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News from the Chief



Mayor Barry unveiled major components of her recommended budget for next fiscal year during today's State of Metro address held on the plaza outside Bridgestone Arena.

For the dedicated men and women of our police department, Mayor Barry is recommending a three-year pay plan that would provide a 2% across-the-board increase this year, a 3% across the board increase in fiscal year 2018-19, and a 3% across the board increase in 2019-20. In addition, increments would be funded each year (for open range employees, the recommended increase is 2% in the next fiscal year and 3% in the two succeeding fiscal years on top of the across-the-board increases). The mayor is also proposing a .10 per hour increase in shift differential pay, a \$100 increase in the uniform allowance, and the implementation of a paid family medical leave program.

Mayor Barry is recommending that we grow the police department by 70 officers beginning next fiscal year. Forty-eight of the new officers would be assigned to the eight precincts (2 officers per shift) to help keep pace with Nashville's growth and reduce response times. An additional 22 officers would allow for the establishment of a new walking patrol.

In the area of body and dash camera funding, Mayor Barry is recommending the inclusion of \$15 million in the capital improvement budget, which will be filed on May 15 and is separate from the city's operating budget. While it is clear that we will be putting a body and dash camera program in place in the coming months, the magnitude of the program will be determined by proposals and prices submitted to the city by technology vendors. Also included in the proposed capital improvement budget will be an additional \$8 million to replace in-car computers, which are nearing their technical end of life.

Mayor Barry has made the police department and public safety among her top priorities. That is reflected in the highlights of her budget recommendation, the full details of which will be coming to our Fiscal Affairs staff and Metro Council members in the near future. Our budget hearing before the Metro Council is Thursday, May 11, at 5:15 p.m.

Mayor Barry, Metro Council members and citizens throughout Nashville consistently tell me of their pride in and gratitude for the work this police department is doing to keep our city safe and improve quality of life. Thank you for your dedication.

Happenings

Nearly 90 citizens and MNPD staff members were honored on April 5th during the department's 2017 Annual Awards Ceremony held at the Music City Center. Mayor Barry and Chief Anderson personally congratulated each recipient as they were called to receive their award. The winners were recognized for heroism, bravery, and outstanding acts performed in 2016. Here are a few photos of the event.









Easter Egg Hunt

Police Officer Trainees helped staff Senator Thelma Harper's annual community Easter Egg Hunt on the MNPD Academy grounds.



Passover Celebration

Chief Anderson on April 10th ceremoniously purchased the West End Synagogue's leavened products from Rabbi Joshua Kullock as part of the annual celebration of Passover. In appreciation, Rabbi Kullock made a donation to the FOP Youth Camp.



Nell Bodenhamer Visit

Nell Bodenhamer, the widow of MNPD Captain William David Bodenhamer, visited the North Precinct on April 7th. The building is named for her husband. Captain Bodenhamer's brother, Arnett, was also on hand.





Pictured (l-r) are North Precinct Commander Terrence Graves, Arnett Bodenhamer, Nell Bodenhamer, and Chief Anderson.

Mounted Patrol

The Mounted Horse Patrol was a huge hit at the Sudekum Apartments' Spring Fling and Wright Middle School Career Day.



Wright Middle School Career Day



Sudekum Apartments Spring Fling

Motorcycle Training

Seven MNPD officers graduated from police motorcycle school held March 27th-April 7th at the Training Academy.

Completion of this intense training is required prior to becoming a motorcycle officer. The training includes negotiating through various obstacle courses, off-road driving, and close formation riding. Officers are also tested in all types of road and weather conditions. The course is taught by Sergeant Mark Woodfin and Officers Wes Henderson and Brandon Hazzard.



Pictured (l-r) are Sgt. Mark Woodfin, Officer Matthew Cammarn, Officer Joshua Hausman, Goodlettsville Police Officer George Forbes, Officer Charles Wakefield, Officer Rodney Phipps, Officer Jared Eaves, Officer Russell Freeman, Officer Thomas Odom, and Officer Brandon Hazzard.

Precinct News

East

East Precinct Community Sergeant Mike Fisher visits with a youth group at the First Church of the Nazarene.



West

West Precinct undercover detectives this afternoon executed a search warrant at 1011 Davidson Street in East Nashville after making undercover purchases of methamphetamine at the residence.

Upon entry, the officers discovered a suspected meth lab. Nine police officers were transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in an abundance of caution due to potential exposure. All nine have been released. The four suspects, two men and two women, were transported to General Hospital and will be charged with manufacturing meth for resale.

Specialized Investigations Division detectives seized 44 grams of meth, 24 ecstasy pills, one gun, and \$1,410 cash. All the components for a meth lab were inside the house.



Seized meth and cash.

Madison

Madison Precinct officers on Monday arrested two teenagers with extensive arrest histories after pursuing them in a stolen gold Infinity.

