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News from the Chief



Just before 3 a.m. last Sunday, West Precinct C-shift officers responded to a stabbing call on Beech Bend Drive in Bellevue. As we all now know, after initial officers Corey Stromatt and William Caillouette placed a man who turned out to be the suspect into custody, they discovered an extensive, violent crime scene while clearing the home. Beginning before sunrise Sunday, and continuing through Wednesday, Identification Division personnel and West Precinct officers worked to thoroughly process the home and build a criminal case. Given the violence, this was a difficult scene and case for everyone who responded. I want to thank all MNPD personnel who spent the Labor Day holiday weekend on the Beech Bend Drive investigation. Your professionalism and commitment to justice on behalf of the victims is clearly evident to not just your colleagues, but the Nashville community.

Congratulations to Captain Terrence Graves who will succeed retiring North Precinct Commander Anthony Carter next week. In considering who would be the right person to lead North into the future, I sought input and counsel from more than 20 clergy members, elected officials and community leaders, in addition to ranking members of the police department. I found there to be very strong confidence in Terrence, and I have no doubt that he shares Tony Carter's commitment to the families and communities within the North Precinct. An announcement on Terrence's successor in the CID/OPA roles will be made soon.

Thank you all for everything you do for the safety of Nashville's families and visitors.

Happenings

Veteran officer Cindy Huffines' determination to not let colon cancer end the law enforcement career she loves was honored on August 30th with the 2012 Theodore Roosevelt Police Award for Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

The Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award is given to an officer who has rendered outstanding and praiseworthy service to the department and the community despite a serious handicap, illness, or injury.

Since her graduation from the training academy in 1993, Huffines worked almost exclusively as a bicycle officer in the inner city and public housing. She honed her skills of community policing and earned the trust of families in the neighborhoods she served. Huffines received a number of awards for her outstanding work.

In the late fall of 2007, Huffines' body began showing alarming symptoms of ill health. Her doctor suggested that she have a colonoscopy just to be safe. With the holidays approaching, and with her already planned volunteer work with the police department's Christmas Basket Program for the needy, Huffines put off the procedure until February. Ultimately, the worst was confirmed. Cindy Huffines had cancer, a disease that also claimed the lives of her father, cousin and great uncle.

Huffines made the decision to put her trust in God's will and never looked back. She endured 25 rounds of radiation and five rounds of chemotherapy. She experienced excruciating pain daily for at least a year. During the treatments, she continued to work a desk assignment at the police department. This allowed her to take some of the focus off her pain and illness.

After a long recovery, Huffines returned to active duty at the Central Precinct as a Flex officer. She knows that being "cancer free" will always be a year to year status for her, but with the support of her family, friends and co-workers, Huffines truly believes that she can tackle anything that comes her way.

"Cindy has dedicated her professional career to serving families in some of Nashville's most disadvantaged neighborhoods," Chief Steve Anderson said. "I am exceptionally proud of her work and determination to stay on the job despite her very serious and now winning battle with cancer."

The Theodore Roosevelt Association established the police awards program in honor of Roosevelt's distinguished service as President of the Board of Police Commissioners of New York City from 1895 to 1897, and in recognition of his lifelong admiration for the police.

Nashville is one of several cities in the United States to present the Roosevelt Award. Others include New York City, Buffalo and upstate New York, Boston, Long Island, Dallas, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles.

"The Metro Police Department is most grateful to the Theodore Roosevelt Association for recognizing truly outstanding public servants, like Cindy Huffines, and their contributions to Nashville," Chief Anderson said.

Through the generosity of the Theodore Roosevelt Association, Huffines will receive a \$1,000 cash award, a medal, and a bust of Theodore Roosevelt. A bronze plaque, which bears a

likeness of Roosevelt, and which is currently on display in the lobby of police headquarters, will now include the inscription of Huffines' name.

Past Metro Police recipients of the Theodore Roosevelt Award were Sgt. Phillip Sage (1998), Detective Clifford Mann (1999), Detective Frank Pierce (2000), Sergeant James (Jimbo) Allen (2001), Officer William Richardson (2002), Detective Joe Cooper (2003), Officer Horace Temple (2004), Officer Foster Hite (2005), Detective Jeff Ball (2006), Officer Dan Alford (2007), Sergeant Brenda Steinbrecher (2008), Officer James Duke (2009), Officer Faye Okert (2010) and Lieutenant Joe McEwen (2011).

Information about the activities of the Theodore Roosevelt Association is available on the Internet, <http://www.theodoreroosevelt.org>.

