



## CITY OF MUSKEGO POLICE BEAT NEWSLETTER

October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Happy New Year, Muskego! It's 2020, but I'm still reporting on 2019. As previously mentioned, it's my new year's resolution to catch up and do so quickly! So, let's get started.

### October 25<sup>th</sup>:

- 4:46 a.m. – A 41 year old Franklin resident was cited for OAS following a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of College Ave. and Martin Dr.
- 6:41 a.m. – A 51 year old resident of the S6400 block of Glenbrook Dr. called the police department to report a garbage disposal company was emptying dumpsters at a nearby business, causing a ruckus. Our caller felt this was a violation of the municipal noise ordinance, so officers made contact at the business, and employees agreed to schedule a later time for garbage disposal.
- 8:06 a.m. – More neighbor trouble near North Lane (we had some the day prior, discussed in the previous newsletter). A separate complainant responded to the police department to report her neighbor, a 53 year old resident, was doing the same thing to her that she was to the other neighbors who had called the day before. Reports included the suspect staring at neighboring residences, following in vehicles, shouting the unknown, and loud knocks at the door. Our suspect's residence was the scene of a public pee-er who was called in and ultimately arrested once officers discovered he held body only warrants. We're still unsure what our suspect's connection is to the pee-er, but she's obviously not happy he was arrested and letting everyone know about it.
- 12:13 p.m. – A 28 year old resident of the S9200 block of Racine Ave. called the police department to report an unknown elderly male subject entered his property, but was not associated with the contractors working there. Apparently the 81 year old resident of the W19000 block of Kelsey Dr. wished to speak with said contractors, however became belligerent, using profane language, when the homeowner requested he ask permission before entering our caller's property. Seems reasonable. The argument was verbal in nature, and officers made contact with the trespasser who was advised reference his behavior. R-E-L-A-X.
- 2:31 p.m. – Employees of a business located in the W20400 block of Janesville Rd. called the police department to report the concern they had for the mother of a 66 year old Big Bend resident. According to our caller, the suspect had purchased multiple dog chains over the previous month, each time stating it was to tie up his 98 year old mother with whom he resides. 1<sup>st</sup> time is a joke, after that it's a little weird. County deputies responded to the residence in Big Bend and made contact with our suspect and his mother who confirmed they were just jokes and mom was okay.
- 4:07 p.m. – Officers stood by and facilitated the exchange of property between two parties at a residence located in the S6900 block of Crabapple Ct.
- 4:52 p.m. – A passerby called the police department to report downed wire across the road near the intersection of Crowbar Dr. and Parker Dr. The wire was deemed unalive and WE Energies responded to remedy the situation.
- 8:02 p.m. – A 17 year old Wind Lake resident was advised of park hours at Engel Conservancy: sun up to sun down.

#### October 26<sup>th</sup>:

- 2:17 a.m. – K9 Officer Sirius responded to a residence in Big Bend to assist County Deputies and Big Bend P.D. with the locating of a vehicle and sniffing said vehicle once it was located.
- 2:09 p.m. – A 42 year old resident of the W20100 block of Monterey Dr. called the police department to report his 16 year old daughter's wallet was either lost or stolen following a student council meeting at the high school earlier that day. Officers responded to investigate, however Dad called back the following day to report a janitor had located the wallet on top of a vending machine. Problem solved.
- 5:43 p.m. – A 55 year old Franklin resident was arrested for OWI – 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense after being called in for suspiciously parking, partially in traffic near the intersection of Freedom Ave. and Independence Dr. My guess is the level of intoxication had something to do with the odd park job. Either way, thanks for drawing attention to yourself and assisting us with removing you and your vehicle (which was towed) from the roadway.
- 6:23 p.m. – Racine County Deputies made contact with a 58 year old Waterford resident per our request after multiple calls were received stating the suspect was operating his pickup truck through our callers' properties and ditch lines. Deputies detained the subject until investigation revealed no actual violations occurred. Moving on.
- 11:59 p.m. – Franklin P.D. called requesting K9 officer assistance while searching for a 36 year old Philadelphia resident who reportedly fled on foot after punching multiple subjects while at a gentlemen's club. That's not very gentlemanly and no means no. Our officers responded to STH 36 and assistance was provided.
- Overall, a fairly quiet Saturday.

