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News from the Chief



Jack Smith, the Acting United States Attorney for Nashville and Middle Tennessee, visited our Compstat meeting this morning to reiterate that he is taking a zero tolerance approach toward any assault/attack on a law enforcement officer. His office will review the facts surrounding any such assault to determine whether the offender has violated federal law for prosecution in U.S. District Court. Two cases are already in the federal pipeline. A 19-year-old man, who fired a pistol in the direction of two uniformed Hermitage Precinct officers in the Napier-Sudekum neighborhood on March 27th, has been charged federally with being a drug user in possession of a gun. In the other case, a 46-year-old man, who rammed a MNPD car to escape arrest and later struggled with an officer, has been indicted by a federal grand jury for being a convicted felon in possession of a gun. Each of these defendants, if convicted, faces a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison. MNPD supervisors should ensure that completed reports on any officer assaults are completed timely so that they can be shared as needed with the U.S. Attorney's Office.



The support of Nashville's community leaders is extremely important as we continue to build relationships and partnerships in neighborhoods throughout our city. Shoney's owner David Davoudpour is one such community leader. Not only does he sponsor the 5K Family Fun Run each year to raise money for the Nashville Police Support Fund, he also sponsors events with little fanfare to enrich the lives of children, many from the inner city. On May 25th, David closed his newly remodeled Shoney's restaurant on Donelson Pike for two hours so that he could treat a group of 80 inner city young men to a nutritious meal. He made it a priority to ensure that the MNPD was also involved so that the young men, from Coach Boots Donnelly's Backfield in Motion program, could begin building positive relationships with police officers. He made sure that the MNPD was also involved. The two hour event was a major success. It was an event enjoyed by officers and the children alike. As one young man was leaving the restaurant, he was heard to say that it was the "most awesome day ever." On behalf of all of you, I expressed to David Davoudpour our sincere appreciation for his tremendous support of our police department and all that he does for Nashville's young people.



We are entering a very busy period with the Stanley Cup Playoffs in town tomorrow and Monday, and with CMA Fest just days away. Please be alert, stay hydrated, and let your

supervisors know if you need a break in the heat. Thank you all for everything you do to keep Nashville's families and visitors safe.

Happenings

Memorial Week

The MNPB Drill and Ceremony Team in Washington for National Police Week May 14-20 honored those who gave their lives in service to our city.



Officer Eric Mumaw's gun and badge are now on permanent display in the lobby of the MNPD Training Academy.



Shoney's 5K

The Shoney's 5K Family Fun Run, Walk & Festival on May 13th raised \$15,000 to benefit the Nashville Police Support Fund.

The Nashville Police Support Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, was established primarily to help defray costs for officers working to complete higher education degrees. Through the generosity of Shoney's CEO David Davoudpour, who personally matches entry fees dollar for dollar, more than \$177,000 has been raised for the fund since the Shoney's 5K began in 2009. Fifty-seven higher education grants have been awarded from the fund over the past four years.





Citizen Police Academy graduation

Session 36 of the Citizen Police Academy graduated on May 22nd after an eleven-week course that provided participants with an inside view of police work.



Volunteer Chaplain Program

MNPD Chaplains Officer James Duke and Dr. Anita Herron on April 28th trained a new group of volunteer chaplains to assist with death notifications. The new volunteers are all graduates of the Citizen's Police Academy.



Special Olympics

Officers and Trainees on May 20th participated in the Special Olympics Tennessee Summer Games at Lipscomb University.



Precinct News

East

Antonio Eugene Boyd, also known as Tony T, 37, of Moonlight Drive, pleaded guilty in federal court to being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition in regard to his gunfire in the James Cayce public housing development.

