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News from the Chief



Unprecedented devastation is on the verge of impacting Florida. A 40-member Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) Team from Nashville is about to leave for Tallahassee to help those who are severely impacted by Hurricane Irma. Four members of that team are our police department colleagues, Lieutenant Steve Lewis, Officer Brad Burns, Detective Gabe Acevedo, and Detective Josh Spurlock. They will work to rescue significantly impacted Floridians from damaged and flooded areas. As we keep the families of Florida and the first responders in communities throughout that state in our solemn thoughts this weekend, so, too, remember the Nashville USAR team. Let us silently hope for the best in the midst of what will no doubt be a very difficult situation.

All of us have come to learn that Nashville is not immune from the opiate/opioid crisis impacting the United States. The Specialized Investigations Division is reporting that, through the end of July, there have been 136 drug overdose deaths this year in Nashville. At least 41 of those deaths involved heroin, at least 24 involved Fentanyl, and at least 7 involved both heroin and Fentanyl. The age range of the overdose victims varies significantly. They are both male and female, from all races and backgrounds. As our investigative teams continue to focus on interdicting these very dangerous substances, it is important that we take an added measure to help save the lives of overdose victims and better protect those of us who unwittingly come into contact with dangerous heroin and Fentanyl. The 790 Naloxone (Narcan) kits ordered by the police department in June were deployed last month. On September 1st, Officers Daniel Herndon and Justin Franklin responded to a drug overdose call on Pitts Avenue. The victim's breathing was shallow. The officers used Narcan on the victim. It was reported that she started breathing easier within a few seconds. Thank you for understanding the importance of police officers adding Narcan to their first-aid "toolbox," and for paying close attention to the training material.

As you will read below, a lot is happening in this police department week after week in terms of successful investigations and strengthening partnerships with community members

throughout Davidson County. That combination leads to a safer and better Nashville. As always, I sincerely appreciate all that YOU do to help enhance the safety of our city's families and visitors.

Happenings

Noting that the MNPD is in compliance with 100% of model law enforcement standards and policies, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) on July 29th granted the department Advanced Reaccreditation with Excellence for a period of three years.

The action came after Chief Anderson appeared before a panel of commissioners at CALEA's summer meeting in Providence, Rhode Island.

CALEA Commissioner and Rhode Island State Senator Cynthia Armour Coyne noted that the department had a "glowing report" from its March 2017 inspection, and added, "You should be commended for your community outreach."

The MNPD has been continuously accredited since 1994, nearly a quarter century. Chief Anderson said maintaining that status is a top priority.

"Subscribing to an evolving set of 373 internationally accepted standards is part of this police department's absolute commitment to professionalism and partnership as we work with citizens across our eight precincts to promote public safety and enhance quality of life," Chief Anderson said. "Maintaining more than two decades of accredited status is good for our police department and good for Nashville."



Chief Anderson discusses MNPD programs with accreditation commissioners. Beside him are MNPD Accreditation Manager & Sergeant Charles Vance, Deputy Chief Todd Henry, and Captain Chris Gilder. Seated behind them are Officer Mike Park & Sergeant Matt Howlett.



Accreditation commissioners listen as Chief Anderson answers questions. Pictured (l-r) are Commissioner Kenton Bucker (Little Rock, Arkansas Police Chief), Commissioner Cynthia Armour Coyne (Rhode Island State Senator), Commissioner John Kittredge (South Carolina Supreme Court Justice), and Commissioner Marcus Brown (Pennsylvania Homeland Security Director).



Pictured (l-r) are Officer Mike Park, Sgt. Matt Howlett, Deputy Chief Todd Henry, Chief Steve Anderson, Sergeant Charles Vance, Captain Chris Gilder, and Officer T.J. O'Brien.

Citizen Police Academy

Congratulations to the newest graduates of the Citizen Police Academy. Participants in the free 12-week program learned about police work through the perspective of a variety of guest speakers, including members of the police department's specialized components. Topics included gangs, narcotics enforcement, domestic violence, traffic/DUI enforcement, internet crimes, emergency preparedness, crime prevention and the judicial process.



Night Out Against Crime

MNPD on August 1st participated in National Night Out Against Crime events across Nashville.



