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West Precinct Headlines

WEST PRECINCT OFFICERS OF THE MONTH (AUGUST)

Patrol Officers of the Month

**FTO Howard Martin
OIT Steven Jones**

Police Officers of the Month

**Flex Officer Justin Coker
Flex Officer Daniel Cole**

Investigator of the Month

CSU Officer Scott Cothran



Great Job!

Call **244-DOPE** to report drug offenses.

This telephone number is for citizens to confidentially report drug activities. Please provide detailed information about the activity and persons involved.

WEST NOTES:

- *YTD Crime in Davidson County is down by 9.31 percent*
- *YTD Crime is down in the west precinct by 6.09 percent*
- *YTD West officers have answered 104,890 Calls For Service, which is a 21. 11% increase.*
- *YTD West officers have had 52,935 self-initiated activities, which is a 21.7% increase.*
- The Metro Police Fraud Unit would like to remind residents to register on the National Do Not Call List. By registering, you will stop most telemarketing calls. For more info log onto www.donotcall.gov.
- Long term solutions to community problems require the community to accept responsibility for resolving specific problems. This is done with support and resources from their partners within "the system".
- The West Precinct would like to remind community members that the non-emergency dispatch number to call for a unit to respond to a situation is **862-8600**. The below office numbers are not for dispatching patrol units to locations.

WEST PRECINCT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

West Precinct (Commander Richter)	862-7747
Precinct Investigations (Lt. Starling)	862-7385
Community Coordinator (Sgt. Tripp)	862-7747
Fax Number	880-2933



The Colors of Our Community

Metro Nashville Police For Career Opportunities Call 862-7341

<i>Year to date stats</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>Prior YTD</i>	<i>% Change</i>
Felony Arrests	973	905	+7.5%
Misdemeanor Arrests	3602	3372	+6.82%
Citation Arrests	3847	3684	+4.42%
Prostitution Arrests	133	83	+60.2%
Drug Arrests	753	602	+21.51%
Weapon Arrests	87	68	+26.1%
Warrant Attempts	4420	3269	+35.21%
Total Warrants Served	1605	1508	+12.52%
Vehicle Stops	29685	27643	+6.43%

(**Compstat book**
of
9/2/2009)



PRECINCT INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

*CRIME SUPPRESSION UNIT
STATISTICS THRU THE MONTH OF
AUGUST
2009
YTD TOTALS*

INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED – 935
CHARGES – 1321
MONEY SEIZED – \$149,983
WEAPONS RECOVERED – 55
VEHICLES SEIZED – 31
COCAINE WEIGHT SEIZED – 8875.1 GR.
MARIJUANA WEIGHT SEIZED – 388576.4 GR.
PILLS SEIZED – 6,763
METH- O
SEARCH WARRANTS – 77



*** Info from West
Precinct Investigation
Reports

Home Burglary Prevention Tips

- KEEP DOORS AND WINDOWS LOCKED, NEVER OPEN YOUR DOOR TO A STRANGER
- DON'T LEAVE A "HIDDEN KEY" OUTSIDE
- DON'T ALLOW PAPERS OR MAIL TO STACK UP IN YOUR DRIVE
- WATCH YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND NOTIFY THE POLICE (862-8600) OF SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE OR VEHICLES
- CONSIDER FLOODLIGHTS FOR EXTERIOR LIGHTING
- RECORD SERIAL NUMBERS AND PHOTOGRAPH ALL HOUSEHOLD VALUABLES
- CONSIDER A PROFESSIONALLY INSTALLED AND MONITORED ALARM SYSTEM WITH STICKERS AND AN AUDIBLE ALARM AFTER OTHERWISE SECURING YOUR HOME
- LOCK UP WHEN AT HOME WHILE CUTTING YOUR GRASS OR GARDENING

Auto Theft Prevention Tips

- NEVER LEAVE KEYS IN YOUR IGNITION
- NEVER LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED WHEN IT'S RUNNING
- ALWAYS LOCK DOORS & KEEP WINDOWS ROLLED UP WHEN PARKED
- DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS VISIBLE INSIDE YOUR CAR, PLACE THEM IN THE TRUNK
- KEEP COPIES OF YOUR CAR'S REGISTRATION, IF YOUR CAR IS STOLEN, THE POLICE WILL NEED THIS TO MAKE A REPORT PARK IN BUSY, WELL LIT AREAS

NUMBERS FOR REPORTING CRIME

If you have crime information to report please contact:
244-DOPE for reporting drug dealing information

74-CRIME (Crime Stoppers) for information on criminal activity or information pertaining current cases.

