

NORTH FOND DU LAC POLICE DEPARTMENT

***NORTH FOND DU LAC NEIGHBORHOOD
POLICING TIMES***

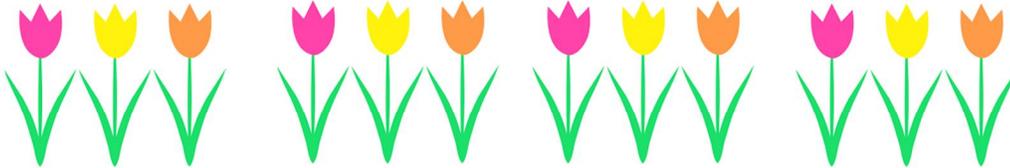
SPRING 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

- *April 10th - Village Offices Closed for Good Friday*
- *April 16th - Mock Tornado Drill*
- *April 18th - HMHS Prom*
- *May 25th - Village Offices Closed for Memorial Day*

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CHIEF PAUTSCH'S WELCOME

On behalf of the men and women of the North Fond du Lac Police Department, welcome to the Spring edition of our newsletter. Personally, I hope that in addition to providing you with useful information about your police department, this newsletter also serves to mark the return of Spring!

Perhaps you have noticed several new faces in the police department. As we have been striving to fill vacancies in staffing, as have most other law enforcement agencies throughout Wisconsin and across the country. Some departments actively target officers from other municipalities; attracting lateral hires by allowing them to count their years of experience toward their salaries in the new department. Unfortunately for North Fond du Lac, we have seen several officers leave to take advantage of those larger, better-paying departments. Fortunately, though, we continue to find and develop some of the most passionate, skilled, and dedicated individuals in the profession.

We are a proud, full-service police organization. Each man and woman on our law enforcement team is dedicated to making a positive difference in our community. We are committed to community-based policing and value our partnerships with citizens, businesses and community organizations. We provide a wide variety of services and strive to help solve problems each day for people throughout our community.

If you find yourself in need of our services; or if you have questions, comments or suggestions regarding how we might better serve you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Darren K. Pautsch

Chief of Police



ALERTS

The information provided in this column is not a full report of all of the activity the North Fond du Lac Police Department has responded to or investigated during this time period. These cases are just some of the incidents that have been reported to police. Perhaps you have seen or heard something which might help the police department identify those responsible for these incidents. If so, please contact us at 906-5555, or report information anonymously by calling 906-4777. It is also our hope that by making you aware of incidents that have occurred in your community, you will be better prepared to protect yourself and your property from similar incidents.

On December 12, the victim reported to police that her vehicle had been damaged while she was driving on North Pioneer Road near Winnebago Street. The officer was able to observe that something had struck the windshield causing it to crack on either side of the impact point. The victim did not observe anyone in the area at the time of the incident. No arrests have been made.

On December 15, police responded to a vandalism complaint in the 1500 block of Jeffrey Court. The victim reported that someone had cut the power cord for a lighted wreath decoration in the front yard. The decoration was valued at approximately \$120. No arrests have been made.

On December 31, police responded to a Hit & Run complaint on Oriole Parkway in the Gaslight Terrace Mobile Home Community. The victim told the responding officer that someone had struck the front driver's side corner of his vehicle while it was parked on the street for approximately 30-40 minutes. The driver of the striking vehicle did not report the accident or leave any contact information. No arrests have been made.

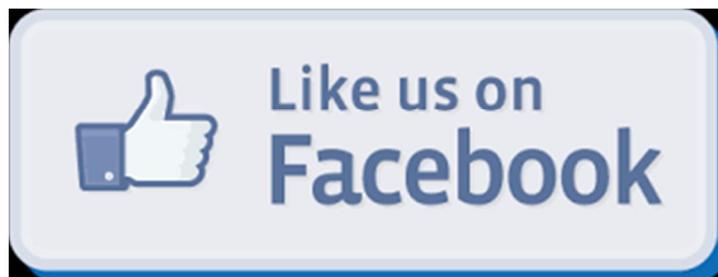
On January 4, police responded to a Hit & Run complaint in the 600 block of Indiana Avenue. The victim told the responding officer that someone had struck the rear driver's side door of his vehicle while it was parked on the west side of the street. The driver of the striking vehicle did not report the accident or leave any contact information. No arrests have been made.

