



# MNPD NEWSLINE

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## *News from the Chief*



Shoney's 5K Family Fun Run & Walk benefiting the Nashville Police Department is this Saturday morning, and I encourage each of you and your families to join me, as your schedules permit, in LP Field's Lot T (near the Shelby Street Pedestrian Bridge). A number of police department components will be on display, there will be activities for children, live music, and Titans 1st round draft pick Chance Warmack will join us to serve as the official starter for the 5K. Registration for the run begins at 7 a.m. The race starts at 8 a.m. More than \$1,500 in prizes will be awarded.

As in prior years, all proceeds from this 5th annual Shoney's 5K event will go to the Nashville Police Support Fund, a component of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. Thanks to the generosity of Shoney's CEO David Davoudpour and his commitment to match entry fees dollar for dollar, more than \$87,000 has been raised for the fund through the past four Shoney's races alone.

A stated purpose of the Nashville Police Support Fund is to assist officers in attaining higher education degrees. Today, I am pleased to announce that beginning June 3, 2013, applications will be accepted from active duty sworn personnel for consideration of partial college reimbursement. To be eligible, personnel must be actively contributing to the department's mission and have been enrolled in an accredited college or university during the spring semester or quarter of 2013. The applicant must be working toward an Associate's, Bachelor's or Graduate Degree in a social service-related field. He/she must have attained a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Expenses related to the purchase of required textbooks/materials may also be submitted for reimbursement consideration.

Applications (the application form is attached to this newsletter email) will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 28, 2013. To ensure timely consideration, applications and

supporting documentation MUST be hand-delivered to Ms. Rachel Vance in Don Aaron's office on the third floor of police headquarters. Numbered receipts will be issued to applicants. In addition to a grade report, applicants must also submit receipts and an accounting of their out-of-pocket tuition/book/supply expenses for the spring semester or quarter of 2013 (excluding scholarships, grants and any discounts). Distributions from the fund will be capped in annual amounts of no more than \$2,500 per person per year. Grants of lesser amounts are likely; few grants of the maximum amount are anticipated in the early years of distributions (an attachment further outlining application criteria is also attached to this newsletter email).

A committee appointed by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee consisting of Nashville civic leaders and augmented by police department personnel will recommend distributions from the fund as appropriate. Decisions on distributions will be made solely by The Community Foundation consistent with governing documents. It should be noted that The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee considers this program to be an investment in the future of Nashville and those who share a long-term commitment to the safety of its neighborhoods.

A similar announcement pertaining to partial reimbursement for fall semester/quarter expenses is expected to be made in December.

It is this department's strong relationships and partnerships with neighborhoods and businesses throughout the city that make this type of college reimbursement program possible. I am deeply appreciative to Shoney's CEO David Davoudpour, Nashville Attorney Aubrey Harwell, Community Foundation President Ellen Lehman and Grand Avenue CEO Carl Haley (whose company also contributes to the fund) for their commitment to this department and its personnel.

Thank you to all police department employees for your dedication and hard work on behalf of Nashville's families. I hope to see you on Saturday for a morning of fun at LP Field.

## **Happenings**

Chief Steve Anderson told members of the Metro Council's Budget & Finance Committee on May 22<sup>nd</sup> that much of the \$2.8 million budget increase recommended for the police department by Mayor Dean will go toward the purchase of supplies and the hiring of scientists for the new DNA Crime Laboratory scheduled to open at the first of 2014. Joining Chief Anderson at the department's budget hearing were Police Finance Manager Samir Mehic (left) and Police Budget Analyst Kathy Kirkham (right). Council members pictured are Public Safety Committee Chair Karen Bennett and Budget & Finance Committee Chair Lonnell Matthews.



**As seen in this aerial photo taken earlier this month, construction continues to advance on the new Madison Precinct and DNA Crime Laboratory.**

## **Donelson-Hermitage Exchange Club's 2013 Officer of the Year**

Detective Kim Rothwell on May 21<sup>st</sup> was named the Donelson-Hermitage Exchange Club's 2013 Officer of the Year for her outstanding investigative skills that led to the identification of a serial pharmacy robber.

