
CITY OF MUSKEGO POLICE BEAT NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year, Muskego! It's been a while since the last edition of the newsletter was released, and I do apologize, but you know how the holidays are and things were no different around the police department. This newsletter will be bittersweet in that it is my last as the Community Resource Officer. For those of you that are not aware, the position, as well as several others at the police department, is rotational. Four years to be exact and my how time has flown! To put it in perspective, I was still living in an apartment, childless, our chief was bald, and Covid wasn't a thing yet when this all started. Good times! We'll get into a few more details at the conclusion of the letter as I'd also like to introduce you to my replacement, but for now, please enjoy a few excerpts from newsletters that I started over the past few months, but didn't get around to finishing. Oops!

Sept. 9th:

- 1:18 a.m. – An officer responded to the lot of a business located in the W18800 block of Janesville Rd. for the report of a two-vehicle accident. No one was hurt with the exclusion of some pride. One might think a vacated parking lot at 1 in the morning would be a safe haven for those looking to avoid vehicular accidents, but one would be wrong. Crash report completed.
- 8:15 a.m. – Another two-vehicle accident, this one in the W16500 block of Janesville Rd. Again, no injuries were reported. Crash report completed.
- 12:46 p.m. – The owner of a business located in the W16400 block of Janesville Rd. called the police department to report a now former employee had called the business and threatened our caller and staff. An officer was summoned and made telephone contact with the disgruntled 32 year Lake Geneva resident who was trespassed from the business and advised to stop calling or else! Having references on job applications is a good thing, but I think you blew this one.
- 12:55 p.m. – A 37 year old resident of the W18400 block of Lions Park Dr. called 9-1-1 to report being the victim of fraud. Unless the fraudulent activity is actively occurring, the non-emergency number will suffice, thank you. An officer was summoned, investigation continuing.
- 2:04 p.m. – A patron of a business located in the S7800 block of Racine Ave. called the police department to report a group of yoots were inside said business and had destroyed products prior to fleeing the scene. Responding officers were able to locate the getaway vehicle. Ages ranged from 14-19, three from Muskego, one Waukesha. Investigation revealed no products were stolen or destroyed, however this crew had done enough that business employees didn't want them returning, so they too were trespassed and told to skedaddle.

Sept. 16th:

- 10:36 a.m. – A 56 year old resident of the S9700 block of Parker Drive called the police department to report finding a fox that had been struck by a vehicle near the intersection of Racine Ave. A tree branch had been used to note the animal's location. Needless to say, the responding officer was a bit surprised to find an owl where the fox was supposed to be. Fox, owl, zebra; didn't really matter, the bird was put out of its misery.
- 2:34 p.m. – A 57 year old Waterford resident called the police department to report his sister-in-law from Minnesota had arrived in Muskego only yesterday and had since taken/transported his mother-in-law, whom he and his wife are POA for and whom resides in Muskego, back to Minnesota with her. Our caller was concerned due to all of mother-in-law's doctors and medical care being located in the greater Milwaukee area. Based off the details, it doesn't sound like she was going to Minnesota for a quick visit. Our caller was advised that the matter is civil in nature at this time and would have to be handled between himself, his wife, and his sister-in-law. Best of luck!
- 2:58 p.m. – A 33 year old Big Bend resident called the police department to report being in a fender bender in the lot of a business located in the S6500 block of Moorland Rd. An officer responded

and determined no injuries had occurred between our caller, her son, and the 45 year old subject from East Troy in the other vehicle. A crash report was completed.

- 4:14 p.m. – A 35 year old Milwaukeean was cited for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and given a verbal warning reference her vehicle's registration status after being pulled over near the intersection of Hillendale Dr. and Racine Ave. She was advised not to drive, but this isn't the first time she's been cited for this, and if I was a betting man...
- 5:06 p.m. – An 18 year old Waterford resident was caught speeding near the roundabout at Kelsey Dr. and Racine Ave. Might want to slow down or at least clean your car out. A vape pen containing THC was located, but empty. He was cited for speeding and the pen was destroyed.
- 7:26 p.m. – A 41 year old New Berlin resident came into the police department to report observing lights on and hearing rustling noises coming from the inside of the Old Town Hall while walking past. It's haunted! An officer responded over to check the building, which does see frequent use, but found nothing amiss. Thanks for the concern, but now you can't leave, because we identified you and your license is suspended.
- 7:42 p.m. – A 20 year old Franklin resident was arrested for violating the terms of a restraining order filed against him. This was the end result of his buddy not fixing the license plate lamp on his car. The traffic stop occurred near the intersection of Racine Ave. and Janesville Rd. Our arrestee was located inside the vehicle with the very Muskego resident he wasn't supposed to have contact with. She may not care anymore, but the court still does! He was transported to the police department, booked, and later released. Congratulations.
- 9:17 p.m. – A 25 year old Milwaukeean with a name I wish I could share with you all, because it's that special, but I can't, was taken into custody for holding an active warrant through Williams Bay P.D. for a traffic offense separate from the one that got her pulled over at Loomis Rd. and Muskego Dam Dr. She ended up posting the bond money on scene and was ultimately released.

