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News from the Chief



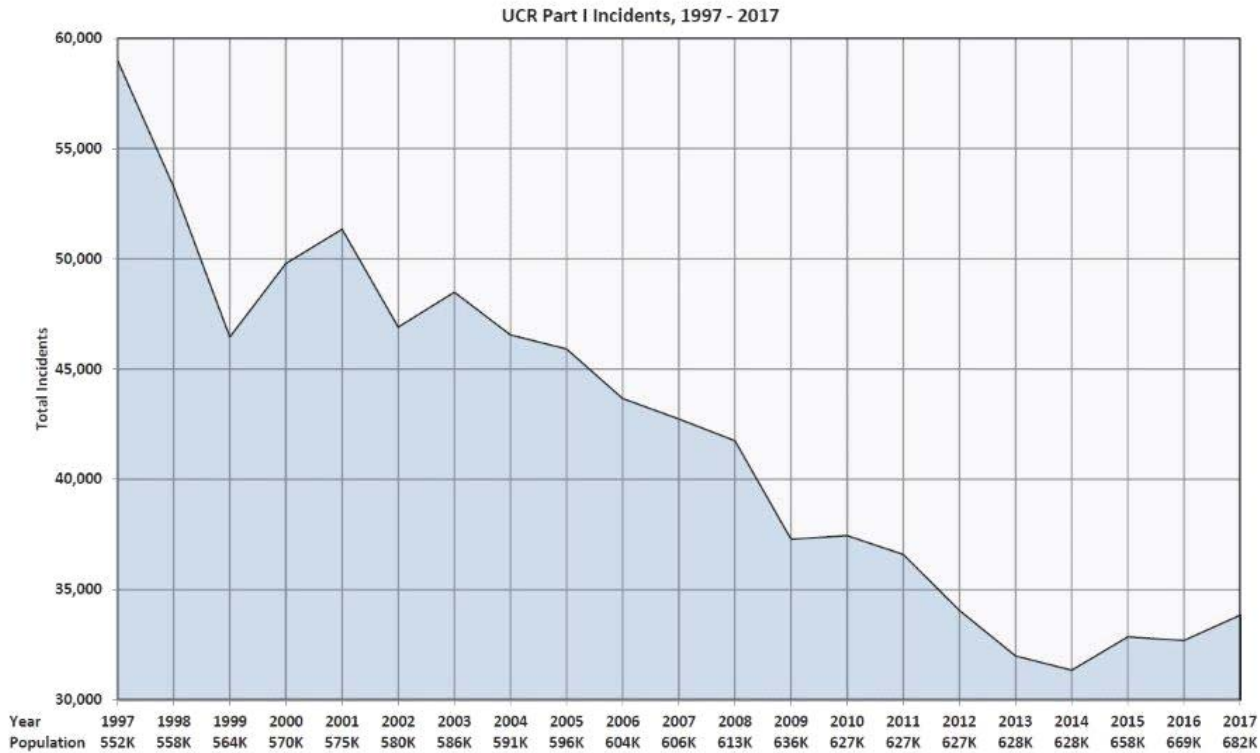
Thirty-seven MNPD police officer trainees (Session 84) made it through Tuesday morning's snow and reported to the academy for their first day. This class of young men and women is excited to be with us, but they were reminded by both Mayor Barry and me that the training process between now and graduation on June 21st will be intentionally difficult. Still, if they persevere, graduation night will be one of the proudest moments of their lives.

Session 84 is the first of at least three trainee classes scheduled for 2018. This class also signifies our commitment to not just keep pace with attrition, but to significantly grow the police department for the first time in some years. As you will recall, Mayor Barry proposed, and the Metro Council approved, raising our authorized strength by 70 officers to 1,510. New officers are welcome additions, and I believe we will need to continue growing the department as Nashville continues to experience unprecedented growth.