The charges resulted from an incident on September 15, 2016, where MNPB officers responded to a shooting in the area of South 7th & Sylvan Streets. The subsequent investigation by East Precinct detectives determined that Boyd had been walking down the street with his girlfriend when he saw a blue Dodge Charger approaching. Boyd drew a 9mm semi-automatic from his waistband and fired multiple rounds at the car as it approached, and continued firing as it passed by. Two adults and young children occupied the Charger. The shooting also occurred at approximately 8 a.m., when there were school buses and several children in the immediate vicinity.

Boyd told investigators that he had numerous prior altercations with an occupant of the Charger and initially claimed the occupants shot at him first, although the video surveillance did not support the claim that any shots were fired from the vehicle.

Boyd had been previously convicted of multiple felonies, including robbery, possession with intent to sell cocaine, and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. The plea agreement in this case requires Boyd to be sentenced to 96 months in prison when he appears before a federal judge on August 21, 2017.

This case was investigated by the MNPB and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives. Assistant United States Attorney Sunny A.M. Koshy is prosecuting the case.

Montel Sowell, 20, and Mario Woodard, 14, are charged with criminal homicide for the May 19th fatal shooting of Travis Rosemond on South 8th Street in the James Cayce public housing development.

According to witness accounts and investigation by East Precinct detectives, Sowell and Woodard exchanged gunfire with Rosemond who was in the area visiting a friend. Rosemond was found sitting in the front passenger seat of a Buick Century. A .38 caliber revolver was recovered from the car's floorboard near Rosemond's feet.

Sowell ran a short distance before falling to the ground with a gunshot wound to the abdomen. Woodard, who was shot in the arm, ran inside the back door of an apartment in the 600 block of South 8th Street. Surveillance video shows Sowell toss what appears to be a handgun to another young man who fled the scene.

Woodard is charged in Juvenile Court with criminal homicide.

Community Sergeant Mike Fisher met with students at Nashville Classical School to talk about making good choices and being good citizens.



School Resource Officer Sergeant Bonita Blue visited with some “future” officers at Shwab Elementary!



The article below recently published in a school safety magazine, details the life-saving actions taken by East Precinct School Resource Officer Quinn White in January.

Mother & Daughter Express Gratitude for SRO's Quick Action



After sitting down with her friends for lunch at East Nashville High School in late January, Ashley Woods was eating pizza, as she'd no doubt done dozens of times before.

"We were having a conversation and I ended up talking. When I spoke the food had got stuck in my throat where I couldn't breathe or talk," Ashley told reporters. For what was no doubt the longest two minutes of her 14 years, Ashley couldn't breathe. She started to fade in and out of consciousness.

It was then that School Resource Officer Quinn White sprung into action, pulling Ashley out of her chair and administering the Heimlich maneuver. After 10 abdominal thrusts, the food became dislodged and Ashley recovered.

"I've never had to administer the Heimlich maneuver, but it just shows that every day truly is different," White said. "I was thankfully able to be in the right place at the right time," he continued. "My partner and I work really hard every day to build relationships with these kids to let them know that we're here for them and that we love them."

Ashley's mother got to say thank you to SRO White. She never thought she'd experience meeting the man who saved her daughter's life. "You're just her guardian angel," she said to White. Now, Officer White and the Woods family will forever share a bond.

West

West Precinct detectives charged Daniel Clark, 28, and Trinity Quinn, 15, with criminal homicide, especially aggravated robbery and attempted auto theft in connection with the May 2nd shooting death of Exxon market clerk John Stevens inside the 6955 Charlotte Pike store.

Clark and Quinn, of Dayton, Tennessee, were taken into custody the morning after the shooting behind a tree line near the intersection of Old Hickory Boulevard and Charlotte Pike. They complied with orders from a squad of officers from the Special Response Team and surrendered without incident. A dump truck driver traveling on Old Hickory Boulevard recognized Quinn, who was standing at the edge of the roadway, from media accounts and quickly notified police. The Special Response Team, part of the large law enforcement response already in the immediate area, then spotted the two.

