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News from the Chief



Thank you to everyone who has supported Officer Samuel Galluzzi, both at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and now that he is home continuing to improve. Officer Galluzzi was able to get back to the North Precinct on Wednesday and join his colleagues for a meal. His physical therapy has begun. It will take some months, but Officer Galluzzi and all of us are looking forward to a full recovery.



Officer Galluzzi and his wife Hannah (c) are pictured with Lt. Matt Sears (l) and Sgt. Gary Smith (r).

After months of moving through the Metropolitan Government's purchasing and acquisition processes, we have now begun installing the new in-car computers in patrol vehicles. Eight vehicles have been outfitted with the new GETAC tablets, Sierra mobile routers and Trackstar AVL systems. We have 779 cars to go. Installations will continue through the

second quarter of 2019. The new GETAC tablets are easily removable from the vehicle dock and will capture prosecutor/suspect signatures, defendant/scene photos, as well as scan/search driver license and VIN bar codes. The GETACs will take the place of the handheld MC-75 devices. The installation of the GETACs is necessary to support the department's deployment of the body worn/in-car camera system, in that the video will be uploaded using the new Sierra mobile routers.

Concerning the body worn/in-car camera system, Metro Purchasing is leading the acquisition process, which was divided into four rounds. Round three involves the field testing of equipment provided by a limited number of potential vendors. Purchasing has delayed the posting of round three by two weeks. We have not yet been informed by Metro Purchasing of the exact date field testing will start, but we expect it to be next month. Field testing of the equipment from vendors vying for the contract should take about four months. The intent to award a contract should occur around May of next year. After final contract negotiations, equipment orders and final live testing, it is presently estimated that the beginning of the full body worn camera/in-car camera deployment would occur in August to September 2019.

The new in-car computer and camera projects are related and involve the expenditure of millions of dollars for equipment and infrastructure. This is obviously much more complicated than just handing an officer a camera to attach to his/her uniform. We are not in control of the purchasing/acquisition process, which does continue to advance.

We know you are anxious to be outfitted with the new computers and especially the camera equipment. I am very proud of the way you conduct yourselves during the many adverse situations you encounter every day. As the camera program comes on line, the public will have an opportunity to see and understand, almost first hand, the challenges you face each day and the professional and caring way you address those challenges.

Happenings

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



The detectives assigned to the MNPD's Domestic Violence Division

Domestic Violence Division Captain Michelle Richter and detectives on October 6th joined family and friends of victims of domestic violence to remember them during the Meet Us at the Bridge ceremony.



Officer Rodney Clark was named Outstanding Patrol Officer.



MNPD Sergeant Robert Bandish was recognized as Outstanding Domestic Violence Detective.



Domestic Violence Counselor Kim Page was named Outstanding Advocate.



MNPD/MNPS Handle with Care named Innovative Domestic Violence Program. Pictured (l-r) are Dr. Tony Majors, Christal Pennic, Amy Dunning, Dr. Mary Crnobori, and Captain Michelle Richter.

Ford Police Interceptor SUV

The MNPD is conducting a field evaluation of a 2018 Ford Police Interceptor SUV. The fully outfitted vehicle has been deployed to the Midtown Hills Precinct and is presently assigned to FTO Justin Pinkelton. Pictured with Officer Pinkelton is Police Officer I Anna Clayton.



Predators & Blueline Buddies

Blueline Buddies is back for the second season! Thanks to P.K. Subban and the Nashville Predators for hosting Domestic Violence Detective Michael Baron and his new friend Zaiah at the first home game of the season.



On October 12th P.K. hosted Officer Edin and Amra Plancic and Jajuan and Matt.



P.K. Subban and Gnash on October 8th dropped by an after school celebration at McGruder Family Resource Center.



Coffee with a Cop

Thank you to all who hosted Coffee with a Cop events on October 3rd! A lot of great conversations were had over coffee.



Shoney's Hosts Backfield in Motion Dinner

Chief Anderson, Shoney's CEO David Davoudpour and MNPD officers on August 22nd hosted 100 kids for dinner at Shoney's newly renovated Interstate Drive restaurant. The youngsters are from the Backfield in Motion Program.



