



# MNPD NEWSLINE

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## News from the Chief



I want to begin this newsletter by expressing my gratitude for, and pride in, the exceptional work performed by hundreds of officers throughout the department during Wednesday's visit by President Trump. As everyone is aware, a Presidential visit can strain the resources of any city. That said, by all accounts, the performance of the MNPD was near flawless.

First, my sincere thanks to the leadership team who spent days carefully planning the day's events. It seems that every possible contingency was programed into the plan.

Second, my compliments to all of the supervisors in the field who executed this plan in a very coordinated manner. Without your guidance, even the best of plans do not get carried out.

Third, my special thanks to each of you on the front lines who carried out your assignment in such a professional manner. There are many compliments coming into the department speaking of your professionalism and the calm manner you carried out your duties. In fact, I believe that it was your calm and professional demeanor that inspired the protesters and the counter protesters to express their thoughts in a peaceful manner without resorting to conflict.

Although a significant number of our personnel were on the front lines and directly involved, they would not have been able to carry out our mission without all of the support personnel behind the scenes. So, whether you work in the Central Records Division or whether you were working at a Precinct answering calls, you made it possible for all of those directly involved to carry out the mission of the department.

Today I formally presented Mayor Barry with the Metropolitan Police Department's budget request for fiscal year 2017-18. We are seeking a number of improvements, including growing our department by 128 officers and adding both in-car and body cameras. My remarks to Mayor Barry covered the highlights of our budget request. I want to share those remarks with you here:

*It is an honor to represent the men and women of the Metropolitan Police Department, several of whom are seated behind me, as we discuss our budget request for fiscal year 2017-18 and beyond.*

*It is our continued privilege to serve as the guardians for Nashville's families and visitors. We continue to build partnership with the community at-large, working together in solving problems and improving quality of life in neighborhoods throughout the city.*

*During 2016, the men and women of our police department supported 648 neighborhood and business groups. We attended 2,265 meetings with citizens, an average of more than six meetings a day, every day of the year.*

*Thanks to the partnerships across the city, and the tremendous work of our officers and professional support staff, and despite a rapidly rising population, we were able to hold overall major crime relatively in check from 2015 to 2016, with an increase of about one percent.*

*With your backing, and that of the Metropolitan Council, we have been keeping pace with attrition to maintain a fully staffed police department of 1,440 officers.*

*But, as Nashville continues to experience tremendous growth and development, the police department must also grow and do more than just keep pace with attrition.*

*We know that public safety must be a priority if our city is to continue attracting new residents and businesses, and if our existing families are to continue enjoying the quality of life for which Nashville has become known.*

*Today, we are proposing an operating budget increase of \$26 million. This increase is highlighted by a proposal to grow the police department by 128 new officers. These new officers would contribute to our public safety mission in a number of ways.*

*We would like to present our proposals in somewhat of a priority order.*

*First, we are requesting a total of \$8,242,900 to replace and upgrade our current Mobile Data Computers as well as the AVL Hardware and Software. The current in-car computer system is six years old. The AVL hardware and software is eleven years old.*

<i>MDCs with Printers and Mounts</i>	<i>4,729,700</i>
<i>AVL/GPS upgrade</i>	<i>3,513,200</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i><u>8,242,900</u></i>

*Notable changes to this replacement and upgrade include:*

- Sliding overhead trunk tray to house equipment and free up trunk space for other public safety type equipment.*
- Streamlining the cockpit area for improved safety, comfort and efficiency. Everything will be removed from cockpit except tablet, printer, keyboard and mount.*
- Necessary to support an integrated camera system. (Makes the car a hotspot.)*

*Next, an integrated Body Worn Camera—Dash Camera System.*

<i>Integrated Dash Cam System (880 units)—Body Worn Cam (3,100 units—2 units per officer with allowance for replacement units) with upload storage:</i>	20,857,000
<i>Disaster Recovery (Back up servers)</i>	9,905,000
<i>Wireless Upload Capability</i>	2,235,000
<i>TOTAL</i>	<u>32,997,000</u>