On January 13, police responded to a theft complaint at a storage unit on Winnebago Street. The victim told police that approximately \$2,000 in ice fishing gear including a Clam shelter, 10 ice rods, and tackle were stolen from the unlocked unit sometime between April 2019 and January 2020. No arrests have been made.

On February 5, police responded to a vandalism complaint on Mockingbird Lane in the Gaslight Terrace Mobile Home Community. The victim reported that someone had keyed the driver's side of her Mazda Tribute during the overnight hours. No arrests have been made.



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WHILE YOU ARE
AWAY ON
VACATION



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RESOLVED

The information provided in this column is not a full report of all of the activity the North Fond du Lac Police Department has responded to or investigated during this time period. These cases are just some of the incidents that have been successfully resolved. It is our hope that by making you aware of incidents that have occurred in your community, you will be better prepared to protect yourself and your property from similar incidents.

On December 4, police made a traffic stop on a vehicle with expired registration. During the stop, the officer discovered that the driver had two outstanding arrest warrants. The 29 year-old NFDL woman was arrested for the warrants, and she was issued citations for Non-registration of a Vehicle and Operating After Revocation.

On December 8, police responded to a 911 call regarding a disturbance in the 800 block of Wisconsin Avenue. Responding officers spoke to the victim who reported that her boyfriend had grabbed her by the throat and choked her, picked her up by the neck and threw her to the floor, and threatened to stab her. The woman eventually ran from the house and drove to an area business where she called 911. The man had left the area and could not be located. The 26 year-old FDL man was found on January 21, 2020 and was arrested for Suffocation / Strangulation, False Imprisonment, and Disorderly Conduct – Domestic Abuse.

On December 10, the School Resource Officer was contacted by a student who reported that someone had created and distributed a Snapchat post implying a threat to the school. Investigation revealed that a current student had used a photograph of a rifle and added a caption that read "Don't come to school tomorrow." The boy then sent the image to several friends. The image ended up being shared with others who were concerned by it. The 15 year-old Town of Friendship teen who created and distributed the original post was referred to Juvenile Court Services for Terrorist Threats.

On January 13, police responded to a disturbance on North Pioneer Road near Lighthouse Lane. A passerby had called 911 to report that a male and female were arguing in the road. Responding officers located the couple and learned that the woman had walked away from the Stretch restaurant after they had started arguing there. Her husband had followed her and was trying to persuade her to get into the car when she struck him in the face 2-3 times. The 55 year-old FDL woman was arrested for Disorderly Conduct – Domestic Abuse.

On February 2, police responded to a disturbance at a residence in the 500 block of Saratoga Avenue. Officers found two women who had reportedly been in an altercation after returning home from drinking at an area tavern. The victim told police that the other woman had pinned her against the door with her forearm against the victim's neck and had attempted to hit her in the face. The 23 year-old NFDL woman was arrested for Disorderly Conduct – Domestic Abuse.

On February 3, a resident in the 400 block of Harrison Street reported to police that he was the victim of a fraud. He told police that someone had made unauthorized charges to his credit card totaling \$1,606.70. The investigating officer was able to obtain receipts and surveillance video from some of the purchases at Walmart. The video revealed that the victim's roommate had taken his card and used it without permission. The 42 year-old NFDL woman was referred to the District Attorney for Unauthorized Use of a Credit Card.

On February 4, police responded to a disturbance at an apartment in the 400 block of Harrison Street. Responding officers learned that the couple were arguing about the man's family and the woman refusing to attend a funeral. During the argument, the woman had scratched the man's face and tore his shirt. The 30 year-old NFDL woman was arrested for Disorderly Conduct – Domestic Abuse.

On February 13, a student at the high school reported to the School Resource Officer that she had been assaulted. The victim told police that a male student had followed her into the Girls' locker room and grabbed her buttocks. The 14 year-old FDL boy was referred to Juvenile Court Services for 2nd Degree Sexual Assault of a Child.

On February 15, the victim business on North Pioneer Road reported a Gas Drive-off to police. The manager told police that a dark colored Nissan Altima had pulled up to the fuel island and pumped \$30.63 of gas before leaving without paying. The clerk was able to obtain the license plate, which police used to contact the registered owner. She told police that it was unintentional and she thought she had paid. However, she did not make any attempt to return or to contact the business to pay for the gas. The 31 year-old Hortonville woman was issued a citation for Retail Theft.

