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News from the Chief



Today was a difficult one for Jim and Joyce Petrina as they honored their son by attending the National Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Washington, D.C. As you will recall, South Precinct Officer Mike Petrina died just before the start of National Police Week one year ago. On our behalf, Deputy Chief Brian Johnson, Captain Keith Stephens, the Drill & Ceremony Team and other members of the MNPD provided comfort and support to Mr. & Mrs. Petrina in Washington this week. The Petrinas are forever a part of the MNPD family.



Sergeants Matt Sears & Robert Weaver, Captain Keith Stephens and Deputy Chief Brian Johnson with Jim and Joyce Petrina after today's National Law Enforcement Memorial Service.



MNPD Drill & Ceremony Team with Jim Petrina, Officer Mike Petrina's dad, in Washington, D.C. at a National Police Week remembrance ceremony.



Officer Ryan McManman created a very moving video tribute to Officer Petrina. It can be accessed at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yK-bMF7KIjM>.

On Monday of this week, many of us gathered in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church on Broadway to remember the 44 law enforcement professionals who died in service to Nashvillians since 1875. It was a solemn day as we honored men and women who were very special to us. They were sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, friends and co-workers. The loss of their lives took some of the life from each of us. At the same, we have an obligation to those around us to celebrate the life we, ourselves, have been given, and to plan to make the most of each day in the short time we have to make a difference on this earth. I thank the FOP for once again organizing this year's memorial service.



Chief Anderson and retired MNPD Chief Joe Casey share a moment at Monday's memorial service for fallen officers.

Today I was honored to formally present Director Ann Talbot and the staff of our crime laboratory with the certificate of accreditation from the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board. Accreditation means that our lab meets nearly 400 standards and reflects a commitment toward a continuous process of quality assurance and improvement. The scientists and administrative staff at our crime laboratory are extremely talented. The vitally important work by these men and women in the areas of DNA, Drug Identification, Firearms, Toxicology and Latent Fingerprints will result in the quicker identification of criminals and a safer Nashville.



Thank you all for your hard work and commitment to the safety of our city's families and visitors.

Happenings

Officer Petrina's Memorial Display Unveiled at the Training Academy



Officer Austin Bass, who graduated from the police academy with Officer Petrina and was president of the class, unveils Officer Petrina's gun, badge and photo.



Shoney's 5K Family Fun Run

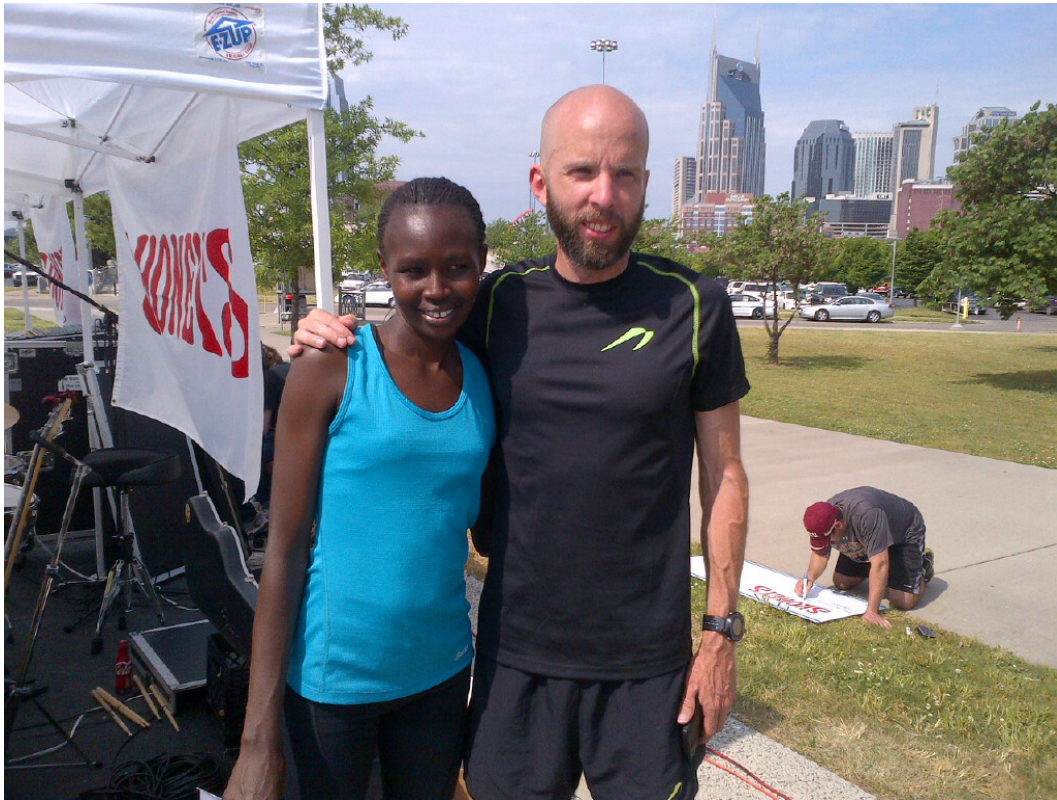
The 7th annual Shoney's 5K Family Fun Run raised \$17,000 for the Nashville Police Support Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. The fund is designed primarily to offset the costs associated with officers completing higher education degrees.