*The total cost of hardware, software and infrastructure for the camera projects and in-car computer update is \$41,239,900. We are requesting that funds for the hardware, software and infrastructure come from the Capital Improvement Budget.*

*Then, there must be additional human resources to successfully facilitate the operation of the camera system:*

<i>24 FTEs—Sergeants to facilitate camera program</i>	2,070,500
<i>2 FTEs—Public Information Office</i>	187,000
<i>7 FTEs—IT Technicians</i>	728,100
<i>5% Premium Pay for officers utilizing cameras</i>	4,973,300
<i>Non Salary (IT maintenance and initial issue)</i>	971,500
<i>TOTAL</i>	<u>8,930,400</u>

*We understand that this is a significant expenditure of the public funds. In my tenure as chief, I have never made a request for funding that in any way approaches this amount. I believe, however, that this is a necessary expenditure. I also believe, and want to emphasize, that if Nashville is to have a successful camera program we must embrace it in its totality. This means a full implementation of the program, taking no shortcuts.*

*Our proposals also include the following:*

*The implementation of a pilot walking patrol program with 22 of the new officers and the addition of 48 officers across the eight precincts (2 officers for each shift) would be utilized to reduce response times.*

*We would add 22 officers next fiscal year as part of the gradual staffing build-up for the opening of a 9<sup>th</sup> full service precinct in fiscal year 2020-21. A total of 66 new officers will be needed for the opening of the new precinct. We propose to add the other 44 over the next two fiscal years.*

*I also want to briefly touch on some other areas of our budget request.*

*We are asking for \$2.3 million for the staffing of Special Events throughout the city, which continue to grow. As you know, this line item allows us to staff Special Events such as the New Year's Eve and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebrations, Christmas Parade, Live on the Green, the Marathon, and many other large gatherings with off-duty officers. This way, neighborhood coverage is not impacted.*

*Due to the workload at our Crime Laboratory, we are asking for \$1.6 million to hire five new scientists and 2 forensic technicians. We want very much to use science to help solve burglaries and other property crimes. We have seen a significant increase in requests for*

*fingerprint analysis. Additional scientists will help reduce a backlog of requested fingerprint and forensic biology testing.*

*We are also asking for funding to expand our Domestic Violence Division, Traffic Unit and Criminal Investigations components to keep up with increasing caseloads and requests. We are proposing to add two positions to our Behavioral Health Services component due to the remarkable increased demand for critical incident debriefing and counseling services for officers over the past five years.*

*Mayor Barry, I know that you visit our officers regularly and learn, first hand, of their commitment and tremendous hard work. I am very proud of the work they do and I am very happy that you continue to spend time with them.*

*Thank you for your continued support.*

Mayor Barry will present her recommended budget to the Metropolitan Council in the coming weeks.



**Chief Anderson presents the MNPd's budget request to Mayor Barry.**

As many of you know, the police department this week hosted two assessors from CALEA, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, as part of our request to continue our accredited status, which was first bestowed in 1995. The assessors met with and interviewed a number of personnel, reviewed our policies and procedures, and went on ride-alongs. I am pleased to report that both assessors, Michael O'Brien from Houston, Texas, and Thomas Wilkes, from Aurora, Colorado, were very impressed with what they saw. Some of the comments they made during an exit meeting with me today were:

“In 17 years, this is the cleanest on-site I have ever done.”

“You have a good shop. I'm impressed.”

While on a ride-along, one of the assessors accompanied officers to a domestic violence call in public housing. “I was just so impressed with the caring of those guys.” “The officers really cared for the people.”

The assessors will recommend that the MNPd be reaccredited for a three year period when the full commission meets in July in Rhode Island. Leading our preparation for this week’s on-site assessment were Accreditation Manager & Sgt. Charles Vance, Sgt. Matt Howlett, Officer Michael Park and Officer T.J. O’Brien.

Thank you all for your dedication, professionalism, and everything you do on behalf of Nashville’s families and visitors.

## **Happenings**

Senator Thelma Harper and the Tennessee General Assembly on Monday honored the life of Officer Eric Mumaw.



Chief Anderson on March 13<sup>th</sup> congratulated the 27<sup>th</sup> session of the MNPd’s Strengthening Families Program that helps keep youth on the right track.



