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### Spring 2013 UW Student Letter

#### SUMMARY:

- Pro-Enforcement action and a pro-arrest stance.
- Any person who flees from, fights with, lies to, or impedes an officers investigation will be placed under custodial arrest and transported to an arrest processing center or the DCJ.
- **CARRY IDENTIFICATION**
- Langdon Neighborhood Officer (LNPO) is available through May 3<sup>rd</sup> via email and telephone to answer questions about the Madison Police Department response.
- The LNPO will not have the authority to supersede, intervene, or otherwise have any ability to alter any arrest or legal action enforced.
- **A UW SANCTIONED EVENT THROUGH THE GREEK COUNCIL DOES NOT EXEMPT LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION**
- Having a party – The LNPO and the MPD strongly urge you to reconsider

#### LNPO COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Students: April 18<sup>th</sup> 5p.m. to 7p.m. Location: TBD

Community Members: April 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. Location: Central Community Room

**SCOPE:** The following information is provided to the Langdon Neighborhood and other communities tending to be primarily comprised of UW Students in an attempt to clarify the Langdon Neighborhood Officer (LNPO) response to the day of May 4<sup>th</sup> 2013.

*Excerpt from the Resident Information Letter:*

#### **Spring 2013** Resident Information Letter

**2013:** Due to the widespread public safety issues associated with past Mifflin Street Block Parties, an annual student event that has traditionally occurred on the first Saturday in May, **There will be no Mifflin Street Block Party on or around Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in 2013.** The Mifflin Street Block Party will no longer be a City permitted or sanctioned event. The City of Madison, UW Madison, area landlords and downtown residents, have all determined that the toll of the Mifflin Street Block Party far outweighs any benefit to our community. The house parties on Mifflin Street, with the rampant over-consumption of alcohol and the attendant safety issues will no longer be tolerated by the City of Madison.

It is important to note the primary mission of the LNPO and that of the Madison Police Department is to maintain the safety of persons and the protection of property. Therefore, on May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>, the LNPO and officers from the Madison Police Department will be conducting directed enforcement of all City Ordinances and State Statutes in and around the Downtown District.

**GREEK LIFE:** It has been the position of the LNPO to work with the UW System, Greek Life, and the Greek Organization. Due to the City of Madison response to the weekend of May 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, the LNPO will be available to answer questions via email or telephone up to May 3<sup>rd</sup> and throughout the weekend.

Beginning May 3<sup>rd</sup>, personnel from throughout the City of Madison Police Department - including the Special Events Team (S.E.T.) and agencies from throughout Dane County - will be in and around the Langdon Neighborhood.

The LNPO does not have the authority to supersede, intervene, or otherwise have any ability to alter any arrest or legal action enforced.

### **A UW SANCTIONED EVENT THROUGH THE GREEK COUNCIL DOES NOT EXEMPT LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

**HOUSE PARTIES/FRAT PARTY:** If you are considering hosting a party in the downtown area on or about 05/04/2013, the LNPO is strongly recommending that you reconsider. The Madison Police Department will be operating under a no tolerance policy in reference to enforcement of illegal house parties on Mifflin Street and the entire downtown area.

**ALCOHOL:** All City of Madison Ordinances are in effect and will be enforced. The Madison Police Department does not condone violations of alcohol ordinances, or violent or disruptive behavior. Common violations include (but are not limited to):

- **Underage drinking** – If you look under 21 and have alcohol, you will be asked to provide proof of age. (\$177 for First Offense)
- **Drinking on Private Property** – Only persons with express permission from the owner or tenants may drink alcohol on any private property in the City of Madison. (\$303 forfeiture)
- **Procuring Alcohol** – If you provide alcohol to someone who is not yet 21, you will be cited. This includes the underage people who walk into your open home and help themselves to alcohol. You are responsible for controlling who comes into your home and any alcohol you have in your residence. (\$366 forfeiture per violation per roommate)
- **Dispensing Alcohol** – You and your friends who are 21 or older can buy alcohol together and drink alcohol together, but you cannot resemble a bar. Any exchange of money for alcohol constitutes dispensing alcohol. (\$681 forfeiture per roommate)
- **Open Intoxicants on Public Street** – the 'Public Street' extends from the outside edge of the sidewalk, across the street to the far outside edge of the opposite sidewalk. No open alcohol is allowed in this area. Do not expect warnings even for perceived 'minor' transgressions of this ordinance. (\$303 forfeiture)
- **Depositing Human Waste** – Urinating outside will result in arrest. (\$177 forfeiture)
- **Nuisance Party Ordinance** – Any Party deemed a nuisance due to alcohol consumption along with safety violations will be shut down and citations will be issued. (Hosts \$500 forfeiture, Guests \$300 forfeiture).

**MUSIC:** If you provide any amplified music without a permit that emanates beyond the boundaries of your property you will likely receive a noise citation. You are responsible for monitoring the noise level. Police will **not** be providing "sound checks" to determine if you are in compliance or not. You will likely receive a noise citation with no warning.

**IDENTIFICATION:** A valid form of identification should be carried at all times. Even for a City Ordinance forfeitures, a person can be transported and booked into the DCJ when they cannot be positively identified.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION:** The LNPO feels strongly feels that all sexual assaults can be prevented. An incapacitated person should never be left alone, and a call to 911 should always be placed when a person is in a position that significantly places them at risk to be a victim. The LNPO adamantly maintains that a person's life and safety far outweighs the risk of receiving an underage citation.

Lastly consent should never be in question. WI State Statue 940.225(2)(cm) defines the following as Second Degree Sexual Assault – Class C Felony with a fine not to exceed \$100,000 and/or up to 40 years in prison:

*Has sexual contact or sexual intercourse with a person who is under the influence of an intoxicant to a degree which renders that person incapable of giving consent if the defendant has actual knowledge that the person is incapable of giving consent and the defendant has the purpose to have sexual contact or sexual intercourse with the person while the person is incapable of giving consent.*

**UW DEAN OF STUDENTS:** The UW Madison Dean of Students office assists the City of Madison with holding students who commit illegal activities accountable for their actions. If you choose to have an illegal house party on or around 05/04/2013 and you are cited by the Madison Police Department, your information will be sent to the UW Madison Dean of Students office and you will face additional disciplinary action. Academic sanctions may include anything up to expulsion.

The policies already established by the LNPO position and already expected on a daily basis will be in effect during the weekend of May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>. However, the difference will be the increased patrols by law enforcement during the weekend. Please exercise good judgment and exhibit positive behavior. The only guarantee for not having police contact resulting in law enforcement action is to remember it is just like any other weekend: standard citizen expectations still apply, limit alcohol consumption, and not be the host of party.

Respectfully,

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