While crime data for 2017 is still being tabulated and analyzed, it appears that overall Part 1 crime increased about 3.6% over 2016. The number of Part 1 offenses last year was approximately 33,800. While we experienced an increase over 2016, it is important to keep the 33,800 figure in perspective. That number was much higher in the years 1986 through 2011. In fact, in a number of years in the 1990s and in 2001, Part 1 crime in our city totaled more than 50,000 offenses. Through the hard work of many in the police department and our partnership with neighborhood leaders, we have proven time and again that our evolving strategies are effective in maintaining the safety of Nashville's families and visitors. That will continue to be our mission in 2018, although our city is presented with concerning challenges.

For example, gunshot injuries in 2017 were up 34%, from 251 to 336. Particularly concerning is the 78% increase (27 to 48) in gunshot injuries among teenagers between the ages of 13 and 17; and the 45% increase (96 to 139) in gunshot injuries among young adults between the ages of 18 and 24. All at a time when we took 30% more guns (2803 vs. 2,158) off the

streets in 2017 compared to the year before. Juvenile arrests for robbery offenses, weapons law violations, and homicide increased last year over 2016. While we are committed to reducing these numbers through programs like our Strengthening Families initiative and our work in the school system through our resource officers, it is clear that the community as a whole, parents, extended family and our city's established institutions must do more to exert positive influence on vulnerable teens.



I sincerely thank you for all of your hard work and dedication throughout 2017. The unique challenges of 2018 now present themselves. I know that we all are up to the task of doing everything we can to grow community partnerships and enhance the safety of our citizens.





Mayor Barry and Chief Anderson welcoming 37 new police officer trainees who made it through the snow to the MNPD Academy for their first day. Graduation is June 21st.



Mayor Barry and Chief Anderson checked in on the 30 members of Session 83 while at the academy Tuesday morning. Session 83 is about halfway through the training process. Graduation is set for April 10th.

Happenings

The Nashville Police Department welcomed 49 new police officers on December 19th as Session 82 formally completed 5½ months of rigorous physical and classroom training. Mayor Barry and Chief Anderson delivered congratulatory remarks.



Mayor Barry administers the law enforcement oath to graduating police officers.

Session 82 Class Awards



Officer Christy Dedman Spirit Award
Officer Amy Hirschmann

Officer Michael Petrina Leadership Award
Officer Tony Mingsing

Physical Fitness Award
Officer Ryan Sherry

Top Cop & Top Gun Award
Officer Ryan Sherry

Law Award
Officer Eric Wegener

Academic Excellence Award
Eric Schaefer

Officer Eric Mumaw Bethel University Continuing Education Scholarship
Joshua McGarvey

Mayor Barry and Chief Anderson on Saturday, December 16th attended Family Day at the Training Academy.

The Behavioral Health Services team provided information to participants while a panel of veteran police couples shared their experiences.



Citizen Police Academy

Members of the latest Citizen Police Academy graduated on December 4th, celebrating the completion of the 12 week program where participants learned about police work from a variety of guest speakers.



Season to Remember

Sergeant Robert Weaver on December 14th placed an ornament in memory of Officer Eric Mumaw at the Season to Remember ceremony at Centennial Park.





Chief Anderson placed an ornament in memory of all MNPD officers who died in service to this community.



Captain Michelle Richter placed an ornament in honor of those who died due to domestic violence.



Christmas Basket Program

Officers and volunteers delivered food and toys at 6 a.m. on Christmas Eve morning to 235 needy Nashville families (including 613 children). This was the 57th year for the MNPД's Christmas Basket Program.





Officer Nathan Clark and Skipper, along with their Mounted Patrol colleagues, spent a weekend in December at the Nashville Zoo where they accepted unwrapped toy donations for the MNPD's Christmas Basket Program. Donors received free zoo admission valid through 2018.



Tennessee Titans players donated a load of toys to the Christmas Basket Program for disadvantaged kids.



Shop with a Cop

More than 70 disadvantaged kids on December 19th enjoyed Christmas shopping with MNPD officers at Wal-Mart on Nolensville Pike and Harding Place. Each child was given \$225 to spend to buy gifts for family members. Shop with a Cop is sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police.



In memory of Officer Eric Mumaw, 100 Club of Nashville President Reed Trickett on December 6th presented Chief Anderson and FOP President James Smallwood with a \$25,000 check for the Shop with a Cop Program for disadvantaged kids. Officer Mumaw was a strong supporter of Shop with a Cop.