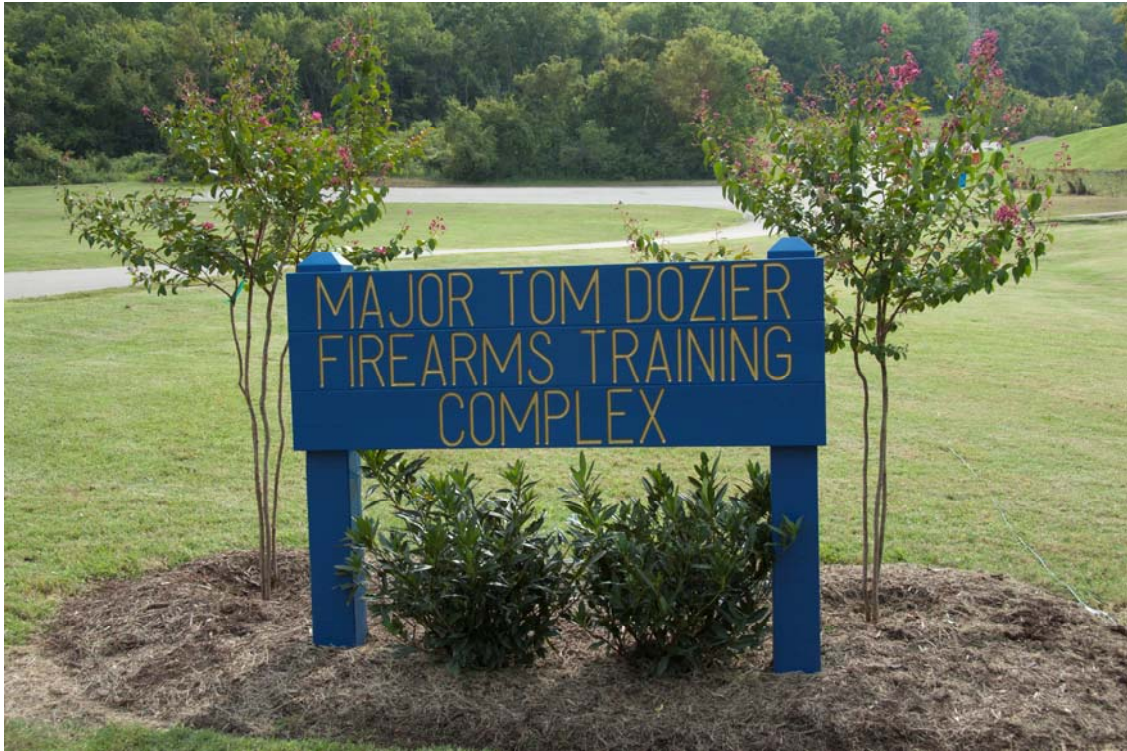


TRA Executive Director Terry Brown and Chief Steve Anderson congratulate Officer Huffines.

MNPD Firearms Complex Named in Honor of Major Tom Dozier

The Metro Police Department's Firearms Facility on the grounds of the training academy on Tucker Road is now officially named in honor and memory of Major Tom Dozier. Chief Steve Anderson and members of the Dozier family dedicated the new sign on August 28th.

The Metro Council voted to name the firearms complex for Major Dozier, who served the citizens of Nashville as a member of the police department for 50 years. During his tenure, Major Dozier provided protection to Presidents Kennedy and Nixon, taught new officers, was the department's Director of Training and commanded the SWAT team. Major Dozier retired on January 1, 2004. He died on August 2, 2011, at the age of 81.



Members of Major Dozier's family paused for a photo after the sign dedication ceremony. Pictured (l-r) are Chris Dozier, Tom Dozier, Jr., Rita Dozier, Wes Cothron, Anna Lee (Dozier) Cothron, Catherine Dozier, Jan (Dozier) Ray, Judge Steve R. Dozier, Lisa Dozier, Pauline Dozier, Olivia Dozier and the Reverend Randy Ray.



Chief Steve Anderson (left) and training academy Sergeant Bob Allen share a moment with Major Dozier's wife, Pauline.

Volunteer Chaplain Program

Jackson, Tennessee Police Chief Gill Kendrick met with MNPD volunteer chaplains and South Precinct Commander Mike Alexander to discuss the program and assist in developing a similar program in Jackson.



Volunteer chaplains (seated right) meet with Jackson Police Chief Gil Kendrick and Jackson PD Lt. Melinda Wyatt.

The Precinct News

Hermitage

Parolee & convicted robber Roy Brown, 33, is charged with robbing two separate Walgreens locations last month less than one hour apart, 3880 Dickerson Pike at 8 a.m. and 3130 Clarksville pike at 8:40 a.m.