Mayor Barry on March 6<sup>th</sup> welcomed the men and women who are part of the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Citizen Police Academy at the Midtown Hills Precinct.



MNPD Officers received Excellence in Law Enforcement Awards on March 9<sup>th</sup> from former U.S. Attorney David Rivera.



**Pictured (l-r) are Detective Chad Gish, Detective Mike Adkins, and David Rivera.**



**Pictured (l-r) are David Rivera, Officer Josh Robertson, Sgt. Matthew Boguskie, and Officer Jason Wong.**

92-Q's Ernie Allen and Yolanda Beech invited Chief Anderson and North Precinct Commander Terrence Graves to Sunday's "Let's Talk" show.



## Precinct News

### East

Deshaun Dunlap is jailed on a Davidson County Grand Jury indictment charging him with first-degree murder and especially aggravated robbery in connection with the January 26<sup>th</sup> shooting death of Jeremy Nedow, 39, inside Nedow's car just after he arrived at 2024 Jones Circle in East Nashville.

The investigation shows that Dunlap, 23, expected Nedow's arrival and got into the backseat of his vehicle, along with an as yet unidentified second individual. Nedow was shot during a robbery. Dunlap and his accomplice then fled together in another vehicle.

The accomplice is described as a white man in his 20s to 30s with tattoos on his face, neck and arms. Anyone knowing his identity is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 615-742-7463. Callers to Crime Stoppers can remain anonymous and qualify for a cash reward.

Dunlap, who was taken into custody Thursday near his Prince Street residence, is being held in lieu of \$500,000 bond.

Youth Services detectives are investigating Monday afternoon's shooting outside the McFerrin Community Center, 310 Grace Street, that injured two teens.

Officers responded to shots fired at 4:20 p.m. According to witnesses, two vehicles, one described as a white 4-door Altima or Honda and the second, no description, pulled up in front of the community center. Four to five young men wearing bandannas or masks to cover their faces exited the vehicles. In an apparent targeted shooting, they fired multiple rounds toward another group of four male juveniles who were standing in front of the center. Two of the teens, ages 16 and 17, were struck.

The 17-year-old, who was shot in the lower right leg, fled in a white Dodge Charger driven by a friend. East Precinct Community Coordinator Sergeant Mike Fisher, who was in the area, responded when a description of a white car fleeing the scene was aired. He then saw the Charger run a four way stop sign at Meridian and Grace Streets and stopped the car. The driver frantically told Sergeant Fisher that her friend had been shot. He and Officer Joshua Murray performed first aid on the teen until the ambulance arrived.

A third passenger in the Charger, a 14-year-old, had a loaded, stolen handgun in his waistband. He was charged in Juvenile Court with unlawful weapon possession.

The 16-year-old, who was struck in the right foot, ran inside the center. A handgun with blood on it was recovered outside the center.

Both gunshot victims were treated and released to their parents.

The victims told officers that they heard shots and ran away. They did not provide additional information.



Community Coordinator Sergeant Mike Fisher visits Isaac Litton Middle School's after school program.



Sergeant Fisher participated in Read to Me week on March 1<sup>st</sup> at NIA House Montessori School.



## West

Responding to citizen complaints, West Precinct undercover detectives conducted a three day investigation last month into illegal drug sales conducted at the apartments of Sherl aka “Shed” Cox, 53, of 621 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, and convicted cocaine felon Demarcus Terrell, 26, of 617 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Charges were placed against 32 persons. Seized were quantities of heroin, marijuana, cocaine, prescription pills, five cell phones, electronics, and an SUV owned by Sherl Cox.

During the three day investigation, detectives conducted undercover police drug buys and observed dozens of illegal drug transactions. Cox is charged with felony drug possession with intent to distribute, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, and cocaine possession in a drug-free zone. She is free on \$27,500 bond.

At the time of his latest arrest, Terrell was free on \$10,000 bond for sale of cocaine. He is again charged with felony cocaine possession and is free on bond.