Pictured (l-r) are Chief Anderson, Reed Trickett, and Sergeant Smallwood.

Ronald McDonald House



The FOP donated toys to the Ronald McDonald house in Nashville.

Justice and Equity Award

Deputy Chief John Drake received the Martin Luther King Jr. Justice and Equity Award on MLK Day, including a bust of Dr. King, from Nashville's Strong Tower Bible Church



Blueline Buddies

The Blueline Buddies Program is going strong as P.K. Subban continues to host a Metro officer and guest along with a mentor and an underprivileged youth before every home hockey game. P.K. takes care of the game tickets, dinner, and meets with the group prior to and after the game.





Precinct News

East

Outstanding, proactive police work led to the arrest of three gunmen after officers observed them trespassing in the 600 block of South 8th Street at the Cayce Place public housing development.

East Precinct Officers Ky Luu and Michael Wolterbeek were advised by Sergeant Matthew Boguskie that the driver of a red Chevrolet Cruise and a passenger were pointing guns at an MDHA camera. When Officer Wolterbeek attempted to stop the suspect vehicle at the intersection of South 5th Street and Woodland Street just after midnight, the driver, Marles King, 26, sped onto Ellington Parkway where he ran off the roadway at the Hart Lane entrance ramp. He attempted to continue back onto Ellington Parkway, but stopped on the ramp. King, and two passengers, Orlando Hall, 22, and Thomas Pointer, 20, were taken into custody.

Officers recovered two handguns that had been tossed from the car on the Hart Lane exit ramp. King, who has previous cocaine and handgun possession convictions, was in possession of hydrocodone pills. Hall possessed a small amount of marijuana.

King, of Apple Valley Circle, and Hall, of Cheyenne Boulevard, both convicted felons, are each charged with drug possession, being felons in possession of handguns, gun possession during the commission of a felony, criminal trespass, and evidence tampering. Additionally, King is charged with evading arrest and reckless driving.

At the time of his arrest, Pointer, of Shelby Avenue, was free on \$50,000 bond after his arrest last July for shooting and attempting to rob a man in an E. Palestine Avenue parking lot. The victim recovered from his injuries. Pointer is charged with unlawful handgun possession, evidence tampering, and criminal trespass.

East Precinct officers on December 14th assisted the Community Care Fellowship with their annual “Turkey Drop”, delivering frozen turkeys to Cayce Place residents.



Officer trainees on Saturday, December 2nd assisted Nashville Beautification Commissioner Tony Viglietti in the annual Cherry Tree planting along Riverside Drive.



West

A citizen’s tip about illegal drug activity at 1910 Amberwood Circle in Bellevue led to the November 29th arrest of three men and the seizure of 4.8 pounds of marijuana, marijuana edibles, 153 ecstasy pills, three loaded handguns, one vehicle, and \$1,760 cash.

Investigation by West Precinct undercover detectives led to the execution of a search warrant at the apartment. Residents Ladarrius Mitchell, D'Angelo Smith, and Robert Tunstall Jr., all age 21, are each charged with gun possession during the commission of a felony and felony drug possession with intent to sell.

At the time of their arrest, Smith and Mitchell were both free on \$26,000 bond on charges stemming from a fight last month outside the Music City Lounge, 1111 Dickerson Pike. Both were each charged with felony drug and weapon possession violations in that case.



Officers participated in a “Make-A-Wish” event, stopping by a young girl’s school to deliver flowers and balloons.



West Precinct has partnered with the Dream Center to operate an after-hours food pantry designed to assist officers who encounter a person or family that they believe is in need of assistance with food after normal business hours or on weekends.

Any Metro Nashville Police Department officer can access the pantry by contacting a West Precinct supervisor who will provide them with the needed food items until they can get the assistance they need through other sources.

The pantry primarily stocks nonperishable items including soup, peanut butter, crackers, and canned vegetables and meat. Items for babies/infants such as diapers, formula, and cereal are also supplied on a limited basis.



Food pantry at West Precinct.