East Precinct hosted Night Out in East Park with officers staffing the hotdog grill.



Chief Anderson talking with community members as part of Edgehill's Night Out events.



Kids are sporting their new sunglasses from North Precinct officers during Night Out activities at the McGruder Family Resource Center.

The Old Hickory Chamber of Commerce generously donated \$1,000 to the Police Explorer Program during a Night Out Against Crime event.



Night Out Against Crime event at Remington College, 441 Donelson Pike.

Central Precinct officers hosted Night Out Against Crime festivities, including a helicopter landing downtown.





Final Steel Beam Placed at New Headquarters

The final steel beam on August 25th was put into place at the new MNPD headquarters at 600 Murfreesboro Pike.



Mayor Megan Barry and Deputy Chief John Drake look on as the final beam is placed.

Tennessee Titans Recognize Officers

Officers Wuethrich and Kendrick will attend Sunday's sold out game versus the Oakland Raiders in recognition of their outstanding police work. Thanks to the Tennessee Titans organization for providing tickets for these deserving officers.



Tennessee Titans President Steve Underwood congratulates Officers Wuethrich and Kendrick.

Back to School Shop with a Cop

Thanks to Tennessee Titans center Ben Jones and Academy Sports each child had \$150 to spend on school supplies.



Fraternal Order of Police Youth Camp Donation

Thanks to Ben Freland and Freland Chevrolet for the \$500 donation on July 28th to the Fraternal Order of Police Youth Camp for needy kids.



The FOP Youth Camp donated a much needed new bed to a family who recently lost their 16-year-old daughter in a tragic vehicle crash.



Orozco Joins the Mounted Patrol

The first horse purchased with generous funding from WoodmenLife insurance is Orozco, named for Omaha Police Detective Kerrie Orozco, who was killed in the line of duty on May 20, 2015.



Spirit of Blue

Spirit of Blue on August 9th presented the Dickson County Sheriff's office with 70 tourniquets as part of an initiative to grant 1,000 tourniquets to smaller police departments around the country. Spirit of Blue is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide protective equipment to police officers who may otherwise not receive this lifesaving equipment due to budgetary constraints.

MNPD Sergeant Anthony Brooks and Officer Josh Black participated in the presentation due to their work with Law Enforcement United. LEU is an organization that raises money for multiple law enforcement charities. This year LEU raised \$50,000 for Spirit of Blue during their annual "Road to Hope" bicycle ride.



Pictured (l-r) are Dickson County Chief Deputy Jerome Holt, Dickson County Sheriff Jeff Bledsoe, Spirit of Blue reps Craig Morgan & Ryan Smith, MNPD Sgt. Anthony Brooks and MNPD Officer Josh Black.

MyCity

Chief Anderson, community coordinator sergeants, and officers on August 17th attended MyCity Academy at East Precinct. Many newcomers to Nashville attended the social gathering to ask questions about the city and build partnerships with police.



Precinct News

East

Four young men, three juveniles and one adult, are in custody as the result of three attempted carjackings in East Nashville on Saturday evening, August 19th.

In the first case at 7:30 p.m., a 28-year-old man pulled into his Burrus Street driveway when he was suddenly approached by two young men at his driver's door. One was armed with a pistol. They demanded his keys and he complied before fleeing to his neighbor's home. The robbers did not take the car, possibly because it had a manual transmission.

In the second case at 7:45 p.m., a 26-year-old man was in his vehicle at Gallatin Pike and Gillock Street when a group of young men walked in front of him in the street causing him to stop. One of the young men, who was armed with a pistol, attempted to open the victim's door. The victim saw a chance to accelerate and get away, which he did.

In the third case at 7:50 p.m., a 27-year-old woman pulled into a driveway on Kirkland Avenue when a group of young men walked onto the property from the street. One of them was armed with a pistol and demanded her vehicle. Another person in the group approached and attempted to pull her away from the car. The victim threw her keys into a nearby bush. One robber looked for the keys while another took the victim's wallet. Another citizen saw what was taking place and ran outside. The group fled without the vehicle.

