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A Message from Chief Knight

School Safety Always a Priority for Us

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A safe and secure environment in Chaska school buildings, and on school properties has always been paramount in the planning and execution of our commitment to our children. As varied events and incidents have occurred, at the high school this school year, I have realized that there is a void in the passing of information from school administrators to my staff that needs to be addressed. To remedy this I have done the following:

- Placed CPD Command Staff representation in formal weekly security briefing meetings to ensure that my staff is getting the information they need.
- Begun forming a diverse body of student stakeholders who can meet with my staff regularly to share any concerns that may have otherwise gone unnoticed or unheard. If the faculty perceives a need to share a similar venue, we will accommodate them, also. If parents feel such a need, we will include them in similar meetings, too.
- We will continue to harness the power of evolving technology for the rapid collection of information. To that end, the Tip Line (952.227.2479) that our SROs established long ago – and will still exist – will undergo enhancement, to wit the expansion of the Tip Line to include the ability to receive Text Messaging. To their credit CPD SROs and the City of Chaska IT division developed this idea and are working on this now. I have also asked them to establish the capability for us to have the ability to send out a broadcast text message to students, staff, and parents in the event of a school related emergency.
- I have contacted the police chiefs of Shakopee, Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, and the Carver County Sheriff's department and proposed that our School Resource Officers (SROs) join in formal regional information sharing meetings. All of these leaders have said, "yes", without hesitation.

I look forward to keeping you informed, and hearing of any concerns you may hold

Car Seat Safety

For parents, grandparents, childcare providers, and anyone with questions about car seats and car seat safety...



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Around the Clock -Sgt. Ben Anderson

Chaska Officers issued 65 citations and 66 warnings during this reporting period

DWI:

A juvenile female was arrested for DWI, after she returned home intoxicated from a meeting. Her parents contacted the police to report the offense. She was placed in a detox facility.

Officer Pesheck stopped a vehicle for lane violations in the area of Pioneer Trail and Audubon Road. The male driver was intoxicated and was arrested for DWI.



Disturbances:

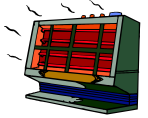
Police responded to a residence for a domestic assault involving a girlfriend and boyfriend. The boyfriend called 9-1-1 and reported he was the victim. Officers arrived on scene and observed numerous items were damaged at the home. This included a computer, which had been thrown across a room. Through investigation, officers learned the boyfriend was the offender. He was intoxicated and upset at his girlfriend, because she did not want his friends to come over after he returned home from a bar. During the argument, the boyfriend slapped her face and choked her. He was arrested for domestic assault by strangulation, 5th degree assault and 4th degree criminal damage to property. During the arrest, the boyfriend struggled with officers. He was also charged with obstructing the legal process.



A vehicle overheated and became engulfed in flames in the area of Hwy 41 and Chaska Blvd. The Chaska Fire Department extinguished the fire. There were no injuries.

A male became involved in an argument with a group of people, while at a gas station. As the male was attempting to leave the station in his vehicle, the side vehicle window was shattered. He was punched numerous times by several males. The offenders fled prior to police arrival. Four offenders were located a short time later and face several charges, including 5th degree assault, 3rd degree riot and criminal damage to property. The victim was transported to a hospital for treatment. Investigation continues.

Chaska police and fire personnel responded to a residential fire in a trailer home on Michelle Avenue. The Shakopee Fire Department also assisted in extinguishing the fire. There were no injuries, but the home was a total loss. A heater placed under the home to thaw frozen water pipes may have ignited the fire.



Officers responded to a disturbance at the Best Western Hotel. An intoxicated female was swearing at staff and refused to leave the hotel. She was charged with trespassing and placed in a detox facility.

A woman was upset with her fiancé, after she had to pay for their cab ride home from a bar. She punched and scratched him during the argument. Police arrived at the residence and arrested her for domestic assault and 5th degree assault. She was placed in a detox facility.



On Tuesday February 3rd, a fire was reported in a girls bathroom at Chaska Middle School West. School staff reacted quickly and appropriately. The fire had been started in a trash can and a teacher flipped the trash can over smothering the flames, while another teacher discharged a fire extinguisher. Police and fire personnel were immediately notified. SRO Julie Janke investigated the cause of this fire and determined that the fire was set intentionally and that five female students were responsible. All five have been referred to juvenile court. They are charged with arson and negligent fire setting and also face school consequences.



Notable:

It can't be because I drank too much...

A tow truck driver was in the process of removing a stalled vehicle from the area of Hwy 212 and County Road 11. Another vehicle approached behind the tow truck and ran off the roadway. The tow truck driver called the police and an officer arrived a short time later. The officer observed the male driver who had driven off the road. The male immediately complained about the tow truck to the officer. The male was upset because the tow truck was in the lane of traffic, causing him to drive off the road. He exhibited signs of being impaired from alcohol. He also attempted to put a piece of candy in his mouth while speaking to the officer, as if trying to mask the odor of alcohol. The officer asked the male how much he had to drink, and the male replied "too much". He failed field sobriety evaluations and was arrested for DWI. He has several prior arrests for DWI and his vehicle is subject to forfeiture.



Telephone Numbers

Emergency: 911
Police Service: 952.361.1231

Administration: 952.448.4200

Confidential Tip Line
952.227.2479

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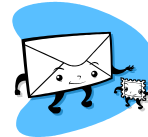
Today in History..

1789 - 1st electoral college chooses Washington & Adams as President & Vice President

1824 - J W Goodrich introduces rubber galoshes to the public

1849 - University of Wisconsin begins in 1 room with 20 students

1991 - US postage raises from 25¢ to 29¢



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