Clark and Quinn are accused of killing Stevens, 58, at 9:30 p.m. After interviews with the two, West Precinct detectives believe that they entered the Exxon market to force Stevens to give up his car keys so the two could flee the area. The two attempted to steal the vehicle, but did not have an ignition key that worked. They then fled on foot.

Through interviews with the defendants, detectives believe they spent the night in the woods of West Nashville before being apprehended.



Session 81 Trainees successfully searched for and found the handgun involved in the robbery/murder of Exxon clerk John Stevens.



West Precinct Investigations Lieutenant Tommy Durbin briefs Session 81 trainees chain of command prior to area search.

Hermitage

Savion Wilson, 22, and Daquan Fields, 20, are charged with murder and aggravated robbery for the December 4th senseless fatal shooting of Krispy Kreme delivery driver Al Baker outside Mapco at 465 Donelson Pike.

The investigation led by Hermitage Precinct Detective Jeffrey Jobe alleges that Wilson drove Fields to the Mapco with the intent to rob the store. Fields is believed to be the gunman who entered the Mapco at 1:56 a.m. and demanded money from the clerk. He took cash from the register. As the gunman fled out the front door, Baker, who had just arrived, was sitting inside the delivery truck when, for no apparent reason, the suspect fired multiple shots at Baker.

Wilson allegedly drove off in his silver Nissan Maxima. Fields fled on foot on Allen Road toward Patriot Way where he got into the passenger side of the Maxima.

Officer Al Walls stopped to assist a motorist on Old Hickory Boulevard near Central Pike. A woman had attempted to rescue a kitten from the roadway when the kitten crawled under her vehicle and into the engine compartment. Officer Walls got under the car and rescued the feline. The woman shared a note of appreciation and a photo of Officer Walls and the kitten on her Facebook page.



North

A citizen's tip at 1:30 a.m. about illegal drug sales in the 900 block of 33rd Avenue North resulted in the arrest of convicted felon Danny Lunsford, 42, and the seizure of two handguns, eight grams of cocaine packaged for resale, and a small amount of marijuana.

North Precinct Officers Troy Loewen and Ratavious Williams responded and saw Lunsford get out of a maroon Chrysler Sebring and attempt to walk away. He was taken into custody. A silver revolver was in plain view inside the car Lunsford had just exited. During a subsequent search of the vehicle, a second handgun was located wedged between the driver's seat and center console. The cocaine and marijuana were also recovered from the Sebring.

Lunsford is charged with cocaine possession in a drug-free zone, felon in possession of a handgun, and gun possession during the commission of a drug offense. He has previous

convictions for felony drug possession, attempted robbery, felony escape, and convicted felon in possession of a weapon. Lunsford is being held in lieu of \$40,000 bond.

Anthony Laquesa Coleman, also known as Scrappy, 31, of Maury Street, is headed to federal prison for 20 years to be followed by six years of supervised release for dealing drugs in a North Nashville neighborhood after being asked to stop by area residents. Coleman was sentenced on May 5th by Senior U.S. District Judge Marvin E. Aspen of the Northern District of Illinois (sitting by designation in the Middle District of Tennessee).

Coleman was indicted in July 2015 and pleaded guilty in November 2016 to possessing drugs with intent to distribute and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Coleman had previously been convicted on state charges including, two drug felony convictions, being a felon in possession of a firearm, and reckless aggravated assault.

According to the facts presented at his plea hearing, Coleman regularly sold cocaine and crack cocaine in the area of 16th Avenue North and Buchanan Street in North Nashville. Area residents had previously asked him not to sell drugs in that area.

On March 23, 2015, Coleman was again selling drugs in that area when a woman and her children returned to their home, along with another woman. They again asked Coleman not to sell drugs near their home. Coleman refused to leave, obtained a loaded pistol from a friend, and threatened the women in the presence of the young children. As police were called, Coleman fled to a nearby rooming house, where North Precinct officers arrested him.