A short time later, East Precinct officers located a potential suspect, **Terrence Brown**, 14, at the MTA bus stop across from 3410 Gallatin Pike. He was sweating profusely and was detained for investigation. Three other young men got on the MTA bus, which proceeded south

on Gallatin Pike. Gang Unit detectives quickly got behind the bus and stopped it. Three young men were taken off the bus as part of the robbery investigations.

Thus far, East Precinct detectives have charged **Terrence Brown**, of 12th Avenue North, **Dedric Talley**, 16, of Ed Temple Boulevard, **Antwon Trice Jr.**, 20, of Katie Avenue, and **Dalen Curry**, 17, of Dellway Villa Road, with aggravated robbery in the Kirkland Avenue case. Additionally, Brown was charged with attempted aggravated robbery in the Gallatin Pike/Gillock Street case after the victim identified him as the gunman.

The investigations are continuing.

Alert police work by East Precinct Flex Officer Randy Heinze led to the apprehension of suspected bank robber David D. Williams minutes after the August 21st holdup of SunTrust Bank's 3101 Dickerson Pike branch.

Williams, 24, of Clarksville, is accused of entering the bank at 2:38 p.m., demanding money from a teller, reaching across the counter and struggling with the teller over cash. Williams fled the bank on foot, but was quickly detained by Officer Heinze at 3001 Dickerson Pike after he saw that Williams matched the physical description of the robber, although he was wearing different clothing. East Precinct Sergeant Ryan Finnegan then located discarded clothing behind a convenience market near the bank.

Tip-a-Cop at Burger Up in East Nashville raised more than \$4,000 to benefit Special Olympics Tennessee. East Precinct officers waited on tables and greeted diners while assisting Burger Up staff. Many thanks to all who participated, especially Burger Up who provided the venue and donated 10% of the day's proceeds.



West

Two unrelated drug cases on September 7th from 1027 43rd Avenue North and 1408 57th Avenue North resulted in the seizure of cocaine, marijuana, pills, and pistols. Seven persons were arrested.



Seized drugs, guns, and cash.

Nearly one pound of powder cocaine was recovered from 808 Drummond Drive during the execution of a search warrant by West Precinct undercover detectives investigating local cocaine distribution. Also found were digital scales, a vacuum sealer, and other materials for packaging narcotics.

The resident, Samuel Mendoza, 33, is charged with possession of cocaine for resale in a drug free zone and possession of drug paraphernalia.



West Precinct Commander Marlene Pardue on August 16th presented retired Chief Joe Casey with a new coin commemorating his 38 years of service to the MNPD. The West Precinct Chief Joe D. Casey Building is named in his honor. The coins will be given to recognize West Precinct officers for outstanding work.



Madison

An investigation begun last month by Madison Precinct undercover detectives into the distribution of larger quantities of marijuana culminated in Tuesday evening's execution of three search warrants and the seizure of 72 pounds of marijuana, 39 Xanax bars, 89 Oxycodone pills, 2 pistols, and \$9,819 cash.

After receiving an anonymous complaint, detectives confirmed that Arthur Williams, 42, was selling at least half-pound quantities of marijuana after leaving his residence at 332 E. Webster Street. During the investigation, two additional addresses were linked to Williams, 3817 Inglewood Circle South and 1004 Hart Street. Most of the marijuana, pills and cash were recovered from the Inglewood Circle South location, although there were 11 pounds of marijuana at the E. Webster Street address.

Williams is jailed on multiple drug charges, as is his girlfriend, Gita Jackson, 45, who lives in the Inglewood Circle South home. The vehicle Williams drove is registered to Jackson.



Much appreciation to Tennessee Highway Patrol Troopers who presented a \$510 check to Commander Sebastian Gourdin for MNPD Officer Jesse Cox who is still recovering from an August crash in which he was struck by a suspected drunk driver.



Hermitage

A citizen's tip regarding alleged illegal drug activity at 3689 Andrew Jackson Way in Hermitage resulted in four arrests and the seizure of one half pound of marijuana, five guns (two reported stolen) and \$1,685 cash.

Hermitage Precinct undercover detectives responded to the residence on August 22nd. They detected a strong odor of marijuana inside. The residents, Terry Arnold Sr., 65, Terry Arnold Jr., 35, Taylor Arnold, 21, and a 17-year-old girl were taken into custody.

