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News from the Chief



For the past four years, Commander Anthony Carter has selflessly dedicated himself to the families of Bordeaux, Joelton, Jefferson Street and a number of other communities as Commander of the North Precinct. In fact, Tony has devoted the past 38 years of his life to our city as a member of this police department. It is with deep gratitude for his nearly four decades of service that I report Tony has informed me he will be retiring from the MNPD effective September 10th and will be joining the Tennessee State University Police Department under the leadership Chief Richard Briggance, himself a retired MNPD assistant chief. In the letter notifying us of his upcoming retirement, Tony wrote, "I entered this organization thirty-eight years ago and I never expected to achieve the success that I have accomplished, nor stay as long, but I realize that it was my destiny. I have the utmost admiration for this department and the men and women working here." For the record, Tony entered the academy as a police officer trainee on January 1, 1974. He was promoted to sergeant in 1987, to lieutenant in 1991, to captain in 2001 and was appointed North Precinct commander on October 16, 2008. Over the next few weeks, please join me in wishing Tony all the best as he leaves us and transitions to TSU. A reception in Tony's honor will be announced soon.

Choosing a new North Precinct commander is something that I obviously take very seriously. I will be seeking input from the deputy chiefs and members of the community before I make the selection. It is my intention to announce a new commander before Tony's departure so as to ensure a smooth transition.

My thanks to all of you, officers and professional support staff, for your hard work during this summer's very warm days and your continuing commitment to law enforcement excellence. I sincerely appreciate all that you do.



Chief Anderson and Commander Carter posed for a photograph in October 2008 when Carter assumed leadership of the North Precinct.

Regarding the Chevrolet Impala Recall:
Police Vehicle Operations Unit Lieutenant Phil Wigger

As some of you may be aware, Chevrolet has issued a recall on 2008-2012 Impalas, which will involve approximately 650 of our vehicles. These are pursuit rated vehicles only, the majority of which are assigned to the patrol division. Since this is a nation-wide recall, a major issue is a shortage of parts in their inventory. At this point we will be using Carl Black dealership located at Murfreesboro Rd at Fesslers Lane. Carl Black is expecting to receive the first shipment of

parts Monday morning. Once we actually determine how many and how often parts will be received, we will notify you on a plan to get these completed making it as convenient as possible for the officers but also getting them repaired as quickly as possible. I anticipate that by mid-week I will send you a game-plan that will involve taking as few as possible vehicles from your fleet but pulling from all sectors simultaneously to get the maximum number completed. Between now and mid-week, as vehicles are completed from the garage on routine services, our office will be taking them to Carl Black for the officers and getting the recall completed before notifying them to come pick up their car from the garage, therefore that vehicle will be completed. This way we will be able to gauge how many vehicles they can **actually** get completed per day as opposed to what they are presently forecasting. We will also get a clearer picture on the availability of parts to be received. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Lt. Wigger
862-7086

And further guidance from Police IT:

During the upcoming patrol vehicle recall being handled by Carl Black Chevrolet, no patrol vehicle can be left at Carl Black Chevrolet with a MDC laptop and/or a MC75 handheld in it, as this would be in violation of the CJIS Security Policy. Officers have two options on the removal and safe storage of this equipment while their car is being repaired.

1. Officer can stop at CJC and turn over their MDC/MC75 to Police IT Operations staff. Operations staff will record the car #, MDC and MC75 bar code and update the inventory to identify the new location as CJC. Please call 862-7860 or email Police MDC Support to let them know you are coming.
2. Officer can send an email to Police MDC Support showing the car #, MDC barcode, MC75 barcode, and the date/time that the vehicle is turned into the Chevy dealer. Officer must also state where the equipment will be secured during the service of their vehicle. Operations staff will record the car #, MDC and MC75 bar code and update the inventory to identify the new location as CJC. When the officer picks up the car, they must email Police MDC Support and provide the same information stating the vehicle now has the equipment re-installed. If the Officer has any issues with the removal or re-installation of the equipment, they can call or email Police MDC Support for assistance.

The staff at Carl Black will monitor the incoming cars and alert Police IT if any car is left with computer equipment in it. Police IT will advise the appropriate Commander to have someone retrieve the equipment ASAP.

Thanks,
Police MDC Support

Happenings

Communities across Nashville participated in the National Night Out Against Crime.









The U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation recognized Office of Professional Accountability Detective Ron Carter Friday morning during Compstat for his outstanding cooperation and assistance in connection with the investigation of Richard Wilson.