Sept. 17th:

- 12:40 a.m. – A 29 year old Milwaukeean was cited for OAS and failing to register the vehicle she was driving on STH 36 at US 45. This traffic stop was also initiated due to our operator choosing not to get a headlamp and taillight fixed. Yes, we'll stop you for that here in Muskego, and no, we don't have anything better to do, this is our job. Paperwork in hand, they had to wait for a ride, because lo and behold, her passenger didn't have a license either. Should probably just stay home next time.
- 7:34 a.m. – A 69 year old resident of the S9200 block of Boxhorn Dr. called the police department to report her mailbox, along with several others on the same post, had been obliterated overnight. Our culprit was kind enough to leave his bumper and front license plate behind, which lead us to the home of a 43 year old male subject in the W14500 block of Groveway Lane. If I had to guess, I'd say alcohol was involved. Could be wrong. He was cited for hit and run and a crash report was completed.
- 8:22 a.m. – A 25 year old resident of the S7200 block of Lannon Drive called the police department after walking outside only to find the tires on his vehicle slashed and a few new racing stripes carved into the paint. An officer responded to assess and photograph the damage. They've developed a few suspects. Investigation continuing.
- 10:26 a.m. – A 44 year old resident of the W14100 block of Tess Corners Drive stated the operator of a semi had somehow managed to turn around on T.C., but not without driving into the caller's yard and creating a few ruts. Our complainant indicated having video evidence of the damage as it was occurring. An officer responded. Investigation continuing.
- 1:12 p.m. – A 26 year old Muskego resident responded to the police department to report that upon exiting an establishment located in the S7200 block of Lannon Dr., a 24 year old resident of the W19400 block of Apollo Dr. walked up to our complainant's vehicle and punched the windshield. Your hand hurt? The CAD entry doesn't indicate whether the windshield was broken or not, but I highly doubt it. The same suspect is also listed in our tire slashing episode two entries earlier. Sounds like we might have some unresolved anger issues. You can get therapy for that...and you hand. Our complainant was advised to desist contact and obtain a restraining order.
- 2:47 p.m. – An employee of a business located in the W16600 block of Janesville Rd. called the police department to report a patron had just left without paying for their fuel. Our caller believed it

- to be an oversight. An officer was summoned, and phone contact was made with the operator, a 28 year old resident of the W16900 block of Gregory Drive, who indicated she would return and pay for the gasoline.
- 5:05 p.m. – A 20 year old Hales Corners resident was cited for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license after being pulled over near the intersection of North Cape Rd. and Boxhorn Dr. He was advised to call for a ride.
 - 7:31 p.m. – A 42 year old Big Bend resident was pulled over at the intersection of Janesville Rd. and Lannon Dr. for an equipment violation. His vehicle's registration was also expired...since March. He was cited for the latter.
 - 8:20 p.m. – A 49 year old Milwaukeean was cited for OAS and a vehicle registration violation after being pulled over on Racine Ave. near Lakewood Dr. He too was advised to get a ride.

Sept. 18th:

1:53 a.m. – Officers responded to the W14900 block of Cornell Circle for the report of a physical fight in progress. Our caller, a neighbor, indicated one party was lying unconscious in their backyard. Upon officers' arrival, a 35 year old resident was located, unconscious, but breathing, and transported to an area hospital. A 33 year old Burlington resident and the 34 year old landlord residing next door were both arrested on scene, the Burlington resident for disorderly conduct, and the latter for bail jumping and battery. Both suspects were also treated for injuries sustained. Mrs. Burlington was booked and later released. The male arrestee was later transported to WCJ after being medically cleared.