'NATIONAL POLICE WEEK' IS SUNDAY, MAY 10 - SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020

'National Police Week' has been recognized annually since 1962 when [Public Law 87-726](#) was signed by President John F. Kennedy. This public law was amended by the 103rd Congress as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. President Bill Clinton signed Public Law 103-322 which directs that the flag of the United States on all Government buildings be displayed at half-staff on May 15, which is 'National Peace Officers' Memorial Day.'

In 1998 the North Fond du Lac Village Board enacted Operating Policy 12.05 to officially commemorate National Police Week and National Peace Officers' Memorial Day in our community. Village Operating Policy 12.05 specifies as follows:

Annually the village shall observe National Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15 and National Police Week shall run from Sunday through Saturday of the week containing May 15.

Flags shall be flown at half staff on all municipal flag poles on May 15.

The official flag of the National Law Enforcement Memorial shall be flown at the municipal building flag pole during police week.

All uniformed police department personnel shall wear a black mourning band across the uniform badge during National Police Week in remembrance of the officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

It's been said that the law enforcement profession is the "thin blue line" that separates order from chaos in our society. Without the police there is no order...and without order there is chaos. Tragically, serving as that "thin blue line" and protecting our society from those that would harm it, claims the lives of several police officers each year.

Here are some facts that you should know about law enforcement in the United States:

There are more than 750,000 - 850,000 police officers that work round the clock to protect and serve the people of this great nation.

Since the first recorded police death in 1791, there have been more than 24,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in the United States.

There were 134 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in the United States in 2019.

We are blessed to be able to say that our department has never had an officer killed in the line of duty. However, many of us that have worked in this profession for a period of time have had a friend or acquaintance killed in the line of duty. In 2011 Fond du Lac Police Officer Craig Birkholz lost his life, and in 2015 Wisconsin State Patrol Trooper Trevor Casper made the ultimate sacrifice in Fond du Lac during his very first solo uniform assignment.

Needless to say, it's easy to understand why this is such special week for all of the men and women that serve as the guardians and protectors of our nation and who are ready to respond, without hesitation, when a member of their community cries for help. It's our week to honor our brothers and sisters that have laid down their lives while protecting the people of this great nation.

The National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial – By John M. Wills

*The long low wall sweeps across the vista
Lions stand watch over the hallowed grounds
Guarding those families and friends
Who visit their loved ones in this place of honor
Thousands of names old and new
They've paid a price for me and you
Unselfish and dedicated sworn to uphold
They stared in the face of evil not backing down
Their tour has now ended
Their journey complete
We'll never forget them
Heroes one and all*



PROM & PARENTS WHO HOST

Prom is supposed to be a night of fun, celebration, friendship, and a highlight of our high school years. As themes are decided, decorations and music are planned, dates are sought, and the hunt for the perfect dress begins again; the excitement and anticipation can be almost as thrilling as the night itself. But the choices that teens make can also have devastating and life-changing consequences if they're not careful. The good news is that we, as parents, can help prepare our sons and daughters to make the right choices when the time comes.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month and many proms are scheduled. It is a time when the spotlight turns to celebrations that can lead to underage drinking. Each year across the United States, hundreds of teens are killed or injured in alcohol-related accidents connected with prom celebrations. **More than one third of youth killed in alcohol-related traffic accidents occur during the months of April, May and June according to the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration.**

We want to get parents and the community talking about how alcohol consumption affects young minds. Studies show drinking alcohol as a teenager has an impact on brain development and that early drinking has lasting health implications. We want to help parents understand that the younger a person is when he or she takes that first drink, the higher the risk that person will develop long-term problems with alcohol. We want them to view alcohol consumption among teens as the serious health epidemic that it has become in our communities. Along with its enormous emotional toll on families and communities, the United States Department of Justice estimates that alcohol use by underage drinkers results in approximately \$3.7 billion a year in medical costs due to traffic crashes, crime, suicide attempts and related consequences.

Did you know that in Wisconsin, parents who allow underage drinking to take place can be held accountable? Simply put, parents who host, allow or fail to prevent underage drinking are taking the risk of receiving a Social Host citation with a fine of \$376 for the first offense.

"Parents Who Host, Lose the Most" is the clear and consistent message the North Fond du Lac Police Department and Drug Free Communities of FDL County is sending in an effort to raise public awareness about the laws and harmful effects of teen drinking.