There several good crime prevention tips on several topics on our website and the National Crime Prevention Council website.

www.nashville.police.org

www.ncpc.org



Recidivism Bottom Line

(We need your help for Stronger Legislation-Repeat Offenders are having an impact on your quality of life).

Report from 8/1/2009 to 7/31/2009

14,436 unique persons have been arrested over the last 12 months for at least one of the following charges: Homicide, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, burglary, Drug Offense, and/or Weapons Violation.

On Average:

- 51.9% have been previously arrested for the same offense
- 79.3% have been previously arrested for any offense
- 37.4% have been previously arrested for a violent Part I Offense
- 52.7% have been previously arrested for any Part I Offense
- 36.1% have been previously convicted of the same offense
- 32% have been previously convicted of a Felony
- 62.7% have been previously convicted of any offense
- Each offender had an average of 41.5 prior charges

These 14,436 offenders have produced 73,863 victims in their criminal history

Excluding drug offenses, these 14,436 offenders have produced 45,441 victims in their criminal history

Juvenile Recidivism:

829 unique juveniles have been arrested over the last 12 months for at least one of the following charges: Homicide, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, burglary, Drug Offense, and/or Weapons Violation.

- 16.6% have been previously arrested for the same offense
- 83.5% have been previously arrested for any offense
- 32.2% have been previously arrested for a violent Part I Offense
- 62.5% have been previously arrested for any Part I Offense
- 7.5% have been previously found delinquent of the same offense
- 14.6% have been previously found delinquent on Felony offense
- 39% have been previously delinquent on any offense
- Each offender had an average of 12.3 prior charges
- The average age at the time of their most recent arrest is 16 years old

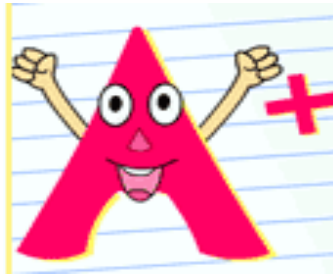
Juvenile Robbery Arrests

59% of all juveniles arrested for robbery this year had been previously arrested, all of which had between 1 and 17 prior arrests.

There have been 78 unique juveniles arrested for robbery in 2009. These juveniles have amassed 481 total charges including their most current robbery arrest. More specifically:

- 5 homicide charges
- 143 robbery charges
- 43 weapon charges
- 39 assault charges (17 aggravated)

There was an 27.5% decrease in the number of juveniles arrested for Part I violent crime offenses in 2009YTD compared to 2008 through July.

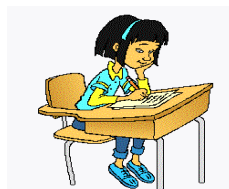


STUDENT ATTENDANCE

It is extremely important that our children stay in school and work on their education. When children skip out of class they are increasing their likelihood of becoming a victim of a crime or participating in one. They are also impacting their future if they do not focus on their class studies. At the West Precinct we are conducting Truancy Operations at various schools. If you see children walking in your neighborhood during school hours please call 862-8600 to report it.

Truancy OPS 09-10 School Year

- 8-19-09 Hillwood HS= 13 arrested
- 8-28-09 Overton HS=7 arrested and 3 adults for contributing



WEST PRECINCT

Sgt. Connie Tripp is the Community Coordinator for West precinct. Persons can call or email him anytime for information in that area/set up a neighborhood watch. That is his role. His phone number is 862-7747. His email: connie.trip@nashville.gov

Officer Debbie Berryhill is our Crime Prevention Officer.
Debbie.Berryhill@nashville.gov

Lt. Preston Brandimore is over the dayshift patrol/school resource officers.
preston.brandimore@nashville.gov

Lt. Matt Pylkas is over the evening shift patrol.
matthew.pylkas@nashville.gov

Lt. Doug Vinson is over the midnight shift patrol.
doug.vinson@nashville.gov

Lt. Jason Starling is over the investigative/flex/crime suppression units. 862-7385
jason.starling@nashville.gov

Lt. Shaw Parris is the PACL (precinct accountability and compliance lieutenant).
shawn.parris@nashville.gov

862-7747 is the line to reach or leave a message for those above.

