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News from the Chief

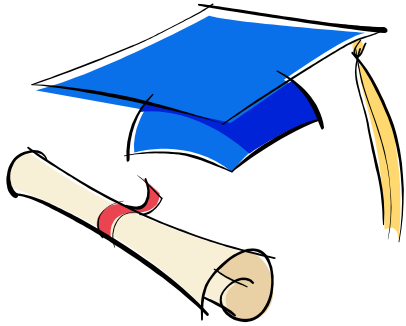
Mayor Purcell was most complimentary and appreciative of the hard work and dedication of all police department employees at our annual budget hearing on March 14. Although the upcoming fiscal year will no doubt have its share of challenges, I am very optimistic that the Mayor and the Metropolitan Council will continue to show their strong financial support for public safety and the men and women of the MNPD.

The police department is requesting about a 9% budget increase (\$11.4 million) next fiscal year. We did not make that request lightly, and feel that the additional money will help enhance public safety across the board. Our requested improvements would support and expand the aggressive hiring program; support the continued development of the Advanced Records Management System that will allow officers to complete and submit reports via their in-car laptop computers; support several aspects of our investigative efforts, ranging from crime scene technicians, firearms examiners, and canine and aviation units; enhance our fingerprint operations; allow for the service of more outstanding warrants; and fund overtime expenses for officers who police our city's many special events.

I fully believe our budget request is responsible and is in the best interest of Nashville and all of its neighborhoods. We have done so much during the past three years. The additional financial resources we request will help maintain our momentum and do even more. The Nashville City Paper recently editorialized in favor of our budget request. Your outstanding efforts, professionalism, and dedication have earned the confidence of citizens throughout Nashville. Thank you for MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

Mayor Purcell will submit his recommended budget to the Metro Council later today. The new budget year begins July 1.

Happenings



Graduation of Session 52

We would like to remind everyone to join us for graduation ceremonies
Thursday, April 5, at 6 p.m.

Nine trainees from Basic Police Trainee Session 52 will graduate.

Session 52 began training on November 1, 2006

Session 53, a Basic Police Trainee Session, will also be in attendance.

**Graduation will be held at Schrader Lane Church of Christ
1234 Schrader Lane, Nashville, TN 37208**



BOX DRILL: Session 52 participating in defensive tactics training.



CHIEF SERPAS & JOE DANIEL: Armorer Joe Daniel explains to Chief Serpas details of the rifles he constructed for the Drill and Ceremony Team.

The clock has been punched for the last time
The daily grind has been left behind
No more meetings or pages to fax
It's time to kick back and relax!



You're invited to a
Retirement Party for
Sgt. Doug Pardue
on Tuesday, March 27th, from 11am till 1 pm
at the Auto Theft Office
1215 Freightliner Drive
There will be barbeque, stories, and plenty of laughs

The Precinct News

Hermitage

A young man running into an apartment at the J.C. Napier public housing development caught the eye of Officer Cindy Huffines. She told the young man to come back outside and he complied. He turned out to be a runaway from DCS custody with outstanding aggravated robbery and assault petitions. He was also charged with loitering during school hours.

A Hyundai Accent was crawling along Murfreesboro Pike and Millwood Drive at five miles per hour bearing plates that did not belong on the car. Officer Shannon Hamm pulled the driver over. The woman could not produce a license and Officer Hamm soon discovered she had two outstanding warrants for failure to be booked. She was taken into custody. A search of the car uncovered digital scales, a glass crack pipe, and .6 grams of crack cocaine. The passenger was also taken into custody and charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance. He had several prior possession convictions.

Unfortunately for this car thief, the Geo Tracker he stole did not have working tail lights prompting Officer David Hacker to pull him over. A records check revealed the car was stolen. Officer Hacker took the driver into custody and charged him with theft.

A man with a lengthy record faces several charges after he was spotted speeding on Bell Road. Officer Charles Large tried to pull the driver of a Ford Expedition over, but the suspect sped off before stopping and fleeing on foot. Officer Large single-handedly captured the suspect a short time later. Approximately 11.5 grams of cocaine, a small amount of marijuana, and \$1,642 cash were seized.