The vehicle was taken (with the keys left inside) from a Gallatin Pike business on April 17.

On Monday, Officer Corteze Armstrong saw the vehicle on State Route 45. It refused to stop after he activated his emergency equipment. The car stopped on Elliott Drive, where the 17-year-old driver bailed. He was quickly apprehended by Flex officers. The 16-year-old front seat passenger then jumped into the driver's seat and fled. The 16-year-old rammed the police car of Officer Anthony Lopez as he tried to elude capture. The 16-year-old stopped the car and was attempting to flee on Anderson Lane when he was apprehended.

Both teens were booked into juvenile detention on multiple charges.

Three juveniles were arrested on March 16th after an all-day Madison-area crime spree involving five armed robberies/attempted robberies and a carjacking.

The first hold-up occurred at 6:30 a.m. when a man walking in the 200 block of Emmitt Avenue was robbed of his cash and cell phone. The victim reported that the suspect, armed with a revolver, fled in a black Lincoln Town Car.

At 12:50 p.m., three suspects exited a black Lincoln Town Car and carjacked the driver of a 2001 silver Chevrolet Impala in a parking garage behind Skyline Medical Center.

The hold-ups continued at 6:30 p.m., when a gunman approached a woman outside her apartment building at 203 Sealey Drive. He took her purse at gunpoint and fled in a silver Impala.

Approximately 30 minutes later, a man reported he was riding his bicycle on Delaware Avenue when two armed suspects got out of a silver Impala and struck him on his hip with a pistol. He escaped. No property was taken.

At 7:10 p.m., a woman had just arrived at her Rothwood Avenue apartment when a gunman jumped out of a silver Impala and demanded her purse. When she told him she didn't have any money he got back into the car and fled empty handed. Approximately ten minutes later, a woman was getting out of her vehicle at her home in the 700 block of Madison Boulevard when a silver Impala pulled up next to her. Two young men, both armed with guns, approached the victim and grabbed her purse off her shoulder. A citizen recovered the victim's purse a short time later at the intersection of Madison Boulevard at Norman Drive. Cash and other items had been removed.

Due to the rash of robberies, Madison Precinct and Canine officers flooded the area. A police helicopter was also summoned along with officers from North, East, and Hermitage Precincts. Their efforts paid off when the suspect Chevrolet Impala was spotted on Old Hickory Boulevard. The driver refused to stop and crashed a short time later on Old Hickory Boulevard at Donelson Pike in Old Hickory. All three suspects were taken into custody at 9:50 p.m.

Anthony Bradley-Davis II, 15, Jamal Johnson, 16, and Tonisha Williams, 15, are each charged in Juvenile Court with one count of aggravated robbery for the carjacking. The investigation continues into additional charges for Thursday night's other robberies/attempted robberies.

Hermitage

Alert police work resulted in the arrest of two teens accused of attacking a man during a robbery before forcing him into the trunk of his own car outside the victim's apartment complex at 1828 Hickory Club Drive.

The 35-year-old victim had just returned home at 11:30 p.m. when he was approached by a young man who demanded his belongings at gunpoint. The suspect then struck the victim in the head with the gun. The robber and two accomplices forced him into the trunk of his car, a white Nissan Sentra. Before the suspects drove off, the victim was able to pull the emergency release and escape. He ran to his apartment and called police.

At 3:30 a.m., Hermitage Precinct Officer Justin Chisholm spotted the victim's Sentra in a parking lot at 524 Murfreesboro Pike. The driver fled before wrecking on the exit ramp of I-40 west onto Hermitage Avenue.

The driver, Dashawn Lytle, 18, and his 16-year-old passenger, Brianna Felder were taken into custody. Lytle was wearing the victim's watch.



MNPD joins hands with Napier Elementary School for Peace Walk.

North

North Precinct officers arrested Javaris Wilson, 22, on a grand jury indictment charging him with first-degree murder for the September 2016 fatal shooting of Samuel Huff, 67, in the Cheatham Place public housing development.

Investigation by North Precinct Detective Stanley Truitt led to the identification of Wilson as the man who shot Huff in the 1500 block of 9th Avenue North. The motive remains under investigation.

Wilson was taken into custody without incident at his 10th Avenue North residence.

The Nashville After Zone Alliance (NAZA), hosted its annual appreciation event at Whites Creek High School. North Precinct officers provided information for the G.R.E.A.T. Program and gave out goody bags.



Central

MNPD Horse Bear and his partner, Officer Rodney Clark, proud to meet a sight-impaired citizen in downtown Nashville.



Several Metro officers this month received certification this month after attending bike class hosted by the Central Precinct.



