

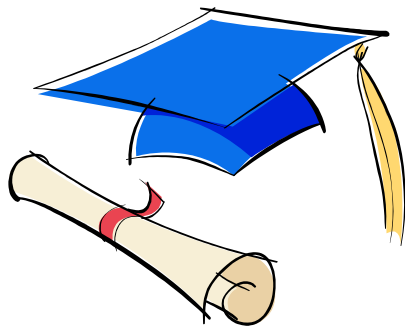


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News from the Chief



Congratulations to the nine members of recruit session 52 who graduated from five months of training last night during a ceremony at Schrader Lane Church. The graduation of new officers is one of the events I look forward to most. I have every confidence that new Officers Joshua Borum, Daryl Howard, Donald Kahn, Michael Mendenhall, Darrell Osment, Doyle Price, Erik Wagner, Brandon Whitaker, and Jason Wong will have exemplary careers with the MNPD.

Just as the members of Session 52 begin their work with Field Training Officers, the 17 police officers who graduated from the academy last December will complete the field training process on April 16 and begin policing on their own. Meantime, training continues for the 20 members of recruit session 53, who will graduate on June 26 at a ceremony to be held at Madison Church of Christ.

I am pleased to report that the 35 police officer trainees who will make up recruit session 54 have been selected and will report to our academy on April 16. In addition, conditional offers of employment have already been extended to nearly 30 individuals for recruit session 55, which will begin training on July 2. More conditional offers will be extended as background investigations are completed. The fourth recruit class of 2007, session 56, is scheduled to begin training in October.

In January, I sent word that strong efforts were underway to bring a net increase in manpower. I am tremendously grateful to the recruiting and training staffs for their hard work in helping this department employ outstanding men and women who aspire to work alongside such fine law enforcement professionals as you.



Mayor Bill Purcell administers the police officer's oath to members of Session 52.

Congratulations Session 52!!!

Prior to graduation, members of Session 52 and the Training Academy staff visited Harris-Hillman School. The school serves approximately 100 students with multiple disabilities. The staff at Harris-Hillman is dedicated to providing students with individualized educational programs, therapies, and nursing care.

The trainees and academy staff members had an extremely rewarding and positive experience in assisting students with their classes and in speaking with the school staff about how to best interact with special needs citizens in a personal and professional capacity.

The Training Academy is updating the curricula to include information on this broad topic. Future trainee classes will also visit Harris-Hillman School.

Happenings

You are invited to a
RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
in honor of Detective Allen Herald



Celebrating 29 years of service to the Metro Police Department
Tuesday, April 10th
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Specialized Investigations Division Office
940 East Trinity Lane

Please join us for cake and punch as we all wish Allen our best in his retirement.

The Precinct News

Hermitage

Officer Patrick Ragen pulled over the driver of a car for speeding. A convicted felon was behind the wheel. Seized were 69.1 grams of marijuana, 2.2 grams of cocaine, one weapon, and \$250 cash.

Sergeants Doug Bell and Charles Widener responded to a copper theft from a business on Hermitage Avenue. Bell and Widener saw two men pushing a wheelbarrow in a nearby alley. The men admitted to stealing six air conditioner motors from the business and were both charged with theft.

Two separate traffic stops for window tint violations by Officer Ken Mahoney led to the arrest of a suspected car thief and a man wanted on warrants.

Officer Mahoney stopped the driver of a Pontiac Bonneville. The man did not have a valid license. Officer Mahoney soon discovered the man also had an outstanding felony vehicle theft warrant and was likely involved in several other thefts. He was arrested without incident.

The driver of a red Grand Prix was also pulled over by Officer Mahoney for a window tint violation. The driver stopped the car and fled on foot. After a short pursuit the driver, who turned out to be one of the Precinct's Top Ten Most Wanted, was captured on University Court. Seized were 12 grams of marijuana.

A suspect in several burglaries was captured after he was seen trying to break into Pakenhams Retreat. He fled on foot and was found hiding in a shed. He was taken into custody and charged with burglary.

Officer Miracle stopped the driver of a vehicle for a seat belt violation. The officer detected a strong odor of marijuana and in a subsequent search of the vehicle seized 534 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

During another routine traffic stop by Officer Miracle, a man was charged with unlawful possession of a weapon after a semi-automatic assault-style pistol was found in his vehicle.

South

Alert police work by South Precinct Flex Officer William Traughber led to the arrest of a couple believed responsible for a series of robberies in South and North Nashville last month.

Traughber spotted a green Plymouth Breeze, which matched the description of a robbery getaway vehicle, at the intersection of Nolensville Pike and Glenrose Avenue. The driver, Larry Clardy, 47, did not have a valid license and was arrested. His passenger, Amanda

Wallace, 26, was arrested for carrying a crack pipe. During questioning by South Precinct Detective Wil Nesbitt, Clardy and Wallace admitted to taking part in robberies of one convenience market, three Dollar General stores, and a dry cleaning business over the past few weeks. Clardy admitted to using a knife to accomplish many of the hold-ups. Wallace was his driver.