Oct. 21st:

- 12:55 p.m. – An officer responded to a residence located in the S6900 block of Hale Park Dr. after an 82 year old neighbor called to report that a 64 year old New Berlin resident had responded to the aforementioned address earlier in the day and now no one was able to get a hold of her. Upon arrival, contact was made with the 64 year old who had accidentally locked herself inside a room for a couple hours, but had since been let out. Well then. We're glad you called and so are they!
- 2:27 p.m. – A 40 year old Waterford resident called the police department to report his vehicle had been struck by another motorist near the intersection of STH 36 and Thode Dr. The suspect vehicle was described as an early 2000s, red sedan...or Jeep? Whatever it was, it was last seen headed north being driven by a white male with a beard wearing glasses...and maybe a hat? Your guess is as good as anyone's at this point. Either way, it/he was not located by responding officers. The victim was able to remove their own vehicle and a crash report was completed.
- 2:47 p.m. – The roundabout strikes again! Three vehicles were involved in two rear end collisions at the intersection of Woods Rd. and Durham Dr. No injuries were reported and the damage was under the reportable amount. Everyone involved was under the age of 18...shocker.
- 8:59 p.m. – A 59 year old resident of the W20900 block of Twin Ponds Rd. called the police department to report her 24 year old daughter was screaming at her, using profane language, and otherwise being disrespectful inside the home. According to mom, daughter wasn't even supposed to be there. Then kick her out! Officers responded and daughter eventually left. There's a reason we're supposed to move out and get places of our own.
- 9:10 p.m. – A few folks on Sue Marie Lane were less than thrilled to hear fireworks on a Friday night in October. They were definitely in the minority with their feelings as everyone else was celebrating a Warrior playoff victory. Our complainants were advised accordingly. One more week before they'd hit the road.
- 11:04 p.m. – A 51 year old resident of the S6700 block of Bluegrass Drive called the police department to report a group of 8-10 yoots were out ding-dong-ditching in the area, last seen headed towards Gold Dr. An officer responded to canvas the area for said yoots, however none were located.

Oct. 22nd:

- 1:24 a.m. – The mother of a 16 year old Muskego resident called the police department to report her son had just been involved in a single vehicle accident near the intersection of Parker Dr. and Racine Ave. An officer responded to the scene. No injuries were reported although the vehicle had to be removed via tow. The yoot was cited for operating past the designated hours on his license.

- 8:57 a.m. – A U/I passerby called the police department to report a randomly parked vehicle at a stop sign at the intersection of McShane Dr. and Freedom Ave. Yeah, you can't do that. An officer responded and made contact with the registered owner, a 38 year old resident of the W14200 block of Hunters Hill Ct., who indicated her husband was en route to remove the vehicle. Good.
- 10:24 a.m. – A 40 year old Milwaukeean was cited for OAS, given a verbal warning for a speeding violation, and advised not to drive after being pulled over near the intersection of Tess Corners Dr. and Woods Rd.
- 11:46 a.m. – A hot exhaust pipe from a lawn mower was the cause of a grass fire that required residences in the area of Keeley Ct., Groveway Lane, Ryan Dr., and Thode Dr. to be temporarily evacuated. Tess Corners Fire Department responded and quickly did their thing. No structural damage was reported thanks to efforts by all responding parties, a job well done.
- 12:29 p.m. – A passerby called the police department to report a gray minivan parked in the lot of Mill Valley Elementary, the occupants of which appeared to be digging near the basketball courts. Rather peculiar behavior I would have to agree. An officer responded and spoke with a 55 year old resident of the W19300 block of Wentland Dr. who was overseeing the Eagle Scout project of a few yoots who had permission from the school district. Cool beans.
- 1:03 p.m. – Thanks to our neighbors to the north for covering an accident near the intersection of College Ave. and Janesville Rd. as all our officers were tied up with the brush fire. No injuries were reported.
- 5:01 p.m. – A 69 year old resident of the S10700 block of East Shore Drive called the police department to report an unknown male subject had drove a bobcat onto her property, leaving behind ruts and tread marks. An officer responded and spoke to the operator, a 53 year old resident of the S19900 block of North Shore Dr. who apologized and stated he would make the necessary repairs to our complainant's lawn. Best practice is to always make those around you aware of what your plans are before you start, but I get the whole begging for forgiveness vs. asking for permission.
- 6:08 p.m. – A 34 year old resident of the S9600 block of Groveway Lane was cited for OAS and advised not to drive after being pulled over near the intersection of Janesville Rd. and Princeton Dr.
- 6:30 p.m. – Another person driving that shouldn't be. An 18 year old Milwaukeean was also cited for OAS and told to park it after being caught near Janesville Rd. and Moorland Rd.
- 7:24 p.m. – Two yoots were caught on surveillance cameras meddling with the city gas pumps. An officer responded and located them biking along Racine Ave. They were counseled reference their behavior and their parents were notified. No damage to the pump station was observed.
- 7:44 p.m. – The 24 year old daughter of our complainant from the 8:59 p.m. entry the day prior was now calling the police department stating she had been in a physical altercation with her brother and mother and had since locked herself in a vehicle outside the residence she was previously told to leave. An officer responded and made contact with all three parties. It was determined that what occurred in the altercation did not rise to the level of arrests needing to be made, so daughter was once again told to leave and did. My advice? Don't go back.
- 7:50 p.m. – A real shindig at a residence near the intersection of Mystic Dr. and Harvest Ct. caused a U/I complainant to call the police department and report alcohol consumption in the presence of minors and party goers "squealing their tires" when leaving said shindig. An officer responded to assess the claims and determined no violations of municipal ordinance occurring.
- 8:55 p.m. – A 42 year old resident of the W18500 block of Sue Marie Lane called 9-1-1 to report having a ding-dong-ditcher running amuck in the neighborhood. Amuck, amuck, amuck! According to our caller this was an on-going issue. Bear traps. Just kidding! Cameras maybe? An officer responded to check the area, but did not locate our culprit. He was counseled reference the proper usage of 9-1-1.
- 10:26 p.m. – An off-duty officer called the police department to report 4 yoots were congregating and possibly vandalizing a donation bin located outside the businesses located in the S7700 block of Racine Ave. Another officer responded and spoke to the group, not a one over the age of 13. No damage was located, but their parents were contacted none the less, because it's past 10 and they all needed to go home anyway.