Proactive policing led to the arrest of a fugitive from justice. Officer Benjamin Cantrell was on patrol when he noticed a suspicious unoccupied vehicle at a Mapco on Donelson Pike. He ran the tag and discovered the license plate was stolen. Officer Cantrell drove to a concealed location to wait for the driver who came out of the store a short time later. The driver was only able to give the officer a cancelled Tennessee identification card. James Smith had outstanding warrants for his arrest in Davidson County for violating two orders of protection along with the fugitive from justice warrant out of Florida.

South

Keeping an eye out for stolen vehicles paid off for Officer Shaun Hardin. He spotted a stolen Pontiac Grand Prix at a market on Linbar Drive and blocked it in so the driver could not

flee. Flex officers took Stephen Swanson into custody without incident. Swanson has a lengthy arrest history including burglary and drug charges.

A traffic stop led to the seizure of 88.9 grams of marijuana and 22.7 grams of cocaine. Officer Kenneth Stephens pulled over a car with an expired temporary tag. A passenger in the vehicle was charged with felony drug possession.

Two adults and four juveniles were arrested shortly after an attempted home invasion robbery on Swiss Avenue. The victim was able to provide police with a good description of the suspect's vehicle including a license plate number. Officer Daniel Henkel quickly aired the information and Officer Carlos Angulo soon spotted the car and called for backup. The suspects were taken into custody without incident. Three handguns were recovered.

Outstanding teamwork between members of the FBI's Violent Crimes Task Force, South Precinct patrol officers, SWAT officers assigned to the police department's Special Response Team, Canine, and Aviation Units led to the arrest of a Nashville man in the midst of a crime spree.

Christopher George Hollis, 35, of Cherokee Court, confessed to the robberies of a SunTrust Bank branch on Murfreesboro Pike and an AmSouth Bank Branch on Old Hickory Boulevard.

Police discovered Hollis' getaway pick-up truck parked on the shoulder of the 4800 block of Nolensville Pike in front of a used car lot where Hollis had just purchased a Camaro with cash. Hollis was driving the Camaro in the 4500 block of Nolensville Pike when he was stopped by officers and taken into custody.

Hollis has been charged federally with the bank robberies and also in several South Nashville area burglaries and a carjacking. Hollis' arrest history shows prior convictions for aggravated burglary and theft.

Responding to neighborhood complaints, officers arrived on Claiborne Street where a woman was reported to be selling drugs out of a black Monte Carlo. She was sitting in the parked car when an officer asked her why people were complaining about her selling crack. Her response was to tell the officer that she had some marijuana. She dropped a marijuana cigarette and reached back into the vehicle and picked up a plastic baggie containing approximately eight grams of crack cocaine. She tried to hide the baggie in her jacket. Seized were eight grams of crack cocaine, the Monte Carlo, and \$1,812 cash. She was charged with possession of cocaine for resale.

On a night when officers seized three guns, one ounce of marijuana, and arrested three suspected armed robbers, officers also made time to participate in a community gathering.

Officers responded to a gang-related call at Whitfield Park. Several Kurdish families had gotten together to celebrate the Persian New Year and it was quickly determined that there was no gang activity. Many of the people present were initially alarmed, wondering why the police

had been called. Officers interacted with the group, showing the children their patrol vehicles and handing out badge stickers. The adults thanked the officers for spending time with them and for the service they provide on a daily basis.

East

Several components of the East Precinct worked extremely well together in the identification and apprehension of five juveniles in the March 11 shooting death of Jose Flores. Flores was fatally wounded during an attempted robbery at his Joseph Avenue home. The juveniles are charged with criminal homicide.

One thing led to another for Officer Bruce Guldeman who initially pulled over the driver of a pick-up truck for not wearing his seat belt. The man did not have a license or identification and as he stepped out of his pick-up truck, Officer Guldeman noticed a large amount of money in the man's front pocket. The man told the officer it was about \$4,400 cash and then simply blurted out that he had marijuana in the truck. A search led to the seizure of over one pound of marijuana. The 1997 Ford pickup truck was also seized.

Officers received a tip from Flex Officer Joel Rowney that a man with numerous warrants was in the 1100 block of North 7th Street. As they were attempting to serve the warrant, officers observed marijuana plants in the home. Seized in a subsequent search were 37 marijuana plants, two ounces of processed marijuana, four weapons, two vehicles, and \$3,000 cash. The woman who resided there was arrested.

Officer Mickey Yentes got a dangerous sex offender off the streets when he arrested a man with outstanding warrants for two counts of aggravated rape and one count of especially aggravated rape.

