



# Safety First

## A Monthly UW-Whitewater Police Services Publication

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### UW-Whitewater Police Services, A Unique Police Agency

**W** WELCOME BACK to everyone returning and welcome to those new to our campus. We look forward to serving you this year and want to make you aware of who we are and what we have to offer.

**e** UW-Whitewater is its own community of approximately 11,000 students, staff and faculty. UWWPS is here to serve and protect you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. UWWPS has jurisdiction throughout all campus lands and buildings. All UWWPS officers are duly sworn, armed and have the same state certified training as all other law enforcement officers in the state of Wisconsin.

**I** UWWPS will provide pro-active, professional and personable services to our community, through planning, education and enforcement. Please do not be surprised if you see an officer or two walking through your Residence Hall or academic building. They are there to help you and ensure a safe environment is provided. To enhance that effort, Ofc. Shawn Spingler is our new Residence Hall Liaison Officer and his office is located in 114 Wells Hall. This is a joint effort of Student Affairs, Administrative Affairs and Police Services. Ofc. Spingler (Shawn) is there to work with the Hall Directors, Resident Assistants and students to ensure the safest, most productive educational environment possible in the east side Residence Halls. Drop by and say hi if you see the door open, he will be happy to talk to you!

**C** Help us to help you by following a few simple guidelines to make our campus a safer community than it already is:

- *Lock your door when you are not around, even if you are just "running down to the bathroom" ..*
- *Secure valuable items in your lockable desk drawers.*
- *Don't share your room keys with anyone.*
- *Do not let anyone into your hall, If they are supposed to be there they have access.*
- *Use the "buddy system".*
- *Keep a cellular phone with you at all times if available.*

**O** Please do not hesitate to call UWWPS. We will help in anyway we can. If we can't, we know who can. We don't just help with crime issues, we can give classes or presentation. We will even unlock or jumpstart cars. Honor, Service and Integrity is our motto, and we serve by it. The non-emergency police contact number is 262-472-4660 and the emergency number is 911 from any phone on or off campus.

### UW-Whitewater Police Services—Feature Staff



Officer Shawn Spingler

Shawn Spingler began his law enforcement career in 1998 in Woodstock, IL. Over the past ten years, he has worked in numerous law enforcement capacities which include; a boat patrol officer, a police officer for Fontana, WI and Delavan, WI, a Walworth County deputy sheriff, and for the past three years he has been employed with UW-Whitewater Police Services. While serving the UWW community he also fulfills extra departmental duties as; the Evidence Custodian, a Firearms Instructor, and as an Internet Crime Information and Prevention resource. Recently, he was appointed as the Residence Hall Liaison Officer. He can often be found walking throughout the residence halls and parking lots of the East Residence Hall Complex. If his door is open, feel free to visit and say hello.

### August Incident Summary

UW-Whitewater Police Services contacts involving an incident number being taken.

- 1 - Vandalism
- 2 - Worthless checks presented
- 2 - Assist Whitewater Rescue Squad
- 1 - Child abuse reported
- 5 - Assist outside law enforcement agencies
- 2 - Suspicious person complaints
- 6- Underage alcohol consumption
- 2 - Harassment investigations
- 1 - Burglary
- 21 - Traffic citations
- 9 - Fire / Burglar alarms activated
- 3 - Theft investigations
- 1 - Disorderly conduct investigation
- 3 - Unintentional damage to property
- 1 - Sexual assault investigation

### Question to the Chief....

I was asked this question during a presentation. I promised an answer in this months newsletter and here it is. If you have further questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Matt Kiederlen  
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### Who may possess OC (oleoresin capsicum) or pepper spray?



You must be over the age of 18 to possess or use pepper spray. In addition, *it is only legal to use OC (oleoresin capsicum) or pepper spray if you are defending yourself or your property.* Only products with an OC concentration of 10% or less are legal in Wisconsin. It is illegal to possess or use other tear gas (mace) products in Wisconsin.