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News from the Chief



Our city is actively working in a number of innovative ways to achieve a real reduction in domestic violence. The police department is a key component of Mayor Dean's initiative announced last week to enhance protections for women and children while, at the same time, holding offenders accountable for their conduct. This initiative announced September 25th is the result of work by an assessment team comprised of more than 100 community members who examined Davidson County's response to domestic violence, from the initial 911 call to arrest, prosecution, court and post-court.

Our Domestic Violence Division is already proactively taking steps to make a meaningful difference. Under Captain Kay Lokey's leadership, we recently formed a risk/lethality intervention panel. When a detective receives three reports in a 12-month period naming the suspect or victim, the histories will be reviewed to determine whether the relationship should be addressed by an intervention panel consisting of representatives from the District Attorney's Office, State Parole & Probation, Metro Probation, Legal Aid Society, YWCA and an MNPD Domestic Violence counselor. When an intervention plan is developed and put into place, there is follow up with appropriate resources. Over the past several months, 29 individuals have been presented to the intervention panel.

Another initiative Captain Lokey will soon have in place deals with Orders of Protection and will require assistance from officers in the field. We are developing a computer program to provide patrol officers with very timely information on Orders of Protection issued to women who live in their patrol zones. The plan is for officers to conduct periodic "welfare checks" on victims and document any new information the case detective might need to know. We will also be conducting periodic checks on the persons to whom the Order of Protection is directed as a reminder that the order remains in place and that violation of its terms makes them subject to arrest. During those checks, the respondents will receive a letter stating that the Domestic Violence Division will be closely monitoring their conduct and that such monitoring is being

initiated by the MNPD, NOT the victim. The importance of this strategy is readily apparent when you consider that in 2012, 60% of the 1,300 aggravated assault reports received by the Domestic Violence Division involved repeat offenders. This is yet another step to break the cycle of violence impacting families.

In a separate initiative, known as the Force for Good Project, the police department will be working closely with the Martha O'Bryan Center, which is receiving a \$1 million grant to address domestic violence issues in the James Cayce public housing development in East Nashville. East Precinct officers and Domestic Violence Division staff will be working with Martha O'Bryan personnel to promote the building of positive family and peer relationships throughout the James Cayce neighborhood. Sustaining those relationships and setting examples for young people will be an important part of decreasing violence in the homes, schools and streets of that area.

Complementing the above initiatives is the introduction of the YWCA's program entitled Engaging Men to Stop Violence Against Women and Girls throughout the Nashville area. This program is very impressive, and I am pleased to be a member of the YWCA's advisory committee as it works to spread the message throughout Davidson County.

Nashville is sending the word that we collectively are serious about reducing domestic violence. My thanks to each of you for all that you are doing and will do to assist in this effort, and for all that you do to enhance the safety of our city's families and visitors.



Chief Anderson joined Mayor Dean, District Attorney Torry Johnson, YWCA President Pat Shea and other government & community leaders in announcing new steps to reduce domestic violence homicides and assaults while, at the same time, increasing victim safety and offender accountability.

Happenings

Mayor Karl Dean and Chief Steve Anderson on September 24th led the ceremonial groundbreaking of the Midtown Hills Police Precinct on 12th Avenue South, the city's eighth and newest precinct that continues Nashville's investment in public safety.

By creating the Midtown Hills Precinct, the city will bring police services even closer to the residents in that section of Davidson County and in other Nashville neighborhoods as coverage areas of the West, South and Hermitage precincts will decrease.

"Our police department has done a great job in reducing crime by placing an emphasis on building relationships with neighbors and businesses so that everyone plays an active role in keeping our city safe," Mayor Dean said. "When the Midtown Hills Precinct opens, patrol officers will have less area to cover and that gives them more time to spend getting to know and building trust with the people they protect."

Located at the corner of 12th Avenue South and Wade Avenue, near Wedgewood Avenue, the Midtown Hills Precinct will cover an estimated 46 square miles and include the communities of Edgehill, Green Hills, Forest Hills, Oak Hill, Crieve Hall and Nippers Corner, as well as Vanderbilt, Belmont and Lipscomb universities.

The precinct is projected to open in mid-2014. It will include a large community room to serve as a gathering place for neighborhood meetings and other events. It will be about 23,000-square-feet in size and built to LEED Silver certification standards.

