



# MNPD NEWSLINE

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## News from the Chief



A short time ago, Mayor Dean, Sheriff Hall and I announced plans to permanently relocate all police and sheriff's operations now housed in the aging and deteriorating Metropolitan Justice Center. At \$149 million (\$110 million for Sheriff's facilities, \$39 million for police) this proposal represents what would be the single largest investment in public safety in Metro Nashville history. The project will be included in the capital spending plan that the Mayor will present to the Metro Council later in the month. It would be funded by the issuance of bonds, which is essentially a loan that would be repaid over a period of time, likely 20 years.

Here's what the project would mean:

- Police headquarters would relocate to a new facility that would be constructed on Jefferson Street at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. This building would house the administrative operations of the police department.
- Centralized investigative components currently housed at headquarters would move to the Family Justice Center to be built on the former Carl Black/Capital Chevrolet property on Murfreesboro Pike. The data center, currently housed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of headquarters, would also be located at the Murfreesboro Pike facility. The Records Division would move to a renovated building on the same campus as the Madison Precinct.
- The South Precinct would move from its current location at 5101 Harding Place to Southeast Nashville. This would be a more optimal location for South, particularly considering that we anticipate building a 9<sup>th</sup> police precinct in fiscal year 2017-18.
- The relocation of the South Precinct is otherwise necessary for the consolidation of all Sheriff's operations to the Harding Place property, which already houses certain detention facilities. Under the proposal, the Sheriff's facilities at the 163-acre Harding Place complex would include a new detention center, Sheriff's Office headquarters and a processing (booking) center. The Sheriff's Jerry Newson Training Center (old workhouse) on S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street in East Nashville would close.

It is important for all of us to understand that none of the anticipated moves will occur overnight or even next year. In fact, it is projected to be at least a three-year process.

The moves out of the Justice Center have become necessary due to the deteriorating nature of the building's mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, which have reached their end-of-life according to a consultant retained by Metro. The cost of renovating the entire building, which would involve both police and sheriff's operations having to totally move out for a year or more, is about the same as moving to newly constructed facilities. Rather than expensively patching an aging building, I believe that Nashville would be best served with a unique new headquarters building on Jefferson Street that would greatly complement our decentralized neighborhood policing concept.

The public will see a benefit of the move through increased efficiency in the booking process and much less officer downtime. Currently, the booking of a prisoner at the Justice Center averages 86 minutes. Booking a prisoner at one of the Sheriff's mobile booking facilities averages 19 minutes. A central booking operation on Harding Place, combined with two strategically placed mobile units, is expected to be much more efficient than bringing a prisoner into downtown.

What we have announced today is the extremely necessary and vital evolution of facilities that will dramatically advance quality of life and safer communities in Nashville for decades. You will most certainly be hearing more about this proposal in the weeks and months ahead. In the meantime, thank you all for everything you do to ensure the safety of Nashville's families and visitors.



**Chief Anderson discusses details of proposed plan to permanently relocate all police and sheriff's operations.**

This edition's memorable quote: *The best way to predict the future is to invent it.* Alan Kay

## Happenings

Chief Anderson Monday was honored with the inaugural Statewide Voice for Victims Award during National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 19-25. This award is sponsored by the State Board of Parole, TRICOR, and the Tennessee Department of Correction.



Fifty-five MNPD Trainees visited the Civil Rights Room of the Nashville Public Library for a lesson on our city's civil rights history and heritage.



Tennessee State University hosted the first class of Nashville's Collegiate Citizen Police Academy.

For five weeks, the TSU students learned about the inner workings of the police department. St. Luke Primitive Baptist Church Reverend Frank Stevenson, the director of strategic populations in TSU's Student Affairs Office, came up with the idea earlier this year. He wanted to establish a forum that would bring young black men together with police.

The academy is led by North Precinct Community Sergeant Mitch Kornberg and Midtown Hills Precinct Community Sergeant Raymond Jones.







The Women in Law Enforcement conference in Nashville, hosted by the Tennessee Highway Patrol earlier this month, was well attended by more than 220 women from Tennessee, across the country, and Canada, representing nearly 70 agencies.



The Training Academy hosted Kurdish police officers on behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) through their Iraqi Police Education Program. Fourteen Kurdish officers were provided with a week-long training session.



The National Rifle Association's Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program toured Metro schools during the NRA's convention in Nashville.





The MNPd honor guard presenting the colors at Friday's grand opening of the First Tennessee Park.



### **Crime Stoppers Shred It Day**

Saturday's Community Shred Day at LP Field generated \$3,718 in donations to Nashville Crime Stoppers. Additionally, more than 70 pounds of unwanted prescription medication was turned in for safe disposal along with 14-thousand pounds of paper.

### **Precinct News**

#### **East**

Precinct Community Sergeant Mike Fisher visited Schwab Elementary School to discuss police work and read to the children.