“All of our citizens, in every neighborhood, deserve to live without fear and without the invasive nature of drug dealers permeating their neighborhoods,” said Acting U.S. Attorney Jack Smith. “Community involvement is a vital part of keeping our neighborhoods safe, and we encourage residents to continue to work with our local and federal law enforcement partners to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.”

This case was investigated by the MNPD and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The case was being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Sunny A.M. Koshy and Ahmed Safeeullah.

Officers arrested Rondarius Miller, 20, for the April 29th murder of Joseph Hull on 16th Avenue North.

Miller was found hiding under clothing in his mother’s bedroom.

Information developed by North Precinct Detective Gary Shannon led to the issuance of a criminal homicide warrant against Miller. Hull is believed to have been sitting on a sidewalk outside his girlfriend’s car when he was shot in the groin. Arriving officers administered first-aid to Hull, who died shortly after arriving at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

The motive for the murder remains under investigation.

Central

MNPD is proud to have joined the thousands of fans who turned out for the Predators downtown watch parties.



Central Precinct hosted 31 MNPD Officers, two Goodlettsville officers, one Metro Parks officer, and one Tennessee State Parks officer for a one week International Police Mountain Bike Association's Cyclist course.



Officers from several precincts gathered at Public Square on May 26th to celebrate Bike to Work Day!



The Central Bike unit on May 31st participated in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee's policy ride designed to encourage bicycle commuter use and promote bike and pedestrian safety.



Members of First Baptist Church on May 25th hosted a cookout at Central Precinct. Delicious meals were prepared and served to each detail---day, afternoon, and overnight.



Central Precinct officers on May 19th briefed a group of elected officials from Belfast Northern Ireland on community policing.



Midtown Hills

Fast police work by Midtown Hills Precinct officers on May 10th led to the arrest of suspected bank robber Anthony Corbin, 51, less than five minutes after Pinnacle Bank's 2300 West End Avenue branch was held up by an armed man.

Corbin is alleged to have entered the bank at 10:45 a.m. and demanded money from a teller at gunpoint. After receiving cash he fled. Midtown Hills Precinct officers Johnny Seidl and Kevin Crawford responded to the call and spotted Corbin, who matched the description of the robber provided by bank staff, walking on the sidewalk near the intersection of West End and 21st Avenues. He was detained and was found to be carrying a BB pistol that resembled a

semi-automatic handgun, two large knives and money. Custody of Corbin was transferred to the FBI. He is expected to be charged federally with bank robbery.

Corbin has prior convictions for aggravated robbery, robbery and drug possession.

Woodson Chapel Church of Christ on May 13th brought dinner and goody bags to officers at the Midtown Hills Precinct in appreciation for all they do. Some 60 church members, including several children, participated.



Officer Frank Walker, who routinely involves himself in the community, has fun with a group of youngsters in the Edgehill community.



Officer Yunus Adak stopped to help a child struggling with his book bag, made heavy with end-of-the-school-year belongings.



South

Coordinated work between the MNPD, U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force and the Williamson County Sheriff's Office led to Thursday's apprehension of accused murderer Kevin Tidwell after he crashed while being pursued on I-65 north near the Concord Road interchange.

Tidwell, 23, is accused in last Saturday's shooting death of Jesus Alberto Flores, 24, on Antioch Pike at McCall Street. He was reported to have engaged in an argument with Flores at a Richards Road convenience market. Surveillance video shows that after the Nissan Maxima Flores was riding in pulled away from the market, a Ford pickup truck fell in behind it. Tidwell is alleged to have fired shots from the pickup truck as it passed the Maxima. Flores was fatally wounded.

Given the violence for which Tidwell is accused, the MNPD and its partners made his arrest a priority. A member of the Marshal's Fugitive Task Force spotted Tidwell in a Honda sedan at 8:45 a.m. on Bakertown Road in Antioch. Tidwell drove erratically throughout Nashville for more than an hour in an effort to elude law enforcement. Tidwell wound up in the Cool Springs area of Williamson County where he was spotted by deputies from the Williamson County Sheriff's Office. They pursued Tidwell north on I-65. Members of the Marshal's Task Force were also in the area. Tidwell rammed a Marshal's vehicle that was traveling in front of him before he crashed. Tidwell was armed with a pistol.