Madison

Madison Precinct detectives charged Ronald L. Kirby, 62, of Antioch, with attempted criminal homicide and three counts of aggravated assault for shooting his ex-boss in the face on January 11th inside Resolution Incorporated on Darbytown Drive off Dickerson Pike. Ronald Francis, 59, is being treated at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. His condition is not life threatening.

Officers responded to a shooting call at the business at 9:53 a.m. By that time Kirby, who had reportedly done work for Resolution in years past and continued to stop by on occasion, had shot Francis in the face after telling the receptionist he needed to see him. Another employee in the business was also armed and shot at Kirby. During the gunfire, employee John Entwistle, 51, received a minor ricochet wound to his chin. He was taken to Skyline Medical Center for treatment.

Witnesses in the area told first responding officers that Kirby had fled the building on foot (his SUV was still in the Resolution parking lot) and was seen entering a neighboring Dollar General Store. That store was evacuated as SWAT officers assembled at the scene. As SWAT officers cleared the storage room of the store, all the while announcing their presence,

Kirby verbally let them know he was there. He was taken into custody without incident. Kirby's pistol was recovered beside him.

Kirby was taken to the Madison Precinct, where he refused to answer detectives' questions.

Hermitage

An ongoing investigation by the Hermitage Precinct's Crime Suppression Unit into a conspiracy to distribute heroin in the Nashville area led to the arrests of Brandon Aguilar-Perez, 21, and Jose Guzman-Perez, 27.

During the execution of search warrants at 4601 Packard Drive, apartment J-180, detectives seized more than four ounces of heroin, packaging materials, digital scales, two vehicles, and \$22,000 cash.

Both men are charged with conspiracy to distribute heroin, possession of heroin with intent to distribute, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. They are being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond each. Additional charges are anticipated.

Fourth graders from Dodson Elementary School brought cards of appreciation they had written for Hermitage Precinct officers.

The four young men who brought the cards are part of the flag corps responsible for the proper raising, lowering, and storing of the American Flag at Dodson Elementary.



Sergeant Robert Weaver accepts cards of appreciation written by Dodson Elementary School students.

North

Dedicated police work by both on-duty and off-duty MNPD officers during Tuesday morning's snowstorm led to the arrests of three brazen teenage grocery robbers.

Torion Bean, 18, of Batavia Street, **Reggie Lyons**, 18, of Mexico Drive, and **Chad Burke-Alexander**, 17, of Snell Boulevard, are facing multiple criminal counts, including aggravated robbery, unlawful gun possession, and using a stolen vehicle as their getaway car.

North Precinct officers responded to a robbery call at Bordeaux Food Store, 3205 Clarksville Pike, at 9:45 a.m. Two young men, with their faces partially covered and carrying guns, demanded and received money and cartons of cigarettes from the employees. They ran out of the store and got into a Nissan Rogue SUV (which had been reported stolen). It was driven by a third individual.

Subsequent investigation showed that Lyons and Burke-Alexander committed the robbery while Bean went inside to case the store minutes earlier. Bean also drove the getaway car.

Bean drove the Nissan Rogue from Clarksville Pike to River Road & River Court, where he wrecked. An off-duty officer who lives nearby witnessed the crash and saw at least one person run away.

Canine Officer Jaime Scruggs and his partner Turbo were called to the crash scene to track the robbers. Turbo led officers to a home in the 3200 block of Mexico Drive. After one hour of police announcements over a car loudspeaker, the three teens finally came out. During the execution of a search warrant, two stolen pistols and several packs of cigarettes were recovered from behind a section of drywall. Several pieces of clothing that were worn during the food store robbery had been stashed in the home's washing machine.

Bean is being held in the Metro Jail in lieu of \$91,500 bond. Lyons' bond is set at \$95,000. Burke-Alexander is being held in juvenile detention pending a hearing this week.

A 24-year-old Nashville man accused of shooting five persons, including two young children, in two separate incidents on January 12th in North Nashville is in custody after West Precinct officers tracked him in the snow from the scene of an abandoned vehicle that had been violently carjacked.