Two men with over 180 arrests between them were attempting to steal an air conditioning unit from a residence on Queen Avenue when Officer Greg Pemberton arrived on the scene. Both suspects ran from the officer, but were captured as Sergeant Robert Weaver, and Officers Lee Bond and Brian Myatt, joined in the pursuit near Rock Street. The suspects were charged with attempted theft and vandalism.

One of the suspects, Sidney Crutchfield, has been arrested numerous times in Davidson County with 15 burglary/theft charges. Crutchfield has also been arrested several times in other counties and was out on bond for aggravated assault.

Rhea has been arrested over 35 times in Davidson County with previous robbery and burglary charges.

Officer Melissa Schultz pulled over a driver for running a red light at Dickerson Pike and Trinity Lane. A canine search was conducted by Officer Mark Sydenstricker and his partner

Balto. A search of the vehicle led to the seizure of 1,850 Ecstasy pills, \$620 cash, and the vehicle. The suspect had a prior arrest history for weapons offenses and was on 16 years probation for a felony drug charge.

North

Several weapons were taken off of our streets and a dangerous situation diffused thanks to heads-up police work. Officer Emmitt Hunt was dispatched to a home where a man was trying to pick up his 16-year-old runaway child when he was confronted by a woman in the residence. She pointed an SKS rifle at him and told him to leave. Police secured the area and arrested the suspect and the runaway child. Seized were a bullet proof vest, two 12 gauge shotguns, one .22 caliber rifle, and one SKS rifle.

Officer Ed Draves arrested a man with 22 outstanding felony warrants for fraud out of Missouri and one misdemeanor warrant for child neglect. He was also charged with marijuana possession.

Officer Byron Carter stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and noticed an open container of alcohol in the vehicle. The driver consented to a search and Officer Carter seized a loaded handgun, 6.8 grams of cocaine, 1.8 grams of marijuana, and nine Valium pills.

A traffic stop led to the arrest of a 37-year-old man with 106 prior arrests. During the stop Officer Justin Pachciarz saw the driver try to shove a plastic baggie of marijuana down his pants leaving about three grams of marijuana on his lap. The driver then decided it would be a good idea to take off. He led police on a short chase before bailing out of his vehicle and fleeing on foot. He was captured a short time later and admitted to swallowing the marijuana. After receiving medical attention, he was charged with tampering with evidence, evading arrest, and unlawful possession of marijuana.

Dangerous robbery suspects were taken off the streets thanks to the watchful eye of Officer Arthur Hipp. He was on patrol when he saw a red Mitsubishi Eclipse that had been involved in multiple robberies. Flex officers assisted in stopping the car and took both robbery suspects into custody without incident. Both were booked on outstanding robbery warrants. Also seized in the arrest were over 150 various pills, a .25 caliber pistol, \$8,500 cash, and a police scanner.

Officer William Vincion stopped the driver of a Mazda sedan for speeding on Interstate 65. The driver had no license or identification. Several empty plastic baggies were found in the driver's pockets and what appeared to be marijuana seeds were found on the floor board of the vehicle. Over one pound of marijuana was seized. Charges against the driver included felony possession of marijuana with intent to resale.

West

Increased patrols around a business where a juvenile was shot recently resulted in the arrest of two juveniles who were both charged with unlawful possession of a weapon. Officers discovered two handguns in the vehicle after stopping the juveniles for reckless driving in the parking lot of the business.

Crime Suppression Unit detectives arrested a suspect several weeks ago in possession of a large amount of cocaine. This led to a joint effort with the DEA and the Clarksville police department as the suspect sold several kilos of cocaine to a person in Clarksville. Officers executed a search warrant following the drug sale and arrested four more suspects. Officers seized an additional quarter-kilo of cocaine, \$70,000 cash, one pound of marijuana, and two vehicles.

Crime Suppression Unit detectives conducted a consent search in at a residence and seized 23 pounds of marijuana. Two people were arrested and charged with felony drug possession.

Central

A large amount of cash in a woman's purse raised the suspicions of Officer Daniel Schager. The woman had been pulled over for driving with one headlight out. She gave Officer Schager permission to search the car. Officer Schager found 65 Ecstasy pills. Seized were the pills, \$3,363 cash, and the woman's vehicle. She was charged with felony drug possession.

