



# MNPD NEWSLINE

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## News from the Chief



I am very proud of the members of this police department from a variety of components who responded swiftly and courageously to Wednesday's active shooter/attacker call at the Hickory 8 movie theater off Bell Road. I am also very proud of the men and women of this department, both present and retired, who have developed and instituted active shooter protocols for all officers during basic and in-service training. When the first South Precinct officers arrived at the theater Wednesday afternoon, they did not have to huddle to discuss what course of action to take. They knew what to do based on their training and they carried out the tasks at hand. The actions of the responding officers contained the suspect and prevented him from potentially seriously harming innocent citizens. I have received countless messages of thanks and support from members of this community since Wednesday, even as I traveled to Memphis yesterday for the funeral of slain Officer Sean Bolton. The below sign appeared today on Lamar Advertising's electronic billboard on James Robertson Parkway. I think it sums up the sentiment of the citizens we serve.



The dedication, ingenuity and commitment to service by all members of the MNPD make this the best major city police department in America. You should be proud of yourselves and your colleagues. Thank you for all that you do to keep Nashville's citizens and visitors safe.

## **Happenings**

Metro Council Member Edith Taylor Langster was the primary sponsor of a resolution honoring the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the police department's Youth Services Division. Council Member Megan Barry, also a sponsor, read the resolution on the council floor. Among those in attendance were retired Chief Joe Casey, retired Major George Currey, and retired Captain Joe Anderson, both former Youth Services commanders, as well as Youth Services staff members past and present.



## **Commander Michele Donegan Appointed ECC Director**

Mayor Karl Dean announced that veteran Metro Police Department Commander Michele Donegan is being appointed director of Nashville's Emergency Communications Center, effective Sept. 16. She will succeed retiring director Duane Phillips.

"Our 911 call center at the ECC is a lifeline for citizens and an important piece of our public safety structure," Mayor Dean said. "I am proud of Duane's service and believe that Michele is an excellent choice to succeed him. Michelle has a passion for people that she has demonstrated throughout her career, and I know she will carry that energy with her to the ECC."

Donegan is a 28-year police department veteran who presently commands operations at the Hermitage Precinct. She has served Nashville in a number of MNPd roles, including as a patrol officer, sex crimes detective, vice detective, patrol supervisor, head of recruitment, field supervising captain and commander of the Domestic Violence Division.

"I joined the Metro Police Department in 1987 at the age of 22 knowing that I had a tremendous opportunity to help people during difficult times in their lives," Donegan said. "I am thrilled to now be able to work with the men and women at the Emergency Communications Center, who truly are the first reassuring voices citizens hear when they need emergency services. I am sincerely grateful to Mayor Dean for this opportunity."

Donegan will start at the ECC on September 1 in order to provide a transition period with Phillips before he retires. She will oversee a staff of 185 at the ECC.

Phillips served 36 years at MNPd before taking the helm at the ECC in June, 2008.

The Metro Nashville Emergency Communications Center was created in July, 2002 to consolidate 911 services for police, fire and medical calls.



