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# Chaska Police 4-1-1

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## A Message from Chief Knight

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## Detective Perlich Commended for Adulteration Investigation



Detective Tracy Perlich received a formal commendation for her excellent investigation of a very difficult Adulteration incident. On Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup>, a Chaska High School staff member told police that a student may have urinated into the staff member's water mug around the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. The victim was understandably distraught at the thought and reported it to high school administration the prior week only to be told later that that there was no evidence that the incident had occurred.

Detective Perlich "caught" the case on her very first day in investigations. She conducted a very thorough investigation and overcame the inherent disadvantages caused by the earlier investigation. On Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup>, Detective Perlich arrested a 17-year-old Laketown Township male who admitted to the act and was ultimately charged with 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Assault and Disorderly Conduct. To date, the victim has not reported any health problems as a result of the adulteration.

Detective Perlich began her law enforcement career as a Chaska Police Officer in 1992 and is well known in the community for her years working as a School Resource Officer. She joined the Investigation Unit in June and is a wonderful addition to an excellent group of detectives.

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## **Around the Clock** **-Sgt. Ben Anderson**

**Chaska Officers issued 36 citations and 27 warnings during this reporting period.  
There were 217 calls for service**

### **DWI:**

Police received a complaint of an impaired motorcyclist on White Oak Drive. Officers located the motorcycle and spoke to the male driver. He was intoxicated, failed field sobriety evaluations and was arrested. He was charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree DWI.



### **Disturbances:**

An officer came upon a group of juveniles walking on a street well past curfew. Several were cited for minor consumption of alcohol and violating curfew. One male was arrested on an active warrant for theft. Two males in the group had allowed the juveniles to consume alcohol in their residence. They were cited for the violating the social host ordinance and minor consumption of alcohol.

A vehicle was stolen on Michelle Avenue. It had been parked in the street in front of a residence. The doors were left unlocked and keys were in the ignition. Investigation continues.



An intoxicated man stabbed himself in his leg, while at the home of acquaintance. The man went to sleep in a bed. The acquaintance called the police, who responded and woke the man. He denied stabbing himself to officers, despite the blood and cut on his leg. Police placed the man on a health and welfare hold and he was transported to a hospital.

Officers responded to a disturbance call, where a window of a residence had been shattered. The window was shattered after someone shot it with an air soft style gun. As police arrived, they stopped a vehicle attempting to leave the area. A male passenger in the vehicle admitted to being the one who shot the window. He was intoxicated and under the age of 21. The gun was found inside the vehicle. The male was cited for discharging a firearm inside the city limits, minor consumption of alcohol and minor possession of alcohol.

While on routine patrol, police observed a male looking into a window of a downtown business at approximately 3:00 AM one morning. The male ran and hid from officers, who quickly located him and took him into custody. Another male was also found hiding in the area. Both had consumed alcohol and were minors. They were cited for minor consumption of alcohol and violating the city's curfew ordinance.

### **Notables:**

#### **Oops...**



A man decided to burn a couch and other miscellaneous items in his backyard. He soaked the couch and other items with lighter fluid and started the fire. The fire quickly became too large and he attempted to put in out with water from a garden hose. Police and fire department personnel responded to the scene and the fire was extinguished. The man was cited for the illegal fire.

#### **A Hard Habit to Break...**

An officer noticed two males standing on the railroad tracks south of Hwy 61 at approximately 12:30 AM one morning. As the squad car approached, the males saw the squad car and ran from the officer towards Stoughton Avenue. The officer caught up to one male and stopped him. The male, who is almost 31 years old, was extremely intoxicated and said he did not know why he ran from the police. He had nothing to hide and it was a dumb drunken decision. He continued to state his running from police is "just something he used to do back in college and it was a habit". Police could not find any evidence of any criminal activity committed by the man. Thus, he was not charged with a crime and was placed in a detox facility. It is not known if staying in detox was a college habit as well.



## CSI-Chaska

- Captain Jon Kehrberg

### Detective Nelson Solves Residential Burglary



On Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup>, a Hidden Creek Place homeowner reported that her residence had been burglarized and that over \$ 1600.00 worth of electronics and change were stolen from her home. The suspects pried

an exterior window to gain entry then broke into a locked bedroom. Detective Nelson brought the case to a very quick resolution by solving the case on Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup>. Detective Nelson recovered more property than had initially been reported stolen and arrested a 16-year-old male from Jordan, MN. An accomplice, another 16-year-old from Jordan, was also referred to juvenile court for the burglary.

### Other Area Burglaries



Chaska residents should be forewarned of several daytime residential burglaries occurring near town. The Carver County Sheriff's Officer advised of four daytime residential burglaries that occurred recently near Chaska. Media reports indicated that doors were forced open in two of the burglaries and stolen items included jewelry, coins, pictures, electronics and firearms. The Sheriff's Office would like information on a suspicious vehicle, described as a white SUV, in connection with the crimes. Anyone with information about these burglaries should call 911.

#### Telephone Numbers

Emergency: 911  
Police Service: 952.361.1231  
Administration: 952.448.4200

**Confidential Tip Line**  
952.227.2479

**District 112 Student Tip Line**  
952.227.7448

**Chaska Student Text Tip Line/Email**  
[HawkTip@chaskamn.com](mailto:HawkTip@chaskamn.com)

**Website**  
[www.chaskamn.com/cityhall/ns\\_policehome.cfm](http://www.chaskamn.com/cityhall/ns_policehome.cfm)  
[www.cpdvideos.blogspot.com](http://www.cpdvideos.blogspot.com)

**Knight Watch**  
**Cable Channel 15**  
7 days a week  
10:00am  
6:00pm and 10:35pm  
[knightwatch@chaskamn.com](mailto:knightwatch@chaskamn.com)

#### Need Help?

**Assistance for Domestic Assault Victims**  
952.873.4214

Assistance for Sexual Assault Victims  
952.448.5425

**Statewide Referral Service (24hr)**  
1.800.247.0390

#### 24 hour Emergency

**First Call for Help**  
612.335.5000

**Crisis Connection**  
612.379.6363

**Crisis Intervention Center**  
612.347.3161

**Suicide Prevention**  
612.347.2222

**Chaska Human Rights Commission**  
**HOTLINE:**  
952.448.9200 EXT- 7103



# CHASKA SAFETY CAMP 2010

**Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at Chaska Fire Department**

**Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Firemen's Park**

**8:00 AM to 4:30 PM**

**Youth entering 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
(Fall 2010)**

This two-day program is designed to give youth entering 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade an opportunity for safety education in a camp setting.

Topics include: fire safety, bike safety, personal safety, basic first aid and more. Presenters include local police, fire, Ridgeview Ambulance, CCC lifeguards, DNR, canine demonstration and a special visit by the

Dept of Military Affairs helicopter.

**Cost: \$25.00**

**Fee Includes: Lunch and Snacks**

**Games and Activities**

**Safety Camp T-shirt and more**

**Space is limited. Register at the Chaska Police Department.**

For registration questions contact Officer Janke at 952-448-4200