Officer Thomas Stueck assisted a disabled man in a wheelchair at 4th Avenue North and Buchanan Street. He had missed his downtown bus and was trying to make it home when his wheelchair battery died. The Davidson County Sheriff's Office graciously provided their wheelchair transport van to give the man a ride back to his 26th Avenue North residence.

Detective Nathan Clark had identified a significant drug dealer in the Salemtown area and received information concerning a cocaine delivery. With the assistance of Flex officers the delivery was intercepted and approximately 6.7 ounces of cocaine, a vehicle, and \$541 cash were seized.

A fugitive was taken off the streets by Officers Walter Gray and Seth Ranney. They stopped a pick-up truck at 2nd Avenue South and Commerce Street for a traffic violation. Officers noted a strong odor of alcohol on the driver and he was arrested for driving under the influence. He was wanted in Kentucky for probation violation involving drug trafficking.

Officers did an excellent job of maintaining high visibility downtown on St. Patrick's Day and working with the Sheriff's Office Sober Ride program to ensure a safe night for all. The increased traffic was well handled in light of the holiday and Predators game.

The following officers in the Field Operation Bureau were chosen Patrol, Police, and Investigator of the Month for February 2007:

Patrol Officer of the Month



East Precinct Officer Curtis Hafley

Police Officer of the Month



Hermitage Precinct Officers Cedric Connolly and Cindy Huffines

Investigator of the Month



Central Precinct Detective Stephen Ray and West Precinct Detective Joe Simonik

Cold Case Unit

Investigation by the police department's Cold Case Unit has resulted in recent arrests in two homicide cases, one from 1991, the other from 1978.

Robert Eugene Hogan, 40, of East Forest Park Drive in Dickson, is named in a first-degree murder indictment for the November 3, 1991 shooting death of Lavender Howse, III. Howse, who was age 33 at the time, was found fatally wounded in an alley off Alabama Avenue and died shortly after arriving at a hospital. Investigation by Cold Case Unit Detective Charles Robinson led to the identification of Hogan as a suspect. Hogan is believed to have killed Howse as the result of a drug dispute. Hogan is being held in lieu of \$500,000 bond.

The victim was the father of Lavender Howse, IV, who, at age 15, was arrested in June 2005 for a crime spree that included the murder of a shoe store employee.

In the 1978 case, McKinley Joe Luckey, 52, was arrested on February 8, 29 years to the day after his wife, Linda Luckey, was shot to death inside their 709 North 2nd Street home. Luckey was charged with voluntary manslaughter and pleaded guilty in Criminal Court on Tuesday. Investigation by Detective Lee Freeman showed that Linda Luckey, who was age 19 at the time, was beaten and shot during a dispute with her husband.

"Sergeant Pat Postiglione and the detectives in the Cold Case Unit are doing tremendous work by bringing accused killers to justice, while at the same time providing relief to victims' families," Chief Ronal Serpas said.

In the past two years, the Cold Case Unit has cleared 18 older murder cases. Leads are being pursued in a number of others.

Blue Notes

Training Academy

Captain Mike Hagar

The Training Division and Academy are part of the Administrative Services Bureau. The Training Academy is divided into four sections: Basic Police Training, In-Service Training, Physical Fitness & Wellness, and Confrontation Management.

Consistent with the department's mission, the primary role of the Training Division is the operation of a Police Training Academy where, through the training of officers in law, ethics, fitness, and community service, the highest level of professional law enforcement performance is achieved. The Academy provides approximately 950 hours of training to newly hired police officer trainees, 40 hours of in-service training to all police officers every year, and thousands of hours of specialized training to officers from across the MNPd and the Metropolitan Government. All basic and in-service training is approved and monitored by the Tennessee Police Officers Standards (P.O.S.T.) Commission.

On September 1, 1970, the first Officer Trainee class began its training on the current Academy grounds under the direction of Captain James York. Classes were held in the old

chapel building across the parking lot from the present Academy building and were later expanded to the basement of the hospital building. In December 1974, the present Academy structure was completed and on January 2, 1975, Session 1 began its twenty-one weeks of basic officer training. Since that time the Training Academy has graduated over 2,200 police officers in over 50 training sessions, and boasts an Academy staff, which represents a multitude of areas of expertise. Since Mayor Purcell was sworn in September, 1999, almost 450 trainees have graduated.

A variety of sworn and civilian members, from across the department, have served as instructors at the Academy in its 30 year history. These instructors have been supplemented by experts from local universities, the community, and from other state and federal agencies.