During a six month period from August 2012 through January 2013, there were 13 total pharmacy robberies in Nashville, Goodlettsville and Smyrna. Detective Rothwell was assigned to a task force representing the Hermitage Precinct. Her careful examination of evidence from an attempted hold-up at CVS Pharmacy on Lebanon Pike led to the identification of suspect Vastna Keo, 19. Detective Rothwell obtained an arrest warrant on February 1<sup>st</sup> charging Keo with attempted aggravated robbery. She then researched Keo's associates and developed strong leads as to his whereabouts. Her efforts paid off when Keo was taken into custody the next day at a Porter Road apartment.

During questioning by Detectives Rothwell and Andrew Injaychock, Keo admitted his involvement in four of the pharmacy robberies.

Rothwell, 28, began her career with the Nashville Police Department in 2008 and is presently assigned to Hermitage Precinct Investigations' evening shift.

"Due to Detective Rothwell's outstanding police work, a serial robber is behind bars," Hermitage Precinct Commander Michele Donegan said. "Her determination to crack a tough case has made the Donelson-Hermitage area a safer place."



**Donelson-Hermitage Exchange Club President Wayne Tucker presents Detective Rothwell with a 2013 Officer of the Year commemorative plaque.**

## Law Enforcement Memorial 5k

Session 70 and Academy Staff members on May 18<sup>th</sup> participated in the Law Enforcement Memorial 5k run at the Tennessee State Trooper Training Academy on Stewarts Ferry Pike. With Session 70, there were over one hundred MNPD personnel participating.



## *The Precinct News*

Quick police response led to the arrest of burglary suspect Alando Johnson, 26, after a witness saw him attempting to break into an apartment on Blue Lake Circle in South Nashville.

South Precinct Officer Eric Harvey spotted Johnson walking away from the victim's apartment and took him into custody. The door and door frame of the apartment had obvious pry marks and chips of white paint had been knocked loose. Johnson was in possession of a screwdriver with white paint chips on it. He also had a pair of gloves in his pocket.

Johnson, of Zermatt Avenue, is charged with attempted aggravated burglary and possession of burglary tools.

He is suspected in similar burglaries in the area.

Deputy United States marshals and Texas state troopers arrested an over-the-road truck driver for the May 9<sup>th</sup> murder of Mitchel T. Moreno at the Cumberland Inn, 150 W. Trinity Lane.

Eric Lozano, 31, of Lyford, Texas, was stopped and taken into custody just north of McAllen.

An arrest warrant charging Lozano with criminal homicide was issued on May 15<sup>th</sup> after East Precinct detectives used surveillance video from the motel and a nearby truck stop to identify Lozano as the suspect in Moreno's death. Moreno, 52, of Denmark, Tennessee, died from blunt force trauma during an apparent struggle inside his motel room just after midnight on May 9<sup>th</sup>. He was found dead by a maintenance worker that afternoon.

The motive for Moreno's murder remains under investigation.

East Precinct Community Coordinator Sergeant Mike Fisher on May 17<sup>th</sup> participated in a Ross Elementary School field day. The children enjoyed viewing Sergeant Fisher's patrol car and learning about police work.



## **Cold Case Unit**

The police department's Homicide-Cold Case Unit this afternoon charged 20-year-old Davidson County Jail inmate Christian Gutierrez with criminal homicide for the shooting death four years ago of a Hermitage woman inside her Hunting Drive home. It is the second murder for which Gutierrez is now accused.

Twenty-four-year-old Melissa Ann Tyler Ramirez was found dead by a family friend on the morning of February 9, 2009. Continuous investigation by Detective Danny Satterfield over the past two years led to the development of information indicating that Gutierrez and 21-year-old Elias Olea were responsible. Detective Satterfield this afternoon obtained petitions charging both Gutierrez and Olea with criminal homicide in Juvenile Court because they were minors (Gutierrez, 16; Olea, 17) at the time Ramirez was killed. Olea is at large and is thought to be in Mexico. Anyone able to confirm Olea's whereabouts is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 74-CRIME.

Ramirez had relationships within the Brown Pride Gang. A dispute between gang members is believed to have resulted in her murder.

Gutierrez is presently being held in lieu of \$1.56 million bond on charges that he killed 25-year-old Henry Harrison, also known as Jesse Perez, who was fatally wounded while walking on Lutie Street in October 2010. He is also charged with attempted murder for shooting a 15-year-old rival gang member outside a Murfreesboro Pike McDonald's on the afternoon of July 27, 2011. Gutierrez was taken into custody later that night at a home on Winthorne Drive and has been in jail since.