#### October 27<sup>th</sup>:

- 10:06 a.m. – Officers responded to the parking lot of a business located in the S6500 block of Moorland Rd. and made contact with a 57 year old Milwaukee resident after he was called in as a reckless driver for swerving and driving onto a median. Our operator's vehicle had fresh damage which was later determined to have occurred two days prior as the result of an accident in Milwaukee. Our operator admitted to the lousy driving, however blamed the vehicle's performance on the accident. Well, maybe you shouldn't be driving it anymore. He was advised as such and given a verbal warning.
- 2:28 p.m. – A 64 year old resident of the S8200 block of Hillendale Dr. was issued a compliance order for the expired registration on his vehicle which was disabled and located at the intersection of Janesville Rd. and Towne Center Dr. The operator removed the vehicle with his own tow truck which hopefully had current plates.
- 3:38 p.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report an African American male subject wearing a yellow shirt running along Kelsey Dr. near the intersection of North Shore Dr. Our caller stated the subject would run, then walk before starting to run again and found this suspicious (insert eye roll here). An officer was sent, however our runner was not located. Maybe he was Tabata interval training. We'll never know.
- 7:03 p.m. – A fireworks display was shut down at a business on Aud Mar Dr. following complaints received from nearby residents. Sorry to ruin your fun, but rules are rules. Next time obtain a permit.
- 7:52 p.m. – A 27 year old Waterford resident called the police department to report her friend's arm was grabbed and pulled by an unknown male subject while walking on the bike trail near the intersection of Racine Ave. and Apollo Dr. The incident was first posted on Facebook which of course kept everyone calm and at ease before our complainant was encouraged to call on behalf of her friend. Our victim refused to speak with officers until we drove to the 26 year old resident of the W18500 block of Janesville Rd.'s address and knocked on her door at which time she stated she was never grabbed, but rather tapped if anything and believed the subject was simply trying to gain her attention. Our victim stated at no point did she feel it was an attempt to abduct her, however she had become scared and ran to a nearby business. Our perpetrator was never located and no such incidents have been reported since. Buncha hullabaloo.
- 7:55 p.m. – A 27 year old Big Bend resident called the police department to report hitting a deer in the S9600 block of Racine Ave. Officers responded and put the deer out of its misery, after which

it was picked up by the operator's friend. The damage to the vehicle was under the reportable amount.

- 10:04 p.m. – An 85 year old resident of the S7700 block of Valley Dr. called the police department to report the smoke from her neighbor's bonfire was bothersome. Officers responded and made contact with said neighbor who agreed to extinguish the flames.
- 11:39 p.m. – Felonious ding-dong-ditchers were making the rounds on Foxboro Place. A U/I resident called to report the issue which had been occurring the past few nights, however no suspects were located following a check of the area.