Oct. 23rd:

- 1:29 a.m. – An officer stopped out with an occupied vehicle parked in the lot of a business located in the W14400 block of Janesville Rd. The vehicle was filled with 4 yoots from Muskego, Hales Corners, and Greenfield + 1 Neighborhood Watch sign that didn't belong to any of them. Hmmmmm. An NBPD officer responded to the scene to retrieve the sign. No charges were pursued and the yoots were told to GO HOME! Momma always said nothing good happens after midnight.
- 2:13 a.m. – Two Milwaukeeans were advised of park hours at Park Arthur after their vehicle was located by a 3rd shift officer. Seriously, what are we doing people? Just a shift break I hope. They were told to move it along and did.
- 7:00 a.m. – So, there's a resident in the W18500 block of Kelsey Dr. that purchased an air cannon (look it up) that he likes to shoot at all hours of the early morning and day. If you talk to him, he'll say it's to deter specific species of animals/birds from frequenting and "destroying" his property. In reality, he's not real pleased with the DNR easement along his property that allows hunters access to public land adjacent to his, so the air cannons are a way of disturbing the hunters and the wildlife they are hunting. We're in the process of seeing what can be done.
- 7:04 a.m. – A 44 year old New Berlin resident responded to the police department and was placed under arrest for their involvement in 3 separate retail theft investigations. Gotcha!
- 12:03 p.m. – An officer responded to a residence located in the W19500 block of Muskego Dam Dr. after dispatchers received a phone call from the 53 year old female home owner who stated she had been locked out of the home by her 52 year old husband. Upon arrival, it was discovered that divorce proceedings were underway. The male homeowner was advised that locking female homeowner out of the house was not an option and things would be decided by lawyers, judges, and all that fun stuff.
- 12:28 p.m. – A 28 year old Milwaukeean called the police department to report being struck by another motorist while navigating the roundabout at the intersection of Forest Home Drive and Highway 100 in Hales Corners. The suspect vehicle was last seen headed east on Janesville Rd., which is why we got involved. An officer was able to locate and stop the 75 year old Waterford resident near the intersection of Janesville Rd. and Lions Park Drive, who had no idea he had been involved in an accident. He was advised to return to the scene, and the investigation was turned over to Hales Corners P.D. Yikes.

