



## CITY OF MUSKEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM



January 9, 2015

Greetings from your neighbors at the Muskego Police Department,

I was fortunate to have some time off during the holidays with my family. Most of our officers weren't as fortunate. Here are some of the things that kept their holidays hopping:

- December 19, 2014; 7:51pm – A 32 year old Milwaukee woman was arrested for outstanding warrants during a traffic stop on Moorland Rd. @ College Ave.
- December 20, 2014; 12:24am – A 46 year old Wind Lake woman who was a passenger in a car stopped on Racine Ave. and Parker Dr. was arrested for an outstanding warrant.
- December 20, 2014; 2:10am – The police department received a complaint of “ding dong ditching” in the area of Rain Tree Ct. and Woods Rd.
- December 20, 2014; 2:23pm – A 19 year old Muskego woman was cited for attempted retail theft at Walmart.
- December 20, 2014; 6:02pm – A 24 year old West Allis man guaranteed an officer who was following him on Racine Ave. would stop him after he pulled into the employee parking lot of the police department, which is clearly posted for authorized personnel only. With the assistance of Muskego K-9 Sirius, the man was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia (pot pipes). *I keep telling you they call it dope for a reason!*
- December 20, 2014; 9:02pm – Two men, an 18 year old Wind Lake and a 19 year old from Waterford, were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop on Moorland Rd. at Sandalwood Dr.
- December 21, 2014; 12:12am – A 30 year old West Allis man was charged with drunk driving after being stopped in the S7300 block of Martin Dr. He was also charged with bail jumping for violating the terms of bail set in a pending drunk driving case.
- December 21, 2014; 12:18am – A 31 year old Waukesha man was arrested for operating after suspension, obstructing an officer and three outstanding warrants after a traffic stop on STH 36 near Champions Village.
- December 21, 2014; 1:23am – A 49 year old Wind Lake woman was cited for operating after revocation as a result of a drunk driving conviction, and violation of ignition interlock device restrictions after a traffic stop on Racine Ave. @ College Ave.
- December 21, 2014; 2:18am – A hit and run accident on Moorland Rd. at Princeton Dr. resulted in a 33 year old Hales Corners man being arrested for his second drunk driving offense, operating after revocation, drunk driving related, violation of ignition interlock restrictions, and obstructing an officer.
- December 23, 2014; 8:44pm – A traffic stop on Racine Ave @ Cardinal Dr. resulted in a 28 year old Muskego man being cited with operating after suspension and his passenger, a 29 year old Waukesha woman, being arrested for two outstanding warrants.
- December 24, 2014; 8:29pm – A resident in the W16600 block of Bridgeport Way reported that someone had cut their outdoor Christmas lights. *On Christmas Eve!*
- December 25, 2014; 9:04pm – officers reported out on the walking path on Woods Rd. near Clearbrook Dr. picking up and returning books to a free book location after they had been scattered about the area.
- December 26, 2014; 2:49am – A 25 year old New Berlin man was arrested on Highland Park Dr. and Janesville Rd. for operating after a drunk driving related revocation.
- December 26, 2014; 1:45pm – A wallet was stolen at the Muskego Public Library.
- December 26, 2014; 3:54pm – smoke from a fire in the W13000 block of Janesville Rd. was bothersome to a complainant. The fire was extinguished.

- December 26, 2014; 5:25pm – A traffic stop on Janesville Rd @ Racine Ave resulted in a 33 year old Milwaukee man being cited for operating without a license and no insurance.
- December 26, 2014; 10:02pm – The police department received a request to check on the welfare of an intoxicated bicyclist on STH 36 at US 45. The 38 year old Franklin man was arrested for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.
- December 27, 2014; 12:07am – Officers responded to a report that a vehicle parked in a driveway in the S7100 block of Racine Ave had been vandalized with window paint.
- December 27, 2014; 5:47pm – The operator of a silver Chevy pickup truck concealed his license plate before pumping gas at the Muskego Express Gas Station on Janesville Rd @ Tess Corners Dr. and failing to pay for it.
- December 27, 2014; 7:13pm – A 28 year old Muskego man overdosed on prescription medication. Lifesaving efforts succeeded, and he is now facing drug charges.
- December 27, 2014; 9:37pm – A report of an underage drinking party in the W17100 block of Martin Dr. resulted in numerous arrests for outstanding warrants and underage drinking.
- December 28, 2014; 1:46am – A loud music complaint led to three subjects being cited for underage drinking at a residence in the W17900 block of Muskego Dr.
- December 28, 2014; 2:36pm – A 32 year old Muskego woman was arrested for shoplifting and trespassing at Pick N Save.
- December 28, 2014; 10:54pm – A 51 year old Muskego man was arrested for a first offense drunk driving on Racine Ave at Woods Rd.
- December 29, 2014; 9:50pm – A suspicious vehicle on Parker Dr. at Racine Ave resulted in a 17 year old Muskego man being arrested for operating under the influence of a restricted controlled substance (drugs) and two 17 year old Muskego men who were his passengers being arrested for possession of controlled substances and drug paraphernalia.
- December 30, 2014; 12:09am – A 22 year old Big Bend man was arrested on Hillendale Dr. at Field Dr. for his second driving under the influence of a restricted controlled substance offense.
- December 30, 2014; 3:06am – Charges for intoxicated use of a firearm were referred to the district attorney's office after a 21 year old Muskego man accidentally shot himself.
- December 30, 2014; 8:01am – A traffic stop on Janesville Rd @ Moorland Rd. resulted in a 32 year old Greenfield man being arrested for numerous outstanding warrants.
- December 31, 2014; 2:52am – A 37 year old man was cited with operating after revocation, OWI related, and violation of ignition interlock device restrictions after a traffic stop on College Ave. and Lentini Dr.
- December 31, 2014; 10:18am – A truck parked in the W12900 block of Longfellow Lane was covered in shaving cream.
- December 31, 2014; 5:34pm – A 25 year old Milwaukee man was arrested for operating after suspension and outstanding warrants as a result of a traffic stop on Racine Ave @ Hillendale Dr.
- December 31, 2014; 7:03pm – A 56 year old Pewaukee woman was arrested for her first drunk driving offense after being found passed out in her vehicle in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot.
- January 1, **2015**; (*Really!*) 4:45pm – an 18 year old Muskego woman was arrested for employee theft at Cousins Subs. (*Not the way you want to start a new year*)
- January 2, 2015; 3:25pm – A gray or silver Ford Taurus damaged mailboxes in the W16400 block of Oak Hill Trail, resulting in front end damage to the car.
- January 4, 2015; 2:15am – a 27 year old Muskego woman was arrested for her first drunk driving offense after the police department received a complaint of a loud argument outside Bushy's Pub.
- January 4, 7:40am – A 25 year old Franklin woman was arrested for operating after suspension, OWI related, after a traffic stop on Janesville Rd @ Racine Ave.
- January 6, 2015; 3:52pm – A 50 year old Muskego man was arrested for shoplifting at Pick N Save.
- January 7, 2015; 6:03pm – A 49 year old Muskego man was arrested for disorderly conduct after threatening a fellow patron at Kwik Trip.
- January 7, 2015; 7:05pm – a resident on Bay Shore Dr. reported being the victim of identity theft.
- Officers also responded to 19 different motor vehicle accidents during this time. Fortunately there were no serious injuries or loss of life.

