Resource Officer Jacob Hintz, Officer Michele Martin, Chief Lisa Otterbacher, Officer Justin Stuppy, Officer Tim Swartz and Neighborhood Services Officer Brady Winger; UW-Whitewater Police Department members - Sergeant Jason Burt, Officer Steve Hanekamp, Detective Cal Servi and Officer Kelsey Servi; Walworth County Sheriff's Department members - Deputy Alex Beiser, Deputy Brody Fiedler, K9 Deputy



Jason Hintz, Deputy Ira Martin, Deputy Cory Newmann, Deputy Tim Rumer, Undersheriff Kevin Williams and Deputy Nick Yohanek; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Warden Michael Katzenberg; and Wisconsin State Patrol member Trooper Andrew Melloch.

We were escorted to lunch by LINCS students. They treated us to a delicious school



Ofc. Martin with her LINCS student escorts



Law Enforcement Personnel signing Autographs.

lunch. During lunch, the students had prepared questions about what it is like to be a police officer.

During recess time, we were able to show off our various squad cars to the students on the playground.

As usual, it was a great experience for all involved. Thank you to the staff and students at LINCS Elementary for having us!! ♦



Chief Otterbacher with a LINCS student.

K9 5k/10k Run/Walk

By: Dispatcher Heidi Gempler and Lieutenant James Elder

The 4th Annual K9 5K/10K Run/Walk was held on June 4th at the Cravath Lakefront Park. The morning brought perfect weather for the event, with the rain holding out until the awards ceremony. The event had 166 registrants and approximately 50 dogs. Because of the generosity and time give by sponsors and volunteers, approximately \$3000 was raised for the K9 Unit and its ongoing expenses. Thank you to Whitewater Manufacturing for sponsoring the race shirts and to Walmart and McDonald's for contributing refreshments and beverages for the runners. A big thank you also goes out to the volunteers that woke up very early on a Saturday morning to donate their time, making the event a success.

This year's overall 5k winner for males was Dan Palmer (17:51) and for females was Andrea Schmidt (23:15). The 10k overall winner for males was Patrick Arndt (41:42) and for females was Leigh Ann

Gorzek (49:09). For race results and photos, please check out the website at <http://www.k9run.com>. To stay up to date on race info, along with other K9 fundraising events, you can "friend" Whitewater Police K9 on Facebook. We're already looking forward to next year's event! ♦



Andrea Schmidt
1st place
Female 5K overall



Ben Garbe - 1st place 5K with Dog
and 2nd place Male 5K overall



Colleen Mendez
1st place 10K with Dog and
3rd place Female 10K overall



Patrick Arndt
1st place
Male 10K overall



Leigh Ann Gorzek
1st place
Female 10K overall

WPD Retiree Section

Fun stories from our Retirees

Story #1

"So one night I was sent to a prowler call at one of the student housing apartment buildings on Main Street. It was dark and the parking lot was not well lit. When I pulled in I saw two females one sitting the other standing. Both had long blond hair, the standing one was wearing a tight "form fitting" dress and some of the curves were shall we say quite obvious.

Wanting to not let the prowler get away I lowered my window and asked which way he went. At that the girl sitting pointed at the standing blond and said that's him. Long story short I get out obtain more information, a better look and I arrested him. During the frisk for weapons I also find that he was what they might call today going "commando" as my hand soon confirmed a free hanging part that verified he was a male. One of those calls and situations that while not funny on one level it certainly had humor on

another.

On a side note, it also turned out that I knew the suspect from several other previous contacts and would have more contacts later. He was a veteran and had substance abuse problems mainly alcohol. He was always respectful in my contacts with him and was not a bad person, he was a person with problems. In fact later when injured in the line of duty and I was in the hospital they were holding all my phone calls except for family because of the extent of my injuries. My room phone rang and you guessed it the call was from that "curvy blond". How he got the call put through I don't know but it was a very sincere and respectful call checking if I was ok, expressing sorrow and wishing me a quick recovery." - Tom Guequierre

Story #2

"I was running radar on E. Milwaukee St. near the intersection with Newcomb St. I was clocking vehicles which

were east bound. I observed a vehicle that appeared to be in excess of the posted 25MPH limit. I pointed the radar unit at the vehicle. Got a solid reading and observed it was in fact traveling over the posted limit. I pulled out into traffic and proceeded to stop the suspect vehicle. I called in the stop and exited my squad. I approached the driver door and noted that it was a female adult driver. I then asked "Do you know why I stopped you". Her response was "Overdue Library books?" I had to laugh and needless to say she did not receive a citation for the violation." - Tom Rutledge ♦



Whitewater Police Department circa 1987

A Special Ride - Along

By: Lieutenant Gempler

Recently I had the pleasure of providing Leonid Oezer a ride along with our department. Leonid Oezer is a bright young man living in the Whitewater community with his family. Unfortunately, Leonid and his siblings suffered from a great deal of abuse and neglect from his previous adoptive parents in the Lake Geneva area. That couple was convicted of child abuse in Walworth County Circuit Court in 2015, and they were both sentenced to jail. Leonid is recovering from those years of abuse with a very supportive and caring family in our community. This past Winter, Leonid and his sister appeared on the Dr. Phil show to

tell their story, something I imagine took a great deal of courage to do. Leonid shared with the producers of the show that he had a strong interest in law enforcement. The producers contacted me and expressed their wishes to do something special and exciting for Leonid. Their idea was to secure a ride along for Leonid with our police department and offer it to him in an upcoming follow up contact with his family in Whitewater. The ride along was approved, and Leonid joined me this June for a dayshift ride along. Though calls for service that day were not nearly as glamorous and exciting as most dayshift calls, Leonid remained genuinely interested and enthusiastic. Leonid truly has an interest in law

enforcement, and I was impressed with the amount of thought he had put into his path to a career in law enforcement. Leonid seemed to have a strong interest in serving our county in one of the branches of the military prior to police service. For a young man, Leonid had a very mature understanding of the role of police officers in a small community and the challenges all police officers currently face in our society. I truly enjoyed my time with Leonid and appreciated his genuine interest in my chosen career as a police officer. I would agree with one of the Dr. Phil producers that characterized Leonid as a, "strong resilient kid". I wish Leonid the best of luck in his pursuits and hope he joins us again someday. ♦