Officer Assists Family

Thanks to Officer Justin Cregan this mom and her kids got back on the road to Chicago. She had stopped for gas and left her wallet/keys in the bathroom. Her belongings were gone when she returned. Officer Cregan stayed with the family until a key was made and the family was safely on their way.



Steps for Success

Youth Services, Domestic Violence, and School Resource officers participated in the Steps of Success 5k race. The event creates opportunities for college students and inner city youth.



Sergeant Chris Warner and Gunner visited the Wayne Reed Childcare Center on Lindsley Avenue.



Precinct News

East

Precinct Commander David Imhof and East Community Sergeant Mike Fisher attended fall festivals at the Margaret Maddox YMCA and the Holiday Village Community.



Meaningful work being done by East Precinct officers and the residents of Cayce Homes results in a safer neighborhood for all.



East Precinct officers acted as waiters for Tip-A-Cop at Burger Up's East Nashville location on Woodland Street. The event, which raised \$4,400, benefited Special Olympics Tennessee.



West

Investigation by West Precinct undercover detectives resulted in the arrest of convicted felon Eric D. White, 39, and the seizure of cocaine, heroin, and two handguns.

During the execution of a search warrant at an apartment at 618 41st Avenue North, detectives seized 7.1 grams of cocaine, 1.8 grams of heroin, digital scales, and two loaded nine millimeter handguns.

White, who has multiple felony drug, weapons and assault convictions, is now charged with felony drug possession and two counts of felon in possession of a weapon. He is being held in lieu of \$77,000 bond.



Seized guns and drugs

West Precinct detectives charged convicted felon Donovan Palmer, 25, with 1st degree murder for the August 26, 2017 fatal assault on a man at the intersection of 40th Avenue North and Delaware Avenue.

James Nevills, 53, got into a heated argument with the suspect inside the One Stop Market, 626 40th Avenue North. Nevills walked to the intersection where he was struck in the head from behind with an object. Nevills died from his injuries on September 9, 2017.

Palmer has been jailed since his October 2017 arrest for allegedly shooting a man in the leg during a robbery. Palmer was charged with attempted 1st degree murder and aggravated robbery in that case.

Madison

Community Sergeant Henry Particelli and Officer Jessica Ware conducted a mobile prescription drug takeback, the second one this year.

They visited ten assisted living facilities allowing seniors to safely dispose of their unused or expired medications, twice filling up the drug collection box.



Hermitage

A coordinated investigation by the Specialized Investigations Division Gang Unit and Hermitage Precinct undercover detectives resulted in the October 3rd arrest of convicted drug felon Hertis Booth Jr., 29, on a number of drug, firearm and theft charges. Seized during the execution of a search warrant at Booth's 1104 Berry Street home in Old Hickory were 7 guns, 3 of which were stolen and 1 of which is a National Firearms Act prohibited weapon. Also seized were 10 grams of meth, a small amount of heroin, and \$936 cash.

Booth's prior felony drug convictions are out of Rutherford County.

An investigation into illegal drug sales by Hermitage Precinct's Crime Suppression Unit led to the seizure of more than 22 pounds of marijuana, 15 guns, and the arrests of two persons at 234 Bonnalynn Drive.

In addition to the guns and marijuana, during the execution of a search warrant at the house detectives seized 1,300 Xanax pills, three vehicles, three sets of body armor, drug paraphernalia, and \$21,811 cash.

Christian Scott, 24, and Molly Goodwin, 22, who both live at the residence, are each charged with multiple felony drug counts and gun possession during the commission of a felony.

Scott has prior convictions for drug possession and unlawful handgun possession. The investigation was conducted with the assistance of Mt. Juliet Police Department undercover detectives.



An investigation into illegal drug sales by Madison Precinct's Crime Suppression Unit led to the discovery of items used in a meth lab and the arrests of four persons at 245 A Clovernook Drive.

During the execution of a search warrant by Hermitage Precinct undercover detectives, multiple chemicals used in the production of methamphetamine were observed and the residence was quickly evacuated.

The following four residents were each charged with manufacturing meth:

- Roger Dale Ferrell, 46
- Mary Kathleen Vera, 47
- James Walter Dinkins, 38
- Mikel Lee Randolph, 59

Ferrell and Vera each have a prior conviction for initiating the process to manufacture meth.

