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(Reports January, 2009 Activity)

Hermitage Precinct Headlines

Metro Nashville Police Department

HERMITAGE PRECINCT OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

Patrol Officers of the Month
Officer Derrick Hutchinson
(A Detail)

Police Officers of the Month
Officer Spencer Harris
(C Flex)

Investigator of the Month
Det. Erid Harrison
(Hermitage Investigations)



Call **244-DOPE** to report drug offenses.

This telephone number is for citizens to confidentially report drug activities. Please provide detailed information about the activity and persons involved.



HERMITAGE NOTABLE NOTES

- The Metro Police Fraud Unit would like to remind residents to register on the National Do Not Call List. By registering, you will stop most telemarketing calls. For more info log onto www.donotcall.gov.
- Long term solutions to community problems require the community to accept responsibility for resolving specific problems. This is done with support and resources from their partners within "the system".
- The Hermitage Precinct would like to remind community members that the non-emergency dispatch number to call for a unit to respond to a situation is **862-8600**. The below office numbers are not for dispatching patrol units to locations.

PRECINCT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Hermitage Precinct (Commander Richter)	880-1776
Precinct Investigations (Lt. Williamson)	862-6993
Community Coordinator (Sgt. Leach)	880-1855
El Protector (Off. Fernandez)	880-1783
Fax Number	880-1831

Metro Nashville Police Website
www.police.nashville.org



<i>Year to date stats</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>Prior YTD</i>	<i>% Change</i>
Felony Arrests	133	150	-12.78%
Misdemeanor Arrests	354	345	2.61%
Citation Arrests	451	593	-23.95%
Drug Equipment Arrests	52	71	-26.76%
Narcotic Arrests	141	137	2.92%
Weapon Arrests	4	12	-66.67%
Traffic Violations	Not avail.	Not avail.	n/a
Vehicle Accidents	292	342	-14.62%
Vehicle Stops	Not Avail.	Not Avail.	n/a

(Compstat book of 2/4/2009)



PRECINCT INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

*CRIME SUPPRESSION UNIT
STATISTICS THRU THE MONTH OF
JANUARY
2009
YTD TOTALS*

INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED – 87
 CHARGES – 122
 MONEY SEIZED – \$3757.00
 WEAPONS RECOVERED – 3
 VEHICLES SEIZED – 0
 COCAINE WEIGHT SEIZED – 1 12 GR.
 MARIJUANA WEIGHT SEIZED – 87, 1 17GR.
 PILLS SEIZED – 100
 METH – 0
 SEARCH WARRANTS – 5



*** Info from Hermitage Precinct Investigation Reports

Home Burglary Prevention Tips

- KEEP DOORS AND WINDOWS LOCKED, NEVER OPEN YOUR DOOR TO A STRANGER
- DON'T LEAVE A "HIDDEN KEY" OUTSIDE
- DON'T ALLOW PAPERS OR MAIL TO STACK UP IN YOUR DRIVE
- Watch your neighborhood and notify the police (862-8600) of suspicious people or vehicles
- CONSIDER FLOODLIGHTS FOR EXTERIOR LIGHTING
- RECORD SERIAL NUMBERS AND PHOTOGRAPH ALL HOUSEHOLD VALUABLES
- consider a professionally installed and monitored alarm system with stickers and an audible alarm after otherwise securing your home
- Lock up when at home while cutting grass or gardening

Auto Theft Prevention Tips

- NEVER LEAVE KEYS IN YOUR IGNITION
 - NEVER LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED WHEN IT'S RUNNING
 - ALWAYS LOCK DOORS & KEEP WINDOWS ROLLED UP WHEN PARKED
 - DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS VISIBLE INSIDE YOUR CAR, PLACE THEM IN THE TRUNK
 - KEEP COPIES OF YOUR CAR'S REGISTRATION, IF YOUR CAR IS STOLEN, THE POLICE WILL NEED THIS TO MAKE A REPORT
- PARK IN BUSY, WELL LIT AREAS

NUMBERS FOR REPORTING CRIME

If you have crime information to report please contact:
244-DOPE for reporting drug dealing information

74-CRIME (Crime Stoppers) for information on criminal activity or information pertaining current cases.

There several good crime prevention tips on several topics on our website and the National Crime Prevention Council website.

www.nashville.police.org

www.ncpc.org

Hermitage Officers Receive Officer of the Year Awards for 2008

Detective Josh Walters of the Hermitage Precinct is the Field Operations Bureau Investigator of the Year for 2008. Officer Walters posed as a Pizza Hut employee in July and was attempting a suspicious, high-risk delivery when a gunman quickly approached his undercover pickup truck out of the darkness. Seeing the gun pointed in his direction, and believing that he and another undercover officer inside the truck were in imminent danger of being shot, Officer Walters fired on the would-be robber in self-defense, thus ending the threat.