#### October 28<sup>th</sup>:

- 5:45 a.m. – A 26 year old Mount Pleasant resident was cited for OAS following a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of Moorland Dr. and Princeton Dr. He was also cited for no insurance before being advised not to drive.
- 8:11 a.m. – A 22 year old Milwaukee resident was cited for OAR and no insurance after he was pulled over near the intersection of Racine Ave. and Hillendale Dr. Again, advised not to drive, especially considering his passenger had a VALID LICENSE!
- 9:46 a.m. – A 76 year old resident of the S9700 block of Jimmy Demaret Dr. called the police department to report a white, male subject had started to set up a tripod in her front yard to take pictures. When she confronted him, he stated he was photographing her home for the realtor she hadn't hired, because her house was not for sale. The subject stated he must have mixed up homes and left the area in a silver Volkswagen. We checked the area, however did not find him. Nothing further has been reported by the complainant.
- 1:43 p.m. – A 70 year old resident of the W16800 block of Casey Dr. responded to the police department to report an unknown subject had opened a PayPal account she didn't want, in her name. Investigation continuing.
- 3:12 p.m. – A 53 year old resident of the W17700 block of Brennan Dr. responded to the police department to report the theft of a water pump and other tools from property he had recently purchased located in the W20200 block of Adrian Dr. Investigation continuing.
- 3:18 p.m. – Officers responded to a residence in the W12900 block of McShane Dr. for the report of a stolen iPhone. Contact was made with the 78 year old victim, whose cell phone was plotting to an address in New Berlin. Officers responded to the address and spoke with the homeowner who had recently purchased a new iPhone herself, however the serial numbers did not match. The phone was never located and later believed to be thrown away by accident. Why it was plotting in New Berlin, we'll never know.
- 3:56 p.m. – A 27 year old resident of the S11000 block of Racine Ave. called the police department to report the theft of tools from his vehicle sometime the night before. An apparent pry bar of sorts was used to access the vehicle which belongs to the complainant, however the tools did not. Investigation continuing. That's 3 thefts in a row, buncha people apparently needing employment roaming the city as of late.
- 5:00 p.m. – Officers responded to the W19200 block of Highland Park Dr. for the report of a subject that was bit while attempting to separate two fighting dogs. Our victim, a 42 year old resident, lost control of her dog, at which time it attacked two neighboring dogs. Our victim was unsure as to which dog actually bit her during the melee, however one neighboring dog was transported to a nearby veterinary clinic for injuries sustained. Our victim was treated by Tess Corners F.D. paramedics. The attacking dog owner/victim was issued multiple citations. Both dog owner received citations for failing to properly license their pets. Here's your reminder! You can stop in to City Hall or pay online. \$10-\$15 depending on whether or not you listen to Drew Carey and help control the pet population by getting your pet spayed or neutered.
- 5:09 p.m. – More dog trouble. This time, a 43 year old resident of the S8500 of Providence Way called the police department to report his neighbor threatened to physically harm him if he pet his dog. Officers responded and made contact with our 36 year old suspect whose story indicated our caller was in fact the instigator. Both parties were advised to keep their hands to themselves and desist contact with one another...and their dogs.
- 8:44 p.m. – A 17 year old resident of the S8200 block of Pioneer Dr. responded to the police department to report a possible sex-trafficking incident that took place at a business located in the W17000 block of Janesville Rd. Investigation revealed our suspect, a 26 year old Delafield

resident, was trying to recruit our victim to work for a legitimate company that distributes cheese. Sex trafficking, cheese, common mistake. Our victim was re-contacted and her mind put to ease. Meanwhile, the manager of the business where the incident occurred requested our cheese recruiter be advised she was no longer allowed at the business, only to change their mind two days later and remove the no trespass order. Allrighty then.

#### October 29<sup>th</sup>:

- 2:16 a.m. – A 40 year old Milwaukee resident was cited for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license following a traffic stop that occurred in the S7900 block of Racine Ave. The operator was advised not to drive and the passenger, who lo and behold held a valid license, took over the wheel, because letting them drive from the get go would have made too much sense.
- 6:03 a.m. – A 31 year old resident of the W19100 block of Hillview Dr. called the police department to report arcing electrical wires tangled in tree branches. WE Energies was contacted and responded to remedy the situation.
- 9:03 a.m. – A 45 year old resident of the W19400 block of Lochcrest Blvd. called the police department to report an unknown subject had seemingly attempted to steal the tires off of her vehicle overnight. The loose lug nuts were discovered after the vehicle was felt wobbling down the road. Our complainant stated the tires had recently been purchased which is why they may have been targeted, however could not identify any potential suspects and no investigative leads have been developed at this time. There can only be so many people who knew you bought tires.
- 4:58 p.m. – A 55 year old Wind Lake resident was cited for following too close at the end of a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of STH 36 and Thode Dr. The 2 second rule = a safe following distance.
- 6:45 p.m. – A 24 year old Milwaukee resident was cited for OAS and no insurance following a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of Tess Corners Dr. and Janesville Rd. She too was advised not to drive.
- 8:31 p.m. – A 33 year old resident of the S9800 block of Parker Dr. called the police department to report a female subject was going door to door in an attempt to sell floor cleaner, and our caller felt this was suspicious. City Hall later verified our saleswoman did in fact have a peddler's permit. Still, not your everyday sales pitch and I'm curious as to what she's got that one cannot find at the store or if this was an attempt to scope out the area. No further complaints received.
- 11:05 p.m. – A 30 year old resident of the S7300 block of Lannon Dr. called the police department to report an unknown subject had attempted to open her front door approximately 15 minutes prior to calling. Officers responded to check the area and located nothing of suspicion.