Tidwell was taken to Vanderbilt University Medical Center to be checked out for any injuries from the crash. He has since been discharged and is now jailed.

Homicide-Cold Case Unit

The police department's Homicide-Cold Case Unit charged inmate Jontarius Sanders, 19, with 2nd degree murder for the December 2015 shooting death of a Nashville man.

Montez Parrish, 21, arrived at 1403 Levy Lane in East Nashville and reportedly argued/threatened his former girlfriend by whom he had children. After she ran from the residence, shots were heard. After the gunfire, Parrish made it back to his vehicle and stopped in the roadway. Investigation by Detective Matt Filter led to the identification of Sanders as the shooter.

Sanders has been jailed since his April arrest for misdemeanor failure to appear. Sanders was also served with a grand jury indictment charging him with five counts of aggravated robbery and one count of aggravated assault for a June 2015 hold-up of the Piggly Wiggly at 1439 Robinson Road.

Specialized Investigations Division

More than five pounds of heroin destined for Nashville's streets is now in police custody as a result of an intercept by Specialized Investigations Division narcotics detectives and DEA agents.

The investigation shows that Brianda Zuniga-Ramirez, 22, and Evelyn Vasquez, 24, both of San Diego, were being paid to drive the heroin from Southern California to Nashville. Once here, they met with Julio Garcia, 43, of San Diego, and convicted Nashville cocaine felon Jeff Nelson, 45, of Madison (who received a 12-year sentence in May 2013). As the meeting took place, law enforcement moved in and arrested all four. In addition to the heroin, \$2,000 cash was seized.

The four defendants are charged with engaging in a heroin distribution conspiracy.



MNPD Specialized Investigations Division Narcotics detectives, Interdiction officers, and Drug Enforcement Administration agents seized more than 270 pounds of marijuana and arrested two men.

Steven A. Smith, 26, and his father, David Ray Smith, 53, both of Tomball, Texas, are accused of transporting the marijuana to Nashville in a camper being pulled by a pickup truck.

Both men are charged with marijuana possession for resale.



A one-month investigation into the large scale distribution of crystal methamphetamine in the Nashville area has resulted in the arrests of two men on drug conspiracy charges and the seizure of more than eight pounds of crystal methamphetamine.

MNPD Specialized Investigations Division Major Case Task Force detectives and Drug Enforcement Administration agents allege that Jose Martin Perez, 21, of Elkins, Texas, was supplying large amounts of crystal meth to Seruand Rivera, 22, of Franklin, Tennessee. Rivera and Perez were arrested after they met in a Hermitage area parking lot where they planned to sell the meth that had been concealed inside a spare tire.



Special Operations Division

Chester County school bus driver Christina Mathis is in the Metro Jail as the result of her indictment on 35 counts of aggravated assault and 1 count of felony reckless endangerment stemming from a school bus rollover crash last November 18th on the off ramp from I-65 north to Briley Parkway.

Mathis, 29, was driving the first of three buses containing Chester County High School students who were traveling from Henderson, Tennessee, to the Opryland Hotel for a convention. An extensive investigation by the MNPD's Traffic Unit, led by Officer Carey Steel, concluded that Mathis was traveling too fast as she exited I-65 onto a ramp with a posted advisory speed sign of 40 mph. As the result of going too fast, Mathis lost control of the bus. It traveled off the ramp to the left into gravel. Despite braking and turning back to the right, Mathis could not regain control. The bus struck a guardrail on the right side as it overturned before sliding to its final resting point.

A total of 48 persons, including Mathis, were on the bus. Thirty-five were injured, two critically. The two students critically hurt were treated at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and released on November 24th and November 29th.