Residents can also go to our police web page and look at the crime map to see what is occurring in their area for the last 28 days.

<http://www.police.nashville.org/>

On the main page, the left column towards the bottom, go to ONLINE Services-select [interactive crime maps](#). Hit submit for Police sectors, then select West. If you click on the screen you will be able to box in the area you want/use the icons to the left to zoom etc. To the right-select the crimes you are looking for.

West precinct covers 138 square miles (2nd largest precinct). There are 6 precincts covering Davidson County.

We have:

- 3 patrol details
- School resource officers
- Three traffic cars/Two motors
- 3 flex teams
- Investigative unit/Crime suppression unit
- Two secretaries
- Community Coordinator
- Crime Prevention Officer
- PACL-precinct accountability and compliance lieutenant

Every Friday we meet with Chief Serpas for our weekly Compstat/Accountability meeting. It starts at 8am and usually ends at noon. This meeting is open to the public and you can listen to what the precinct/departments members are doing to address the crime issues in the county. It is held at North Precinct.



Help us Combat incidents of Vehicle Burglary and Auto Theft

This year, incidents of theft from vehicles, are an increasing crime problem reported in the West Precinct Area. The Metro Nashville Police Dept. would like to encourage you to **“Park Smart”**.

Please keep in mind the following tips to assist in preventing thefts this season.

- 1) Never leave the keys in your vehicle while it is unattended – even only if it is for a brief time.
- 2) Never leave your car unattended while it is running.
- 3) Always lock your doors and keep your windows rolled up when parked.
- 4) Do not leave items of value visible inside of your car. Place them in your trunk, conceal them from view, or take them with you.
- 5) Park in busy, well lit areas whenever possible.
- 6) Be aware of suspicious activity as you enter a parking lot and avoid potential dangers.
- 7) Keep copies of your vehicles registration in case of emergencies.

One of the crime prevention tools we use to combat this issue is to place PARKSMART FLYERS on the windshields of vehicles. The vehicles chosen are ones that have valuables left in a visible manner. We hope this increases one's awareness. Please do not make yourself an easy target. Thieves also check your doors to see if they are unlocked. If they are they will enter your car and rummage through it to see what is of interest for them to steal. They call it “SHOPPING.” They will do this in shopping parking lots, apartment complexes, businesses and your own driveway!! The Holiday Shopping Season is just around the corner, so please, PARKSMART! Remove your purses, wallets, GPS SYSTEMS, Laptops, Phones etc!!!!



Solicitors in your neighborhood

Metro Ordinance 096-527 was passed by the Council and signed by then Mayor Phil Bredsen on Dec 9, 1996. The essence of the ordinance is as follows:

“Before any salesman, solicitor or representative engaged in obtaining orders or making sales directly to the consumer or user of goods, wares or merchandise to be delivered immediately or in the future shall obtain a solicitor’s permit. The process for obtaining such permit requires that an application shall be made to the Records Division at Police Headquarters downtown. Upon approval by MNPd, the applicant will pay a fee of \$20 for each person who shall solicit within the area of metropolitan government to the Metro Police Dept. All funds received by MNPd will be deposited in the general fund. The police department will make a proper notation on the application that the fee has been paid and the applicant shall take a copy of the application, together with a current photograph to the Metropolitan Clerk who shall issue the permit which shall include a current photograph of the solicitor. All permits issued under the provision of this section shall expire one year from the date of the issuance. Any person who has obtained a permit under this article shall display said permit on their person at all times when making a sale, obtaining an order from any person, or engaging in commercial solicitation in any manner, and shall exhibit said permit to any police officer whenever requested by such officer.”

NOTE that this does not apply to canvassers who are simply going from house to house placing information on the door knobs. Conservation is required for solicitation to occur.