Midtown Hills

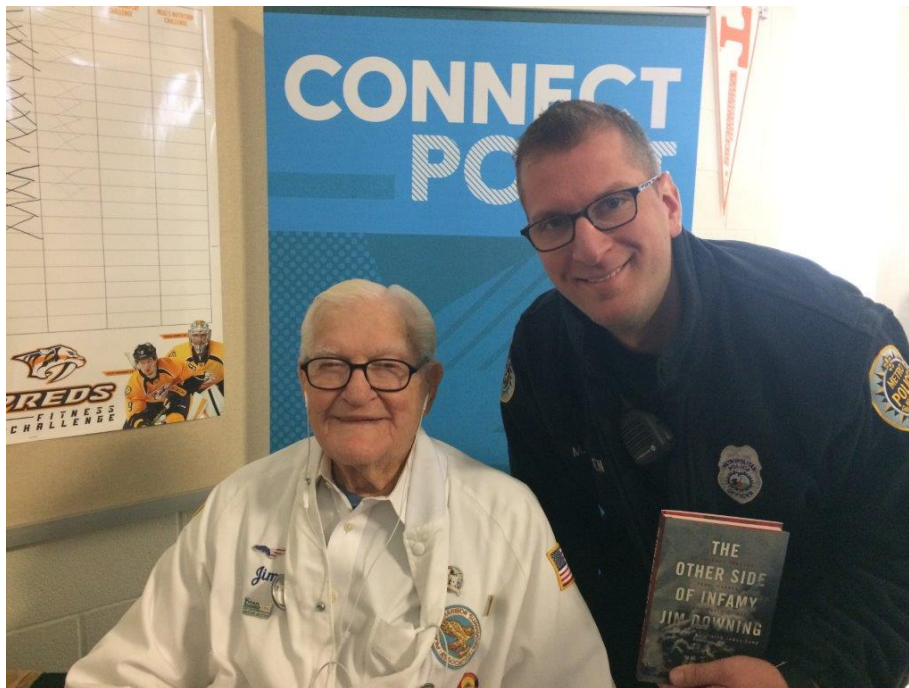
Officers on April 20th visited children, parents, and staff at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.



Officers William King and Melissa Flores on April 24th discussed safety tips with Boy Scouts Pack 600 at Shayne Elementary School.



Officer Marc Haugen met 103-year-old Lieutenant Jim Downing on April 2nd after Downing discussed his book "The Other Side of Infamy" at Waverly-Belmont Elementary School. Downing is the oldest living surviving veteran of the attack on Pearl Harbor.



South

A citizen's tip coupled with outstanding police work led to the arrest of two teen burglary suspects who are accused of breaking into a home in the 500 block of Dunailie Drive.

South Precinct officers quickly responded to a burglary in progress at 9 a.m. A citizen reported seeing a white car backed into the driveway and several young men, one armed with what appeared to be a long gun, standing nearby. Shots were heard and they drove off.

A short time later, Officer Colin Feeney saw a Hyundai Elantra that matched the description of the suspect vehicle backed into a home in the 500 block of Glenpark Drive. As he approached the car, several persons bailed from the vehicle and fled on foot. Kentrell Walton, 18, of Clarksville, Tennessee, and a 17-year-old were taken into custody.

Officers recovered electronics taken during the Dunailie Drive burglary along with two rifles. There were bullet strikes in the Dunailie Drive home's door and window. The Elantra, which had also been struck by gunfire, had been reported stolen in Clarksville.

Walton, of Clarksville, Tennessee, is charged with aggravated burglary, gun possession during the commission of a felony, drug possession, evading arrest, and felony theft. The 17-year-old is charged in Juvenile Court with the same offenses.

The investigation continues and additional arrests are anticipated.

Three young men suspected of firing multiple shots at a home on Hickory Woods East near the Davidson/Rutherford County line are in custody as the result of quick and coordinated work by officers from Lavergne, the MNPd's South Precinct, and an MNPd canine team.

Just before noon, persons in a dark green SUV opened fire on the house. It was hit several times, but no one was hurt. Persons inside the residence saw the vehicle and immediately called police. Lavergne Officer John Fessmire heard the description of the SUV and spotted it at the intersection of Waldron Road and Murfreesboro Pike. Fessmire and Officer Thomas Gray attempted to stop the vehicle, but it sped off down Lavergne Couchville Pike, where it crashed into a tree. The three occupants fled. One of them, **Nesean Brooks**, 20, was caught. MNPd Canine Unit Officer Jerry Denton and his partner Cletus responded to search for the other two. Cletus tracked to a pink shirt, backpack, pistol and cellphone that were on the ground in heavy woods. Moments later, Cletus found **Souripanya Akhom**, 21, and took him into custody. The third defendant, **Juan Carlos Fajardo**, 21, was apprehended by South Precinct officers behind a home on Hamilton Church Road.