Commander David Imhof and his sons volunteered at the Eggstravaganza in McFerrin Park sponsored by the McFerrin Park, Cleveland Park, and Highland Heights Neighborhood Associations.



## Madison

The Madison Precinct sponsored the Teacher and Student of the Year from Amqui Elementary School during the Madison-Rivergate Chamber of Commerce Education Appreciation Luncheon.



**Commander Gourdin pictured with Principal James Morris, Teacher of the Year Betsy Thigpen, and Student of the Year Edlyn Jarquin with her parents.**

## North

Several North Precinct officers completed a bicycle training program. The officers riding in the community will provide a visible and accessible presence.



## **Midtown Hills**

Midtown Hills Precinct officers on April 6<sup>th</sup> visited Belmont University during a community tour.



**Midtown Hills Precinct officers met with Belmont's Coordinator of Security Programs Kayla Jerome.**

## **Fraud Unit**

A Nashville store that sold counterfeit designer and name brand merchandise at a fraction of what real items cost is now out of its illegitimate stock.

Detectives from the police department's Fraud Unit made three visits to LJs Fashion, 103 Lafayette Street, beginning last December through this month and purchased counterfeit pairs of Nike Air Jordan tennis shoes for \$40 each. A pair of Air Jordan shoes generally would sell for approximately \$125.

The Fraud Unit executed a search warrant for the business. More than 650 items were seized including:

- 164 pairs of counterfeit Nike Air Jordan shoes
- 24 pairs of counterfeit Nike Air Max shoes

- 32 pairs of counterfeit Nike Air Force One shoes
- 3 counterfeit pairs of Timberland boots
- One counterfeit pair of Polo boots
- 22 pairs of counterfeit Ray Ban sunglasses
- 44 counterfeit DVDs
- 325 counterfeit CDs
- 11 counterfeit Michael Kors wallets
- 13 counterfeit Michael Kors purses
- 29 counterfeit Michael Kors earrings

The criminal investigation into those associated with the store, including the owner, Samba Ba, 39, is continuing. Ba, of Millwood Drive, was charged last June with selling counterfeit merchandise at Legends Clothing, 498B Bell Road. Those charges are still pending.



**LJs Fashion**



**Seized counterfeit merchandise**

**The following officers have been chosen Police, Patrol, Investigator, and Special Operation officers of the month for March 2015.**

**Police**

East Precinct Officer Robert Goodwin

**Patrol**

Madison Precinct Officer Luis Lopez

**Investigator**

North Precinct Detective Lindsay Farnow

**Special Operations**

Hazardous Devices Unit Officer Gerry Gann

**Retirement Celebrations**

Sergeant Connie Tripp celebrated 35 years of service



**Connie Tripp receives a commemorative plaque from Chief Anderson.**

Sergeant Bob Allen celebrated 35 years of service



**Bob Allen holds a commemorative plaque presented to him by Chief Anderson.**

Detective Sheba Cantrell was recognized for her ten years of service during a reception at the Specialized Investigations Division.



**Captain Mike Alexander presents Sheba Cantrell with a commemorative plaque.**

## Congratulations:

Kelly Sadler, Property & Evidence, welcomed her son, Noah James, on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Condolences:

Etwell Lee Curtis, the mother of retired Officer Gerald Ladd, passed away on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

WWII veteran Glen Mercer, the grandfather of Officer Steven Smith, Madison Precinct, passed away at age 89.

Carl White, the father-in-law of Lieutenant David S. Leavitt, Midtown Hills Precinct, passed away.

Beverly Chaney, the grandmother of Officer Tina Wiggs, North Precinct, passed away on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Canine Officer Jerry Denton's retired partner, Roscoe, passed away on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Roscoe, at age eleven, succumbed to medical issues to which he had been battling this past week. Roscoe passed at home with Officer Denton and his family. Roscoe joined the MNPD in 2004 and retired in 2013. Officer Denton and Roscoe were a great Canine team and responsible for numerous felony apprehensions. Roscoe protected Officer Denton and countless others during his time as an officer with the MNPD. He was a beloved partner, friend, and family member to the Denton family. It is a special bond that handlers share with their partners, so please keep Officer Denton and his family in your thoughts and prayers. -**Sergeant Brent Gibson**



Officer Denton & Roscoe



**FYI:**

The MNPD's Annual Awards Ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, in room 107 of the Music City Center. Mayor Dean and Chief Anderson will be presenting awards to 63 citizens and police officers for outstanding acts performed during 2014. All are invited as your schedules permit.

**From the Unit:**

The Governor's Highway Safety Office will be sponsoring the 102.5 Music City Sports Festival on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at the Music City Center in downtown Nashville. This event is attended by many families and a great opportunity to spread our safety messages! We are able to provide you with a table in our exhibit area if you are interested in helping out. The space will be first come, first serve.

Hours of the event are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and 12 p.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday. You can learn more at: <http://musiccitysportsfestival.com/>