Eight officers who entered the residence and all four residents were fully decontaminated by the Nashville Fire Department. The chemical components were removed. The residence is under quarantine due to the highly toxic nature of the manufacturing process.

North

North Precinct and Specialized Investigations Division undercover detectives on October 10th arrested two brothers, Roberto and Jose Flores-Sanchez, and seized more than 18 pounds of crystal methamphetamine.

A two-week investigation culminated in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart, 3458 Dickerson Pike, where the men were in a parked vehicle to make a suspected drug transaction. Seized during a search of the car were the methamphetamine, 17 grams of marijuana, one loaded handgun, and \$1,680 cash.

Roberto Flores-Sanchez, 36, of Goodlettsville, Tennessee, and Jose Flores-Sanchez, 24, of Calera, Alabama, are each charged with unlawful gun possession, meth possession with intent to sell, and marijuana possession. Both are being held in lieu of \$92,000 cash.



Citizen tips, following televised media reports, led two teens, ages 14 and 13, to surrender themselves to the MNPD for their involvement in Sunday's robbery of a 10-year-old boy at gunpoint in an apartment complex parking lot in the 5500 block of Scruggs Lane.

The 14-year-old admitted to being the gunman who robbed the child of the keys to his mother's SUV. His 13-year-old accomplice acknowledged that he was also there and knew that the hold-up was going to occur. They are both charged in Juvenile Court with aggravated robbery. Detectives continue to work to identify the driver of the suspect vehicle which had been reported stolen earlier in the day.

Central

Commander Gordon Howey met with downtown employees and residents at the Downtown Partnership.



Sergeant Brian Williams conducted a Bike Officer Certification class the first week of October with 19 participants.



Midtown Hills

Accused murderer and convicted felon Deandre Sherrill is being held in the Metro Jail without bond following his arrest on September 18th at a Madison apartment complex by the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force and the MNPD Gang Unit, with assistance from Midtown Hills Precinct detectives.

Sherrill, 26, is charged with the fatal shooting of Dequinta Young, 24, in the parking lot of Club Premium at 833 Murfreesboro Pike. Detectives were told the gunfire occurred during a dispute between the two men over a vehicle blocking another.

Sherrill was convicted of felony aggravated assault in September 2017 for shooting a woman on Westchester Drive. He received a mostly probated sentence. Sherrill is also charged with violating the terms of his probation.

After officers completed a call for service in the Edgehill community, Officer Eric Burford , Officer Jed Baldoni, and Sergeant Andrew Kooshian stopped to assist in a bike repair!



Domestic Violence Division

The YWCA Nashville and Middle Tennessee Lethality Assessment Program was honored during the 2018 Center for Nonprofit Management Salute to Excellence Awards ceremony on October 9th.

The Lethality Assessment Program was one of three nominees for the Frist Foundation Team Building Award.



Domestic Violence Division personnel attended several festivals and the state fair this fall.



Juvenile Crime Task Force

Officers assigned to the Juvenile Crime Task Force on September 29 were in the right place at the right time when three teens in a stolen 2019 Nissan Maxima passed their unmarked vehicles on I-65 North near the I-24 split at speeds in excess of 100 m.p.h.

Just after the Maxima passed the officers at 10:30 p.m., it struck the rear of an Infinity SUV before colliding with the concrete barrier. After the crash, officers turned on their emergency equipment and the three teens ran from the car down a steep embankment. One 17-year-old was captured a short time later. A second 17-year-old entered a fenced lot on Cowan Street and was found hiding inside a parked work truck.

A loaded pistol and nearly one pound of marijuana were recovered from the stolen Maxima. The car, a rental, was reported stolen on Thursday from Watkins Park at 616 17th Avenue North.

The third person from the Maxima was not located. The investigation continues concerning him.

The driver and passenger of the Infinity SUV were transported to Skyline Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

The two 17-year-olds are each charged in Juvenile Court with juvenile handgun possession, gun possession during the commission of a felony, marijuana possession, evading arrest, theft of a vehicle, and leaving the scene of an accident.

Midtown Hills Precinct undercover detectives on September 14th arrested three teenagers, one of them a 17-year-old wearing an ankle monitor, and a 20-year-old as they recovered a pistol and two stolen vehicles, one of which was taken during an armed robbery in Murfreesboro.