Pictured (l-r) are FBI Supervisory Special Agent Randy Bechtel, FBI Assistant Agent in Charge Keith Moses, Detective Ron Carter and Chief Anderson.

The Precinct News

Hermitage

Proactive police work led to Thursday afternoon's arrest of two convicted felons a short time after they allegedly burglarized a Granny Wright Lane residence.

Hermitage Precinct Sergeant Jon McWright stopped the driver of a Nissan Altima on Smith Springs Parkway near Paddington Way for traveling 51 mph in a 30 mph zone. The driver, Kevin Thomas, 30, appeared to be extremely nervous and was shaking. Sergeant McWright began talking to him about his condition. During a consent search, unprescribed Xanax were located in his pocket. Thomas then admitted there were additional pills in the car. His passenger, Ronnie Garrett, 28, was also in possession of unprescribed medication. Seized during a subsequent probable cause search were a loaded .38 caliber pistol and a .22 caliber rifle.

Officers recognized other items in the vehicle that appeared out of place including silverware, computers and other electronics. A magazine with the address of the Granny Wright Lane residence was also recovered. When Sergeant McWright checked with the

Emergency Communications Center he learned a burglary had just been reported at that address.

Thomas, of Monte Carlo Drive, and Garrett, of Colemont Court, are both charged with aggravated burglary, felon in possession of a weapon and felony drug possession.

Thomas is being held in lieu of \$70,000 bond. He has previous convictions for theft, statutory rape and evading arrest.

Garrett is being held in lieu of \$75,000 bond. He has previous convictions for aggravated burglary, burglary, theft and vehicle theft.

South

Alert police work led to the early morning arrest of convicted burglar Demedrick McBride, 30, a short time after he allegedly broke into Yada Auto Sales at 1525 4th Avenue South and drove a pickup truck off the lot.

South Precinct Detective Frederick Heiman saw fencing material in the roadway and discovered that the business had been burglarized at 3:30 a.m. Meanwhile, Field Training Officer David Anderson and his partner Brandon Bilbrey stopped McBride on Murfreesboro Pike. The 1998 Nissan Frontier pickup McBride was driving had serious front end damage, one headlight out and the front left fender hanging off the vehicle. During the stop, they confirmed the truck had been driven through the fence and off the car lot.

McBride, of Bolivar, Tennessee, is charged with burglary, vandalism and driving on a revoked license. McBride has previous convictions for cocaine possession and burglary.

On Thursday, August 9th, Sergeant Schmitz attended a senior safety luncheon held at Church of Christ in Brentwood. Approximately 30 seniors were given safety tips regarding door to door solicitors, residential safety tips, personal safety tips and even tips regarding on line predators.



East & Madison

East Precinct detectives last Sunday charged a Kentucky teenager with aggravated robbery for bizarrely going to a Nashville woman's home, apparently at random, armed with a knife and a hatchet.

Arturo Perez, 18, of Florence, Kentucky, is also charged with felony evading police. He is jailed in lieu of \$200,000 bond.

The female victim, who lives on Curdwood Boulevard, reported that she heard knocking on her door at 8:30 a.m. She didn't answer and, after a brief time, heard knocking coming from her neighbor's door and saw that it was a man (who was subsequently identified as Perez). He then came back to her residence and knocked again. When the victim opened her door slightly, she said the man put a knife to her chest and ordered her to step back into the home. It was then that she saw he was also carrying a hatchet. The victim also had a knife in her hand and put it to the suspect's abdomen. She then ran around him and out of the house, telling the man that she had a phone and was calling police. She told the Emergency Communications Center that the man fled in a silver Pontiac and gave a license number.

Less than 20 minutes later, Madison Precinct Officer Joe Snyder spotted a silver Pontiac in the 1500 block of South Gallatin Pike. The plate on the car was one letter off from that reported by the victim. Officer Snyder attempted to stop the car and Perez fled, at one point reaching speeds approaching 100 mph. Perez wrecked in Hendersonville and was immediately taken into custody.

During an interview with East Precinct Detective Mike Windsor, Perez admitted that he entered the victim's Curdwood Boulevard home with the intent of robbing her. He also acknowledged that he may have harmed her if she hadn't gotten away.

Why Perez was in Nashville remains under investigation.

North

Flex officers responded to a call involving a violent juvenile offender who was wanted on outstanding warrants charging aggravated assault and juvenile in possession of a handgun for an incident in which he fired a gun during an argument with his brother.