Detectives also developed information that drug paraphernalia was being sold at One Stop Market, 626 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Seized during the execution of a search warrant at the market were three boxes of glass pipes, two boxes of screen metal, two pistols, and \$2,967 cash.

The owners of the market, Jehad Harb, 48, and Nael Harb, 24, both of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, were charged with manufacturing drug paraphernalia. They are both free on bond.

In addition to Terrell and Cox, the following three persons were also charged with felony drug possession in connection to both apartment-related illegal drug activities: convicted cocaine felon Doral Newsom, 46, Annie Newsom, 67, and Joann Leflore, 28. All five suspects are free on bond.

West Precinct Flex units assisted in the investigation.



**Seized drugs, cash, and weapons.**

## Madison

Artist Zenita Stephens crafted a beautiful banner which now hangs at Madison Precinct in honor of Officer Eric Mumaw.



## Hermitage

Investigation by Hermitage Precinct detectives led to the indictment of Michael Sparks for last July's beating death of Pamela Crawley, 53, inside the house where they both rented separate apartments at 59 Robertson Street.

Crawley's decomposing body was found on July 8, 2016 in the side yard of the Robertson Street residence. Sparks, 49, was interviewed at the time and told officers he had not seen Crawley in several days. Scientific testing by the MNPD Crime Laboratory subsequently linked Sparks to the homicide.

Sparks, who is homeless, was arrested on Lafayette Street near University Court. Since 1988, Sparks has been arrested 175 times on more than 200 charges with convictions for aggravated assault, unlawful weapon possession, cocaine possession, and public intoxication.

Sparks is charged with first degree murder and is being held in lieu of \$150,000 bond.

Officer Greg Lindstrom on March 2<sup>nd</sup> read to students at Hermitage Elementary School. The children also donated stuffed animals for officers to give to children in need.



## **North**

Outstanding police work led to the arrest of three teens after shots were fired from a white Honda Accord Tuesday afternoon at the D.B. Todd Market at 1509 Dr. D.B. Todd Jr. Boulevard.

A North Precinct undercover detective was conducting surveillance in the area when he witnessed the gunfire at 2 p.m. The detective followed the car to a house on 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North while calling for backup. Three occupants in the vehicle, ages 18, 17, and 16, were taken into custody. The Honda had been reported stolen.

During interviews, one of the suspects reported that the gunfire had been directed toward the market because the clerk gave them a pizza with the wrong toppings. The teens are each charged with aggravated assault x 12, unlawful handgun possession, and vehicle theft.

Additionally, Djuan Bowers, 18, and Tynerick Turner, 17, are charged with aggravated robbery for a February 20<sup>th</sup> hold-up. In that case, the victim was approached by two suspects in the 5300 block of Hickory Hollow Lane and robbed at gunpoint.

Seized during a search of the Honda were three handguns and one hydrocodone pill.



**Seized guns.**

North Precinct officers were attempting to serve an arrest warrant at 1731 Edgewood Avenue when Keanthoney Dalton opened the door and they detected a strong odor of marijuana inside. Seized during a subsequent search of the house were three handguns (one reported stolen), 110.1 grams of cocaine, 56.4 grams of heroin, 111 grams of marijuana, one vehicle, and \$10,144 cash.

Dalton, 29, who lives at the residence, was taken into custody. North Precinct undercover narcotics detectives were requested to the scene. They located the guns under a couch cushion, the drugs in a bathroom air vent, and most of the money inside the kitchen dishwasher.

Dalton, who has previous cocaine and theft convictions, was charged with gun possession by a convicted felon, gun possession during the commission of a drug offense, felony cocaine, marijuana, and heroin possession in a drug free school zone, and theft. Dalton, who was not the person wanted on the outstanding warrant, is being held in lieu of \$125,000 bond.



**Seized guns, drugs, and cash.**

## **Midtown Hills**

Community Coordinator Sergeant Michelle Jones participated in Read to Me Day 2017 at Carter Lawrence Elementary School.



## South

Community Coordinator Sergeant Rafael Fernandez meets February 25<sup>th</sup> with a South Nashville community group.



El Protector Officer Gilbert Ramirez on March 14<sup>th</sup> attended the Crossings Nashville Action Partnership (CNAP)/Chamber South meeting.