## Chief Anderson Receives the Joe Casey Award

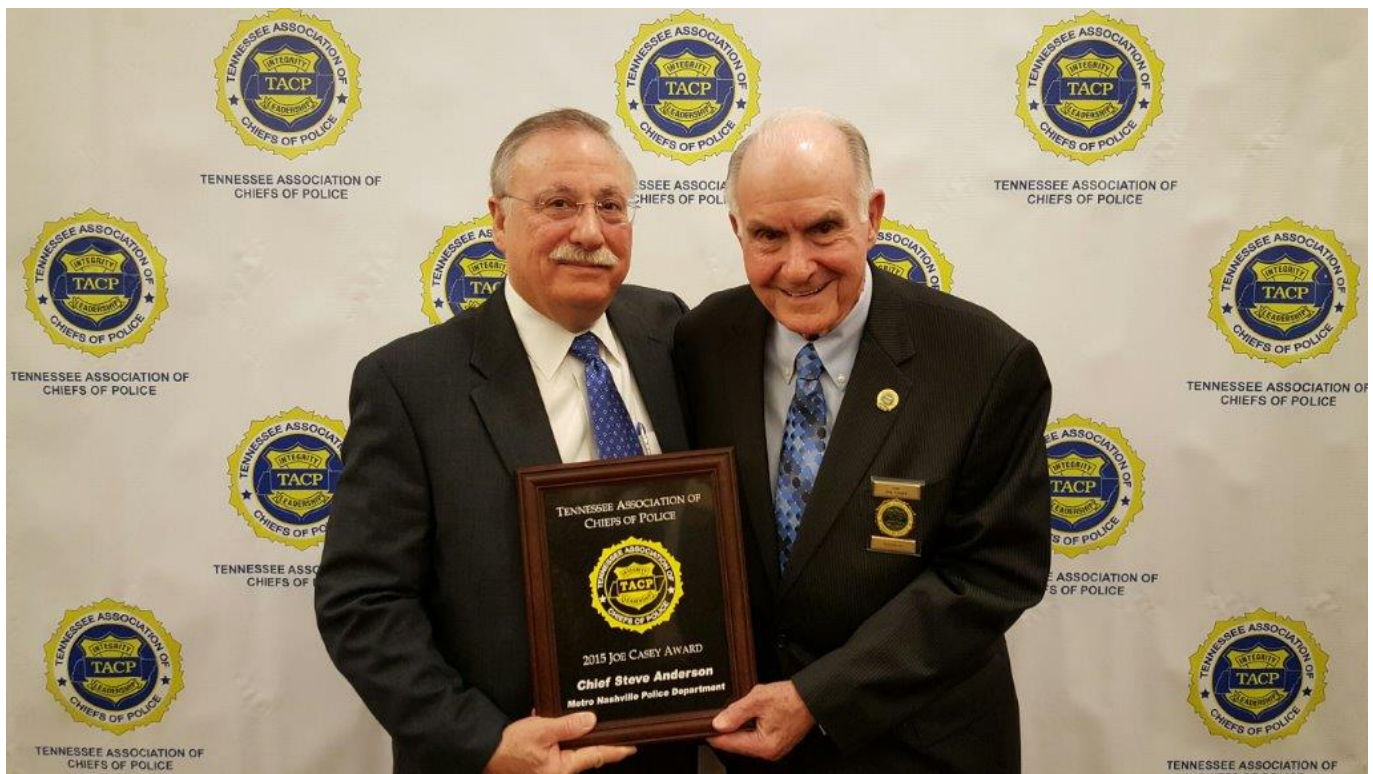
Chief Steve Anderson received the highest annual honor bestowed by the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, the Joe Casey Award.

The award, which recognizes character, guidance to others, dedication and generosity, is named for retired MNPD Chief Joe Casey, who led this department from 1974-1989. Chief Casey himself, on his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday, presented the award to Chief Anderson during TACP's 2015 statewide meeting, held this year in Knoxville.

"This year's recipient is a man I respect and admire," Casey said. "I hired this man (1975), and I was his chief. Now he is my chief. His service to all of law enforcement, especially the TACP, is exceptional. It is an honor to present the Joe Casey Award to a man I respect and love, my friend, Chief Steve Anderson."

Anderson expressed his admiration for Casey, saying that when faced with difficult decisions, he often seeks the right solution by asking the question, "What would Joe Casey do."

Casey is a former seven-time president of the TACP and is a past president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.



**Retired MNPD Chief Joe Casey announces that Chief Steve Anderson is the 2015 recipient of the Joe Casey Award, the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police highest honor.**



**A surprised Chief Anderson accepts the Joe Casey Award as TACP Executive Director Maggi Duncan looks on.**

### **School of Police Staff & Command**

Several officers are currently attending the School of Police Staff and Command. Graduation is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>.



**Pictured from (l-r) are Lt. Harold Burke, Lt. Charles Widener, Sgt. Mark Woodfin, Lt. Lee Kendall, and Lt. Josh Blaisdell.**

## **New Volunteer Chaplains**

Chief Anderson recently recognized seven new volunteer chaplains who have completed the department's death notification training. Those persons include Reverends Robert Crocker, Hubert Cunningham, James Darden, Anita Herron, Ben Houston, Robin Kimbrough, and Doris Walker.

Chief Anderson also presented special certificates of recognition to veteran volunteer chaplains Reverends Rick Lee and Dee Jay Shoulders for signing up for the most on-call chaplain slots over the past year.



**Volunteer Chaplains**

## **Fraternal Order of Police**

Three hundred inner city boys and girls attend the Fraternal Order of Police Youth Camp this summer. Officers serve as camp counselors during week-long periods.







Beaman Motor Company CEO Lee Beaman was presented with a commemorative plaque for his generous support of the FOP camp.



### **Elementary School Tour**

Students from Venus Stewart Elementary School toured the Canine training grounds. Criminal Warrants, Aviation, and SWAT personnel were also on hand to show the many services provided by the MNP. The children particularly enjoyed canine Echo who had a great time showing off his skills.



## College Internship Program

College interns Eric Moskal and Aerial Walker are participating in the MNPD College Internship Program in the Criminal Warrants Division. Eric is a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and Aerial is a student at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.



