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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



Chief Anna Ruzinski

As I am writing this newsletter update for Spring, 2017, we are dealing with our worst snowfall this 2016-2017 winter! How quickly we forget how to drive on the snow-covered roads. But, Spring is just around the corner. The biggest change for us since the last newsletter was the consolidation of our dispatch with Waukesha County. The transition occurred on February 1, 2017 and I am pleased to announce that things are going smoothly for such a large move.

Our team led by Lieutenant Neyhart and our IT person, Long Ding worked countless hours with the Information Technology Department in the Village and at Waukesha County to ensure the switch maintained the safety and services our responders and citizens are accustomed to. Remember in the

event of an emergency always dial 911. For **non-emergency response** for police or fire, call **262-446-5070**. For all other police/fire business you can call 262-532-8700. Remember that our business office is now open 24/7 for the convenience of our citizens. We were also notified that Waukesha County Communications now has the capability to receive 911 by text. If you find yourself in a situation where you cannot call, texting is now an option. This is technology we would not have had under our own dispatching.

The other item I wanted to discuss is the crime report sent out to you and other citizens signed up on "Notify Me." You may have noticed it is a pared down version from what you are used to seeing. We did this for two reasons. First it is a time consuming effort to give you the details you receive. That would not be an issue if we thought the information was of use to you. Instead, I made the decision to pare the report to actual crimes that we feel citizens should be aware of. Second, this way we are ensuring that you are getting the important information without it being clouded by unnecessary events. If you are taking the time to be aware of what is occurring in the Village, I want it to be meaningful, quality not quantity.

Finally, we are bringing on two new officers in March and promoting a new sergeant. This will bring our staffing in the police department up to our authorized strength just in time for the summer months! The two new officers come to MFPD with experience from other agencies. We are looking forward to them joining the ranks. Police Officer Jason Gruszynske is being promoted to sergeant. This follows the promotions of Captain Jeff Knop and Lieutenant Steve Rudie. Our department is professional and well-trained, but we also rely on the help of our citizens like you in Neighborhood Watch. If you are one of those citizens who wants to help more and find out more about your police department, do not hesitate to join the **Fall, 2017 Police Citizens Academy**. For a few hours on 12 Tuesday nights, you can become more familiar with MFPD and help us better in the future. Applications can be found on our website. Please consider this worthwhile adventure. Have a great Spring and Summer. As always, be aware of your surroundings and stay safe!

Sincerely,
Anna M. Ruzinski
Chief of Police

Apply Now! 2017 Menomonee Falls Citizens Police Academy

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. It will commence in Fall 2017 and consist of approximately thirteen weekly two hour classes. If you are interested in attending the Citizen Police Academy applications can be found on the MFPD website. For additional questions SGT. Lewek at (262) 532-8740.

POLICE UNITY TOUR

This May (2017) three Officers from the MFPD will be participating in the 21st Annual Police Unity Ride in honor of officers who have died in the line of duty. The bicycle ride will start in Philadelphia on May 9th and end at the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. on May 13th spanning nearly 280 miles over the 4 days.

Officers ride each year for fellow officers who died in the line of duty the prior year from Wisconsin. In addition, the riders of MFPD also ride each year for Officer John Taylor Jr., who made the ultimate sacrifice for the Village of Menomonee Falls on August 6, 1977.

The Officers ride helps to raise money for the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum and more importantly helps to honor and remember the ultimate sacrifice made by officers across the country. The motto of the Police Unity tour is "We Ride for Those Who Died".

For more info on the ride, or to make a donation visit:
www.wiridersput.com



Waukesha County Communications Center (WCC)

On Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 7:00 am, the Village of Menomonee Falls transitioned all of its Police/Fire/EMS dispatch services to the Waukesha County Communications Center (WCC).

The WCC regional dispatch center will connect Menomonee Falls residents directly to the WCC dispatchers when they call 911, from any phone whether the call is from a landline or a cellular phone. Non-Emergency calls for service requesting a police, fire, or medical assistance response should be directed to #262-446-5070, replacing the #262-532-1700 currently in use. This new number will connect directly to WCC. All other police and fire business such as general questions, burning permission, overnight parking permission, fire inspections, special event infor-

mation, etc., should be directed to the current #262-532-8700. These numbers are posted on the Menomonee Falls website at www.Menomonee-falls.org beginning on February 1, 2017.

The Menomonee Falls Police & Fire Departments would like to recognize and thank all of the current and former telecommunicators who worked tirelessly for the past 50 years providing excellent dispatch services to the Village of Menomonee Falls.



Upcoming Events

- Optimists Fishing Derby
Saturday—May 13, 2017
- Menomonee Falls Police
Memorial
Sunday—May 21, 2017
 - MFNW Picnic
Thursday—July 13, 2017
 - National Night Out
Tuesday—August 1, 2017

Neighborhood Watch Youth Award

We offer a special recognition award for young men and women who help their neighbors or volunteer in our community. If you know someone, please nominate him or her for this award! At each Neighborhood Watch meeting, the nomination will be read, and the winner(s) chosen. Winners will be notified by phone and invited to attend a future Neighborhood Watch meeting to receive their recognition certificate and gift award. This is an on-going award, so please continue to send in names of deserving youth in our community.

Please visit <http://www.mfnw.org> for the nomination form.