The men are charged with marijuana possession with intent to sell, weapon possession during the commission of a felony, and felony theft. The teen is charged in Juvenile Court with marijuana possession with intent to sell, felony theft, and unlawful weapon possession.



Officer Calvin Graham participated in the 2017 World Police and Fire Games in Los Angeles winning both the 800 meter and 1,500 meter races.



Officer Graham on the gold medal podium.

North

A citizen's tip about alleged illegal drug activity at 3311 West Hamilton Avenue led to the arrest of five men and the seizure of one kilo of cocaine and \$1,337 cash.

Investigation by North Precinct undercover detectives led to the execution of a search warrant at the residence. One kilo of cocaine was located in a pickup truck parked behind the house. Recovered from inside the house were 14 grams of marijuana, 5.3 grams of cocaine, digital scales, and packaging material.

Convicted cocaine felons Thomas Crowder Jr., 50, and Corey Higgins, 40, are charged with engaging in a drug conspiracy.

Also arrested were convicted cocaine felon Donald T. Hockett, 45, David T. Woods II, 41, of Hillmore Drive, and Michael Shepherd, 22, of Pegram, Tennessee. They are each charged with felony cocaine possession, drug possession, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Crowder, of Boyd Drive, is being held in lieu of \$303,500 bond. Higgins, of Robertson Street, is being held in lieu of \$403,500 bond.

Woods, who has a previous conviction for aggravated assault, Hockett, of Toney Road, and Shepherd, who has previous convictions for drug possession and domestic assault, are being held in lieu of \$28,500 bond each.



Seized cocaine, marijuana, and cash.

North Precinct detectives on August 11th charged Michael L. Newsom, 18, with criminal homicide for the July 30th fatal shooting of Steven Murray, 48, outside Bud's Market at 1601 Buchanan Street.

Murray, of 14th Avenue North, was shot in the head as he was backing his car out of the parking lot by a person in an adjacent vehicle. Investigation by Detective Nick Kulp, which included an examination of surveillance video, led to the identification of Newsom as the suspect.

Newsom, of 10th Avenue North, has been in jail since August 9th when he was arrested after a foot chase and charged with robbing a man at gunpoint in a public housing area on University Court.

In the continuing effort to interdict drug dealing connected to firearms, Crime Suppression Units from the North and East Precincts on Thursday executed a search warrant at 1508 24th Avenue North, where they found more than 45 grams of cocaine, six guns, dozens of rounds of ammunition, and \$3,625 cash.

The investigation was initiated after a tip to Crime Stoppers about suspected drug dealing out of the residence.

Located in the living room of the home were four sets of digital scales, loose ammunition, several small bags of cocaine, and three guns, all of which were hidden under a couch. Other bags of cocaine, guns and ammunition were found in the two bedrooms.

Thomas Jones, 26, and Tarvarius McDowell, 23, were taken into custody and charged with multiple drug and gun offenses. Jones is jailed in lieu of \$75,000 bond. McDowell is being held in lieu of \$55,000 bond.



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Central

Central Precinct detectives charged Amari Ayers, 18, with attempted robbery in connection with the August 11th noontime attack on a woman in a state employee parking garage near First Tennessee Park.

Family members who saw video surveillance footage of the attack released by the police department Monday accompanied Ayers as he surrendered to officers downtown. During an interview with Detective Brent Fisher, Ayers admitted to trying to rob the victim.

Coordinated police work between Central Precinct and Madison Precinct officers led to the arrest of the robbers suspected of holding up two persons in the parking lot at 2nd Avenue South & Broadway at 1:20 a.m. on August 19th.

The two victims, ages 25 and 27, and both from Clarksville, had left a downtown bar and were walking through the parking lot when they saw the suspected robbers standing near a Hyundai Sonata. The victims reported that they were forced into the Sonata at gunpoint, robbed, and then released. They quickly called police and provided a description of the Sonata as well as its tag number. The car was registered to a woman who lives at a Brick Church Pike apartment complex. Madison Precinct Flex officers spotted the car at 3:30 a.m. Saturday traveling in the apartment complex parking lot. **Richard Maupins**, 25, of Homestead Road, was driving. **Dantarius Hancock**, 23, of Solon Drive, was his passenger. Hancock ran from the vehicle, but was later apprehended inside an apartment.