**Chief Anderson pictured with interns Eric Moskal and Aerial Walker.**

## Precinct News

East Precinct Community Coordinator Sergeant Mike Fisher attended an event at Glenn Elementary School.



Members of the MNPD's Gang Unit, joined by federal ATF agents, arrested two men suspected of being involved in a series of shootings in and around the J.C. Napier public housing development. Terrance Kimbrough, 18, and Darryl Starks, 31, were taken into custody without incident as they emerged from an apartment in the Andrew Jackson public housing development in the 900 block of Blank Street.

Officers throughout the city have been working to apprehend Kimbrough and Starks since July 17<sup>th</sup> when they were named in arrest warrants charging them with one count of attempted murder and three counts of aggravated assault for a shooting in the J.C. Napier public housing development on July 16<sup>th</sup> that critically wounded a woman and injured two others, including her 7-month-old son.

Since then, Kimbrough has been indicted on first-degree murder counts for the December 3, 2014 fatal shooting of Monte Watson, 23, in the 700 Block of Lewis Street, and the November 26, 2014 fatal shooting of Brendon Leggs, 28, outside Discount Tobacco & Beer at 37-B Lewis Street.

Starks and Kimbrough are also indicted on multiple counts of attempted murder and reckless endangerment stemming from the July 17, 2015 shooting of two women in the 800 block of Claiborne Street.

Starks is an ex-con who has previous convictions for aggravated assault, aggravated burglary, fraud and reckless endangerment.

The two remain the subject of a continuing joint MNPD/federal investigation.

Hermitage Precinct officers joined Earl Jordan with Partners In The Struggle for Stop The Gun-Violence walk in the JC Napier/Tony Sudekum Homes.



Murder suspect Demarcus Gonner, 19, was arrested in Sikeston, Missouri, after the MNPD developed information that he was there and informed the Sikeston Police Department. Gonner was taken into custody without incident as he was leaving an Applebee's restaurant.

Gonner, who lived on Packard Drive in Nashville, is accused of killing Muslah Al-Nimar, 19, during a marijuana-related robbery outside a Haywood Lane gas station.

Gonner's co-defendant, Oscar Lara, 19, was arrested earlier and remains in the Metro Jail on a charge of criminal homicide.

Children enjoy learning about a police car during a community event at Watkins Park.



Armed robbery suspect Wayne Edward Drury is behind bars because citizens were determined not to let him flee from the scene of his crime.

At 10:45 p.m., a 35-year-old woman and an 18-year-old man were standing at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North & Demonbreun Street when a white two-door car pulled up to the curb. Drury got out of the passenger side, walked up behind the woman and used a sharp object to cut the shoulder strap on her purse. Drury tried to run back to the car with the purse, but in the process was grabbed by the 18-year-old and other citizens. Drury was further slowed as he stepped into a storm drain, temporarily lodging his foot. The citizens held Drury there as his accomplice sped away. The 18-year-old suffered a laceration to his hand in the process of restraining Drury.

Drury, 40, of Southwood Park Place, is jailed in lieu of \$85,000 bond on charges of aggravated assault, attempted aggravated robbery and vandalism.

**The following officers have been chosen Investigative Services Bureau's Investigator of the Month for April, May, and June 2015.**

**April**

Specialized Investigations Division Detective Robert Young

**May**

Cold Case Homicide Detective Curtis Hafley

**June**

Gang Unit Detective Andrew Grega

**Retirement Celebration**

Sergeant Danny Postiglione celebrated 34 years of service



**Pictured (l-r) are Youth Services Division Captain Gordon Howey, Deputy Chief Todd Henry, and Sergeant Danny Postiglione.**

## **Congratulations:**

Sergeant Nicholas Truan, Madison Precinct, and his wife, Tamera, welcomed their daughter Alyssa Joy on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Officer Landon Bagwell, Madison Precinct, and his wife, Sarah, welcomed their son Luke Britton on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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## **Condolences:**

Julia Alexander, the mother of South Investigative Lieutenant Randy Alexander and grandmother of Tiffany Cooper, formerly of School Security, passed away.

Emma Jean Woodrum, the grandmother of Detective Russell Thompson, Madison Precinct, passed away on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Jane McLaughlin, the grandmother of Officer Joshua Lippert, East Precinct, passed away.

Patricia Brightbill, the grandmother of Officer Joshua Baney, South Precinct, passed away.



# *Celebration!!!*

*Please join us*

*Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

*1 pm to 2:30 pm*

*Hermitage Police Precinct Community Room*

*in celebrating*

*Commander Michele Donegan's*

*career with the*

*Metro Nashville Police Department!!!*

*Cake and light refreshments will be served.*