The new full-service precinct will house patrol and flex officers, an investigative unit and a team of undercover detectives to handle neighborhood drug complaints.

"Like Nashville's seven other precincts, Midtown Hills will essentially serve as a mini police department with its own commander to serve the neighborhoods around it," Chief Anderson said. "It is through those partnerships with neighborhoods that we are together making a real difference in directly addressing crime and enhancing quality of life for Nashville's families."

The project is expected to cost \$9.7 million, including funds Mayor Dean included in the Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Spending Plan for land acquisition and construction and in the FY 2014 Capital Spending Plan. Both plans were unanimously approved by the Metro Council. The design/build teams include Thomas, Miller & Partners and Messer Construction.

This is the second new precinct to open during Mayor Dean's tenure. The first was the Madison Precinct, which opened on Jan. 1, 2012. The permanent headquarters for the Madison Precinct and the DNA Crime Laboratory will be completed in January, 2014.

Additionally, Mayor Dean opened a replacement West Precinct in December, 2011 at 5500 Charlotte Avenue. A new Central Precinct is under construction near Music City Center to replace the precinct currently located at Bridgestone Arena.



Pictured (l-r) are Council Members Karen Bennett, Bill Pridemore, and Davette Blalock, Mayor Dean, Chief Anderson, and Council Members Burkley Allen and Sandra Moore.



Chief Anderson, Mayor Dean & Council Lady Moore with the Board of Directors of Organized Neighbors of Edgehill

Session 71 Graduation & Family Day

The Nashville police department's officer ranks grew by 28 on September 26th with the graduation of the latest class of trainees. Mayor Dean and Chief Anderson presided over the ceremony at Hermitage Hills Baptist Church, 3475 Lebanon Pike.

The 28 members of the graduating class began training on May 1st. The new officers will spend the next five to six months with precinct field training officers before patrolling the streets by themselves.





Class Awards

Academic Excellence Award, Law Award & Top Cop

Officer Joshua Lefler

Officer Christy Dedman Spirit Award

Officer Michael Petrina

Physical Fitness Award

Officer Matthew White

Leadership Award

Officer Austin Bass

Firearms Award

Officer Justin Franklin

Prior to graduation, the Police Advocacy and Support Services (PASS) counseling section's David Kennington and staff organized "Family Day" at West Precinct for the relatives of Session 71 recruits.

Chief Anderson, Deputy Chief Todd Henry, Training Division Captain Harmon Hunsicker, Training Academy Officer Brandon Frith, Fraternal Order of Police representative Officer Mark Woodfin, Domestic Violence Division Captain Kay Lokey and Behavioral Health Services Dr. Carol Harp each spoke on different topics during the five-hour orientation.



David Kennington details support strategies available to officer trainee families.



Deputy Chief Henry addresses officer trainee families prior to graduation.

Session 73

Deputy Chief Todd Henry speaks to the latest class of 46 police officer candidates who began 22 weeks of rigorous training October 1 at the MNPD Academy.



5th Annual Hispanic Festival

The MNPD's El Protector Program hosted the 5th Annual Hispanic Festival on Saturday Sept 21 at the Global Mall at the Crossings. The event, which featured children's activities, live music and crime prevention/safety information, was well attended.