The recovered pistol, a nine millimeter semi-automatic, was reported stolen in a Murfreesboro home burglary. A second firearm is believed to have been tossed from the SUV after Lavergne police attempted to stop it.

Brooks, Akhom and Fajardo are being charged with felony aggravated assault and evading arrest. South Precinct detectives were told that the gunfire was the result of a "beef" that one of the defendants had with a person who lives in the Hickory Woods East home.

Domestic Violence Division

The Family Intervention Program (VIP) hosted a class which taught coping skills to crime victims. They also provided information regarding the criminal justice system.



Members of the Domestic Violence Division attended Ride 2 Thrive community event on April 8th at Cleveland Park.



Pictured (l-r) are President of Hispanic Police Officers Association Sgt. Alfredo Arevalo, Domestic Violence Counselor Janisca Williams, District Attorney's Office Victim Witness Coordinator Grace Guerra, and Detectives Luis Lopez and Nate Ellsworth.



Pictured (from l-r) are General Ana Escobar, Detective Nate Ellsworth, and Domestic Violence Counselor Janisca Williams.

Special Operations Division

Canine Sergeants Chris Warner and Brent Gibson displayed the capabilities of working dogs during a demonstration at the Bass Pro Shop on April 1st.



Sgt. Chris Warner with partner Gunner interacts with children at Opry Mills Mall.

Hazardous Devices Officer Brad Burns shows off the interior of the response vehicle during the Parkway Terrace Spring Fling.



Specialized Investigations Division

It is unclear who sent it or just who it was going to, but the good news for Middle Tennesseans is that a packet carfentanil, legally used as a tranquilizer for elephants, mailed to this area has been intercepted by MNPD narcotics detectives and U.S. postal inspectors.

Acting on a tip that carfentanil was concealed in a seemingly legitimate parcel, detectives and agents took it out of circulation in Nashville and executed a search warrant. Inside was a packet containing 140 milligrams of carfentanil, enough for thousands of lethal human doses. Carfentanil is 10,000 times more potent than morphine and is commonly illegally used as a cutting agent in heroin. The substance is responsible for numerous overdose deaths throughout the United States, as it acts as a respiratory system depressant.

Fictitious information in the sender/recipient areas of the mailer has made it difficult at present to identify the persons involved, although it is known that the parcel originated in Florida. The investigation is continuing. This is the first carfentanil seized by the MNPD.



Retirement Celebration

Eula Daniels celebrated 30 years of service



Officer Mike Baker celebrated 34 years of service



Detective Lori Gross celebrated 31 years of service



Katherine Harper celebrated 36 years of service



Officer Paul Flournoy celebrated 29 years of service



Officer Kevin Cooley celebrated 19 years of service



Congratulations:

Sergeant Matthew Mehaffey, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife, Heather, welcomed their daughter, Merritt Elizabeth, on April 18th.

Sergeant Garret Blunier, Midtown Hills Precinct, welcomed their daughter, Annie Belle, on April 20th.

Officer Nicholas Smith, Midtown Hills Precinct, and his wife welcomed their daughter, Elena R. Smith, on April 21st.

April Weatherly, Chief of Police Office, and her husband, Allan, welcomed their daughter, Reese, on April 24th.

Officer Jeremy A. Smith, Customer Services, and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed their son, Bridger Aaron Smith, on April 25th.



Condolences:

Dorothy Sidwell, the grandmother of Detective Lukas Cantrell, passed away on March 17th.

Peggy Sue Huffines, the step-mother of Officer Cindy Huffines, Central Precinct, passed away on March 17th.

Retired Officer William Burns Taylor, who served from 1969 to 1987, the uncle of Lieutenant Pat Taylor, Cold Case, Detective Mary Taylor, West Investigations, and Sergeant James Taylor, Property Guard, and great uncle to Sergeant Kevin Taylor, Officer William King, and Officer Pat Taylor Jr., passed away on March 22nd.

George Stephen Fisher, the father of Officer Benjamin Fisher, West Precinct, passed away on March 26th.

Walter Daniels, the brother of retired Officer Jackie Daniels and brother-in-law of retired civilian employee Eula Daniels, passed away on March 19th.

Jose Leoncio-Navarro, the grandfather of Officer Brenda Navarro, Madison Precinct, passed away.

William Crowe, the grandfather of Officer William Crowe, Madison Precinct, passed away.

Walter Fayne, the father of retired Officer Clarence Fayne and brother-in-law of retired Sergeant John Claybon, died on April 1st.

James "Buddy" Moss, the father of retired Detective Mike Moss, passed away. Mr. Moss was a Navy veteran of the Korean War.

Retired Sergeant Henry Stevens III passed away on April 8th.

Catherine McKeown McManman, the mother of Officer Ryan McManman, North Precinct, passed away on April 17th.