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News from the Chief

Among the most meaningful ceremonies a police department conducts is the graduation of new police officers from five months of rigorous academic and physical training. Mayor Dean and I, along with hundreds of family members and MNPD personnel, attended such a ceremony Monday night at Christ Church in South Nashville as we welcomed the 39 new Metro officers from Trainee Session 58. Including Session 58, we graduated 116 new officers during calendar year 2008. The fact that we continue to recruit, hire, and graduate new officers is a testament to the priority Mayor Dean and the Metropolitan Council place on public safety. While the economy has necessitated a hiring freeze across Metropolitan Government, Mayor Dean has specifically exempted police officer trainees. Session 59 is on track to graduate in March. Three additional trainee classes are scheduled for next year: Session 60 on February 16; Session 61 on June 1; and Session 62 on October 1. While staffing numbers fluctuate due to retirements, resignations and new hires, as of today, 1,291 of the departments 1,315 budgeted sworn positions are filled.

Speaking of recruiting, the department's first ever combined recruiting station and officer work area in a shopping mall will open later this month at Hickory Hollow.

A few months ago, I mentioned that Metro's Fleet Management office was working on a plan for a private vendor to perform "Schedule A" oil changes so that officers would not have to come to the city garage. A contract is being finalized with Valvoline, which has a number of Instant Oil Change locations across Nashville. It is anticipated that employees can begin using Valvoline as early as December. Specific instructions on how this will take place will be forthcoming from Metro Fleet Management in the near future.

Thank you for all that you do to make a difference in the lives of Nashville's families and visitors. I sincerely appreciate your dedication and hard work.



Session 58 receives Oath of Office from Mayor Karl Dean

Session 58 Awards

Law Award: Officer Ashley (Kendall) Coon

Presented to the trainee who achieved the highest academic average on the law testing and/or evaluation.

Academic Award: Officer Ashley (Kendall) Coon

The Academic Award is presented to the trainee who achieved the highest combined academic average. This shall include the combined average of the law testing.

Spirit Award: Officer Paul Ellis

The Spirit 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.

Top Gun Award: Officer Alan Earls

The Top-Gun Award is presented to the trainee who achieves the highest average on the firearms training topics.

Physical Training Award: Officer Ashley (Kendall) Coon

The Physical Training Award is presented to the trainee who achieves the highest average on the physical training topics.

Top Cop Award: Officer Adam Davis

The Top-Cop 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.

Leadership Award: Officer Steven Smith

The Leadership Award is presented to the trainee who demonstrates a pattern of leadership traits or behavior during the training session.

Happenings

Bank of America Thursday night honored Deputy Chief Louise Kelton as a Local Hero through its Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Award Program. Kelton was recognized as a community leader who contributes significantly to the health of Nashville's neighborhoods. She was nominated by staff at the North Precinct, which she commanded until her appointment to deputy chief last month.

As a Local Hero, Kelton had the privilege of directing a \$5,000 donation from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation to a nonprofit entity of her choice. Kelton selected the 100 Club of Nashville, which was founded 29 years ago to aid the families of Nashville's police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty, as well as officers and firefighters who receive serious, traumatic and disabling injuries while working to protect our community. The 100 Club is continuing to assist Officer Danita Marsh in the construction of a special accessible home. Officer Marsh was critically wounded and paralyzed in October 2006 while assisting a domestic violence victim.

"Bank of America has long held the belief that a healthy community is a healthy place to do business, and we are committed to creating real impact in the Nashville community," said John Stein, Tennessee President at Bank of America. "The Neighborhood Excellence Initiative underscores our belief that investing in leadership is a sound practice, whether building the capacity of our nonprofit organizations, developing current and emerging community leaders, or preparing our youth for the future."



Joining Deputy Chief Kelton (center front) at Thursday night's Bank of America ceremony were (l-r) Commander Anthony Carter, Commander Michelle Richter, Officer Danita Marsh, Deputy Chief Steve Anderson, Commander Bob Nash, Lieutenant William MacKall, Captain David Imhof, and Sergeant James Lane.

Police Dog Feder retired from the Bomb Squad November 3. He was born in Belgium on Halloween 1998 and was assigned for training in early 2002.