An inspection of the bus by the Tennessee Highway Patrol found that it had no mechanical defects.

The 2nd Annual Special Operations Division Open House at McGavock High School on May 20th was a tremendous success with demonstrations from canine teams and displays of police helicopters, SWAT equipment, Hazardous Devices Unit and Emergency Contingency equipment. There were also presentations on traffic, pedestrian and cyclist safety.





Criminal Investigations Division

Nashvillian Damion Faulkner is headed to federal prison for 55 years as a result of an MNPB investigation into his production and transportation of child pornography. Chief U.S. District Judge Waverly Crenshaw sentenced Faulkner, 34.

“The sentence imposed by the Court reflects the atrocious actions of the defendant and society’s need to punish the offender and insure that no other innocent children will become a victim of his perverted sexual desires,” said Acting U.S. Attorney Jack Smith.

On July 15, 2015, a federal grand jury in Nashville returned a 15-count indictment, charging Faulkner with production, receipt, possession and transportation of child pornography. He pleaded guilty to all counts on September 16, 2016.

“Detectives Mike Adkins and Chad Gish conducted an exhaustive investigation of Faulkner, which led to associates in a number of other states.” Chief Steve Anderson said. “Thanks to their work, a child porn distribution network is no more.”

According to documents filed with the court, beginning in July 2013, Faulkner produced a pornographic video and still images of a 5-year old girl and another pre-pubescent girl who were staying at the residence where Faulkner lived. Some of the images and the video depicted Faulkner sexually molesting the 5-year old as she slept. Faulkner subsequently distributed the images and video of the five-year-old girl to at least ten different individuals and possibly many more, often identifying her name and/or relationship to him.

The documents also describe many of Faulkner’s email conversations with others, in which he discussed his sexual attraction to young girls, offered advice on how to groom a young girl in preparation for engaging in sex, and also discussed his molestation of another prepubescent girl in years past.

On January 3, 2014, MNPD Detectives Adkins and Gish executed a search warrant at Faulkner’s home. As a result of that search and subsequent forensic analyses, the detectives found 3,745 images depicting child pornography and 103 videos, most of which were of pre-pubescent girls, some as young as toddlers.

This investigation began in late 2013 when an investigator with the Vancouver, Washington Police Department Digital Evidence Cybercrime Unit discovered that an individual using a specific email address was trading images depicting the sexual exploitation of children with another individual under investigation by the same unit. Further investigation indicated that the individual using this email address was located in Nashville, and the case was referred to the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department. The MNPD was able to identify the individual using that email address as Damion Faulkner.

As a result of this investigation, MNPD detectives were able to initiate and refer investigations, which resulted in 13 additional persons being charged in seven other states. To date, 12 of those have pleaded guilty to various charges involving child pornography.

This case is the result of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (to which Detective Adkins is assigned), a national network of 61 coordinated task forces representing over 3,500 federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. These agencies are continually engaged in proactive and reactive investigations and prosecutions of persons involved in child abuse and exploitation involving the internet.

Assistant United States Attorney Carran Daughtrey worked closely with Detectives Adkins and Gish and led the federal prosecution of Faulkner.

Behavioral Health Services

The MNPD Behavioral Health Services Division on May 26th hosted Peer Supporters from several Metro and out-of-county departments for a one day training session.

Dr. Brian Wind, the Chief of Clinical Operations for Journey Pure At The River, an alcohol and drug rehabilitation center, presented the morning segment on sleep disorders, including insomnia.

The afternoon presenter, Pamela Sheffer, with the Just Us program at the Oasis Center discussed outreach to young persons in the LGBT community.



Retirement Celebration

Officer Randy Jones celebrated 26 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Brian Johnson and Officer Jones

Officer Terry Burnett celebrated 31 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Brian Johnson and Officer Burnett

Detective Mike Mooney celebrated 34 years of law enforcement service
(Eight years with MNPD)



**Pictured (l-r) are Domestic Violence Division Captain Michelle Richter,
Detective Mooney, and Lt. Tommy Widener.**

Lieutenant Terri Little celebrated 30 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Lt. Little and Deputy Chief Todd Henry.