The detectives were at Charlotte Avenue at 18th Avenue when they saw a gold Subaru Outback suspiciously travel through several alleyways behind businesses before going through several parking lots. A check of the license plate showed the Subaru was stolen on September 2nd from a local residence after the keys were left in it. Detectives discreetly followed the Subaru to Skyview Apartments on Susannah Court where the four occupants were ordered out of the vehicle after parking. Recovered were a gun, a small amount of marijuana and the keys to a parked Dodge sedan that was taken during the Murfreesboro robbery on September 10th.

Specialized Investigations Division

MNPD Gang Unit detectives on October 10th apprehended fugitive and parolee Eric L. Caruthers Jr., 31, who was wanted for shooting a youth football coach on August 11th during a jamboree at Antioch High School. He was arrested near South 7th Street in East Nashville.

Caruthers was brought to the South Precinct where he implicated himself in the shooting during an interview with Detective Kevin Keating.

The investigation shows that the victim coach had broken up a fight between players from his team and an opposing squad. Caruthers is alleged to have angrily approached the coach upset over the way he had intervened in the fight. Caruthers reportedly asked the coach to meet him beside the bleachers. Once there, Caruthers pulled a pistol and began shooting, causing a number of young football players nearby to run for safety. The coach was hit twice in his right leg. The shooting was captured on video by a surveillance camera.

Caruthers was convicted of felony aggravated assault in 2014 and received a 9-year prison sentence. He is being held without bond on warrants charging him with aggravated assault and violating the conditions of his parole.

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Seized guns.

Narcotics detectives assigned to the Specialized Investigations Division seized six guns, a variety of drugs, and cash as the result of search warrants at the 2210 Summitt Avenue residence of convicted felon Shawn Stafford, 34, and the 2151 Summitt Avenue residence of convicted drug felon Shamus Peebles, 40.

Inside the houses were five ounces of cocaine, 6.5 ounces of heroin, two grams of marijuana, six guns (one reported stolen), and \$24,643 cash. Stafford, who has a previous conviction for aggravated assault, is charged with felon in possession of a weapon, felony drug possession, theft, and gun possession during the commission of a felony. He is being held in lieu of \$70,000 bond.

Peebles, who was not present, is not in custody. Arrest warrants charging felon in possession of a weapon, felony drug possession, and gun possession during the commission of a felony, have been issued against him.



Seized cocaine, heroin, and guns.

Homicide Cold Case

More than eleven years after the murder of innocent South Nashville resident Jose Miguel Avendano, the MNP Cold Case Unit is bringing a criminal homicide charge against the suspected gunman.

The murder case against Adam Saysongkham, 28, who is presently incarcerated in the Tennessee prison system for a 2010 aggravated robbery in Rutherford County, is being initiated in Davidson County Juvenile Court because he was age 17 at the time Avendano was killed. Avendano, 24, suffered a gunshot wound to his neck at approximately 3 a.m. on April 18, 2007, while apparently looking out his bedroom window in response to gunfire in the parking lot of his apartment complex, Dominion House on Linbar Drive.

About an hour prior to the shooting, two other residents of the complex caught two men attempting to break into a Honda Civic parked in front of the E building. A confrontation and brief scuffle took place and the car burglars, one of whom is alleged to have been Saysongkham, got away. The investigation by Detective Mike Roland shows that Saysongkham returned and fired shots into the E building. A round traveled through the bedroom window of Avendano's lower-level apartment and struck him in the neck. Neither Avendano nor the persons living above him were connected to the Honda or the earlier confrontation involving the car burglary.

Chaplain Section

The Chaplain program held a training and appreciation dinner on October 2nd at the Midtown Hills Precinct. Volunteer Chaplains received certificates of appreciation from Deputy Chief Damian Huggins for their willingness to assist with death notifications.

Community Coordinators from the other precincts also attended to meet and network with the chaplains in their areas. Dinner was provided by Mission BBQ.



On August 24, Chaplains James Duke and Anita Herron provided a five-hour training to four new MNPD Volunteer Chaplains.