I know this was a long list, but now you are all caught up and we are ready to hit 2015 running! And remember, if you have information on these or any other incidents, contact the Muskego Police Department at 262-679-4130.

### **Thank You From All of Us**

On behalf of all the men and women here at the Muskego Police Department, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who sent a card, letter, email, or who stopped in with kind words, treats and goodies. Everyone likes to know that they are making a difference. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated by all of us, and just re-affirms why we do this job. May you and your family and friends enjoy a happy, healthy, prosperous and safe 2015.

### **Boy, is Old Man Winter a Grouch!**

Winter is back with a vengeance, so I wanted to offer a couple of friendly reminders. Winter parking rules are in effect on all Muskego roads. That means that there is no parking on city streets from 3-7am, every night. Permission for overnight parking *may* be granted by the police department, but if snow is in the forecast, it most likely won't be granted, so make sure you have a place to park.

With the bitter cold we have been experiencing, now is the time to really watch your neighbors, especially the elderly or those with special needs. Please take a moment to check in on them and make sure they have proper heat. If one of your neighbors is having some problems, the county has a number of programs that can help. The police department can also help put them in touch with the people who can assist them.

Remote car starters have to be one of man's greatest inventions. It is a pretty secure way to make sure your vehicle is nice and toasty when you get in. For those of us dinosaurs who don't have remote start, we have to do it the old fashion way, by actually going out and turning the key. I am not going to get into the whole, "it is against city ordinance to leave an unattended vehicle with its keys in it" because you already know that. (I guess I did actually go into it...oh, well) What I will remind you about, is that those running cars are perfect targets for thieves. So think before you start. Isn't it better to shiver for a minute as the car warms up, as opposed to shivering during the 45 minute walk home?

### **Scammin' Time of Year**

During the past few weeks we have received several calls regarding telephone scams. Several calls were received by citizens from someone claiming to represent Publisher's Clearing House, looking for money to be paid in order to release prizes. Remember, if you really won something, nobody is going to ask you to pay money in advance to receive a payment. Also, we received a complaint that a phone call was received demanding payment for the unsolicited remote computer repairs done to the complainant's computer. To paraphrase an annoying insurance commercial "That's not how any of this works!" If it doesn't sound right to you, don't give anyone your personal information, and especially don't give them any money. Nobody will come and arrest you, and your services will not be cut off. If you have a doubt, put them off and call us.

### **Save the Date**

On Friday, February 13, from 9:30am to 11:00am, the Muskego Police Department will partner with San Laurio Coffeehouse, S74 W16825 Janesville Rd. to host **Coffee with a Cop**. Take the opportunity to have a great cup of coffee and talk with your police officers. You can discuss issues that are affecting you and your neighborhood, or you can just get to know the officers in an informal setting. Hope to see you there!

### **Change is All Around Us**

Over the last year or so, we have seen a lot of change here at the police department, with several veteran officers retiring and new officers taking their place. Today, we say goodbye to another "old timer." After 30 years of dedicated service to residents of the City of Muskego, Captain John La Tour calls it a career.

While we will all miss him, we are all very happy for him. I hope you will join us in wishing John and his family a well-earned happy retirement.

And with that, we would also like to welcome Officer Molly Nitka to the Muskego Police Department. Officer Nitka started on January 8<sup>th</sup>, and will be in field training for a while as she learns the ropes. If you have the chance to meet Officer Nitka, please take a moment to introduce yourself to here, because we plan to have her here for the next 30 years.

Until next time, have a good week, and stay alert and stay safe,

*Lt David Constantineau*

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