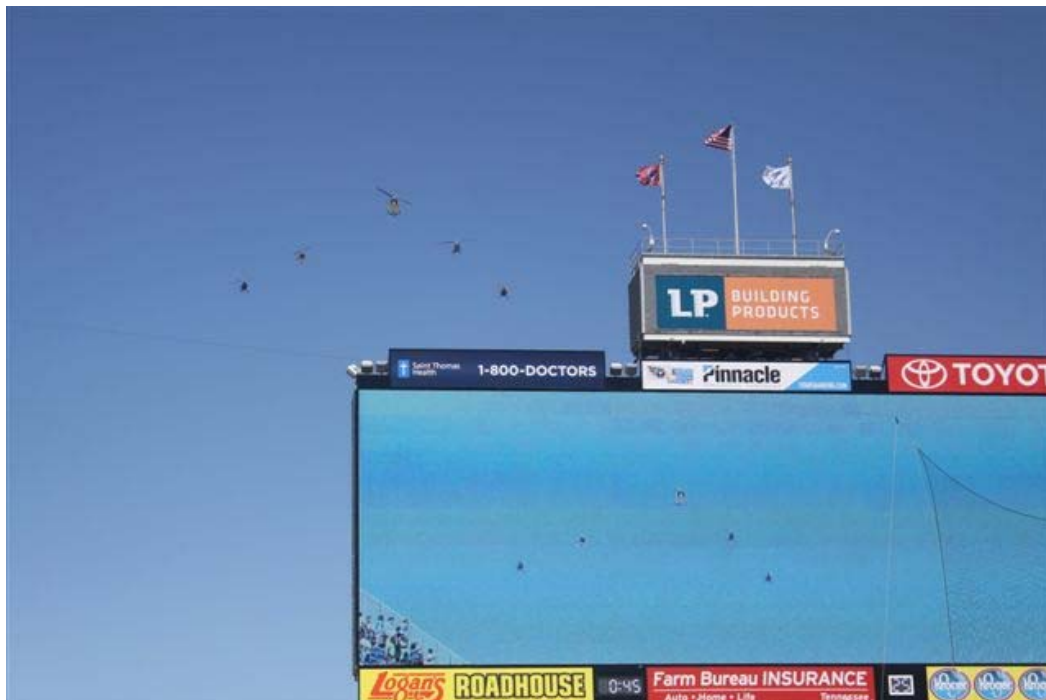




Domestic Violence Crisis Counselor Janisca Williams and Victim Intervention Program Crisis Counselor Viviana Grice participated in the Hispanic Festival

Honor Guard & Helicopters Take Part in Titans' September 11 Tribute

As part of a 9/11 tribute at the September 22nd Titans-Chargers game at LP Field, the MNPD Honor Guard presented the colors as MNPD & THP helicopters did a flyover of the stadium. Members of the 5th Special Forces Group from Ft. Campbell displayed a giant American flag on the field as Trace Adkins sang the National Anthem.





The Precinct News

Hermitage

A 14-year-old is in custody after he allegedly fired a shot at a homeowner during an attempted burglary in the 3400 block of Anderson Road.

The victim heard a noise downstairs just before noon. He saw an open window and two teens, ages 14 and 13, running from his home. The 14-year-old then turned and fired a shot at the victim who was not struck.

A citizen reported seeing the teens run into a nearby apartment. Hermitage Precinct officers quickly flooded the area and saw the 14-year-old jump out of a window. After a brief foot chase, he was taken into custody. A handgun was recovered from inside the apartment. The homeowner positively identified the 14-year-old as the person who fired a shot toward him. The 13-year-old was also taken into custody and admitted his involvement in the attempted burglary.

The 14-year-old is charged in Juvenile Court with aggravated assault, attempted aggravated burglary, unlawful handgun possession and loitering during school hours. The 13-year-old is charged in Juvenile Court with attempted aggravated burglary, marijuana possession and loitering during school hours.

South

Proactive police work led to the arrest of convicted burglar Joshua Billingsley, 31, and his accomplice, Amanda Montgomery, 28, during a break-in at the Coin Laundry at 11 Harding Mall Drive.

Field Training Officer Brad Williams and his partner Officer Kurt Lewton were conducting business checks when they spotted a gray Buick Century with temporary tags

parked outside the closed business. When the officers went to investigate, they saw Billingsley run from the location and damage to the front door. Billingsley was later located and taken into custody. Montgomery had driven off but was stopped a short time after the break-in. Both are charged with burglary. Additionally, Billingsley is charged with evading arrest and vandalism. Billingsley has five previous burglary convictions.

East

Accused East Nashville arsonist and murderer Cecil Eugene Whited is jailed in Hamilton County, Ohio.

Whited, 44, was taken into custody without incident on September 22nd in Mariemont, Ohio, a Cincinnati suburb. Extradition proceedings are pending.

Whited is under indictment for the August 5th house fire at 1300 McGavock Pike that claimed the life of his stepfather, Alexander Ray. Ray, 52, perished in a downstairs bedroom during a fire that East Precinct Detective Matt Filter and the Fire Marshal's Office determined was intentionally set. Four other persons in the home at the time escaped uninjured.

North

Nineteen-year-old DeShawn Stone is charged in a grand jury indictment with first-degree murder, especially aggravated robbery, and attempted first-degree murder for the July 18th fatal shooting of Harold Carr, 27. Sidney Stuart, 28, was critically injured.