The MNPD is most grateful for the support of Shoney's CEO David Davoudpour, all those who ran/walked in the May 9th event, Tennessee Titan Andy Levitre who served as the honorary starter, and NewsChannel 5 Alumnus Hope Hines who emceed at the starting line and the award ceremony.

The female and male winners of the 5K, Lydia Kosgei and Scott Weitecha, each received \$500.







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Annual Awards Ceremony

Congratulations to Officer John Downs, who received the MNPD's Meritorious Service Award at the department's Annual Awards Ceremony. Officer Downs continues to recover from the gunshot wound he suffered last December while working with other officers to bring an armed robbery suspect into custody.



Officer Downs pictured with Chief Anderson and Mayor Dean.

Congratulations as well to the 60 other citizens and officers who were recognized for outstanding and heroic acts. A few of them are recognized below.



Sergeant Michelle Jones used her experiences as a former Youth Services detective to establish a dialogue with a teenage gunman in an effort to persuade him to peacefully surrender. Ultimately, the teen decided to resort to additional violence despite Sergeant Jones' best heart-felt efforts during an arduous negotiation process.



A man was threatening to end his life by jumping off the Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge when Mr. Rogers Collier, a retired security guard and Korean War veteran, engaged the young man in conversation until police arrived, likely saving his life.



When concerns about the Ebola virus peaked throughout the nation last year, Dr. Corey Slovis, without hesitation, agreed to give two informative talks about Ebola to the police department's command staff and to trainees at the academy. One of those talks was video recorded and the vital information shared with law enforcement agencies throughout the United States.



Three friends, Robert Swope, Linda Webber, and Peter Marcum, were together last year when they began discussing criticism of law enforcement. They decided to show their support of the Nashville police department by buying meals for officers at each of the 8 precincts.



Sergeant Toney Turner was traveling on Springfield Highway one Sunday afternoon when he noticed a grass fire on Williamson Road. He also saw a barrel on fire and made the decision to investigate. As he approached the blaze, Sergeant Turner saw a 74-year-old resident in the burnt grassy area of his lawn with some of his clothes still on fire. Sergeant Turner used his hands and a pair of jeans he had in his car to extinguish the fire on the victim. Unfortunately, the elderly man died at the hospital from severe burns. His family wrote to express their sincere gratitude for Sergeant Turner, saying that it is great to know there are people in the world like him.



Sergeant David Merlin dedicated his personal time to offer extra study sessions for recruits who needed assistance in law review and other topics. He also took great interest in each Session's class project which led to memorial gardens, inspirational plaques, and improvements to the Training grounds and buildings.



Detectives Maria Sexton and David Elliott are responsible for registering, managing and investigating approximately 1100 convicted sex offenders who live in Davidson County. Often these offenders make numerous registry changes, some on a daily basis. Their investigations during 2014 included 519 home verification checks and swearing out 383 criminal warrants against sex offenders who were in violation of state law. These two detectives work tirelessly each day to ensure that those convicted of sex crimes are held accountable for the safety and protection of all Nashvillians.

Collegiate Citizen Police Academy

Twenty-seven Tennessee State University students graduated April 23rd from the Metropolitan Police Department's very successful first-ever Collegiate Citizen Police Academy.

The program was created to orient college students on the hows and whys of police work during five evening sessions that began on March 31st. At the same time, it built relationships between police officers and the college community. The Collegiate CPA was begun at the suggestion of Pastor Enoch Fuzz from Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor Frank Stevenson from St. Luke Primitive Baptist Church.

The MNPB looks forward to sponsoring additional Collegiate CPA sessions in the coming months.



Chief Anderson Receives Honorary Doctorate from Belmont University

Belmont University on May 9 recognized Chief Anderson, a Belmont alumnus, with an honorary Doctorate of Humanities degree.

Belmont President Dr. Bob Fisher said the University is proud of the impact Chief Anderson has made on the greater Nashville community and is honored to provide him with a second Belmont degree.