Julian Dubois Clemmons is charged with the murder 16 years ago of Daniel Lynn Peak on Forest Ridge Way in Hermitage.

Recent investigation by Cold Case Detective James Arendall alleges that Clemmons, now 37, and Peak, who was 18 when he was killed, were acquaintances and involved in the street sale of cocaine. Clemmons is accused of shooting Peak as the result of a drug dispute in the early morning hours of March 15, 1997.

## **Specialized Investigations Division**

A two-month investigation into the distribution of marijuana in South Nashville resulted in the arrests of two men and the seizure of 44 pounds of high grade marijuana, most of which was recovered from a Trousdale Drive storage unit.

Sergio Villagomez, 24, of Hickory Club Drive, and Alan Gonzalez, 25, of Cedar Valley Drive, are both jailed on multiple drug charges.

Specialized Investigations Division narcotics detectives stopped the pair on Nolensville Pike after observing them conduct an apparent drug transaction. A subsequent search of Gonzalez's residence yielded four pounds of marijuana, electronic scales, \$3,700 cash, a shotgun and a large Santa Muerte statue, which superstitious drug dealers use to protect their

operations. A search of Villagomez's residence resulted in the seizure of one half ounce of marijuana, two grams of cocaine and \$2,700 cash.

After taking both men into custody, detectives learned that they shared a storage unit on Trousdale Drive. A search of that facility resulted in the confiscation of 39 pounds of marijuana.

Villagomez is being held in lieu of \$87,500 bond. Gonzalez is jailed in lieu of \$75,000 bond.



**Seized marijuana.**

### **Condolences:**

The grandmother of Officer Matthew Norris, Hermitage Precinct, passed away on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **FYI:**

#### Strategic Development

Captain Mike Hagar

Metro Human Resources and the MNPD, in collaboration with the promotional consultants (CWH), anticipate that the promotional examination process will be conducted for the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain will occur in fiscal year 2013-2014.

In collaboration with the promotional consultants (CWH) a bibliography of items to study in preparation for the written portion of the Sergeant and Lieutenant promotional process to be administered no sooner than 90 (ninety) days from this date.

A formal Promotional Announcement for the Sergeant and Lieutenant position will announce application requirements, testing dates, and other relevant information will come from Metro HR and will be posted consistent with established procedures.

In the event any policies are revised before the promotional test, only the specific parts that have not been revised from the attached bibliography will be used in the test.

The documents from each bibliography are available to you:

- 1) Electronically: The department manual is on the PDWEB. Articles have links available within the bibliography document.
- 2) Printed copies of the manual and articles will be made available to applicants. Details will be announced with the formal promotional announcement from Metro HR.
- 3) As the manual and articles contained in the bibliography are available electronically and a printed copy will be made available to you at no cost, please refrain from printing or copying the documents at your duty location without express permission.

**Division Commanders, Precinct Commanders, and Captains: Please ensure that this is appropriately announced and posted.**

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### **Metro Emergency Radio Management Committee (MRAM)**

Officer Matthew King, Strategic Development, attended to represent the MNP. Items of interest to all employees:

- 1) **City of Goodlettsville** emergency services will be integrated into the Metro digital P25 system. This provides an obvious benefit to Metro and Goodlettsville emergency services on coordinated incidents but also allows for Metro to benefit from Goodlettsville's infrastructure (better reception/transmission in that area of the county).
- 2) **Police Radio Updates:** The Radio Shop is finished with the formal changeover of PD radios and is currently working on the Fire Department's radios. Any stragglers that are found will be locked to the countywide channel, forcing them to come in to have their radio serviced and switched over.
- 3) **Tornado Sirens:** The tornado siren installs and upgrades are complete. There are now 93 sirens throughout the county. All existing sirens were converted and nearly 30 new units/locations were added. The old sirens were run from the B-side of the old radio system, and the new units are now tied to the new P25 system. The new sirens sound more like air raid sirens than the old units, and are easier to hear indoors. Citizens may notice them during regular "first Saturday" testing each month.

If you have any issues or questions that cannot be resolved by Radio Shop staff, please feel free to share those with Officer King.