

UW-Whitewater Police Services Activity Log

August, 2009

Fire/Burglar Alarm - 13
Animal Complaint - 1
Assault/Battery - 0
Assist Citizen - 25
Assist Other Agency - 11
Building/Area Checks— 937
Burglary - 2
Check Welfare - 6
Criminal Damage - 1
Disorderly Conduct - 1
Drug Invest./Arrests - 0
Harassment - 1
Medical Responses - 2
Susp. Circumstance - 5
Theft - 2
Traffic Accidents - 1
Traffic Stops - 100
Underage Alcohol - 5
Vandalism - 1
911 Hang-ups - 6

Some of our services you may not know about...

Late night escorts
Vehicle lockout opening
Vehicle Jumpstarts
Ride Along Program
Internship
Fingerprinting

Available Programs...

Property Theft Prevention
Identity Theft Prevention
Day of an Officer
Sexual Assault Awareness
Alcohol Awareness
New Student Seminar
Crime Scene Investigation
Drug Trends
Self-Defense
Active Shooter
Workplace Violence Prevent.
Others as requested...



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UW-Whitewater Police Introduce Alcohol Diversion Program

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The UW-Whitewater Police Services introduced the Alcohol Diversion Program this school year. The program allows an officer the discretion to refer cooperative, first time alcohol offenders to the program rather than issuing a citation. For the purpose of the Alcohol Diversion Program, first time offender is defined as a person that has had no previous alcohol contacts with Residence Life staff, the Dean of Students Office or UWW Police staff.

Most of the UWW students have not attained the legal drinking age of 21 in Wisconsin. Prior to the program if an UWW officer had an alcohol contact with an underage person a state citation would be issued for \$263.50 for the first offense. After conviction, the offense remained on the person's record on the internet circuit court access program. This permanent record would have life-long consequences including loss of employment opportunities.

In keeping with the UWW Police mission of providing for enforcement, education and assistance to our community the Alcohol Diversion Program was created. First time offenders that have made a poor behavior choice can be referred to the program with an opportunity to be responsible for that choice, analyze their behavior and learn how to change their decision-making process when confronted with the same choices in the future.

If an individual meets the eligibility requirements, is referred to the program by the arresting officer and successfully completes the program requirements, no citation will be issued and there will be no state record for the underage alcohol violation. There will be a local record maintained at UW-Whitewater Police Services of the individual's participation in the Alcohol Diversion Program. If individuals do not successfully complete the program, they receive a citation for the original offense and forfeit the administrative cost of the program.

In short, it's an opportunity to overcome a lapse in judgment without a "free pass". It is a way for an officer to provide a compassionate solution, remain involved and hopefully modify a negative behavior.

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