“The strong relationships Chief Anderson has built with neighborhood and communities, his commitment to protecting those who are threatened by domestic violence and his voice of reconciliation to people who feel disenfranchised are clear demonstrations of his remarkable concern for others,” Dr. Fisher said. “The high standard of professional excellence and

emphasis on education in the Metro Police culture, along with the dramatic reduction of crime in Nashville, speak to the strong leadership Chief Anderson has provided within the department and the Nashville community.”



Canine Training

Interdiction Officer William Taylor & his partner Stryker and Hazardous Devices Unit Officer William Morgan & his partner Thor graduated from a ten-week detector dog training course taught by Canine Officer Devery Moses.



Pictured (l-r) are Officers William Taylor, Devery Moses, and William Morgan

Traffic Section Officer Erika Bowden was featured with other law enforcement personnel and Tennessee Titans tight end Delaney Walker in a photo to promote awareness for the Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office "Booze It and Lose It" campaign.



School Crossing Guard Graduation



Precinct News

A citizen's tip led to the arrest of serial burglary suspect David Center, 29, a short time after he broke into a home in the 8500 block of Sawyer Brown Road.

A neighbor reported seeing Center run from the residence and drive off in a Jeep Cherokee. West Precinct officers located Center at a River Plantation residence a short time later. During an interview, Center admitted to the burglary. He said he was looking for prescription medication. Center is charged with three break-ins and is suspected in four others.

Center is also under investigation for similar crimes in Brentwood and Franklin. His photo is being withheld pending lineups.

MNPD vehicle display at the Madison Library. Participants included Madison Precinct Patrol officers, S.W.A.T, and Mobile Booking.



A federal grand jury has indicted three Nashville men for separate crimes involving federal firearms offenses in the J.C. Napier and University Court public housing developments, announced David Rivera, U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee, and Metro Police Chief Steve Anderson.

Michael Calloway aka Oso, 20, was charged with being a felon in possession of ammunition. Charging documents allege that on April 12, 2015, near the intersection of Lewis St. and Robertson St., in Nashville, Calloway fired several shots at an individual, striking him in the leg with one of the bullets.

Jacarlvis Marable, 22, was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Charging documents allege that Marable stole a Glock handgun from Gun City USA in Nashville on February 14, 2015.

Deshon Burleson aka C-Shawn, 28, was charged with being a felon in possession of two firearms. Charging documents allege that on October 21, 2014, Burleson was in the housing projects and fled into one of the apartments to evade a Metro Nashville Police officer, who had observed a handgun in the waistband of Burleson's pants.

All three defendants are in custody and face up to ten years in prison if convicted.

An indictment is merely an accusation. All defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

The cases were investigated by the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The defendants are being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sunny A.M. Koshy.

A tip from an alert employee at Home Depot's Old Hickory Boulevard store in Hermitage led to the arrest of three New York residents for trying to use apparently bogus credit cards to purchase legitimate gift cards from area merchants.

Home Depot staff became suspicious and notified police after a woman identified as Rongjing Ni, 27, of Brooklyn, attempted to buy gift cards while in possession of numerous credit cards. Ni, after being turned away from Home Depot, went into two neighboring stores before heading to a Toyota minivan with a New York license plate occupied by two men.

When Officer Michael Baker approached, Ni gave him a Florida identification card identifying her as Jing Ye, although a New York ID card she carried listed her name as Rongjing Ni. The driver of the minivan, Jialiang Lin, 49, also of Brooklyn, gave officers permission to check the interior of the vehicle. Located inside a white plastic bag in the back seat were 40 credit cards under the name Jing Ye. A check of a tissue box in the front passenger floorboard revealed 23 additional credit cards under the name Jingwang Jiang. Ni had 6 more credit cards in her purse under the name Jing Ye. A cigarette box found in the glove compartment contained yet another 4 credit cards.

A total of 77 credit cards were seized. A check of several of them by MNPB Fraud Unit detectives revealed that the magnetic strips had been encoded with different account numbers than those imprinted on the cards.

Ni, Jiang, and the other individual in the van, Jiang Jing Wang, 36, of New York City, are all charged with criminal simulation and are being held in the Metro Jail in lieu of \$85,000 bond each. The three are natives of China. Confirmation of their identities is pending. The investigation, which is being led by Detective Jaime Rice, is continuing. Additional charges are anticipated.



The following Investigative Services Bureau officers have been chosen Investigator of the Month for January, February, and March 2015.