Clardy is charged with six counts of robbery. Wallace is charged with five counts of robbery.

A search warrant executed by Specialized Investigations Division detectives in the 200 block of Bakertown Court resulted in the seizure of 28 pounds of marijuana, \$70,000 cash, and two vehicles. Two persons were arrested.

Coordinated efforts by South Precinct patrol officers, Sex Crimes Unit detectives, concerned citizens, and members of the United States Marshal's Fugitive Task Force, led to the arrest of a man wanted for violation of the Sex Offender Registry. Dale Wasserman was convicted in 2000 of gross sexual imposition for a crime committed against a woman in Cleveland, Ohio.

Wasserman, 49, was apprehended near Hickory Hollow Mall.

A warrant for Wasserman's arrest was issued March 21. Wasserman's speedy arrest is a strong example of local and federal agencies working together with concerned citizens.

Sex offenders residing in Davidson County who fail to register as required by state law are routinely identified and prosecuted by members of the Metro Police Department's Sex Crimes Unit.

Officer Julian Pirtle attempted to stop a vehicle because the driver was not wearing a seat belt. The driver bailed from the vehicle and fled on foot. Flex Officers caught up with him and took him into custody. Seized were 45.7 grams of cocaine, 13.5 grams of marijuana, 13 Diazepam pills, and \$3,009 cash.

Another excellent traffic stop by Officer Pirtle led to the arrest of a convicted felon in possession of two handguns. Officer Pirtle noticed the driver was extremely nervous and a search of the vehicle uncovered two loaded handguns under the driver's seat, one pound of marijuana, ten grams of cocaine, and \$3,000 cash. The driver was charged with possession of a handgun by a felon and felony drug possession.

East

A new program teaming East Precinct officers, Youth Services detectives, and community leaders is aimed at addressing gang activity in the McFerrin Park area.

The North 2nd Youth and Family Outreach Project offers help to families affected by juvenile crime.

The program kicked off April 2 as members went to 20 different addresses of possible gang members in the McFerrin Park / N. 2nd areas.

The results were very encouraging. Most parents or guardians were receptive and offered suggestions they felt would make a difference. The number one need they said was to find positive role models for their children. The families were given brochures with contact information for programs that could assist them in finding mentors and other services.

The North 2nd Youth and Family Outreach Project shows great promise in helping to develop working relationships between police, community leaders, and families struggling with youth violence.

One of the precinct's Top Ten Most Wanted was taken off the list when Officer Mickey Yentes and Sergeant Jeff Bauer spotted a stolen truck in the area of North 7th Street and Dew Street. The driver pulled over and fled on foot. After a short chase officers were able to take him into custody.

A search warrant was executed at a Jones Avenue residence. A convicted felon was arrested. Seized were .6 grams of cocaine, 1 pill, and a nine-millimeter semi automatic pistol.

Three persons were arrested during the execution of a search warrant in the 900 block of North 5th Street. Seized were 3.5 grams of cocaine, 3.6 grams of marijuana, and \$1198 cash. Two of the suspects face felony drug charges.

While walking through the James Cayce public housing development, Officers Brad Bracey and James King detected a very strong odor of marijuana coming from an apartment.

A search warrant was obtained and seized from inside the residence were 1.1 pounds of marijuana, \$11,029 cash, hand-held radios, and pagers.

One suspect was charged with felony possession of marijuana for resale.

Officers quickly responded to a citizen's complaint that a copper thief was cutting wire from utility poles in the area of North 12th Street and Gartland Avenue.

Isaac Owens, Jr., 50, of Mountain View Road, admitted to cutting wire from four different poles. Nashville Electric Service representatives were contacted, inspected the amount of copper in Owens possession, and determined that as many as 20 poles were affected.

Owens is charged with felony utility line destruction/interference and theft of property.

Excellent detective work led to the arrest of two teenagers for separately robbing two Gallatin Road Kroger grocery stores.

Denir Graves, 19, of North 7th Street, is charged with aggravated robbery for the March 1 holdup of the Kroger store at 711 Gallatin Road. Graves is alleged to have used a pistol while holding up a customer service employee.

Graves' friend, Nathan Lee Newsom, 15, of Paragon Mills Road, is charged with aggravated robbery for the March 6 holdup of the Kroger store at 3410 Gallatin Road. Newsom is alleged to have used a pistol while holding up a customer service employee.

Officers Michael Wilson and Joshua Black stopped a vehicle for a tag violation and charged the driver as a habitual motor vehicle offender. The suspect was also charged with felony marijuana possession after a subsequent search of the vehicle uncovered 4.91 pounds of marijuana.

A vehicle ran a stop sign and Officer Brad Bracey pulled the driver over on Lischey Avenue. During the stop, Officer Bracey noticed a marijuana cigarette behind the ear of the front passenger. Seized in a search of the vehicle were five pounds of marijuana, 38 grams of cocaine, and \$1,232 cash.

A reverse prostitution sting on Dickerson Pike between Lucille Street and Gatewood Avenue resulted in 17 arrests.

North

North Precinct detectives charged a 17-year-old high school student for the murder of former Metro police officer Ben Word.