In 2006, we started 5 basic police training classes - a first in the department's history. Currently Sessions 52 and 53 are completing basic training with Session 54 starting on April 16.

For 2007, we have planned:

27 In-service Weeks

4 Basic Training Sessions (20-22 weeks each)

1 New Supervisor Course

1 New FTO Course

2 New Taser Uses Courses

4 New Stinger Spike Strip Courses

2 New Armed Guard Courses

6 Armed Guard In-service Courses

And we are currently developing courses for civilian supervisors, new investigators, CSU/Flex training updates, and numerous other courses for the MNPd and its partner agencies. To supplement classroom training, we are also working on numerous training videos and web based training. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

Background and Recruiting

By Lt. Michele Donegan

As of March 1, 2007, the only way to submit an application for police officer trainee is online. Applicants can go directly to the Metro Government website at www.nashville.gov or they can find a link to the application process on the department's website at www.police.nashville.org

If an applicant does not have internet access, they may go to any public library or the following Career Centers.

Nashville Career Advancement Center – Main Office
621 Mainstream Drive, Suite 210, Ph # 615-862-8890

Nashville Career Advancement Center –Opry Mills
437 Opry Mills Drive, Ph # 615-514-9675

Nashville Career Advancement Center-South
3763 Nolensville Road, Ph # 615-741-3556

Online applications can be completed at the Metropolitan Government Human Resources office at 222 Third Avenue North, Suite 158. Business hours: Monday thru Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Below is a list of recruitment events. Many of you belong to civic groups, schools, churches, and other outside organizations. With spring just around the corner, many organizations will be planning block parties, picnics, job fairs, career fairs, and health fairs. I encourage you to keep Recruitment in mind and contact our office if you are aware of an event that we could participate in. Remember – you are our number one recruitment tool! So when you are approached by prospective candidates please encourage them to view our website at www.police.nashville.org or call the Recruitment Office at 862-7341.

RECRUITMENT 2007

March 2007

- 27 ACAP Job Fair (Fort Campbell, KY)**
- 28 Western Kentucky University Job Fair**

April 2007

- 4 Murray State University to speak to classes**
- 5 Eastern Kentucky University Job Fair**
- 10 Cumberland University Job Fair**
- 21 Civil Service Exam**

Congratulations:

Detective Terrence Bradley, East Precinct, and his wife, Chelsey, are the proud parents of Gabrielle Elise, born March 12.



In Prayers:

Officer Danita Marsh, North Precinct, as she continues her recovery.

Officer Joseph Haywood, East Precinct, as he continues his recovery.

Condolences:

Mr. Buel Adamson, grandfather of Officer David Anderson, South Precinct, passed away.

Mr. Marvin Williams, Sr., father of Officer Marvin “Doug” Williams, Jr., Central Precinct, passed away March 14.

Mr. Horace Reddon, father-in-law of Kenneth Forte, Records Manager, passed away March 17.

FYI:

As Officer Danita Marsh continues to recover from her gunshot wounds, the 100 Club of Nashville has committed to help her regain some of life’s basic choices by financing the purchase of accessible housing and a specially equipped vehicle. Persons wanting to make a tax deductible contribution to assist Officer Marsh are urged to make checks payable to the 100 Club of Nashville and include the Marsh name on the memo portion. One hundred percent of the money donated will go to the Marsh fund. Checks can be mailed to The Hundred Club of Nashville, P.O. Box 190428, Nashville, Tennessee, 37219-0428.

You are invited to participate in a 5K walk “Strides for Change” Saturday, May 19. The fundraiser for Mothers Against Drunk Driving begins at Centennial Park at 9 a.m.

Walk-teams can consist of Metro Nashville Police Department employees, their families, and friends. To register your team, visit www.stridesforchange.com and choose Nashville as your 5K walk city. Once you register, assign a team leader, and start asking others to sponsor your team’s participation. Raising \$100 for MADD is as easy as asking 10 people for \$10. There is no minimum or maximum to how much you can raise.

A plaque will be awarded to the Metro Police Precinct, Division, or Section that helps raise the most money and displays the most participation. Packets were issued to every Chief, Commander, Captain, and Section leader present at Compstat. Please take the time to read and review those packets. If you are in need of more packets, feel free to contact Lieutenant David Corman at 862-7738.