Feder played a big role in clearing areas for many dignitaries including President Bush, Vice President Cheney, President-Elect Obama, and other high level government officials.

Feder also cleared large sports venues including the Bristol Motor Speedway and participated in school demonstrations for children.



Feder will enjoy his retirement at home with Officer David Bebout, his wife, Jeanette, and daughter, Brittney.

The Precinct News

Hermitage

Flex officers and three officers-in-training were patrolling the area around Lafayette Street when Officer Thomas Spence spotted a teenager discarding a weapon before he fled on foot. After a brief chase, officers took the 18-year-old high school student into custody. A semi-automatic pistol and a baggie of crack cocaine were recovered. The teen admitted the weapon and drugs were his.

A Mt. Juliet man just convicted of aggravated robbery last November now faces charges in two separate Nashville hotel robberies that occurred last Friday night and early Saturday morning.

Aaron Satterlee, 37, of Sydney Terrace, is accused of entering the Super 8 Motel at 709 Spence Lane at 10 p.m. armed with a crowbar. He fled on foot with money from the cash register. In the second robbery, Satterlee threatened a clerk with a crowbar at the Nashville Springhill Suites at 1100 Airport Center Drive. After the clerk screamed, Satterlee fled on foot empty handed at 1:30 a.m.

Satterlee admitted his involvement in the Nashville robberies to a Mt. Juliet Police detective on Saturday during an investigation of crimes he committed in Wilson County. Hermitage Precinct detectives also interviewed Satterlee and he again admitted to robbing the hotels. Warrants were issued charging Satterlee in Davidson County with aggravated robbery and attempted aggravated robbery. He is also charged with aggravated robbery for a holdup committed in Wilson County.

In November 2007 Satterlee was convicted of robbing a clerk at knifepoint at a Nashville discount beer & tobacco store. Satterlee left his photo ID with the clerk in that crime and was arrested two days later. He was sentenced to one year in jail.

South

Two teenagers are in custody in connection with two early morning armed robberies in South Nashville.

John T. Eddings, 16, and Darius L. Collins, 19, are each charged with two counts of aggravated robbery. Additionally, Eddings is charged with evading arrest. Collins is also charged with aggravated burglary.

The first robbery occurred at 12:30 a.m. as the 31-year-old victim was washing clothes in the laundry room of Suncrest Village Apartments at 505 Piccadilly Row. Two suspects ordered the victim onto the floor and took his car keys, wallet and cell phone. They fled the complex in the victim's 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer.

A short time later, two men in the parking lot of Meadowood Village Apartments on Rice Road were robbed of their wallets and cell phones. The suspects fled in the Trailblazer.

At 1 a.m., South Precinct Sergeant Chris West spotted the Trailblazer and pursued it a short distance until the two suspects bailed out on Grovesnor Court. Flex officers chased one of the suspects (Eddings) on foot but couldn't catch him before he ran into nearby woods. Canine Officer Mark Sydenstricker and his partner Balto tracked Eddings in the darkness and ultimately located him. Eddings received a dog bite to his leg and was treated at a local hospital before being booked at Juvenile Court, where he is being held pending a detention hearing.

Once Eddings was in custody, officers went to his home on Cadogan Court. Flex Officer Brent Bauer spotted a man (Collins) standing inside the garage. Collins was carrying several hundred dollars in cash and items belonging to the robbery victims. Collins is being held in lieu of \$150,000 bond.

Eddings and Collins are under investigation for other crimes in the South Nashville area.

A citizen's tip led to the arrests of two teens who terrified clerks by firing shots into the air during two separate robberies.

During interviews with South Precinct detectives, Jeremy Dalton, 16, and Deron Washington, 17, admitted their involvement in the robberies of 21 Up Video at 2761 Murfreesboro Pike and Steak Plus Pizza at 469 Bell Road.

In both cases, Dalton, of Anderson Road, and Washington, of Bell Road, were each armed with a handgun. Washington fired into the air during the Steak Plus Pizza robbery at 7:15 p.m. while Dalton shot into the air during the 21 Up Video robbery at 11:30 p.m.