#### October 30<sup>th</sup>:

- 6:51 a.m. – Officers responded to the W14500 block of Pilgrim Dr. for the report of a vehicle stuck on a culvert, blocking traffic. Upon arrival, contact was made with the operator, a 16 year old resident, who admitted to cutting her turn short when exiting the driveway. Traffic control was provided until a tow arrived on scene.
- 7:59 a.m. – K9 Officers Sirius and Obi reported a clean sniff of Muskego High School. That's what we like to hear!
- 11:30 a.m. – An 18 year old resident of the W19000 block of Bay Ct. was cited for a tobacco violation at the high school.
- 12:22 p.m. – A 50 year old resident of the S10900 block of Loomis Dr. called the police department to report an unknown white, male subject was walking around his property and felt this was suspicious. Officers responded and made contact with our caller's 34 year old neighbor who was searching for a deer he had shot the previous day. Coyote food.
- 4:35 p.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report a horse was kept on a leash in the front yard of a residence on McShane Dr., which turned out to be McShane Rd. in the City of Franklin. I'm not sure what our caller's issue was, but the horse appeared to be well cared for, so unless Franklin says you're not allowed to keep majestic creatures in your front yard, I don't see a problem. Maybe it's a guard horse.

- 5:23 p.m. – A 72 year old resident of the S7500 block of Lannon Dr. called the police department to report an unknown subject walking through a field and into a nearby wooded area. Officers responded, however were unable to locate the felonious field walker.
- 5:40 p.m. – A 64 year old resident of the S9400 block of Parker Dr. was advised of the burning ordinance after neighbors called him in due to the smell of his incinerating roofing materials. C'mon, the ozone hole is big enough.
- 8:25 p.m. – Officers responded to a residence located in the W14900 block of Cornell Circle after our caller stated a 17 year old neighbor had walked in and bitten an 18 year old with whom our caller resides. 17 years of age, not 3. Our victim did not wish to press charges (of course not). So, both parties were advised to desist contact and refrain from biting one another or they could be cited for trespassing/and or harassment. Depending on the marks left, we might have battery as well. Kids these days.

October 31<sup>st</sup>:

