



# MNPD NEWSLINE

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## *News from the Chief*

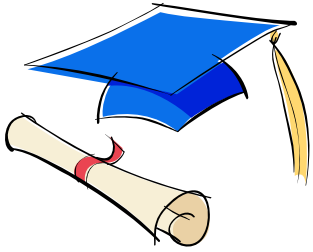
On Wednesday, I had the opportunity to appear before Mayor Dean to present the police department's budget request for fiscal year 2008-09. While all departments, police included, were requested to prepare scenarios with five, ten, and fifteen percent cuts, I explained to the Mayor that even a five percent cut would be extremely detrimental to our crime fighting, recruitment, and retention efforts. It is clear to me that Mayor Dean is committed to this police department and public safety. I believe that our budget requests will receive his full consideration, as will our continuing need for the best pay and benefits package available to aid recruitment and retention.

Among our requested budget improvements: \$1.5 million in overtime for precinct-based initiatives to address emerging or unexpected crime/quality of life issues; \$1.7 million in overtime to staff the many city-sponsored special events, including this year's presidential debate at Belmont University, so as not to pull on-duty officers from their regular assignments; \$731,000 for Crime Scene Technicians and other Identification Division needs; and \$100,000 to begin the replacement of existing Glocks with new ones.

Congratulations to the 31 officers of recruit session 56 who graduated Thursday night. Session 57 continues at the academy with 54 trainees. Session 58 is scheduled to begin in June with 50 officer candidates.

I have begun the process of reviewing eligible candidates for promotion to sergeant. Thank you for your tremendous work, dedication and commitment.

## Happenings



The Metro police department's officer ranks grew by 31 Thursday night as the city's newest police officers graduated from five months of training, received their badges, and took the oath of office.

The new officers began training on October 1, 2007. They will spend the next five to six months with precinct field training officers before patrolling the streets by themselves.

### **Session 56 Class Awards:**

#### The Law Award: John Jayne

This award is presented to the trainee who achieved the highest academic average on the law testing and/or evaluation.

#### The Academic Excellence Award: Kyle Nelson (also class president)

This award is presented to the trainee who achieved the highest combined academic average. This shall include the combined average of the law testing and/or evaluation and the general examinations and/or quizzes.

#### The Officer Christy J Dedman Spirit Award: Jeffrey Poole

This award is presented to the trainee who demonstrates a high level of class spirit, leadership, teamwork, and constantly strives to contribute to the class as a whole, often with individual sacrifice. The Unit staff, in consultation with the class members, shall choose such award recipient.

#### The Top-Gun Award: Robert Young

This award is presented to the trainee who achieves the highest average on the firearms training topics.

#### The Physical Training Award: Eric Newman

This award is presented to the trainee who achieves the highest average on the physical training including the 1.5 mile run, 300 yard sprint, push-ups, sit-ups and jump.

The Top-Cop Award: Kyle Nelson

This award is presented to the trainee who achieves the highest average on all subject matter topics offered where a test and/or evaluation was offered.

The Leadership Award: Kyle Nelson

This award is presented to the trainee who demonstrates a pattern of leadership traits or behavior during the training session. The recipient of this award will be selected by majority vote of the trainee class, subject to review by the Trainee Operations Unit commander.



**Officer Kyle Nelson**



**Session 56 takes the oath of office.**

**Motorcycle candidates perform certification drills during a snowstorm.**



## **Arbor Day Celebration**

Friday, March 14

11 a.m.

Centennial Park by the Sunken Gardens

Presentations include a tree dedication to Officer Danita Marsh  
and Mayor Karl Dean's Nashville Arbor Day proclamation.

## **The MNPD Drill Team marches in the Veterans Day Parade.**



### **The Precinct News**

#### **Hermitage**

An investigation by Crime Suppression Unit detectives led to Thursday's arrest of two men and the seizure of 2.68 pounds of crystal methamphetamine worth an estimated \$320,000.

James Christy, 37, an employee at the Super 8 Motel on Royal Parkway, admitted he opened a Fed Ex package containing the meth during his shift on Tuesday. Christy took the package home with him. The motel manager called Christy Wednesday to tell him another man had called about the package and was very upset it was missing. Christy told his employer he had opened the mailer and that it contained a large quantity of methamphetamine. The motel's management immediately contacted police.

CSU detectives arrested Kevin Darel Ackerman, 36, of Oakland, California, after he picked up the Fed Ex package at the motel. Ackerman said he had flown to Nashville from California to pick up the meth with plans to sell the drug locally before returning to California.

Christy and Ackerman are both charged with possession of methamphetamine for resale. Christy is jailed on \$250,000 bond. His arrest history reflects convictions for drug possession, theft, and aggravated assault. Detectives at this time do not believe he was involved in the overall drug scheme.