A search of the car revealed a nine millimeter semi-automatic pistol. Maupins gave a statement implicating himself in the case. Hancock refused to be interviewed.

Both men are charged with two counts of aggravated robbery.

Midtown Hills

Midtown Hills Precinct officers arrested the fourth and final suspect in the August 5th armed carjacking on the Lipscomb campus.

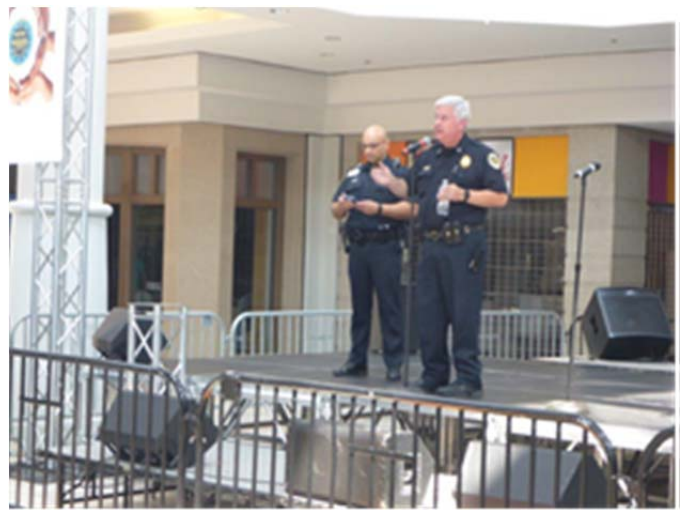
Phantajia Green, 16, of Old Matthews Road, is charged at Juvenile Court with robbery-carjacking. Three others, Brendon Prettyman and Justin Webb, both 18, and Javontae Williams, 20, were previously arrested.

Based on information provided by Williams, the victim's 2003 Hyundai Sonata was recovered from a parking lot on West End Avenue.

The 63-year-old victim was driving out of the Lipscomb Academy parking lot where she works at 11 p.m. when she stopped to text a family member. As she was texting, a man tapped on her driver side window with a pistol and told her to get out of her Sonata. As she reached for her purse prior to exiting the vehicle, she said a second man who appeared on the passenger side told her "you're not taking that." She got out of the car and noticed a third suspect nearby when the gunman told her to run. She called police from a nearby residence. The carjackers fled in her Sonata.

South

Hundreds attended the 9th Annual MNPD El Protector Hispanic Festival on September 2nd at the Global Mall at the Crossings.



Specialized Investigations Division

A disturbing report from the MNPD Crime Laboratory underscores the danger and risk associated with opiate/opioid abuse.

In late May, more than five pounds of what was thought to be heroin in brick form destined for Nashville's streets was intercepted by Specialized Investigations Division narcotics detectives and the DEA after it arrived here from San Diego. The laboratory analysis of the brown solid material shows it to be not heroin, but the opioid Fentanyl. While the testing showed the Fentanyl to be less than 25% pure, it is nevertheless potent enough to equate to more than 100,000 fatal doses.

The investigation by Metro detectives and federal agents showed that Brianda Zuniga-Ramirez, 22, and Evelyn Vasquez, 24, both of San Diego, were being paid to drive the Fentanyl from Southern California to Nashville. Once here, they met with Julio Garcia, 43, of San Diego, and convicted Nashville cocaine felon Jeff Nelson, 46, 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 Fentanyl and a quantity of black tar heroin, \$2,000 cash was seized.

The four defendants remain jailed on charges of engaging in a drug distribution conspiracy.

Six weeks of work by undercover detectives assigned to the Specialized Investigations Division's Major Case Task Force and the TBI has led to arrest of five persons connected to cocaine and marijuana distribution in the Nashville area.

Officers on August 16th arrested Edwin Roberto Orozco, 29, and Jorge Perez-Ramos, 20, in front of Perez-Ramos' 545 Cedar Drive residence as they attempted to sell a kilo (2.2 pounds) of cocaine. Officers also arrested Orozco's sister, Linda Marquita Orozco, 22, at a nearby market where she was conducting counter surveillance on the anticipated cocaine transaction.