- Happy Halloween! No white Christmas, but trick or treaters sure had a rough go of it. For future reference, checking to see if trick or treating is still is go is not a valid reason to call 9-1-1. This seemed to be an issue that day.
- 1:46 a.m. – A 27 year old resident of the S7700 block of Valley Dr. was arrested for OWI – 1<sup>st</sup> Offense following a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of Janesville Rd. and Lincoln Dr.
- 2:11 a.m. – A used car retailer was cited for an overweight trucking violation after their driver was pulled over on Durham Dr. The semi was approximately 54,000 lbs. overweight bringing that citation total just north of \$10K. Ouch.
- 7:06 a.m. – A 56 year old Franklin resident was cited following a 3 vehicle accident that occurred in the W14900 block of College Ave. No injuries were reported.
- 9:06 a.m. – A 42 year old resident of the W20900 block of Fireside Dr. called the police department to report striking two mailboxes with her vehicle in the S7300 block of Hillendale Dr. after losing control due to road conditions. No injuries were reported. A crash report was assigned.
- 9:50 a.m. – A 42 year old Milwaukee resident was cited for OAS following a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of STH 36 and Thode Dr. Again, a passenger in the vehicle had a valid license, so why our citation receiver was operating in the first place is beyond me. Ignorance?
- 11:45 a.m. – A 53 year old resident of the W17600 block of Lake Dr. called the police department to report 4 white ducks roaming the area of Catalina Dr. Our caller believed the ducks belonged to a nearby farm, however the farm owner denied ownership of the fowl when contact was made. Apparently the ducks are wild and frequent a nearby pond. No harm no fowl.
- 12:51 p.m. – Another single vehicle accident caused by road conditions. This time, our 18 year old operator struck a traffic sign on Racine Ave. before entering the ditch near Apollo Dr. No injuries reported. Be careful out there! Conditions on Halloween were bad enough that vehicles were unable to make it up the hill on Racine Ave. More vehicles in ditches were reported throughout the day.
- 4:21 p.m. – A 27 year old resident of the S7500 block of Gregory Dr. called the police department to report receiving two suspicious pieces of mail. Officers responded and determined the letters to be scams and disposed of them properly. No personal information was compromised.
- 5:43 p.m. – A 60 year old resident of the S7000 block of Belmont Dr. called the police department to report being bitten by his neighbor's dog for the third time in a week and not being twice shy. Contact was made with the 43 year old dog owner who was cited for the incident.
- 8:28 p.m. – A 40 year old Milwaukee resident called the police department to report her daughter had gone trick or treating in our city and upon returning home found what appeared to be a wedding ring inside her bag. Score! Just kidding. Our caller indicated she would later turn the ring in to be inventoried.
- 9:32 p.m. – A 23 year old Milwaukee resident was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of a restricted and controlled substance. The traffic stop occurred near the intersection of STH 36 and Muskego Dam Dr. Yup, still illegal.

During this week, the following traffic contacts were made:

Citations:	22	Written Warnings:	8
Number of sets of keys retrieved from locked vehicles:	2		
Number of butt dials received and check welfares conducted:	12		

As always, if you have information on these or any other incidents, contact the City of Muskego Police Department at (262) 679-4130.

\*\*\*TITLE CHANGE\*\*\*

You may have noticed that the title of the newsletter has changed. I figured it was only appropriate as we no longer have a neighborhood watch program. The program itself was based on a call chain that was established prior to cell phones becoming more popular. As technology advanced, watch meetings took place less and less and groups eventually disbanded. The most recent neighborhood captain list I found upon taking over the position of Community Resource Officer was from 2013, but for those of you still going strong, kudos! Most of the benefits from the watch program have been replaced by apps, social media, or text alerts with the exception being the face to face interaction with your neighbors which some people may or may not miss. I'm currently looking into the Neighbors app Ring. It seems to have encapsulated the benefits of neighborhood watch by allowing participating residents and law enforcement to work hand in hand to solve crime. It could also potentially erase the need for a citywide residential/business surveillance camera database we started at the beginning of the year, so stay tuned!

\*\*\*INCREASING OWI RELATED ACCIDENTS\*\*\*

Over the course of December, 2019, we along with Tess Corners F.D. paramedics responded to a substantial increase in OWI related vehicle crashes. This may or may not have been due to an increased number of gatherings related to the holiday season, but none the less, more than we typically see on an average monthly basis. At least 4 such crashes resulted in injuries, some quite serious. All of these crashes were 100% preventable had our operators made the smart choice of planning ahead and designating a driver or calling for an Uber. We cannot stress this enough: if you drink/smoke and drive, you lose. Every day, nearly 30 people in the U.S. die in a drunk driving related crash. That is one person every 50 minutes. Don't be a statistic, we need you!

Please be patient with me as I fulfill my new year's resolution. It's been a pleasure authoring these newsletters for the past year. Thanks for continuing to read and as always, you stay classy, Muskego!

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Community Resource Officer

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