Queshan Brooks is alleged to have opened fire on his stepmother and her two daughters at 2614 Jenkins Court at 4:15 p.m. The two children suffered head wounds and both have now died. They are identified as Samaii Daniel, age 5, and Sammarre Daniel, age 8. Their mother, Darnykka Daniel, 45, suffered non-life threatening gunshot wounds and is being treated at

Vanderbilt University Medical Center. The motive for the attack on the family remains under investigation. Brooks is refusing to answer detectives' questions.

Just 23 minutes later, North Precinct officers responded to a call of a carjacking with shots fired in the 1800 block of 10th Avenue North. Upon arrival, they learned that a gunman fatally wounded Robert Payne, 70, the driver of a gold Chevrolet Impala. His passenger, Patrick Hancock, 52, was pistol-whipped and shot in the arm as the Impala was taken.

At 5:10 p.m., West Precinct Flex officers responded to a Fire Department report of a gold Chevrolet sedan disabled on I-40 near 51st Avenue. Officers Alex Lampley and Benjamin Spees discovered the car abandoned. Officer Lampley saw a man walking in the distance on 52nd Avenue toward Charlotte Avenue. Brooks was apprehended shortly thereafter. Footprints in the snow led from the car to the place of his detention.

At the time of his arrest tonight, Brooks was free on \$25,000 bond for a pending felony aggravated assault arrest from last September. Brooks was convicted of aggravated robbery in May 2014 and received a six-year sentence.

Multiple charges are being placed against Brooks tonight, including three counts of murder.

Central

With sub-freezing temperatures, Central Precinct officers are making a special effort to check on the homeless and offer rides to warm shelters. Since December 7th, MNPD officers have made 2,217 cold weather checks on individuals; 460 of them have accepted transports to shelters.



Midtown Hills

Investigation by Midtown Hills and East Precinct detectives led to the identification and arrest of Jovari Shaw, 25, for his involvement in the following package thefts from residential porches:

- October 17 in the 1400 block of Forrest Avenue;
- October 16 in the 2700 block of Craig Avenue;
- October 12 in the 1800 block of Haden Court;
- October 11 in the 800 block of Halcyon Avenue;
- October 5 in the 1400 block of 12th Avenue South.

Shaw admitted his involvement in all five cases. Surveillance photos/footage from each theft showed Shaw exiting a gray Nissan Altima, taking the packages, and then driving off.

Shaw is charged with five counts of theft.

Investigation by Midtown Precinct Detectives led to Monday night's arrest of serial robbery suspect David Eady, 54, who admitted that he was the masked gunman in the following business hold-ups:

- November 30, Mapco, 5040 Nolensville Pike;
- November 25, Mapco, 3043 Nolensville Pike;
- November 24, Mapco, 440 Harding Place;
- November 20, Shell, 1330 Vultee Boulevard;
- November 18, Mapco, 2601 Murfreesboro Pike;
- November 15, Mapco, 15131 Old Hickory Boulevard;
- November 11, Walgreens, 518 Donelson Pike;
- November 9, CVS, 4709 Nolensville Pike;
- November 5, Walgreens, 2819 Nolensville Pike;
- November 2, Dollar General, 2101 8th Avenue South.

The investigation continues into additional robbery cases. Eady, an ex-con for robbery, also has previous burglary, theft and drug possession convictions.

South

South Precinct detectives arrested 16-year-old Myeisha Brown for the November 9th murder of Ruxin Wang, 74, who was shot to death outside his Claiborne Street home.

Brown is charged with criminal homicide at juvenile detention.

Wang went outside to retrieve a trash can when shots were fired just before 4 p.m. on November 9th. Witnesses reported seeing several young people run from the scene.

After weeks of intense police work and numerous interviews, lead Detective Desmond Sumerel's investigation led to the identification of Brown as the person alleged to have shot and killed Wang. Brown refused to speak to detectives after her arrest.

Specialized Investigations Division

A continuing investigation by the MNPD's Major Case Task Force and the DEA led to the November 28th seizure of four pounds of methamphetamine and one pound of marijuana that arrived in downtown Nashville by bus from Atlanta.

The meth and marijuana was concealed in luggage retrieved by Iesha Unique Marquez, 22, of Fairburn, Georgia, who disembarked at the Megabus stop on 5th Avenue. Marquez subsequently told undercover detectives that she was being paid \$2,300 to transport the drugs here, and that this was the first time she had done so. She said that a 16-year-old girl traveling with her was to receive \$500 of the \$2300.