The continuing investigation also resulted in the execution of a search warrant at the Orozco residence at 418 Cedar Creek Trail. Seized from there were four pounds of high grade marijuana, four ounces of cocaine, more than \$4,300 cash and a pistol. Arrested on Cedar Creek Trail were Edwin Orozco's sister, King Orozco, 18, and his mother, Hilaria Rivero-Frofos, 49. All five defendants face felony drug counts.



A one-month investigation into the distribution of crystal methamphetamine in the Nashville area has resulted in the arrests of two men and the seizure of 12 pounds of meth valued at more than \$120,000.

Specialized Investigations Division Narcotics detectives allege that Eustorgio Gonzalez Leal, 62, and Juan Francisco Rodriguez Jr., 21, both of Texas, traveled to Nashville where they planned to sell the meth. They were arrested after they stopped in an East Nashville area parking lot. The meth had been concealed in a fire extinguisher.

Both men are charged with conspiracy to distribute meth. They are jailed in lieu of \$750,000 bond each.



Domestic Violence Division

Nashville Noticias met with members of the Domestic Violence Division and the District Attorney's office to discuss the Dando Valor program which works to raise awareness of victim's rights and access to services available to stop violence.



Pictured (l-r) are Detective Maria Cortez, Detective Luis Lopez, Sgt. Alfredo Arevalo, Grace Guerra, Ana Escobar, Lody Limbird, and Lt. Josh Blaisdell

Special Operations Division

The Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) on August 24th awarded the MNPD for successfully executing an aggressive campaign last year to prevent impaired-driving crashes in Nashville. From the award narrative: *Under the leadership of Chief Steve Anderson and his command staff, these officers made 2,562 DUI arrests in 2016. This agency maximized THSO grant funding to the best of their ability to serve and protect our roadways.*

The award was presented to the MNPD during the Tennessee Lifesavers Conference.



Deputy Chief John Drake and the MNPD Traffic section/DUI unit



Pictured (l-r) are THSO Deputy Director Jason Ivy, Lt. Michael Gilliland, Deputy Chief John Drake and THSO Director Vic Donoho.

Retirement Celebration

Sergeant Julian Moore celebrated 22 years of service



Congratulations:



Officer Jarred Frazier, South Precinct, and his wife welcomed their daughter, Raelyn Alexandria Frazier, on August 7th.

Detective Jeff Jobe, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed their daughter, Camille Genevieve, on August 11th.

Detective Terrance McBride, Domestic Violence Division, and his wife, Candace, welcomed their daughter, Ava, on August 10th.

April Weatherly, Chief of Police Office, and her husband, Allan, welcomed their daughter, Reese Linn, on April 23rd.

Detective Robert Barrett, Gang Unit, and his wife, Ashtynne, welcomed their daughter, Bella, on August 11th.

Detective Erika Bowden, Youth Services, and her husband, Detective Christopher Bowden, Youth Services, welcomed their son, Jake, on August 19th.

Officer Michael Mihajlov, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife, Jodi, welcomed their daughter, Cambrie Jennings, on August 24th.

Officer Ryan Cagle and his wife welcomed their son, Brooks Ryan Cagle, on August 14th.

Officer John Patton, South Precinct, and his wife, Marissa, welcomed their daughter, Macy Kate, on August 31st.



Condolences:

Ernest Bevis, the grandfather of Detective Zachariah Bevis, Midtown Hills Precinct, passed away.

Gene Davis, the father of Officer Gene Davis, Midtown Hills Precinct, passed away.

Dewey D. Murphy, the father-in-law of Officer Gregory Jones, Mounted Patrol, passed away.

Paul Ray Peery, the grandfather of Joel Bennett, Youth Services, and father of retired Officer Mike Bennett, passed away on August 16th.

Retired Sergeant Wilbur Wright, who served from 1954-1989, passed away on August 27th.

Elmer Miley Jr., the grandfather of Officer Jonathan Weeks, Central Precinct, passed away on August 28th.

Lorene Gerald, the grandmother of Detective Daniel Johnson, Hermitage Precinct, passed away.

Joann Mary Rich, the mother of Officer Curtis Rich, West Precinct, passed away on September 2nd.