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A Message from Chief Knight

Chief Knight Traveled to Capitol Hill to Urge Congress to Create National Criminal Justice Commission

Commission would be first of its kind since 1965

Chief Knight joined law enforcement officials from across the country on Capitol Hill yesterday, March 9th, to urge members of Congress to pass critical legislation that would create a National Criminal Justice Commission. The Senate Judiciary Committee approved the Commission, which will allow for a long overdue comprehensive examination and report on the state of law enforcement and criminal justice in the United States.

"This legislation will task the Commission with conducting a comprehensive examination of all aspects of the criminal justice system including the prevention of crime, law enforcement corrections and offender re-entry", said Chief Knight. "A review of this magnitude will greatly help Chaska, Carver County, and Minnesota. And, having personally visited the offices of our Congressional representatives I can tell you that the bipartisan support of this legislation is strong", Knight added.

This review will produce recommendations addressing the broad range of new and emerging challenges that confront law enforcement today, from cyber-crime to non-traditional organized crime, from violent street gangs to homeland security. In addition, the Commission will also be reviewing the impact, difficulties and opportunities that are presented to the criminal justice community by technological innovations.

The Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association paid Chief Knight's travel, meals, and lodging expenses, for this important venture.

Officer Julie Janke – Meritorious Conduct Award

On March 9th, Community Partnership Specialist – Officer Julie Janke was presented with the Chaska Police Department Meritorious Conduct award for her outstanding revival and execution of the Chaska Police Department Citizens Academy. "Officer Janke tenaciously pursued avenues to bring the academy back, and at zero cost to the police budget", said Chief Knight.

Sergeant Joe Carlson and Investigations Commander Sergeant Jon Kehrberg presented Officer Janke with a letter of commendation and uniform bar, at the graduation ceremony of the Citizens Academy, on the Chief's behalf as he was in Washington, DC. Chief Knight will present Officer Janke with her Medal and Ribbon, at the March 29th, City Council meeting.



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IACP – SACOP

Chief Knight represented Minnesota police agencies at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) annual mid-year States Association of Chiefs of Police (SACOP) meetings in Washington, DC, March 5th, through the 9th. This year Chief Knight was honored by being named the Chair of the SACOP North Central region, which is comprised of the states of Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Indiana, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Ohio.

SACOP provides a way for IACP members from separate state chiefs associations to come together to establish new levels of communication among law enforcement agencies, and gain balance on the states' views on significant law enforcement and public safety issues.

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Around the Clock
-Sgt. Ben Anderson

Chaska Officers issued 38 citations and 32 warnings during this reporting period. There were 224 calls for service

Disturbances:

A male stole numerous energy shots from a convenience store, after attempting to distract a cashier. A video camera captured the offense and the male was identified. He faces theft charges.



A male student punched another male student several times during an altercation at the Pioneer Ridge Middle School. The offender was referred to juvenile court for 5th degree assault.

A vehicle was stopped in the area of Heritage Circle, after police received a complaint of exhibition driving. The male driver was cited for driving after revocation and exhibition driving. A passenger was cited for minor consumption of alcohol.

A burglary was reported at a residence on Center Green Circle. Someone entered the garage and stole items from the inside of a vehicle.

Police responded to a possible fight in progress outside of a bar. Upon arriving, officers observed one male being verbally and physically aggressive towards two other males. The aggressor failed to comply with officers' commands and had to be physically removed in order to separate him from the other males. Officers learned the altercation originated over appropriate billiards etiquette. The male was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. He was placed in a detox facility.



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-Det. Sgt. Jon Kehrberg

Three Local Men Arrested for Burglary

Chaska Police Officer Jamie Personius and Detective Rachel Nelson arrested three local men for a burglary that occurred on March 7, 2010. On March 8, Officer Personius received a burglary report from the Regal Car Wash and, with assistance from the manager and an employee, identified a recently fired employee as one of the suspects. Officer Personius interviewed the former employee, a 24 year old Chaska man, who implicated the others. Officer Personius and Detective Nelson obtained statements from the other two Chaska men, ages 36 and 18, and recovered evidence from the crime. All three men were jailed and face 3rd Degree Burglary charges which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and up to a \$ 10,000 fine.



Community Partnership Specialist
- **Officer Julie Janke**



Citizens' Academy

Last night was the final evening of the CPD Citizens Academy. Despite the rain, everyone had a good time learning about traffic stops and even performing one using a police car. Of course, the "bad guys" were the CPD Police Explorers.

A big Thank you to Caribou Coffee in the Chaska Commons off of Pioneer Trail for donating the coffee.

Thanks to Rainbow Foods for the gift card to purchase our cake for graduation.



Congratulations graduates!!

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 Right Commission
HOTLINE:
952.448.9200 EXT-7103

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

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HawkTip@chaskamn.com

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What's that smell?



Ever notice that distinctive smell in the air after it rains? It's not rain you're smelling; it's dirt. The odor emanates from an odorous chemical buried in the soil called "geosmin" .. earth smell. The wetness and force of rainfall kick these tiny spores up into the air where the moisture after a rain acts as an aerosol

Another after-the-rain smell comes from volatile oils that plants and trees release. The oil collects on surfaces like rocks. The rain reacts with the oil on the rocks and carries it through the air. This scent is like the bacteria spores but most people consider it a pleasant and fresh smell.