Retirement Celebration

Officer Phil Vincion celebrated 30 years of service



Detective Patricia Estes celebrated 25 years of service



Detective Herb Kajihara celebrated 25 years of service



Detective Anita Prather celebrated 25 years of service



Sergeant Brian Petty celebrated 27 years of service



Kathy Anderton celebrated 39 years of service



Congratulations:



Officer Justin “Slate” Chisholm, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife, Kristina, welcomed their son, Jaxon Ellis, on August 13th.

Officer Landon Bagwell, East Precinct, and his wife welcomed their daughter, Violet Reese Bagwell, on August 21st.

Detective Daniel Brown, West Precinct, and his wife welcomed their daughter, Hadleigh Grace, on August 16th.

Officer Noah Melton, Hermitage Precinct, and his wife, Kate, welcomed their son, Marshall Isaac, on August 27th.

Officer Jonathan Sharp, South Precinct, and his wife welcomed their daughter, June, on August 29th.

Officer Michael Fitch, East Precinct, and his wife, Sarah, welcomed their daughter, Reagan Elizabeth Fitch, on September 12th.

Officer Dale Dameron, South Precinct, and his wife welcomed their son, Daniel Robert Dameron, born on September 19th.

Officer Jefferson Hughes and his wife welcomed their daughter, Isabella Bennett Hughes, born on September 26th.

Condolences:

Austin BeCraft, the son of retired Officer Dale BeCraft, passed away on August 19th.

Retired Officer James "Jim" Nash passed away on August 13th. He served from July 1973 until December 2000.

Barry Blackwell, the brother of Lieutenant Chris Blackwell, Crime Laboratory, passed away.

Mildred Flournoy, the mother of retired Officer Paul Flournoy and aunt of Deputy Chief John Drake, passed away.

William Kautzman Sr., the grandfather of Sergeant William Kautzman, Madison Precinct, passed away.

Amy Lyons Finney, the daughter of retired Lieutenant Bob Lyons and sister of Robin Sanders, passed away.

Steven Pearson, the step-father of Sergeant Matthew Howlett, passed away on August 29th.

Lucille Crim Young, the mother-in-law of retired Officer Greg Lee, passed away on August 24th.

Jeanette West, the grandmother of Officer Jacob West, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on September 1st.

Corliss Kirkwood, the sister of Emrick Clark, Facilities Management Division, passed way.

Leander Dupie Jr., the father of Lieutenant Lee Dupie, East Precinct, passed away on September 25th.

James Davidson, the father-in-law of Dawn Lisa Davidson, Central Records Division, passed away.

Archibald Douglas Odom, Jr., the father of Sergeant Geoff Odom, Madison Precinct, passed away on October 10th.

Heroes and A Policeman's Wife

The poems "A Policeman's Wife" and "Heroes" were written by my wife Gail Lee and my daughter Amanda Lee when she was nine- years-old.

I carried them with me every day to work until my retirement in 2014.

My daughter Amanda is now a mental health professional who works with high school and middle school students.

My wife Gail and I will celebrate our 35th year of marriage on December 23rd.

My son Daniel became a 911 Dispatcher for the Smyrna Police Department in 2006.

It is through the love and support of my family that I have been able to complete a career of more than 33 years of service. I am very proud that 26 years of that was with the Metro Nashville Police Department. I have been honored to serve with the finest police officers in the world.

Greg Lee

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"Heroes"

By Amanda Lee

Who's your hero?

**My heroes patrol the streets at night,
and in the daylight.**

**And while you're at school, or work, or asleep in your bed.
Helping and protecting you and everyone else instead.**

**But the ones who also get recognized by me,
are the ones whose names are on the wall in Washington D.C.**

**And I wrote this poem for all of them,
Especially the one who comes home every night.**

The one I love the most.

The one I call Dad.

“A Policeman’s Wife”

By Gail Lee

**I see a hero every day,
But no one sings his praises,
and no one knows his name.
Most people only see a uniform and a badge,
but there’s a little boy who waits at home that calls him Dad.**

**Day and night, he guards our streets.
He’s seen the worst this city has to give
the drunks, the thieves and those that kill,
yet still he tries to right these wrongs.**

**“To Protect and Serve”, are more than words,
for a Cop it’s a way of Life.
How do I know all these things?**

I am a Policeman’s Wife.