Ackerman does not have a local arrest history. He is being held on \$125,000 bond.

Detectives and officers worked closely in identifying, locating, and arresting all four suspects in last Thursday's robbery of the Subway at 5760 Old Hickory Boulevard.

Austin Bean, 19, Marc Servius, 23, Keith Holman, 17, and Lawrence Hampton, 20, each admitted to entering the Subway at 9:40 p.m. and robbing the employees of a large amount of cash. All four are charged with aggravated robbery.

A quick response by Hermitage Precinct Patrol officers to Thursday morning's alarm at Hickman Elementary School on Ironwood Drive led to the arrest of two burglary suspects and likely prevented the theft of valuable property.

James Randall Smith, 19, of Mount Olive Road, and Angelo Catalanotto, 25, of Antioch Woods, were stopped as they walked away from the school building at 3 a.m. Officers found six windows had been pried open.

Smith is charged with burglary and possession of burglary tools. He was on probation for area thefts. He is being held in lieu of \$95,000 bond.

Catalanotto admitted his involvement in the break-in and is charged with burglary and marijuana possession. He has had three prior theft convictions and a felony motor vehicle burglary conviction. He is being held in lieu of \$12,000 bond.

## **South**

Flex officers quickly responded to a robbery call, stopping the driver of a suspect vehicle on Old Hickory Boulevard. Officers arrested three suspects and seized several baggies of marijuana and a loaded 38-caliber revolver.

Patrol officers found two suspected car burglars hiding under the breezeway of an apartment building on Apache Trail. A concerned citizen had watched William Walden, 22, and a 17-year-old break into a neighbor's Toyota Celica and attempt to break into a second car. Both were charged with burglary of a motor vehicle and aggravated criminal trespass. Walden was also charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

## **East**

Officer Rachael Black stopped a driver of a 2007 Toyota Tundra after he ran a stop sign at South 10<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets.

Due to past drug convictions and Officer Black's keen observation of numerous plastic baggies in the glove compartment, she requested a K-9 Unit to the scene. Officer Robert Collins responded and a police dog alerted to the presence of a drug odor. Seized in a subsequent search of the Toyota were approximately 17.6 grams of cocaine, a small amount of marijuana, and 10 various pills. The driver was charged with felony drug possession in a drug-free school zone.

Commander Bob Nash, Lieutenant Danny Driskell, and the managers of PSC Metals and Metal Management Thursday announced a “no buy list” containing the names of more than 300 convicted thieves and burglars.

East Precinct detectives developed the “no buy list” after conducting criminal background checks on the more than 30,000 persons who have sold scrap metal to PSC Metals and Metal Management Nashville. The companies, which have been cooperating with the police department for the past several months to reduce copper and metal theft, voluntarily provided the names of their customers.

About 1% of the total customer base was placed on the “no buy list” due to past criminal conduct.

## **North**

A routine traffic stop led to the arrest of a convicted felon armed with a handgun. Timothy White was pulled over for not wearing his seatbelt. A plastic baggie of cocaine was lying in plain view on the floorboard in the back seat. Marijuana cigarettes were also located in the front seat. In a subsequent search, a 38-caliber revolver was found in White’s front left jeans pocket.

White is charged with felon in possession of a handgun and drug possession.

## **West**

Excellent police work led to the arrest earlier this week of an 18-year-old man involved in the robbery of a woman on Portland Avenue Monday night. He was also identified as the same person who injured a 51-year-old man during a carjacking on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South on the same day.

He is charged with especially aggravated robbery in both cases. He is also charged with evading arrest and vehicle theft in Monday night’s Portland Avenue attack.

## **Central**

Officers responded to a business on Shirley Street after the owner reported a man on his roof stealing copper from the air conditioning units. When officers arrived, the suspect jumped off the roof, but was quickly captured.

John Kidd, 54, told the arresting officer, “you got me; I’m finished for the winter”. Kidd has been arrested over 40 times on charges including theft, drug possession, vandalism, and motor vehicle burglary. He is now charged with felony vandalism, theft, and possession of burglary tools.

Officer Paul Smith spotted a man behaving suspiciously in an area known for drug activity. When approached by Officer Smith, he appeared to be extremely nervous and began

reaching into his pockets. When asked if he had a gun, he said yes. Officer Smith recovered a loaded handgun from the man's front sweatshirt pocket along with approximately 1.9 grams of cocaine and 3.4 grams of marijuana. He was charged with violating the Crooks with Guns law.

### **Congratulations:**

Retired Sergeant James "Jimbo" Allen and his wife, Karen, are the proud grandparents of Ansley Marie Kain, born February 22 to Chris and Kristi Kain.

Sergeant Randy Brock, Central Precinct, and his wife, Suzanne, are the proud grandparents of Lucas Bennett born March 3.