Marquez is charged with possession of meth and marijuana for resale. The 16-year-old girl was taken to juvenile detention.

Behavioral Health Services

MNPD Chaplain Officer James Duke was awarded a Chief's Coin from Mobile Police Chief Lawrence Batiste for his assistance at the National Baptist Convention January 8-12, in Mobile, Alabama.



Pictured (l-r) are Chief Batiste and Chaplain Duke.

Criminal Warrants Division

Officers Brian Clark and Ryan Pytlewski were recently recognized for their outstanding work in the Criminal Warrants Division. Officer Clark received a Chief's Coin Commendation for Service of Excellence. Officer Pytlewski was named Employee of the month for December 2017.



Pictured (l-r) are Sergeant Danny Orr, Officer Brian Clark, Officer Ryan Pytlewski, and Sergeant Jon Stanley.

Youth Services Division

Youth Services staff joined TrueCore facilities personnel and residents for a Thanksgiving dinner.



Retirement Celebrations

Detectives Shane Stokes and Bill Turbeville had a joint retirement celebration honoring their 26 and 23 years of service respectively.



Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Brian Johnson, Detective Turbeville, and Detective Stokes.

Detective Kevin Allen celebrated 21 years of service



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

Officer Randy Kroll celebrated 26 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Chief Anderson and Officer Kroll.

Officer Donald Black celebrated 30 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Officer Black and Chief Anderson.

Sergeant Mitch Kornberg celebrated 24 years of service



Pictured (l-r) are Sergeant Kornberg and Chief Anderson.

Congratulations:



Officer Dustin Chester, Canine Section, and his wife, Ashley, welcomed their son George Ryan Chester on December 12th.

Officer Chip Willmore, Madison Precinct, and his wife welcomed their daughter, Katalina Rose Willmore, on January 5th.

Officer Dajuan Kendrick, Madison Precinct, and his wife welcomed their son, Dallas Marcell Kendrick, on January 9th.



Condolences:

Ralph Dameron, the grandfather of Officer Christopher Dameron, East Precinct, passed away on November 22nd.

John Doak Sr., the father of Lieutenant Bob Doak, East Precinct, passed away.

Mary Elizabeth Casey Womack, the sister of retired Chief of Police Joe D. Casey, passed away on November 24th.

Ronald Klarer, the father of Detective Phil Klarer, passed away on November 29th.

Jessie Jones, the grandfather of Officer Steven Jones, Crime Scene Investigations, passed away on December 2nd.

Janie Richardson, the grandmother of Officer Brandon Vance, South Precinct, passed away.

Maxine Finney, the mother of Marlene Petty, Specialized Investigations Division, passed away on December 10th.

Betty Taylor, the grandmother of Officer Brian Ewing, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on December 11th.

Hazel Crouch, the grandmother of Officer Jack Crouch, Madison Precinct, passed away.

Larry Williams Sr., the father of Officer Larry Williams, South Precinct, passed away on December 18th.

Delois Perkins, the mother of retired Detective Norris Tarkington, and mother-in-law of Pam Tarkington, Office of Professional Accountability, passed away on December 22nd.

Rachel Maxwell, the daughter of retired Officer Mortie Dickens, passed away on December 23rd.

Elizabeth Henry Ray, the sister of Deputy Chief Todd Henry, Investigative Services, passed away on December 28th.

Orsham Noble, the father-in-law of James Britton, IT, passed away on December 29th.

Margaret Barnette, the grandmother of Sergeant Ben Holman, East Precinct, passed away on December 31st.

Roberta Kaplin, the mother in law of Sergeant Arnold Rickert, Madison Precinct, passed away on January 5th.

Retired Sergeant Dennis Birdwell passed away on January 9th. He retired in 1990 after 18 years of service.

Doris McDaniel, the grandmother of Officer William McDaniel, West Precinct, passed away on January 14th.

Jeanetta Lewis Moore, the mother of Officer Alex Moore, South Precinct, passed away on January 15th.