Dalton and Washington are each charged in Juvenile Court with two counts of aggravated robbery. They are under investigation for other crimes in the South Nashville area.

South Precinct Patrol officers discovered a major drug operation early while investigating a residential burglary alarm at 128 Took Drive.

Officers observed a broken window at the home of Fontane Caples, 29, at 1 a.m. Caples was not at home. As officers searched the residence for intruders, they observed a large amount of processed marijuana in plain view.

Seized in a subsequent search by Crime Suppression Unit detectives were 32 pounds of marijuana, 224 Xanax bars, three vehicles, one weapon, and nearly \$90,000 in cash and personal property.



Seized marijuana, cash, weapon, and Xanax

Patrick Lee Bristol's decision to leave the scene of a car crash he caused in South Nashville ultimately led to his arrest on a number of charges, including manufacturing marijuana.

As Bristol drove away in a Grand Marquis after rear ending another car at the intersection of Nolensville Pike and Harding Place, a witness followed him and carefully recorded his tag number. The witness provided the information to South Precinct Officer David Boone, who learned that the car was registered to a woman who lives at 5181 Hilson Road. Officer Boone drove to the residence and saw the Grand Marquis, with front end damage, parked outside. Officer Boone, who was joined at the house by Officer John Young, knocked on the door repeatedly until Bristol finally answered. As Bristol admitted that he fled the collision scene because his license was suspended, the officers detected an odor of marijuana coming from the residence. Bristol consented to a search of the home. A marijuana grow room was discovered on the upper level. Seized were 29 marijuana plants, a glass jar containing loose marijuana, and a baggie of marijuana leaves. Bristol acknowledged he was responsible for the grow operation.

Bristol is charged with leaving the scene of an accident, manufacturing marijuana, possession of marijuana for resale, and driving without a license.

East

An armed teenager who broke into a Scott Avenue home terrifying the female resident is jailed in lieu of \$270,000 bail on three serious felony offenses.

The 38-year-old victim heard a noise at a window and grabbed a 2 x 4 board to protect herself. Moments later, Jeremy L. Frelix, 19, who wore a bandana over his face, broke the window, stuck a pistol in the woman's face and threatened to shoot her. The victim fled the home through a side door and phoned police as she ran. East Precinct officers responded very quickly, entered the residence, and confronted Frelix. He dropped his pistol as ordered and was taken into custody.

Frelix, of Brookway Drive, is charged with aggravated assault (for pointing his pistol at the victim), aggravated burglary, and a Crooks with Guns violation.

Frelix was convicted of unlawful gun possession and resisting police in April. He was sentenced to six months in jail.

Officer Jonathan Frost stopped Charles Leggs, 28, for a temporary tag violation on Dickerson Pike at Dellway Villa Road. A warrant check revealed Leggs was wanted for aggravated assault for shooting at a woman during an argument. Leggs was taken into custody.

Officer Josh Black stopped an SUV for speeding on Ellington Parkway near Spring Street. He detected a strong odor of marijuana. Seized in a subsequent search of the vehicle were 2.2 grams of marijuana and 2.6 grams of cocaine. The driver and his passenger were both charged with felony possession in a drug free school zone.

A traffic stop led to the discovery of a marijuana grow operation. A police dog alerted to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle. Twelve grams of marijuana were located in the trunk.

Seized in a subsequent search of the driver's home were over 1.5 pounds of marijuana, ten grams of cocaine, drug paraphernalia, and a rifle. He was charged with felony marijuana possession and a Crooks with Guns law violation.

North

Officer Adam Shipley's routine stop of a Chevy Tahoe for running a stop sign on 40th Avenue North at I-40 led to the arrest of accused Pennsylvania murderer Thomas Gean Davis.

Officer Shipley stopped the SUV at 8 p.m. and asked driver Cheri Yvette Jones for her license, which had been revoked. Shipley saw Davis, the front seat passenger, put something in a bag that was attached to the steering column. When Shipley checked the bag, he saw that it contained 13 pills that tested positive for Ecstasy. Davis was placed under arrest and gave Shipley fake identification. When the ID number didn't check out, Shipley cautioned Davis that police would attempt to learn his true identity through fingerprints. At that point, Davis gave Shipley his true name and said that he was wanted for murder in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He is accused of fatally shooting a man there on June 3, 2008.