Brown, of Bonnavale Drive, fled in a silver 1997 Buick LeSabre. One hour later, Hermitage Precinct Officer Brian Dugre stopped Brown who was driving recklessly with two flat tires on Old Hickory Boulevard near Anthony Street. Brown appeared to be extremely intoxicated. Inside his vehicle were multiple pill bottles taken during the second robbery.

Brown is charged with two counts of robbery and DUI.

Brown was on parole for the 2008 robbery of a Charlotte Pike motel.

South

Officers joined Metro Council Members Duane Dominy and Robert Duvall in attending the August 25th grand opening of a new soccer field complex on Antioch Pike.



Pictured (l-r) are Sgt. Pat Bianconi, Metro Council Members Duane Dominy and Robert Duvall, complex owner Pedro Reyes, and Officers John Jackson and Eric Petlewski.

East

Outstanding coordinated police work by Sergeants Morgan Ford, Mike Fisher, Robert Peterson and Toney Turner led to the arrest of three juveniles, two 15-year-olds and a 17-year-old, as the teens ran from New Life Baptist Church at 4809 Gallatin Pike.

A church member inside reported hearing breaking glass and called police. Officers quickly arrived and took all three suspects into custody. The teens are believed to have been involved in similar break-ins/vandalism.

North

Two men, already jailed in separate incidents, have now been indicted by the Davidson County Grand Jury for the January 7th shooting death of Michael Elliott in the Cumberland View public housing development.

Investigation by North Precinct Detective Larry Brown identified Laquintaz Buford, 19, and convicted felon Thomas Coleman, 24, as the persons involved in Elliott's murder. Elliott, 20, was fatally wounded in the 2400 block of 25th Avenue North just before 3 p.m.

Buford remained jailed following his April 9th arrest on two counts of aggravated robbery; his bond was originally set at \$50,000. Following his subsequent booking on four misdemeanor probation violations on April 14th his bond was increased to \$200,000.

Coleman has been jailed since his March 13th arrest for a felony probation violation. He has previous felony marijuana possession and aggravated assault convictions.

East Precinct Officer Chris Tuberville had just finished an off-duty traffic control job and decided to head home and mow his grass before reporting to work his regular shift. That noon-time decision put him in the right place at the right time to catch a suspected bank robber minutes after he sped away from First Tennessee Bank's 4410 Whites Creek Pike branch.

At 12:21 p.m. Wednesday, a man entered the bank with a covering over his face. He immediately approached the uniformed security guard and, at knifepoint, disarmed him of his pistol. The robber ordered the single customer to the floor, jumped the teller counter, took cash and fled. He was in the bank for less than 30 seconds. Witnesses provided a description of the getaway vehicle, which was broadcast on the police radio.

As Officer Tuberville traveled north on Clarksville Pike on his way home, he came upon a Buick sedan that fit the getaway car's description. Tuberville stopped the car on Clarksville Pike. He was quickly joined by North Precinct officers Alfredo Arevalo, Rodney Clark and Alan Jordan. Convicted felon Brandon Malone, 32, was arrested without incident. Located in the trunk of the car was a stack of money. North Precinct officers recovered the security guard's gun in a creek adjacent to the bank.

Malone was convicted of aggravated assault and burglary in 2011. He received a three-year probated sentence.

A vehicle stop led to the arrest of two persons and the seizure of 26.9 grams of cocaine, 118.9 grams of marijuana, digital scales and \$4,305 cash.

Officer Tevares Hockett stopped the driver of a Nissan Altima, Ebony Bass, on Buena Vista Pike for speeding and a window tint violation. Bass, 26, and her passenger, Joseph Miller, 26, admitted possession/sale of the drugs.

Bass and Miller are both charged with felony drug possession in a drug-free school zone.

Madison

A citizen's tip led to the arrest of convicted felon Russell Crockett, 35, a short time after he allegedly burglarized Boswell Harley Davidson at 2200 N Gallatin Pike.

The citizen flagged down Madison Precinct Lieutenant James Wheeler at 3:30 a.m. and reported that a man was inside the business. Lt. Wheeler saw the suspect leave the store in a tan Chevrolet Tahoe and attempted to stop the SUV. Crockett sped off but was apprehended a short time later. Recovered from the Tahoe were several items taken from the business.

Crockett who has previous convictions for aggravated robbery, aggravated assault and theft, is now charged with burglary and evading arrest.

West

A tip to Crime Stoppers led to the arrest of convicted felon James Knight, 33, in the August 8th early morning robberies of two convenience stores.

In the first case, Knight is accused of entering the Daily's at 7691 Highway 70 South at 4:50 a.m. and demanding cash at knifepoint. The clerk and suspect struggled before the robber fled with six packs of cigarettes.

