

MENOMONEE FALLS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

SUMMER 2019

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Message from the Chief

Citizen Police Academy

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



Chief Anna Ruzinski

Since our last newsletter, the Village of Menomonee Falls has again earned a safest city award! We were ranked 86th in the nation for cities with a population of over 15,000. We ranked in the top 20 safest cities in Wisconsin for any population. This is due to the hard working members of the Menomonee Falls Police Department and the involvement of citizens like you! These rankings are remarkable considering that we border a major metropolitan area. I thank you for being our eyes and ears out there when we are not available.

One new tool we've started using this past summer is our Twitter Page: Protecting the Falls. We try to put up timely pertinent information that will help us alert citizens of things happening in the village and assist us in apprehending criminals. You can follow us to receive the notifications.

Summer has gone relatively well for us. The July 3rd parade was enjoyable with no major incidents ruining the fun. The Neighborhood Watch Picnic was wonderful and I thank the planners for the food, fun, and fellowship we were able to enjoy. Our Dementia Friendly Menomonee Falls Group is moving ahead to educate and bring awareness to the topic. Beer gardens, music, and fitness walks add to the many activities around town that make us work hard to keep the community safe and healthy.

But the next School season is rapidly approaching. I want to ensure that people follow the rules of the road as they pertain to pedestrians and school buses. The police department now is supervising the crossing guards. After the company we contracted with closed up shop, we hired the current 10 crossing guards as part-time employees. This was done at a cost savings and gives us immediate oversight of these corners. We welcome these dedicated individuals who really care about the safety of the kids. We met with each one at their corners to thank them for their dedication. Remember any school bus with its red flashing lights activated, requires you to stop regardless of if you are behind or oncoming traffic. Kids can dart out in all directions!

Finally, you should be aware by now that I resigned my position as Director of Protective Services. We made some great strides in the fire department over the past seven years I held the position, but it is no longer a productive environment. I wanted to do what is in the best interest of the community. We need to move forward and address the issues, not get caught up in whether you like the system or not. I felt the best way to accomplish this was to resign that portion of my duties. I will remain your Chief of Police. I believe we have one of the best police departments in the State and the hard work is proven through our safety rankings and the great working relationship we have with Neighborhood Watch and the community as a whole. Here's hoping for a beautiful and safe fall in the Falls!

God Bless,
Chief Anna Ruzinski

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Citizen Police Academy



Citizen Police Academy - Session #9, Fall 2018

Welcome to Menomonee Falls!
"Wisconsin's Largest Village"
occupies a scenic 33 square mile setting with small town charm, yet a modern convenient lifestyle. You are always welcome in Menomonee Falls!

The Menomonee Falls Police Department polices the Village of Menomonee Falls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The men and women of the Menomonee Falls Police Department are dedicated to keeping this a safe community in which to live, work, and recreate. We focus our patrol strategies on knowing our community and problem solving.



FALL 2019

In the law enforcement arena, an increasingly popular service to the community is that of a Citizen Police Academy. A Citizen Police Academy is a program intended to educate citizens about police work. Furthermore, it is an opportunity for the department to build a rapport with the citizens we serve. The Menomonee Falls Police Department will be offering its tenth Citizen Police Academy beginning in September 2019. It will run a total of twelve weeks meeting once a week on Tuesday nights. Classes normally begin at 6:00pm and last 2-3 hours. Time and location are subject to change based on curriculum.

The Academy is designed to give the public a working knowledge of our department's organization, personnel, policies and procedures. The Citizen Police Academy is not designed as a preparatory class for individuals who desire to become a law enforcement officer. Rather, it is intended as an educational and informative offering for adults who either reside or work in our village that have a desire to learn more about their police department.

The Citizen Police Academy will cover a plethora of subjects to include police administration, traffic enforcement, police operations, criminal investigations, use of force, tactical operations, etc. If you are interested in participating in the Citizen Police Academy, please see our web-site at <https://www.menomonee-falls.org/618/Citizen-Police-Academy> to download an application. Questions in reference to the academy can be directed to **Sergeant Andy Birler**, (262) 532-8740.

Upon receipt of all applications, we will review them and select up to 16 citizens for Class #10. It is our intent to have a very diverse class. Citizens accepted into the class will be required to return a signed waiver of liability and a registration fee of \$30.00. The registration fees

Academy Schedule / Topics

- o Welcome / Program Introduction / Department Organization / Mission
- o Law Enforcement Standards Board Requirements
- o Department Tour
- o Patrol Procedures
- o Vehicle Operation & Contacts
- o Traffic Enforcement
- o Crash Investigation
- o Use of Force
- o Defense and Arrest Tactics
- o Principles of Arrest; Search and Seizure
- o Firearms Safety / Taser Use
- o Critical Incidents
- o Mobile Command Post
- o Tactical Enforcement Unit / Crisis Negotiation Team
- o Special Investigations Bureau
- o Drug Enforcement Unit
- o Crime Prevention
- o Neighborhood Watch
- o Notify Me
- o Community Policing
- o Crime Scene Investigations
- o Field Evidence Technician Duties / Evidence Processing
- o Graduation

- Most classes begin at 6:00PM and are 2-3 hours in length
- Topics are subject to change

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will be used to purchase an academy class shirt, to purchase a framed class photo which will be displayed in the police department, and to cover all other related miscellaneous costs associated with the Citizen Police Academy.

Sincerely,

Anna M Ruzinski
Chief of Police

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY



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Tactical Enforcement Unit



Graduation



Appreciation

Class #9 In Action!



Range Day



Evidence Processing