Nov. 25th:

- 1:56 a.m. – A 47 year old Milwaukeean was arrested for OWI – 1st Offense causing injury, after a passerby called the police department to report observing the suspect vehicle stalled out in the median on Janesville Rd. near College Ave. While on the phone with the caller, it was reported that a male occupant was seen exiting the vehicle and stumbling across the roadway to a nearby business. Responding officers located the male subject and suspect vehicle, which was still on Janesville Rd., but now near Kipling Dr. A tow was contacted and responded to remove the vehicle. The male subject was transported to an area hospital to be treated for injuries sustained. Our arrestee was taken to the same nearby hospital for a blood draw, then transported to WCJ for a nice weekend stay.
- 7:28 a.m. – A 37 year old resident of the S8000 block of Green St. called the police department to report being abducted, then assaulted while in Mexico nine days prior. Our caller had since returned to the U.S. on the 22nd and was seeking advice on what to do. An officer responded to the complainant's residence and determined the abduction was most likely an arrest or detainment due to public intoxication. They were advised to contact the U.S. Embassy in Mexico. Buena suerte!
- 11:06 a.m. – A couple residing in the S7000 block of Parkland Dr. called the police department to report an injured goose wondering the area near their home. An officer responded to assess the goose's condition as to whether or not that left over stuffing in the fridge would have company. The "injured" goose was GOA, and just like the pardoned turkey at the White House, lives to see another day.
- 2:26 p.m. – Officers responded to the intersection of College Ave. and Moorland Rd. for the report of a two vehicle accident. New Berlin P.D. was already on scene. A tow was needed for both vehicles and one operator was transported to an area hospital for injuries sustained. Crash report completed.

- 5:06 p.m. – A 59 year old resident of the W18300 block of Sue Marie Lane was cited for OAS and issued a compliance order for his vehicle's invalid registration status after being pulled over on Racine Ave. near Lakewood Dr. He was advised not to drive, but there were two other occupants, so I'm hoping someone had a valid license.
- 5:09 p.m. – A 46 year old resident of the W16500 block of Bellview Dr. called the police department to report being defrauded out of \$500.00. They were transferred over to an officer, investigation continuing.
- 5:46 p.m. – The owner of a business located in the S7900 block of Racine Ave. called the police department to report believing the USPS had compromised his business banking accounts. The call was transferred to an officer, investigation continuing.
- 8:39 p.m. – Officers responded to the intersection of Racine Ave. and Hillendale Dr. for the report of a vehicle vs. sign accident. The vehicle won. Minor injuries to the operator were reported and the vehicle had to be towed. A crash report was completed and the county highway dept. was contacted to have the sign replaced.
- 11:23 p.m. – The owner of a business located in the W16300 block of Loomis Rd. called the police department to report a stolen vehicle. A black, 2005 Ford F250 was determined to be missing, reported, and entered into the appropriate data base as stolen should another agency come across it roaming the streets with no license plates or at least registration plates that don't match the vehicle if our thief decides to try and disguise it. Low lifes.

HAAAAAVE YA MET MY FRIEND SAM?

As I previously mentioned above, my time as the Community Resource Officer for the Muskego Police Department has come to an end. Don't worry, I'm not leaving the department, just heading back to dayshift patrol. So, you'll see me around town, just in a real uniform and actually doing real cop work. To sum up the past four years in words would take hours, so I'll keep it simple, short, and to the point. In the meantime, I'd like to introduce you to the gentleman taking my place, Mr. Sam Weinkauf! If the name isn't ringing a bell, that's because he has spent the majority of his time here on 3rd shift, you know, vampire hours. Sam came to Muskego in 2019 with prior L.E. experience at the Waukesha Co. Sheriff's Office as well as the world of IT. While he may not be an established "off-the-cuff comedian", he's no less dedicated to continuing to grow the amazing relationships we have with our community and the #1WARRIOR mentality. So, I believe it and you can too when I say, I'm leaving you all in good hands! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you readers and followers out there. Serving as the CRO these past 4 years exceeded my expectations and then some. It's been the highlight of my short career! It took me a few places I never imagined going, primarily 'KLH Mornings with Dave, Dorene, Marcus, and at the time, Gino too, "Milwaukee's Hometown Rock". The folks I've met and friendships/connections I've made will last a lifetime and I hope to maintain them in my new role on patrol. While not always timely, the "Beat" was only ever meant to inform and entertain, so I hope I accomplished both. I will miss it dearly as it's been a joy for me and I hope for you also. While I don't know yet what Sam's plans are in the realm of keeping the public in tune with the happenings of Muskego and all the pesky yoots, I do know his prior IT experience and good sense of humor will set him up for success. Please reach out to him in the coming months and join me in welcoming him back to the light! Signing off for the last time...

Help control the pet population by having your pet spayed or neutered and as always, thanks for reading!
You stay classy, Muskego!

Jeff Sartorius

Your still friendly, now former neighborhood Community Resource Officer ☺