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# Chaska Police 4-1-1

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## *A Message from Chief Knight*

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## **Fifteen Pounds of Marijuana Intercepted – Kept Off Chaska Streets**

On Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, the Chaska Police Department and the US Postal Inspection Service teamed up and arrested two Chaska residents who attempted to pick up 15 pounds of marijuana sent via the US mail. The US Postal Inspectors intercepted a package with 7 “bricks” of marijuana - street value over \$ 7,000.00 - which had been mailed from an out-of-state source. Detective Lee McClure, US Postal Inspector Jesse Swanson and a host of Chaska officers set up surveillance and observed the delivery take place. Ultimately, a 17 year old Chaska youth accepted delivery of the package using a fictitious name. The youth and his adult accomplice were arrested for felony drug possession charges after driving away with the package. The two males were taken to jail via CPD Special Delivery.

There is no doubt that this marijuana was destined for sale in the Chaska community and region. Illegal drugs are a catalyst for a host of crimes and public safety concerns, not the least of which are an increased potential for drug related violence and impaired driving. This “bust” truly helped keep Chaska and the surrounding area safer.

## **Officer George Makes Drug Arrests at Lions Park**

At about 10:00 PM on Tuesday, September 28, Officer George spotted a suspicious vehicle parked in the Lions Park parking lot, while he was patrolling Chaska streets. His investigation led to the recovery of a baggie of methamphetamine, a baggie of marijuana and related drug paraphernalia. Officer George arrested an adult male for felony possession of methamphetamine and cited an adult male from Chaska with marijuana related charges. A third male had an arrest warrant and also went to jail.

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## Flood Facts... !

The only projected impact the Minnesota River flooding will have on Chaska is what we have seen thus far, which is the closing of HWY 41 south of downtown, and the flooding of Athletic Park. The top of the Chaska levee is 41 feet. The projected river crest is 33 feet and 2 inches.

For the first time (ever) Carver, Scott and Sibley counties are making plans that anticipate the closing of HWY 25 in Belle Plaine, which would leave HWY 169 (Bloomington) as the only south metro Minnesota River crossing open.

So how much water is out there? Today the Minnesota River is flowing by Chaska at the rate of 29 million gallons of water **per minute**. And, to put this into some perspective for you, on an average **day** the entire City of Chaska uses only two million gallons of water.



*Around the Clock*

*-Sgt. Ben Anderson*

**Chaska Officers issued 25 citations and 10 warnings during this reporting period.  
There were 245 calls for service**

## Disturbances:

Police responded to a convenience store for an employee-theft complaint. Store management reported a cash register drawer was \$500.00 short. In an effort to find out why the drawer was short, store surveillance was reviewed. The video showed a female employee print out a Money Gram order for \$500.00, feign payment and then put the money order in her pocket. Police located the employee a short time later. She admitted to the theft and stated she had cashed the order. She was arrested and charged with gross misdemeanor theft.

A woman and man, who are involved in a relationship, became involved in an argument at their residence on Crosstown Blvd. The man grabbed the woman and threw her down several times and punched her head. He ran from the residence, but was located in the area by police. He was arrested and charged with domestic assault and 5<sup>th</sup> degree assault.

Emergency personnel responded to a residential fire on Michelle Avenue. The home was fully engulfed in flames when police arrived on the scene. The Chaska Fire Department extinguished the fire. Two neighboring homes suffered siding damaged from the fire. The fire is being investigated and appears to be accidental.

While in the pool area at the Chaska Community Center with his son, a man became argumentative with lifeguard staff over pool rules. The man swore, yelled and screamed at a male lifeguard while pushing him with his chest. The man was charged with disorderly conduct and cannot return to the center.

## **“Face 2 Face”**

The Chaska Police Department is holding its first dialogue for teens called “Face 2 Face”. It will take place Friday, November 5th at the Chaska Community Center from 6 PM to 9:30 PM. This program, open to up to 200 teens, is designed to give teens in 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade an opportunity to speak with officers and be able to ask, “Everything they wanted to know about the Police but were afraid to ask” and Q & A with Police. Topics include search and arrest, drugs, alcohol, search warrants, gangs and more. Police will be role-playing with the teens, allowing the teens to be the police in scenarios, creating a rapport with the youth. The night will include youth entertainment, food and door prizes.

Contact Officer Janke at 952-448-4200 for more information or if you would like to participate on our youth panel, and help in planning this great event.

**Exciting New Programs Coming Soon**



Citizen Corps was created to help coordinate volunteer activities to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. It provides opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, their homes, and their communities safer from threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds.

Citizen Corps partner programs build on the successful efforts in place in many communities around the country to prevent crime and respond to emergencies. Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) are two of five Citizen Corps partner programs.

The Chaska Police Department is excited to announce a VIPS and CERT program starting soon. The VIPS Program provides support and resources for the police department and is for citizens who wish to volunteer their time and skills with a community law enforcement agency.



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about



disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT

active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. This program will involve an 8-week training program that will meet two hours per week.

To find out more about the two programs check out their websites:

Volunteers in Police Service: <http://www.policevolunteers.org>

Community Emergency Response Team: <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert>

If interested in either program please contact Officer Janke at 952-448-4200 or e-mail her at [jjanke@chaskamn.com](mailto:jjanke@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

#### **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)

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