January

Domestic Violence Detective Teresa Pulliam

February

Detective Gbewa Mustapha

March

Fugitives Section Detectives Richard Martin and Jeffery Tharpe

Security Guard of the Quarter

January-March

Mark Patterson

Specialized Investigations Division

A federal grand jury has indicted Matthew McKervey, 26, of Nashville, for discharging a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense, and with felony drug offenses involving methamphetamine and heroin, announced David Rivera, U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee.

Two others, David Alvarez Becerra-Ruiz, 30, and Daniel Alcala, 28, also of Nashville, are also charged with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, and possessing and distributing methamphetamine.

According to the indictment, McKervey fired at Metropolitan Nashville police officers as they attempted to execute a search warrant at his home on April 1, 2015.

"When someone uses a firearm against our law enforcement officers who are simply engaging in the lawful execution of their duties, in order to protect the citizens of our communities, the U.S. Attorney's Office will act swiftly and with resolve to insure that justice is carried out," said U.S. Attorney David Rivera.

"The use of firearms in the illegal drug trade is inherently dangerous to our police officers as well as Nashville's families," Metro Nashville Police Chief Steve Anderson said. "Those tempted to engage in such conduct should be mindful that this police department will work with our federal partners whenever possible to hold accountable persons who threaten the peace and safety of our neighborhoods. I am grateful for the support of United States Attorney David Rivera and his staff."

McKervey faces a mandatory minimum of 10 years to life in prison on the drug charges, and a mandatory, consecutive 10 years to life in prison for discharging a firearm in furtherance of a drug felony. Becerra-Ruiz and Alcala both face a mandatory minimum of 10 years to life in prison on their drug charges. All three defendants are in custody.

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This case was investigated by the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sunny A.M. Koshy.

Homicide/Cold Case

More than three years after the fatal shooting of a man inside a busy inner city nightclub, the police department's Cold Case Unit has filed a criminal homicide warrant against convicted felon Zantaun Horton, 24, who is presently jailed in Dickson County on an unrelated matter.

Horton is accused of killing Brian Amos, 22, inside Bentley's House of Soul, 410 George L. Davis Boulevard, in the early morning hours of October 9, 2011. Recent investigation by

Cold Case Detective Danny Satterfield led to the identification of Horton as the suspected gunman. Charges against other persons are possible.

Amos was involved in a restroom altercation that preceded a fight and shooting inside the main area of the club. He was hit in the midsection and died shortly after arriving at a hospital. There was a large crowd inside the club at the time.

Horton has prior felony cocaine convictions for which he received multi-year sentences.

Congratulations:

Detective Michael Sofer, Youth Service, and his wife, Maria, welcomed their son, Luke Sheldon Sofer, who was born on May 4th.

Congratulations to Detective Tricia Estes, Youth Services, and Officer Billy Estes, Madison Precinct, who are the proud new grandparents of Coltur Paul Vantrease who was born on May 12th.

Congratulations to Officer JD Young, Canine Section, and his wife Leigh Ann Young, who welcomed the birth of their baby boy on May 13th.



Condolences:

Mable Mellor, the grandmother of Juli White, School Crossing Guard, passed away.

Imogene Outland, the grandmother of Officer Jason Sweeney, Madison Precinct, passed away.

Rosie Clark, the mother of Lieutenant Ada Thaxter, Midtown Hills Precinct, passed away on April 24th.

Martha Rhea Johnson, the grandmother of Lawanna Coleman, passed away.

Karsyn Thornton, the daughter of Detective James Thornton, Midtown Hills Precinct, passed away on April 27th.

Martha Johnson, the grandmother of Officer Kelvin Lusk, East Precinct, passed away on April 28th.

John Nick Patton, the grandfather of Euraleta White, Office of Professional Accountability, passed away.

Helen Gann, the mother of retired Officer Mike Gann, passed away on May 1st.

Ralph Daugherty, the father-in-law of Detective John Gilpin, Central Precinct, passed away on May 4th.

Bettie Phillips, the mother-in-law of Deborah Phillips, Warrants Division, passed away on May 2nd.

Gaynelle Smotherman, the grandmother of Bradley Rumbley, Warrants Division, passed away on April 29th.

Harold DeRose, the grandfather of Officer Melvin J. Foster, West Precinct, passed away on April 30th.

John Edward Toney, the father of Officer Bryan Toney, East Precinct, passed away on May 4th.

Thomas H. Peebles III, the husband of Domestic Violence Division counselor Katie Peebles passed away on May 9th.

Jessie Lee Thibodeaux, the mother of Sergeant Doug Thibodeaux, South Precinct, passed away on May 6th.

Neal Hamlet, the father of Sergeant Jim Hamlet, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on May 11th.

Amina Welch, the mother-in-law of Detective Dionte Doris, East Precinct, passed away on May 9th.