Approximately 30 minutes later, Knight allegedly entered the Mapco at 4314 Harding Pike and again demanded cash at knifepoint. The cashier complied.

Knight, of South 6th Street, is charged with two counts of aggravated robbery.

Homicide suspect Quint Williams, 32, surrendered himself at police headquarters.

An arrest warrant charging criminal homicide was issued against Williams for the January 2009 fatal shooting of John Thomas Sullivan, 50, in the 2500 block of Booker Street.

Investigation by West Precinct detectives indicates that Sullivan's murder was drug-related.

Williams has previous convictions for unlawful weapon and drug possession.

Central

Flex officers responded to a tip that Cheyenne Turner, 19, who was wanted on outstanding warrants, including two for aggravated assault, was standing in line outside Club Haze on Second Avenue North.

Turner initially gave officers a false name but further investigation confirmed his identity. Turner was taken into custody without further incident.

Turner was sentenced to ten years for an attempted second degree murder conviction stemming from a January 2011 drive-by shooting.

2012 Law Enforcement Challenge Awards

Congratulations to the following officers who received the MADD Hero Award for 100/200 DUI arrests with a 75% conviction rate.

Harold Taylor
Wallace Taylor, Jr.
Jerry Bell
Philip Shuler

Carey Adkerson
Russell Ward
Brad Nave
John Roberson

Russell Wade



Pictured (l-r) are Traffic Section Lt. Keith Stephens, Sgt. Harold Burke, Officer Russell Ward, Officer Jerry Bell, Officer Harold Taylor, Officer Wallace Taylor, Jr., and Officer Brad Nave.

Training Division
Session 69



Officer Greg Lee instructs Session 69 in tactical treatment of gunshot wounds using a volunteer.



Session 69 demonstrates the two and four man carry during emergency medical training.

Retirement Celebration

North Precinct Commander Anthony Carter celebrates 38 years of dedicated service



Vivian Stockman celebrates 35 years of dedicated service



Chief Anderson presents Vivian Stockman with a commemorative plaque.

Officer Johnny Lawrence celebrates 31 years of dedicated service



Pictured (l-r) are Captain Karl Roller, Officer Lawrence and Deputy Chief Todd Henry.

From the District Attorney's Office

Director of Communications Susan Niland

A Nashville man pled guilty to second degree murder for the May 2011 shooting death of Thomas Rutledge in the J.C. Napier public housing development.

Evan Knox will serve 30 years at 100%, consecutive to his probation violation sentence. Rutledge was driving a miniature gas-powered four-wheeler through the complex when he was approached by Knox who shot him multiple times before fleeing. Rutledge died at the scene. U.S. Marshals arrested Knox a month later near Portland, Oregon.

Davidson County Criminal Court Judge Seth Norman ordered 47-year-old Hank Wise to serve 23 years in prison for the 2009 shooting death of karaoke DJ Ben Goeser. Goeser was working with his wife inside Jonny's Sports Bar in South Nashville when Wise approached him and shot him multiple times. Several customers tackled Wise and held him until police arrived.

Wise was charged with first degree murder and following a bench trial in April of this year, Judge Norman found him guilty of second degree murder. A second degree murder conviction carries a sentence of between 15-25 years. Wise's sentence of 23 years is to be served at 100%.

Congratulations:

Officer Kevin Pollard, Hazardous Devices Unit, and his wife, Annie, welcomed Samuel Ellis Pollard on August 19th.

Sergeant Richard Lowry, West Precinct, and his wife, Beth, welcomed their third child, Nicholas Wayne Lowry, on August 20th.

Officer James Smallwood, South Precinct, and his wife welcomed Avery Jade Smallwood on August 22nd.



Condolences:

Virginia Black, the mother of Officer Ron Black, Canine Unit, passed away on August 20th.

Jewell Edmondson, the grandmother of Officer Billy Estes, Madison Precinct, passed away on August 20th. Mrs. Edmondson was the wife of Thomas Edmondson who worked for the MNPD for 25 years before retiring in 1982.

Marjorie Lewis, the grandmother of Sergeant Marjorie Haworth, Training Division, and the mother of retired civilian employee Pat Haworth, passed away on August 25th.

Dale Apple, the father of Officer Stephen Massey, Madison Precinct, passed away.

Ernest Jones, Sr., the father of Ernest Jones, Jr., Madison Precinct, passed away on September 2nd.

Robert Jordan, Jr., the father of Domestic Violence Division Counselor Kim Page, passed away on September 4th.

Sherman Woosley, the father of Officer Ted Woosley, Madison Precinct, passed away on September 6th.

FYI:

Happy 78th birthday, Doc! (Custodian extraordinaire at headquarters)