Officers located the 17-year-old inside a Hughes Street residence. Officers gave verbal commands for the teen to come out of the house after no one answered the door. The teen's mother arrived and persuaded him to come outside. Officers recovered three loaded handguns during a consent search of the house. The teen admitted the weapons were his.

West

Two 17-year-olds are charged in connection with the August 8th attempted home invasion robbery in the 900 block of Overton Lea Road.

On the afternoon of the robbery, SWAT officers, accompanied by West Precinct detectives, executed a search warrant at a home on Edge Moor Drive in the Priest Lake area. One of the teenagers was apprehended inside the residence. Clothing he and an accomplice are believed to have worn during the crime was recovered, along with two guns.

A third suspect, a male Latino, remains at large. His identity has not been confirmed.

Based on the investigation thus far, detectives believe the three suspects targeted the Overton Lea Road home based on the For Sale sign at the edge of the driveway. They drove a stolen Acura sedan into a row of shrubs in an apparent effort to conceal the car. Instead, the car was put into a ditch/creek bed and became inoperable. The suspects then went to the home. At least one of them entered a screened-in sunroom and fired BBs into the glass of a door that led to the interior of the residence. The female homeowner heard the noises, saw the suspects through a window, and called police at 6:34 a.m. The three suspects knew they had been seen and ran. They never made it inside the actual home.

The police response, by patrol officers, undercover officers, canine teams and a police helicopter, was swift. The other 17-year-old was apprehended at 7:10 a.m. on Tyne Valley Boulevard. As canine teams tracked the other two, they borrowed a phone from a citizen, called for a cab, and left the area. They were dropped off in the vicinity of Bell Road and Murfreesboro Pike.

The Acura sedan recovered from the creek was stolen July 22nd from a townhome development on Old Anderson Road. The license plate on the car had also been stolen.

Central

Two armed robbery suspects' efforts to avoid capture by fleeing toward the massive Music City Center construction site on August 4th were thwarted by the outstanding police work of Central Precinct Officers Patrick Oakley and Travis Baxter.

At 3:40 a.m., a 25-year-old Mt. Juliet man called 911 to report that he had just been robbed at gunpoint by two individuals in the 217 2nd Avenue South parking lot.

Central Precinct officers quickly responded to the immediate area and saw two men matching the description of the robbers at the construction site. They were subsequently identified as convicted felons Charles Cheatham, 26, of Delta Avenue, and Laquinte Beard, 31, of Ben Allen Road.

Officer Oakley saw Cheatham running and, while closing the distance on foot, heard a gunshot. Oakley yelled for him to stop and show his hands. Cheatham complied. A .380 pistol was located in Cheatham's flight path. The gun is believed to have discharged when it hit the ground.

Officer Baxter, after a chase and brief struggle, took Beard into custody near 5th Avenue South and Peabody Street. Beard was carrying the victim's cellphone. The victim's wallet was recovered near 4th Avenue South and Malloy Street.

The victim subsequently identified Cheatham as the man who held the gun on him while Beard went through his pockets and took his belongings.

Cheatham was convicted of felony marijuana possession in November 2010 and received a four-year sentence. He received a five-year sentence in December 2006 for felony cocaine and unlawful gun possession convictions. Cheatham's record also reflects misdemeanor convictions for offenses including disorderly conduct, trespassing, drug possession and criminal impersonation.

Beard was convicted of two robbery counts in 2004 and received a three-year sentence. He was convicted of unlawful gun possession by a convicted felon that same year for which he received an 18-month sentence. Beard's record also reflects a number of misdemeanor convictions for offenses such as drug possession, assault and trespassing.

Officers responded to a vehicle burglary in process in the 600 block of 2nd Avenue South and located convicted vehicle burglar Victor Jones, 32, inside the locked gated community. The victim, a resident, observed Jones attempting to open the doors of vehicles in the parking lot and entering one of them.

Jones, who is homeless, has been arrested more than 50 times with convictions for multiple vehicle burglaries, aggravated assault, drug possession and theft.

Law Enforcement Firearms Training Conference

The International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors held its 32nd Annual Training Conference in Nashville May 20th - 25th.