Davis, 31, is charged locally with being a fugitive from justice and drug possession. He is being held without bond pending extradition to Pennsylvania.

Jones, 24, of Overland Park, Kansas, is charged with driving on a revoked license. Her bond is set at \$2,000. She also received a traffic ticket for running the stop sign.

It appears the two had just arrived in Nashville to visit a relative.

During an investigative stop on 28th Avenue North, officers saw the passenger in the suspect car throw a bag onto the ground. It contained four individually wrapped crack-cocaine rocks. He later admitted the drugs were his. A handgun was also located in the vehicle. The driver and passenger were both arrested.

Sergeant Gene Martin and a Goodlettsville Police officer were working an extra duty job at Rivergate Mall when they responded to a shots fired call. Sergeant Martin located the 14-year-old suspect inside a store. The teenager admitted he was armed and was taken into custody without incident. He was charged with felony unlawful weapon possession.

A convicted felon on probation for carrying a weapon onto school property just last May, is now charged with felon in possession of a handgun after officers spotted him hiding in an apartment breezeway at 2400 Buena Vista Pike. The 19-year-old was taken into custody without incident and remains in jail.

West

A witness to a brutal attack in the 1900 block of Charlotte Pike immediately called police who quickly flooded the area and captured both suspects a few blocks away. The men had pistol-whipped the victim during a robbery. Both suspects were positively identified by the victim as the men who robbed him.

The handgun used in the beating/robbery was located on Hynes Street. Both suspects are charged with aggravated robbery and remain jailed on \$50,000 bond each.

Officer Daryl Howard stopped the driver of a car with expired tags and a burned out head light. Seized during a consent search of the vehicle were 11.7 grams of marijuana and a loaded handgun. The man was charged with marijuana and unlawful weapon possession.

Central

Flex officers continue to crack down on persons attempting to sell fake parking tickets to visitors in downtown Nashville. An undercover officer purchased a bogus ticket for ten dollars. The suspect was arrested a short time later and charged with criminal trespassing and criminal simulation.

A quick response by Lieutenant Kenny Dyer and Officer Clifton Knight led to the arrest of a man who burglarized a woman's home in Germantown. She was awakened by the sound of the suspect entering her garage and immediately called 911.

Paul Dedrick, 41, fled on foot, but was captured a short time later. He is charged with aggravated burglary and possession of burglary tools.

Gang Unit & SWAT

Suspected gang member and gunman Jeremy Bishop surrendered to SWAT officers late Thursday night after refusing for more than three hours to exit a home on Locklayer Street.

Gang Unit detectives spotted Bishop outside the home at 6 p.m. and ordered him to stop. Instead, Bishop ran inside and refused repeated commands made over a loud speaker to come out. SWAT officers surrounded the residence. Bishop ultimately surrendered after talking with police negotiators.

Bishop, 21, is charged with two counts of attempted murder and one count of aggravated assault. He was identified as the man who opened fire on two men at the corner of North 5th & Evanston Streets on the evening of October 18th. A fragment from one of the rounds grazed a teenage boy who was inside his North 5th Street home. Luckily, no one in the October incident was seriously hurt.

Bishop is jailed in lieu of \$375,000 bail.

Congratulations:

Detective Rob Carrigan, Sex Crimes Section, and his wife, Mary Lee, are the proud parents of Andrew Thomas Carrigan, born October 29.

Officer J.T. Thornton, Central Precinct, and his wife, Cassie, are the proud parents of Karsyn born November 6.

Officer Justin Cregan, South Precinct, and his wife, are the proud parents of Christian Scott, born November 7.



Condolences:

Emmett Sawyer, father of retired Officer Wayne Sawyer, passed away October 24.

Carl Burgess, grandfather of Officer Mitchell Burgess, Hermitage Precinct, passed away.

Officer Paul Todd Cooper, South Precinct, son-in-law of Lt. Randy Alexander, and husband of Tiffany Alexander Cooper, passed away October 31.

Bonnie Balch, grandmother of Officer Jeff Massey, Safety and Inspections, passed away November 6.