## Special Operations

Canine Officer Michael Hackney and his partner Scout responded to a request for assistance from the Drug Enforcement Agency at Nashville International Airport.

The case involved a traveler who was in possession of a large amount of cash. Scout alerted to the odor of narcotics. The investigation is ongoing.

DEA agents credited Officer Hackney and Scout for assisting in moving the case forward.



## Homicide/Cold Case Section

As part of a missing person/homicide investigation conducted by Mike Roland in 2015, James Simmons has agreed to serve 40 years in prison at 100%.

Two other defendants are still awaiting trial, Joshua Smith and Xavier Young. Simmons was the shooter in the case.

Detective Roland was previously recognized as Detective of the Month at the conclusion of the investigation and this outstanding conviction solidifies the quality of the case he put together. This was a complex case spanning multiple jurisdictions.

## Domestic Violence Division

Domestic Violence Division Counselor Janisca Williams and detectives participated in Career Day at Bellshire Elementary School in Madison.



## Fraud Unit

MNPD Fraud detectives and FBI agents on March 8<sup>th</sup> arrested two men alleged to have placed a skimmer device on US Bank's ATM inside Publix, 15544 Old Hickory Boulevard.

US Bank notified detectives that a skimmer had been discovered by a customer after it had fallen off the ATM. A review of surveillance video showed Yorm Para, 27, placing the skimmer on the ATM on previous mornings. After he retrieved the skimmer in the evening, Para got into a rental car driven by Victor Parra Mora, 31. Both men are from Venezuela.

Fraud detectives and FBI agents took both men into custody. A skimmer device, card reader, and multiple encoded credit cards were recovered from the vehicle.

Parra Mora is charged with criminal simulation and is jailed in lieu of \$10,000 bond. Para is charged with two counts of criminal simulation. His bond is set at \$20,000.

Skimmer devices are used by suspects to surreptitiously steal citizens' debit/credit card numbers and PINs. They use the information to buy items before the customer knows that he or she has been victimized.

The investigation continues.



## **Specialized Investigations Division**

More than half a pound of heroin was seized after Interstate Interdiction Unit Officer William Taylor stopped the driver of a Toyota Odyssey for traveling 66 mph in a 55 mph zone on I-65 South near Trinity Lane.

The driver, Hugo Contreras-Gonzalez, 34, did not have a valid driver license and presented a passport, saying he had only been in the country for 15 days.

Police dog Stryker alerted to the presence of a narcotic odor. During a subsequent search of the minivan, the heroin was located in two separate grease tubes in the rear passenger area.

Gonzalez is charged with possessing heroin for resale.

## **Retirement Celebration**

Detective Kevin Allen celebrated 20 years of service



**Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Todd Henry and Detective Allen.**

## **Congratulations:**

Sergeant Steve Weir, Midtown Hills Precinct, and his wife welcomed their son, Lauer J. Weir, on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Officer Trey Wingo, Midtown Hills Precinct, and his wife, Nicole, welcomed their son Jackson on March 8<sup>th</sup>.



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## **Condolences:**

School Crossing Guard Carrie Jones, the wife of School Crossing Guard Charles Jones, passed away. They worked together at Lockeland Springs Elementary Design Center in East Nashville.

Jo Ann Herald, the mother of retired Officer Allen Herald, passed away on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Leo Phillips, the father of retired Lieutenant Duane Phillips, passed away on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

James R. Thomas, the brother of Officer Jeff Thomas, Madison Precinct, passed away on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Retired Officer Garland Brock passed away on February 26<sup>th</sup>. He served from 1972-1985.

Janice Meadows, the mother of Officer Jessie Meadows, South Precinct, passed away on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Emerson Curtis Clark, the brother to Emrick Clark, Security Guard Supervisor, passed away on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Darren Barksdale, the brother of Walter Williams, Security Guard, passed away on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The mother of Officer Joshua Baney, South Precinct, passed away on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Markee, the father-in-law, of Shelly Osterhoudt, Field Operations Bureau, passed away on March 13<sup>th</sup>.