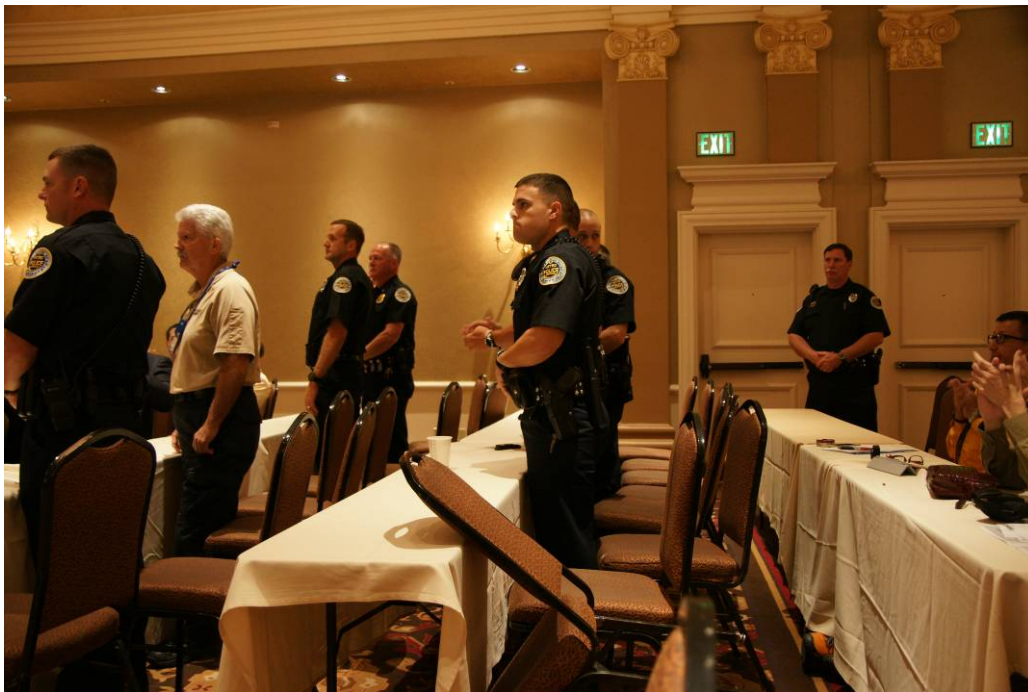
IALEFI is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing and maintaining the highest level of firearms training for law enforcement firearms instructors. IALEFI is considered the standard by which law enforcement firearms training programs are measured.

Over 300 instructors from throughout the United States and 23 different countries participated in the week long training event that provided over 254 courses of instruction to include training provided by MNPD Sergeant Bob Allen.

The Metro Nashville Police Department hosted the Conference with Chief Steve Anderson speaking at the opening ceremonies. The preparation and planning took several months and a great deal of hard work on the part of the academy firearms staff. (Lt. Bill Sneed, Sgt. Bob Allen, Mr. Joe Daniel, and Officers Clint Gilleland, Joe Shelton and Greg Lee)



Chief Anderson at the opening ceremony for the 32nd IALEFI Annual Training Conference.



Members of the firearms staff and adjunct instructors at the Opening Ceremonies.

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Physical training test.



Pepper spray training.



Officer Gilleland teaches prone handcuffing techniques.

Retirement Celebration

Officer William Kirby celebrates 26 years of dedicated service



The following officers in the Field Operation Bureau were chosen Investigator, Patrol, Police and Special Operations Officer of the Month for July 2012

Patrol Officer of the Month
East Precinct Officer Chad Brown

Police Officer of the Month
South Precinct Officer William Traugher

Investigator of the Month
Hermitage Precinct Detective Andrew Valee

Special Operations Officer of the Month
Traffic Unit Officer Ron Bright

Congratulations:

Officer Adam Parker, West Precinct, and his wife welcomed their daughter, Savannah Faith Parker, on August 8th.

Detective Dan Bowling, Central Precinct, and his wife, Lauren, welcomed their daughter, Olivia Grace Bowling, on August 12th.

Officer John Gilpin, Central Precinct, and his wife, Rachel, welcomed their son, Jaxon Henry Gilpin, on August 14th.



Condolences:

Virginia Adams, the grandmother of Officer Kirby Pearce, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on August 7th.

Melvin "Bud" Miller, the grandfather of Sgt. William Miller, North Precinct, passed away on August 7th.

Eugene Beck, the father of Sgt. Steve Beck, Central precinct, passed away on August 10th.

Houston McQuiston, the great-grandfather of Brandon Ray, Identification Division, passed away on August 14th.

FYI

Lt. Gordon Howey has a 40-something birthday coming up next week, but actually started the celebration today. Among those wishing him well was Commander Mike Alexander.