Special Olympics

By: Officer Jacob Hintz

In 1986, compassion, joy and hope ignited a movement among law enforcement in Wisconsin to spread awareness of individuals with intellectual disabilities. That eternal flame burns with even more vigor today. In Wisconsin, year-round events for LETR (Law Enforcement Torch Run) include the Final Leg Run, which kicks off the State Summer Games

each June; fourteen statewide Polar Plunge winter fundraisers; Tip-A-Cop events; Cop on a Rooftop events; motorcycle rides; raffles; Over the Edge events; the World's Largest Truck Convoy; and other miscellaneous fundraising events.

Each year, Law Enforcement officers come together to run in different cities in attempts to raise money for Special Olympics. After the run is complete in each city, runners meet at UW Stevens

Point in Stevens Point, WI for the opening ceremonies for Special Olympics. At the ceremony, Olympians and Officers take place in a relay which ends in lighting of the flame. This indicates the start of the Olympics. The event takes place each year in the beginning of June. Please support the Wisconsin Special Olympics at www.specialolympicswisconsin.org to keep this event going. ♦

Law Enforcement Torch Run

By: Det. Lt. Neal Kolb

The 2016 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics was held on June 9th this year. This year's Torch Run was the 14th consecutive year for the Southern Leg, which runs through Walworth County. Following events in Elkhorn and Whitewater, The Torch Run continues on to Watertown, Columbus, and Portage, before it converges on Stevens Point, WI with the opening ceremonies for the annual Wisconsin Special Olympic games. This year, 10,425 athletes are registered to participate, along with 11,649 volunteers.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest fund raiser for Special Olympics and events are held throughout the United States. This year marks the **30th Anniversary** for the Special Olympics Torch Run in Wisconsin.

Officers and Deputies representing Walworth County Sheriff's Sheriff's Dept., University of Wisconsin-Whitewater PD, Rock County Sheriff's Dept., Kenosha County Sheriff's Dept., Caledonia PD, Racine County Sheriff's Dept., Dept. of Corrections,

and Whitewater PD participated in this year's Southern Leg of the Special Olympics event. Those Whitewater and Campus Officers involved in this year's Law Enforcement Torch Run included Student Resource Ofc. Jacob Hintz, Det. Derrick Schleis, Lt. David Gempler, Sgt. Jason Burt, Lt. Matt Schwartz, and Ofc. Nick Thompson. A special thank you goes out to BicycleWise owners, John and Liz Sotherland, for their very welcoming



support, along with their generous food and beverage donations for the runners and riders. ♦



Community Connection



Officer Ray Boro assisting a motorist with a flat tire in the downtown area of Whitewater. ♦



Winners of the Lakeview Spring Carnival, Ava and Christopher won lunch with Whitewater Police Department Chief Lisa Otterbacher and Walworth County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Tim Otterbacher. ♦

Donations

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

- ★ Mavis Salske
- ★ Badger State Hunting Retriever Club
- ★ Janet F. Morrow
- ★ Annemarie Heuser
- ★ Cambridge Community
- ★ Whitewater Lion's Club



(the funds will be used for the K9 Program)



Presentations and Speeches given by WPD Personnel

- ★ On April 19th, Officer Hintz presented Internet Safety at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf.
- ★ On May 2nd, Officer Hintz provided a presentation on Heroin for Juniors and Seniors of the Whitewater High School.
- ★ On May 23rd, Officer Hintz provided a presentation on Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment and Domestic Violence at the Whitewater High School.
- ★ On June 1st, Detective Lindsey and Detective Schleis provided a Drug and Fraud Presentation at Fairhaven for the Senior Citizen Academy.
- ★ On June 8th, Officer Joe Matteson and K9 Boomer provided a K9 Presentation and Demonstration at Fairhaven for the Senior Citizen Academy.
- ★ On June 15th, Officer Hintz provided a presentation on police equipment and training involved with the equipment at Fairhaven for the Senior Citizen Academy.
- ★ On June 21st, Captain Meyer provided a tour of the Whitewater Police Department to the participants of the Senior Citizen Academy. ♦

Whitewater Police Personnel

Updates *(continued from Page 1)*

New Babies

In April, Dispatcher Marsha Petersen welcomed a granddaughter, Emerson.

In May, Officer Bill Becker welcomed a daughter, Madelynn. ♦



WPD Anniversaries & Birthdays

July

- Kathy Boyd, 17 years on 7/8
- Dave Gempler, 23 years on 7/26
- Holly Brown, birthday
- Ray Boro, birthday
- Kim Millis, birthday
- Ryan Weston, birthday



August

- Shawn Reif, 19 years on 8/28
- Liz Tlougan, birthday
- Mike Wasielewski, birthday

September

- Adam Vander Steeg, 14 years on 9/13
- Jim Elder, birthday
- Mel Lentz, birthday



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