(Due to Officer Walters undercover assignment, no picture is available)



Officers Dennis Shepherd, Rob Morris, and Cindy Huffines are the department's Police Officers of the Year. These three officers, while working out of the Hermitage Precinct, teamed together to arrest a man believed responsible for several robberies of check cashing businesses and two banks.

Important Tips to Help Prevent Identity Theft

1. Shred all your important papers and especially pre-approved credit applications received in your name and other financial information that provides access to your private information. Don't forget to shred your credit card receipts.
2. Be careful of "Dumpster Diving." Make sure that you do not throw anything away that someone could use to become you.
3. Be careful at ATM's and using Phone Cards. "Shoulder Surfers" can get your "Pin Number" and get access to your accounts.
4. Get all of your checks delivered to your bank - not to your home address.
5. Do not put checks in the mail from your home mailbox. Drop them off at a U.S. Mailbox or the U.S. Post Office.
6. When you order new credit cards in the mail, or your previous ones have expired, watch the calendar to make sure that you get the card within the appropriate time. If it is not received by a certain date, call the credit card grantor immediately and find out if the card was sent. Find out if a change of address was filed if you don't receive the card or a billing statement.
7. Cancel all credit cards that you do not use or have not used in 6 months.
8. Put passwords on all your accounts and do not use your mother's maiden name. Make up a fictitious word.
9. Obtain a post office box or a locked mailbox, if you possibly can.
10. Ask financial institutions, doctors' offices, etc., what they do with your private information and make sure that they shred it and protect your information. Tell them why.
11. Empty your wallet of all extra credit cards and social security numbers, etc. Do not carry identifiers you do not need. Don't carry your birth certificate, social security card, or passport, unless necessary.
12. Memorize social security numbers and passwords.
13. When a person calls you at home or at work, and you do not know this person, never give out any of your personal information. If they tell you they are a credit grantor of yours call them back at the number that you know is the true number, and ask for that party to discuss personal information. Provide only information that you believe is absolutely necessary.
14. Do not put your social security number on your checks or your credit receipts. If a business requests your social security number, give them an alternate number and tell them why. They do not need that to identify you. If a government agency requests your social security number, there must be a privacy notice accompanying the request.
15. Do not put your telephone number on your checks.
16. Get credit cards and business cards with your picture on them.
17. Do not put your credit card account number on the Internet (unless it is encrypted on a secured site.) Don't put account numbers on the outside of envelopes, or on your checks.
18. Monitor all your bank statements from every credit card every month. Check to see if there is anything that you do not recognize and call the credit grantor to verify that it is truly yours. .
19. Take your name off all promotional lists. Call the three credit reporting agency numbers to opt out of pre-approved offers.

Experian: (888) 567-8688

Equifax: (888) 567-8688

TransUnion: (888) 567-8688

Citizens Police Academy

February 3, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Nashvillians interested in learning about inner workings of their police department and its enforcement/investigative strategies are cordially invited to apply for the 22nd session of the Citizen Police Academy, which begins its 12-week run on **March 10th**.

Classes will be held on Tuesday nights from 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m. through May 26th in the community room of the Hermitage Precinct, 3701 James Kay Lane. **Because class size is limited, interested persons are urged to apply immediately. The deadline for applications is February 28.**

Participants will learn about the intricacies of police work through the perspective of a variety of guest speakers, including members of the police department's specialized components. Electives, including a ride along with a police officer and basic firearms instruction, will also be offered.

"More than 900 persons from all walks of life have graduated from our Citizen Police Academy over the past 14 years," Chief Ronal Serpas said. "It is an extremely valuable program that provides participants with a unique insight into Nashville law enforcement."

Each applicant should commit to attending at least nine of the 12 sessions, be a Davidson County resident at least 21 years old, and have no arrest record, excluding minor traffic violations. While completion of the course gives citizens an understanding of the workings of the Metropolitan Police Department, it does not make a participant a certified law enforcement officer, nor is it designed to train citizens to perform law enforcement duties. Applications are available at any of the police department's six precincts.

They can also be accessed and submitted on the Internet by logging onto <http://www.police.nashville.org/citizen/apply.htm>.

Persons desiring an application by mail or fax are invited to call Michelle Crowder at 862-7811.



Help us Combat incidents of Vehicle Burglary and Auto Theft

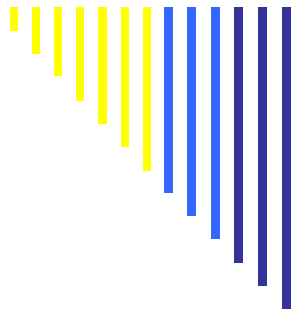
Throughout the 2008 year, incidents of theft from vehicles were the number one crime problem reported in the Hermitage Precinct Area. The Metro Nashville Police Dept. would like to encourage you to "**Park Smart**".

Please keep in mind the following tips to assist in preventing thefts this season.