Both Carr and Stuart were struck when shots were fired at a Ford Explorer, driven by Stuart, on Booker Street near 28th Avenue North. Carr was the front seat passenger.

Investigation by North Precinct Detective Dean Haney led to the identification of Stone as one of the suspects. The motive for Carr's murder is believed to be a drug-related robbery. The investigation continues. Additional arrests are possible.

Stone, of 10th Avenue North, has been incarcerated in the Metro jail since his August 2nd arrest for cocaine possession in a drug-free school zone.

Madison

Commander Sebastian Gourdin presented the first Officer Paul Scurry Madison Precinct Commander's Coin to School Resource Officers Gary Walsh and James Boone for their outstanding work with a student who was being abused at home along with her mother and siblings. Their compassionate response led to the victims' continuing recovery and the arrest of the accused perpetrator.



Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Brian Johnson, Officer James Boone, Chief Anderson, Officer Gary Walsh, Madison Precinct Commander Sebastian Gourdin, Sgt. Chris Upchurch, and Deputy Chief Todd Henry

Madison Precinct detectives and Metro fire investigators Thursday night charged 21-year-old Steven Horner with aggravated arson and aggravated burglary for setting 17 small fires inside Spring Hill Funeral Home on Gallatin Pike during a September 8th break-in. Damage to the building was estimated to be in excess of \$500,000. Stolen during the burglary were computers and other electronic equipment valued at more than \$2,500.

Forensic evidence led to the identification of Horner as a suspect. During an interview at the Madison Precinct last night, Horner admitted to the burglary and arson.

Horner is also charged with criminal impersonation and felony attempted child neglect. When Madison Precinct officers arrived at Horner's 1600 Comanche Run home to arrest him, Horner gave a fake name. Officers found deplorable conditions inside the home where his seven-month-old daughter also lives. There was a strong odor of urine and feces, as well as an apparent infestation of roaches, spiders and flies.

Horner is being held in the Metro Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

West

Quick police response early Sunday morning to a residential break-in in the 2100 block of 18th Avenue South led to the arrest of three burglary suspects.

A citizen reported seeing suspects running from the residence and provided officers with suspect descriptions. Convicted felon Quonteze Pannell and Jaques Lockridge, both 20, and Roderick Hockett, 18, were taken into custody a short time later.

All three are charged with aggravated burglary.

Central

Outstanding police work by Central Precinct Flex officers resulted in the arrest of seven persons including convicted felons Karl Archibald, 29, Anthonie Anglin, 33, and Joshua Hogan, 20. Officers developed information that Archibald, who was wanted on outstanding warrants, was inside an apartment in the Cheatham Place public housing development. Archibald, of Taylor Street, is prohibited from entering MDHA property. After a brief standoff, Archibald, Anglin, Hogan and four others exited the apartment and were taken into custody.

Recovered from inside the apartment were three handguns, a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. One of the guns had been reported stolen in Cannon County. All seven are charged with theft and marijuana possession. Additionally, Archibald, Anglin, and Hogan are each charged with felon in possession of a handgun.

Specialized Investigations Division

Excellent teamwork between Officer Thomas Spence and his canine partner, Caine, led to the seizure of 34 pounds of marijuana being trafficked through Nashville.

Officer Spence, who is assigned to the Interstate Interdiction Unit, stopped a white SUV for following a tractor-trailer too closely on I-40 east near Bellevue. The driver of the SUV, Benjamin Hampton, 43, said that he had flown from Ohio to Texas for a job interview, missed his return flight and decided to rent the SUV and drive back home to Canton. Hampton's story didn't seem plausible. Officer Spence asked for Hampton's permission to check two large new looking pieces of luggage in the rear cargo area. When Hampton didn't answer, Officer Spence had Caine check the vehicle. He indicated to the presence of narcotic odor at the rear of the SUV. A subsequent search revealed a 21 pound bundle of marijuana in one suitcase and a 13 pound bundle in the other.

Hampton refused to answer questions about the marijuana. He is charged with possession of marijuana for resale.



Seized marijuana

An investigation by the police department's Gang Unit into local heroin distribution led to Wednesday's execution of two search warrants, the recovery of 160 grams of black tar heroin, and the arrest of two individuals associated with separate gangs.

