

**POLICE NEWS**

**THE CAPTAIN'S CORNER**

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**Rhythm and Booms**

Rhythm and Booms 2006 is scheduled for Saturday July 1st, with a rain date of Sunday July 2nd. Planning has been underway for some time and actually began shortly after last year's event with a post event review, including suggestions for improvements for this year. City staff has held regular planning meetings with all involved in staffing or assisting with Rhythm &

Booms. Additionally the Madison Police Department has been working diligently on putting our plan together for this year. It requires not only developing a plan for July 1st, but also a contingency plan for the rain date of July 2nd.

Once again this year we will have over 200 officers assigned to work Rhythm & Booms. Approximately 80 of these officers are members of our Special Events Team (SET), which will be responsible for crowd management within Warner Park. The balance of the officers are assigned outside the park to traffic posts or other support assignments (including 4 motorcycles). This includes over 25 officers from assisting law enforcement agencies including the Dane County Sheriff's Office, Middleton Police,

Maple Bluff Police, Waunakee Police, University of Wisconsin Police, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Capitol Police and State Parks Wardens and DNR. We could not handle the major traffic issues related to this event without the assistance of these agencies.

In addition to fireworks, other activities for the event include entertainment stages, food vendors, a carnival mid-way for the kids and military demonstrations (including the popular F-16 flyover). WOLX radio (94.9) will be broadcasting live from the park throughout the day. Please remember to bring your radios to the park with you so you will be able to hear any important updates concerning weather, traffic, etc., as well as listen to the choreographed music during the fire-

works show.

Rhythm and Booms is a fun event for nearly 250,000 people who come into your neighborhoods to enjoy the music, carnival and fireworks. It is the Midwest's largest fireworks show. This event has been relatively problem free and traffic has flowed smoothly to and from Warner Park with motorists reporting only minor delays in getting home.

A reminder that on July 1st & 3rd city ordinance prohibits carry-in alcoholic beverages and charcoal grills in Warner Park. These are safety issues and we ask your cooperation in these areas.

We look forward to another safe and fun day for everyone as we celebrate Independence Day.

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