

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter

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Graduated Driver's License Effectiveness

In 2001 WI implemented its GDL license requirement for teen drivers. The result has been fewer crashes and fatalities than before the requirements were implemented. See the chart below for detailed statistics on this. (Stats courtesy of WI DOT)

15-17 year old drivers involved in crashes from 1994 to 2011 (2011 is preliminary)

YEAR	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Total
1994	372	8285	8624	17281
1995	396	9024	9053	18473
1996	357	8586	8377	17320
1997	360	8188	8565	17113
1998	292	7875	8373	16540
1999	361	8345	8640	17346
2000	399	8632	9071	18102
2001	376	6859	7848	15083
2002	393	7133	8444	15970
2003	383	6848	7982	15213
2004	336	6413	7459	14208
2005	292	5986	6931	13209
2006	321	5516	6311	12148
2007	298	5504	6467	12269
2008	221	4925	6065	11214
2009	256	4476	5283	10015
2010	242	4059	4901	9202
2011	156	2909	3566	6631
TOTALS	5814	119563	131960	257337

You can see where there has been a consistent downward trend, since 2001. Given GDL was implemented in 2001 I think we can imply some type of correlation between the GDL requirements and the lower number of teen crashes.

Waunakee PD Welcomes Two New Officers

We welcome Officers Erik Schmidt and Chad Henning to the Waunakee Police Dept. Both are originally from the Dane County area. If you see them around Waunakee welcome them to our great community.



Officer Erik Schmidt



Officer Chad Henning

Village Ordinance Reminder

We have recently received questions and complaints about garbage/recycle containers being placed in the street. The following is Village Ordinance 78-75, which addresses this issue. Please remember to comply with this ordinance. Failing to comply could result in citations.

Sec. 78-75. - Collection of refuse.

(a)

Placement for collection. Refuse shall be placed for collection as follows:

(1)

Residential solid waste shall be accessible to collection crews. Residential solid waste in approved containers shall be placed immediately behind the curb of the public street for collection or containers shall be placed immediately adjacent to the alley if premises abut on an alley. Yard bulky wastes from residential units shall likewise be placed in a neat, orderly fashion behind the curb. During winter months, solid waste shall not be placed on top of the snow bank, nor shall it be placed in the roadway. The owner shall either shovel out an area behind the curb in which to place such wastes or such wastes shall be placed in the owner's driveway. Collection crews will not collect residential solid waste unless it is placed at the curb of a public street. Persons in residential units shall bring their solid waste to the terrace adjacent to the street curb for collection. If collection crews are unable to discharge the contents of garbage cans into collection vehicles using normal handling procedures, the cans, including contents, will be left at

curbside. The owner shall make provisions to ensure that the solid waste therein can be collected on the next collection day. Collection crews will not empty garbage cans by means other than dumping.

(2)

No garbage containers or other containers for refuse other than those of the village shall be placed, kept, stored or located within the right-of-way of a street or alley; provided, however, that the village board may authorize the location of such containers within the public right-of-way at specified places and times when such location is necessary for the expeditious collection and disposition of refuse.

Lost Property Reminders

If you lose a piece of property please call the Waunakee Police Dept. at 608-849-4523 to see if the property was turned into the department as found property. If property is turned in to us we do our best to find the rightful owner of the property. We are obligated to keep the property for 90 days. If the property goes unclaimed it is either returned to the finder or becomes property of the Village of Waunakee. We take in numerous electronic items, cell phones, keys, bicycles and other misc. property throughout the year.

Newsletter ideas or topics

If you have a topic or idea you would like us to consider for future Waunakee Police Newsletter, please email the idea for consideration to the address below.

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