As a community, we need to come together and realize teen drinking is a problem and develop some solutions. We need to refuse to allow teen drinking and we need to refuse to supply teens with alcohol. We can't rely only on law enforcement to break up every underage drinking party. This is a parental issue and a community health issue. We need the support of families and the community to change attitudes about drinking.



Don't be a party to
teenage drinking.

It's against the Law!

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS

April 13 - 17, 2020 has been designated Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week. The statewide Tornado Drill will be conducted on Thursday, April 16th. A mock tornado warning for Fond du Lac County will be issued at 1:45 p.m. and will conclude at 2:00 p.m. A second mock tornado warning will issued at 6:45 p.m. and will conclude at 7:00p.m.

On average, Wisconsin experiences 21 tornadoes each year. Tornadoes can occur any time of year, at any time of day. In Wisconsin, peak tornado season is April to August, with most tornadoes occurring between 4pm and 9pm.

A tornado is one of nature's most violent and powerful storms. These massive, rotating funnels of air come down to earth within seconds, usually with only short warning. Sometimes a tornado may not even be visible. This is why it is imperative to be aware of weather service advisories regarding *TORNADO WARNINGS* and *TORNADO WATCHES*. It is crucial to follow safety guidelines in association with those advisories.

A *TORNADO WATCH* is to indicate that a tornado is possible in the area due to weather conditions. At this point, you should remain alert for approaching storms. The conditions exist in the atmosphere, which are capable of producing funnel clouds.

A *TORNADO WARNING* is much more serious. A warning indicates that a tornado has been sighted in the area. If a tornado warning is issued or if you see a tornado, move to a pre-designated safety place immediately. Remember, tornadoes are more likely to develop in an area where a severe thunderstorm watch or warning is in effect. Listen to local radio and television stations for updated storm information.

If a Warning is issued or if threatening weather approaches:

- In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement.
- If an underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture.
- Stay away from windows.

Get out of automobiles and lie in a low ditch, protecting your head from flying debris. Do not try to outrun a tornado. Funnel clouds are unpredictable and move very quickly, so you may drive directly into the eye, or center of it.

Environmental conditions normally associated with tornadoes include dark greenish skies, a wall cloud, large hail, or a loud roar, similar to a train. A wall cloud can prevent people from viewing the funnel cloud.

Despite what some may believe, tornadoes can appear from any direction. Most move from southwest to northeast, or west to east, but not always. Some tornadoes change direction in the course of their destruction, or even backtrack. Tornadoes can last from several seconds to more than an hour. However, most tornadoes last less than 10 minutes. Some people think that tornadoes only strike in certain places but in reality there is no place in Wisconsin that is safe from tornadoes.

It is vital that everyone develop an action plan before severe weather strikes. People most at risk are those in mobile homes, automobiles, the elderly or very young, the physically or mentally impaired, and people who may not understand the warning due to a language barrier. When developing an action plan, remember to consider transportation assistance for those individuals unable to get themselves to shelter. In the event of severe weather, emergency services personnel may not be able to get to them for an extended period of time.

Developing an action or disaster plan for you and your family is easy. The first step is to be aware of your community's warning signals and evacuation plans. Additional information can be obtained from the National Weather Service, local Emergency Management, or Red Cross.



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2014 '50 SAFEST CITIES IN WISCONSIN'

2005 WCPPA 'CRIME PREVENTION
PROGRAM/PROJECT OF THE YEAR'

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LAW ENFORCEMENT OATH OF HONOR

On my honor,
I will never betray my badge,
my integrity, my character,
or the public trust.

I will always have the courage
to hold myself and others
accountable for our actions.

I will always uphold the Constitution,
the community and
the agency I serve.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES WRAP UP

On Friday, December 20, 2019, the North Fond du Lac Police Department/Police Benevolent Association concluded its annual Food for Families program by delivering gifts and other items to eight families that the Department adopted this holiday season.

Each year a number of area individuals, families, clubs, organizations, churches, schools, and businesses help make this program possible through their generous contributions. The Benevolent Association would like thank everyone who made this year another great success. Those that helped make this year's program possible are:

- St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- Community United Methodist Church
- American Legion Post #156
- West Shore Snow Pistons
- NFDL Fire Department
- AMVET Post #7
- NFDL Optimists
- Many very gracious citizens
- Several anonymous donors



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