Cedrick Huddleston, of 1625 Cahal Avenue, admitted to his involvement in the case during an interview and is believed to have fired the shot that killed Word. Huddleston is being held in juvenile detention on charges of criminal homicide, aggravated robbery, two counts of attempted aggravated robbery, and unlawful gun possession.

The development of Huddleston as a suspect and his arrest is the result of investigative work by Detectives Jim Fuqua, Danny Satterfield, Mike Roland, Dean Haney and Sergeant John Batty.

One of the precinct's Top Ten Most Wanted was taken off the list when Officers Justin Pachciarz and Harold Burke stopped Antonio L. Scales for a traffic violation. Scales was arrested on an outstanding attempted homicide warrant.

Officers arrested William Lampley, 28, for felony vandalism at a Gallatin Pike Krystal restaurant. Lampley has been arrested over 130 times for offenses ranging from public intoxication to disorderly conduct and assault.

Lampley approached the Krystal drive-thru window on foot. Employees refused to serve him because he was not in a vehicle. Lampley got mad and kicked out one of the restaurant's windows.

Officers recognized Lampley from the surveillance video and located him a few blocks away where he was taken into custody.

A car was driving the wrong way down a one way alley when Officer Atif Williams turned on his blue lights. A passenger in the car jumped out and fled on foot. Officer Williams soon captured him and discovered the suspect was in possession of 7.9 grams of cocaine, 27.5 grams of marijuana, and \$1,134 cash. The driver and passenger both face felony drug charges.

Officers arrested a man with five outstanding felony warrants after a traffic stop in the 3200 block of Hinkle Drive. Seized were 30 grams of cocaine, two weapons, and drug paraphernalia. In addition to the existing warrants, he is now also charged with felony cocaine possession, evading arrest, and being a felon in possession of a handgun.

Officers arrested a burglary suspect who may be linked to several break-ins in the Argyle Avenue area.

West

Officer Christopher Lucci spotted a suspicious vehicle and directed marked patrol units to investigate. Officer Chad Barth initiated a traffic stop for an equipment violation. Seized in a consent search of the vehicle were 40 grams of cocaine, 15 grams of marijuana, the vehicle, and \$1,235 cash. The driver was arrested and charged with felony drug possession. He has previous drug convictions and was arrested in February for cocaine possession. He was out on \$10,000 bond.

A quick response from officers led to the arrest of a burglary suspect. A woman reported a man was trying to break into her apartment. Officers Robert Peterson and Steven Parks arrived on the scene and found the man in front of the woman's building.

The victim identified the suspect and he was charged with attempted aggravated burglary.

Officers executed a search warrant in the 900 block of Delray Drive and recovered stolen property from several recent thefts and burglaries in the west Nashville/Hermitage area. Officers also seized several grams of marijuana and cocaine from the residence.

While at the location, undercover officers began answering the phones of the suspected drug dealers and invited potential "customers" to come to the location. Officers arrested 15 suspects for solicitation to purchase crack cocaine.

Central

A woman arrived at the Greyhound bus station downtown after a North Carolina domestic abuse help group told her a battered women's shelter in Nashville would provide lodging for her. But when she contacted the shelter, they told her they were full.

The woman contacted police. Officer Randall Papadinec responded and called another local women's shelter. They also did not have any room, but after Officer Papadinec spoke with them at length, they were able to provide a place for the woman to stay.

Officer Ryan Scott assisted a woman that came into the precinct station needing help. She was stranded in the Nashville area with no means of support. She was taken to the women's mission where she received assistance.

Officers continue to conduct welfare checks on the homeless and transported five people to the shelter due to the severe cold.

Background and Recruiting

By Lt. Michele Donegan

Many of you belong to civic groups, schools, churches, and other outside organizations. As these organizations plan 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.

Effective 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.

Congratulations:

Officer Charles McEachron, North Precinct, and his wife Marlene, are the proud parents of Madison Isabella, born April 2.

Detective Ken Potter, Sex Crimes, and his wife, Christie, are the proud parents of Maddie Reese, April 2.



Condolences:

Mrs. Angel Sears, wife of Officer Matthew Sears, West Precinct, passed away March 23.

Mrs. Katherine Lash, mother of Sergeant John Lash, South Precinct, passed away March 24.

Mr. Jimmy Womack, father of Officer Cole Womack, Traffic, passed away March 25.

Ms. Betty Fisher, retired ECC Supervisor and former Police Dispatcher, passed away March 26.

Mr. Ben Word, former officer, passed away March 26.

Mr. Charles Thomas Orr, Sr., father of Sergeant Danny Orr, Identification Division, passed away March 29.

Mrs. Allene Duke Combs, grandmother of Officer Joshua Combs, Central Precinct, passed away March 29.

Mr. Robin Linville, uncle of Officer Charles Linville, Technical Investment, passed away March 31.

Mr. Billy Jenkins, father-in-law of Officer Michael Payne, School Resource, passed away.

The 14-year-old nephew of Officer Greg Bisch, Background & Recruitment, passed away.

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.