If solicitors come to your neighborhood they should be asked for the proper permit identification. If they do not have it call the police (862-8600) and request a zone officer to come and enforce the law. Please provide a detailed description of the person.

RECRUITMENT NOTES

www.joinmnpd.com



Important Tips to Help Prevent Identity Theft

1. Shred all your important papers and especially pre-approved credit applications received in your name and other financial information that provides access to your private information. Don't forget to shred your credit card receipts.
2. Be careful of "Dumpster Diving." Make sure that you do not throw anything away that someone could use to become you.
3. Be careful at ATM's and using Phone Cards. "Shoulder Surfers" can get your "Pin Number" and get access to your accounts.
4. Get all of your checks delivered to your bank - not to your home address.
5. Do not put checks in the mail from your home mailbox. Drop them off at a U.S. Mailbox or the U.S. Post Office.
6. When you order new credit cards in the mail, or your previous ones have expired, watch the calendar to make sure that you get the card within the appropriate time. If it is not received by a certain date, call the credit card grantor immediately and find out if the card was sent. Find out if a change of address was filed if you don't receive the card or a billing statement.
7. Cancel all credit cards that you do not use or have not used in 6 months.
8. Put passwords on all your accounts and do not use your mother's maiden name. Make up a fictitious word.
9. Obtain a post office box or a locked mailbox, if you possibly can.
10. Ask financial institutions, doctors' offices, etc., what they do with your private information and make sure that they shred it and protect your information. Tell them why.
11. Empty your wallet of all extra credit cards and social security numbers, etc. Do not carry identifiers you do not need. Don't carry your birth certificate, social security card, or passport, unless necessary.
12. Memorize social security numbers and passwords.
13. When a person calls you at home or at work, and you do not know this person, never give out any of your personal information. If they tell you they are a credit grantor of yours call them back at the number that you know is the true number, and ask for that party to discuss personal information. Provide only information that you believe is absolutely necessary.
14. Do not put your social security number on your checks or your credit receipts. If a business requests your social security number, give them an alternate number and tell them why. They do not need that to identify you. If a government agency requests your social security number, there must be a privacy notice accompanying the request.
15. Do not put your telephone number on your checks.
16. Get credit cards and business cards with your picture on them.
17. Do not put your credit card account number on the Internet (unless it is encrypted on a secured site.) Don't put account numbers on the outside of envelopes, or on your checks.
18. Monitor all your bank statements from every credit card every month. Check to see if there is anything that you do not recognize and call the credit grantor to verify that it is truly yours. .
19. Take your name off all promotional lists. Call the three credit reporting agency numbers to opt out of pre-approved offers.

Experian: (888) 567-8688

Equifax: (888) 567-8688

TransUnion: (888) 567-8688

Subject: Swine Flu - Frequently Asked Questions

What is swine influenza? Swine flu is a respiratory infection caused by influenza viruses that regularly cause outbreaks in pigs. There have been reports of serious illness and deaths due to swine flu in Mexico, but the recently confirmed cases in the United States have been mild.

What are the symptoms of swine influenza? Swine flu symptoms appear to be similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, lethargy, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu.

How does swine influenza spread? Swine flu viruses can be directly transmitted person to person – just like seasonal flu. Spread is mainly through coughing or sneezing. People may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

Who is at risk for swine influenza? Anyone who has contact with an infected person may be exposed to swine flu. Human transmission is thought to occur in the same way as seasonal flu: through aerosolized particles that are released when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

What can I do to protect myself from getting sick?

There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza. Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

- Encourage others to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

These are the same protections as those for seasonal flu and many other respiratory infections.

What is the Health Department doing to prepare for swine flu?

The Metro Public Health Department is monitoring the latest information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Tennessee Department of Health.

More information from the Metro Public Health Department is available at the following website:

<http://www.health.nashville.gov>

The Metro Public Health Department's swine flu information telephone line offer the latest information, 340-7775.

From Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

General information about swine flu

http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/general_info.htm

Swine Flu Case Definitions

http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/casedef_swineflu.htm

Swine Flu Infection Control and Patient Care

http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/guidelines_infection_control.htm

Preventing the Flu

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits.htm>