Detective Mike Adkins, Sex Crimes Unit, and his wife, Leigh, are the proud parents of Tyler Cross Adkins, born March 6.



### **Condolences:**

Officer Charles Smith, retired 2004 from Vehicle Impound after 32 years of service, passed away February 23.

Charles Buchanan, grandfather of Antoine Buchanan, Identification, passed away February 23.

Officer William T. Bush, Sr., retired 1983 after 20 years of service, passed away February 24.

Charles Cornwell, brother of North Precinct Sergeant Robert Cornwell, passed away February 28.

Dan Boese, father of Sergeant Jon Boese, Training Academy, passed away March 6.

Charles and Betty Waters, mother and father-in-law of Officer Greg Pemberton, East Precinct, passed away this month. Mr. Waters died March 1. Mrs. Waters passed away March 6.

Wallace Traylor, grandfather of Officer Brad Burns, Emergency Contingency, passed away.

**FYI:**

# ACCREDITATION NEWS

**February 28, 2008**

*CALEA 33.5.3*

This year has been a very busy one for the Accreditation Unit. As some of you are aware, CALEA has put out a new edition of standards, the fifth edition. I want to thank all who have helped the MNPD to come into compliance with the new 5<sup>th</sup> edition standards.

The 2008 on-site is scheduled for April 26th- May 1<sup>st</sup>. With that said, we are wrapping up all of our documentation collection for this reaccreditation period. Our mock assessment, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, went well and was very informative. There are a few things that still need to be finalized, so if the accreditation staff asks for your help, please do so in a timely manner. I will be sending out further instruction/training in the near future to all division heads, pertaining to the assessors visit.

Accreditation provides the Administrative Staff with a written directive system, training and clearly defined lines of authority. Because of this, the Administrative Staff is able to better direct the resources that are available to the MNPD and provide better and more applicable training to the personnel assigned to complete the mission of the MNPD.

Further, accredited departments are better able to defend their actions in civil lawsuits because they can demonstrate they are in compliance with a broad-based set of internationally accepted professional standards.

We want to thank you, in advance, for your help in the continuing effort to ensure that the MNPD stays compliant with the latest and highest standards put forth by the Commission on Accreditation.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions concerning the inspection process or want to just learn about CALEA, 862-7790.

Please note that March 21, 2008 is a holiday, Good Friday, and, as a result, the DCSO will not be conducting booking for State Misdemeanor Citations on that date. **Officers writing state misdemeanor citations on February 29th and March 1st should set the booking date as March 20, 2008.** No citations should be issued with the booking date of March 21, 2008.

## ***MNPD Wellness Tip-off Tip-off for the week***

**Eat Heart Smart: Highly nutritious foods are often low in cost.** Among them are bananas, carrots, potatoes, whole-wheat flour, and dried beans—the sort of high fiber foods that nutritionists now recommend. They also tend to come with minimal packaging—an environmental plus.

**Choose to Move: Don't worry that exercise will increase your appetite.** Most people who work out moderately eat about the same as they would if they didn't exercise—or just slightly more. By exercising regularly you're likely to become trimmer and fitter even if your weight stays the same, since you'll be building muscle and burning body fat.

Source: UC Berkeley Wellness Made Easy, 365 Tips for Better Health, 2005.

***NFD/MNPD Wellness Initiative  
Tara Beever, MS and Sarah Vaughn, RD  
For more information, please call (615)-340-0466***

### **March is: National Nutrition Month® 2008**

During National Nutrition Month®, the American Dietetic Association urges consumers to look beyond the myths of nutrition and focus on the facts. Remember, the theme for 2008 is *Nutrition: It's a Matter of Fact*.

#### **THE EXPERTS AT ADA HAVE IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING FACTS:**

Eating right doesn't have to be complicated. Use Mypyramid.gov to develop a personalized plan for lifelong health.

The best nutrition advice is based on science. Before adopting any changes to your diet, be sure the information is based in scientific fact.

Get your food and nutrition facts from the expert: a registered dietitian. RDs are uniquely qualified to translate the science of nutrition into reliable advice you can use every day.

Balancing physical activity and a healthful diet is your best recipe for managing weight and promoting overall health and fitness.

Think nutrient-rich rather than "good" or "bad" foods. The majority of your food choices should be packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients — and lower in calories.

Look at the big picture: No single food or meal makes or breaks a healthful diet. Your total diet is the most important focus for healthful eating.

Prepare, handle and store food properly to keep you and your family safe from food-borne illness.

Don't fall prey to food myths and misinformation that may harm rather than benefit your health.

Read food labels to get nutrition facts that help you make smart food choices quickly and easily.

Find the healthy fats when making food choices. By choosing polyunsaturated or monounsaturated fats, you can keep your saturated fats, trans fats and cholesterol low.

Reference: The American Dietetic Association, <http://www.eatright.org>