Congratulations:

Detective Patrick Oakley, Specialized Investigations Division, and his wife, Brandie, welcomed twin daughters, Riley Flint Oakley and Reagan Harpeth Oakley, on April 18th.

Brandon Bradford, Police Vehicle Operations Unit, and his wife, Amanda, welcomed their son, Mason David Bradford, on May 1st.

Officer Jonathan Shepherd, South Precinct, and his wife, Kasey, welcomed their son, Sam Franklin Shepherd, on May 1st.

Officers Amanda and Rick Martin welcomed their granddaughter, Madelynn Rose, on May 2nd.

Officer Jeff Livingston, South Precinct, and his wife, Jessica, welcomed their daughter, Avery Livingston, on May 2nd.

Officer Ryan Worstall, Midtown Hills Precinct, and his wife welcomed their son, Colton, on May 6th.

Officer Kenneth O'Neal, North Precinct, and his wife, Shandrie, Emergency Communications Center, welcomed their son, Kullen O'Neal, on May 26th.



Condolences:

Sue Spurlock, the mother of Detective Josh Spurlock, Specialized Investigations Division, passed away on April 26th.

Frances Howe, the mother of Jeff Howe, Records Division, passed away.

Joyce Diane Minton, the mother of Lieutenant Chuck Carter, Hermitage Investigations, and grandmother of Detective Josh Carter, North Precinct, passed away on May 21st.

Joyce Hadley, the grandmother of Officer Melvin Taylor, North Precinct, passed away.

Retired Detective Tom R. Jones passed away. Detective Jones retired in 2008 after 22 years of service.

Jeanne Gantz, the grandmother of Sergeant Shaun Rohweder, Sex Crimes Unit, passed away on May 31st.

A special note of gratitude for all the support shown to the family and friends of Maury County Sheriff's Deputy Jimmy Tennyson who passed away on May 6th after he was involved in a single-vehicle crash in his patrol car:

To whom it may concern,

I am sending this letter because I and many of my friends and co-workers in Maury County have been extremely impacted by the compassion, love, mercy, and kindness which was extended to us by your department during a very dark time in our lives. The Maury County Sheriff's Department lost a Deputy who was so much more than a deputy; he was a husband,

father, grandfather, leader, counselor, manager, friend, and so much more to so many people. When the ambulance, carrying our friend hit the city limits on I-65, they were met with an escort clearing the way making sure there were no traffic issues to slow them down. Upon arrival at Vanderbilt University Hospital we were met with staff, VUH security, and Metro PD Officers who all went above and beyond to tend to our every need. This was only the beginning of a very long hurtful day especially for the Deputy's family and for his friends. The efforts put forth by all the staff, VUH security, and Metro PD Officers was exemplary; if we needed food, water, chairs, directions, or anything else they provided it. That says a lot in and of itself. However, the attitude at which these acts of kindness were extended is why I am sending you this note of appreciation. People can do great things that help people in times of need but when those things are done with a genuine compassionate heart and out of love it changes the climate in the room and it helps so much more.

This little note pales in comparison to what I really feel. I cannot say enough good about all of you and how you took care of us and the Jimmy Tennyson family. Everyone involved in the care of Jimmy and his family acted in a professional manner, but most of all, they extended genuine kindness to people they did not even know for the duration of that very long, dismal, and challenging day. We lost Jimmy 18 or so hours after his arrival to VUH but because of you all that blow was a little softer.

I did not get the names and contact information of all of the people to which this note is written so it is my prayer that it will be circulated and hopefully reach all involved. Please know this is not just a pat on the back. You are all top shelf in our book. From the bottom of our hearts here in Maury county,

Thank you,
Mike Bryan
Training/Safety Officer
Fire Department Chaplain
Spring Hill Fire Department