- 1) Never leave the keys in your vehicle while it is unattended – even only if it is for a brief time.
- 2) Never leave your car unattended while it is running.
- 3) Always lock your doors and keep your windows rolled up when parked.
- 4) Do not leave items of value visible inside of your car. Place them in your trunk, conceal them from view, or take them with you.
- 5) Park in busy, well lit areas whenever possible.
- 6) Be aware of suspicious activity as you enter a parking lot and avoid potential dangers.
- 7) Keep copies of your vehicles registration in case of emergencies.

The Metro Nashville Police Dept. hopes you have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Visit www.police.nashville.org for more crime prevention information



American Red Cross and Metro Nashville Police Dept.

Blood Drive

March 25th, 2009

At the Hermitage Precinct

Community Room

3701 James Kay Ln.

Hermitage TN 37076

9 am to 2 pm.



RECRUITMENT NOTES

NEWS FROM BACKGROUND & RECRUITMENT

AS OF MARCH 1, 2007, THE ONLY WAY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER TRAINEE IS ON-LINE. AN APPLICANT CAN GO DIRECTLY TO THE METRO GOVERNMENT WEB SITE AT WWW.NASHVILLE.GOV OR THERE IS A LINK TO APPLICATION PROCESS ON THE www.joinmnpd.com WEB SITE. FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW.

Each user must have a unique email address when setting up an account. Do not share your account with anyone. If you do not have an email account, you can sign up for a free account at Hotmail.com, Yahoo.com or Mail.com.

1. Go to www.nashville.gov/hr_benefits/jobs
2. View our postings and select the title you are interested in (**Police Officer Trainee**).
3. Click the apply link.
4. Create a Username and Password for your personal account (registration is free).
5. Once you create your account, you can complete your online employment application. Then your application is stored on file and can be submitted for future job postings.

If an applicant does not have internet access, they may go to any Public Library in Davidson County or to the following Career Centers.

Nashville Career Advancement Center – Main Office
621 Mainstream Drive , Ste 210 Ph # 615-862-8890

Nashville Career Advancement Center –Opry Mills
437 Opry Mills Drive Ph # 615-514-9675

Nashville Career Advancement Center-South
3763 Nolensville Road Ph # 615-741-3556

Online applications can be completed in Metropolitan Government Human Resources Office located at 222 Third Avenue North - Suite 158. Business hours: Monday thru Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. only



Employment Standards

- Two years (60 Semester hours) of general academic studies from an accredited college or university with an overall Grade Point Average of 2.0 ("C" Average) on a 4.0 scale. **Hours for remedial courses will not be counted. No more than two (2) transcripts will be evaluated. The cumulative hours and Grade Point Average (GPA) must appear on the transcript. Candidates must submit "official" transcripts that meet Metro's Educational Standards. At least one half of the total hours must be taken in residence, no more than half may be earned in non-traditional credits.** **OR** Applicant must have at least 2 years of active military duty and possess a high school diploma or GED. **Must not have been released or discharged under other than Honorable from any of the Armed Forces of the United States.** **OR** Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and documentation of a minimum of 2 years full-time law enforcement experience in a patrol capacity with a certification from Tennessee P.O.S.T. or equivalent State certification board. **OR** Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and have 5 years of responsible work experience. **AND**
- Must be a minimum of 21 years of age. (May apply 2 (two) months prior to your 21st birthday).
- The Distant Visual Acuity in each eye must be no worse than 20/100 (Snellen) uncorrected, corrected 20/20 in the better eye and 20/30 in the other eye. Binocular vision must be at 20 feet. Must have normal depth perception. Must have normal color vision.
- Valid "Class D" Driver's License.
- Citizen of the United States.
- Have not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to or entered a plea of nolo contendere to any felony charge or to any violations of any federal or state laws or city ordinances relating to force, violence, theft, dishonesty, gambling, liquor or controlled substance.
- Your driving record will be considered part of the background investigation for this position. Multiple offenses and/or chargeable accidents are grounds for disqualification or removal from the eligibility register.
- Honorable discharge from Military Service (if applicable).
- The medical requirements for enlistment or appointment to either the Army or Navy are the basis for physical suitability at the time of appointment.

Meet standards set by the Tennessee Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission and adopted by the Tennessee General Assembly on June 24, 1983, T.C.A. 38-8-106.

Previous Drug Use Criteria

- Marijuana use will be viewed in the context of the applicant's age at the time of use, the recency of use, and the frequency of use. No marijuana use will be allowed within 2 years of the date of the application.
- No other illegal drug use within 7 years of application. Combined use of other drugs besides marijuana must not exceed 5 times.
- No sale of any drugs.
- Could have permanent disqualification for use of heroin, LSD, PCP, crack cocaine, and methamphetamine or similar substances.
- Any prior drug use, admitted or discovered, will be evaluated in determining employment eligibility.
- No pattern of abuse of legal or legend drugs (including steroids).

Must pass polygraph or CVSA concerning use.