Jose A. Bustillo, 22, of 311 Natchez Court, an MS-13 gang member, is jailed on charges of possessing heroin for resale within a drug-free school zone and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia (Bustillo's apartment is within 1,000 feet of Croft Middle School). A search of Bustillo's apartment revealed 130 grams of black tar heroin concealed inside a bag of tater tots in his freezer, plastic baggies and small balloons used to package heroin. Bustillo admitted to detectives that he sells heroin for \$120 per gram. He is being held in lieu of \$76,000 bond.

Kosal Bun, 32, of 808 Lassen Court, a member of the Tiny Rascal Gang (comprised mostly of Asian individuals), is charged with possessing heroin for resale, unlawful gun possession in the commission of a dangerous felony and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia. A search of Bun's home resulted in the seizure of several balloons in a plastic baggie containing nearly 30 grams of black tar heroin. Recovered from his bedroom was a loaded .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol. Bun admitted to detectives that he sells three to four grams of heroin at a time to several customers. Bun was released from jail after posting a \$42,500 bond.

Investigation led by Narcotics Unit Detective Gbewa Mustapha into cocaine sales from 5013 Countryside Drive, which also housed an unlicensed daycare known as "Tiny Treasures," resulted in the execution of a search warrant on September 27th. Arrested was 32-year-old Bobby Gutierrez on charges of possession of cocaine and marijuana for resale and possession of drug paraphernalia. Seized were 11.2 grams of crack cocaine, 14.3 grams of marijuana, a digital scale and \$462 cash. Children were on the premises when police arrived. Their parents were contacted to pick them up. The appropriate state agencies were also contacted and responded.



Bobby Gutierrez

A report of a suspicious SUV with a Putnam County license plate traveling through a West Nashville neighborhood led to this morning's arrest of a Knoxville man for transporting ten pounds of marijuana.

Officers Bill Morgan and David Hacker heard the report and stopped a vehicle matching the description, a 2001 Ford Explorer Sport Trac, for following too closely on I-40 east. The driver, Cole Gamby, 26, was not carrying a driver license. Gamby refused the officers' request to check the interior of the vehicle. Their partner, police dog Paco, sniffed around the Explorer and alerted to the presence of narcotic odor coming from the back seat. Discovered inside a blue bag were 10 separate 1 pound bags of what appeared to be high grade marijuana.

Gamby is charged with possession of marijuana for resale. He is being held in lieu of \$10,000 bond.



Ten one-pound bags of high grade marijuana

From the District Attorney's Office

Director of Communications Susan Niland

A Nashville teen charged with being the triggerman in a fatal 2011 shooting was found guilty as charged by a Davidson County Criminal Court jury. Ryan Buford, who was 17-years-old at the time of the murder, was convicted of felony murder, especially aggravated robbery and tampering with evidence. Buford, who is now 19, had been transferred from juvenile court to adult court to face these charges.

Buford was one of four individuals charged with luring 23-year old Jose Martin Moya Torres to a Lovell Street location where he was shot during a carjacking.

Buford received an automatic life sentence of at least 51 years in prison. He will be sentenced on the other charges in November. Two other defendants have already pled guilty for

their involvement in the murder. Ewing Green IV pled guilty to 2nd degree murder, especially aggravated robbery and tampering with evidence. He received a 40-year sentence at 100%. Lashonda Williamson was sentenced to 37 years at 100% for facilitation of first degree murder and especially aggravated robbery. Charges are still pending against the fourth defendant.

Congratulations

East Precinct Lieutenant Greg Blair, South Precinct Lieutenant Mickey Yentes and Office of Professional Accountability Sergeant Dwayne Greene last Saturday graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

Sergeant Greene's classmates voted to recognize him with the Franklin Kreml Leadership Award. Established in 1984 by Kreml, who founded the Center for Public Safety, the award is given to recognize and encourage high ethical and professional values and dedication to public service.



Lt. Blair

Lt. Yentes

Sgt. Greene



Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command graduates

Condolences:

Retired Metro Nashville Fire Department Captain Randall Young, the father of Diane Binkley, retired, passed away on September 28th.

Helen Hughs, the grandmother of Officer Rory O'Farrell, Madison Precinct, passed away on September 29th.

Leo Holley Jr., the father of Officer Keith Holley, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on October 1st.

Paula Cox, the mother-in-law of Sergeant Lee Kendall, Hermitage Investigations, passed away.