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Wisconsin Crime Alert Network Success Stories

Burglar Caught!

On January 4, 2013, **Whitewater Police** issued an Alert concerning a burglary that morning at an AmeriGas location. The Alert noted a recent, similar burglary at an AmeriGas in McFarland.

The Dodge County Sheriff's Department received the Alert and recalled a burglary at an AmeriGas in Beaver Dam months earlier. At that time, other AmeriGas locations in the vicinity also experienced break-ins. The Dodge County Sheriff's Department decided to install a surveillance system at the Beaver Dam AmeriGas location to see if the burglar would strike again.

On January 18, 2013, two suspects, one of them armed with a handgun, were filmed breaking into the Beaver Dam AmeriGas, were arrested, and have been charged with the January 18, 2013, burglary as well as the prior Beaver Dam burglary.

Counterfeiter Thwarted!

On January 3, 2013, **Menomonee Falls Police** issued a Counterfeit Alert concerning a suspect taken into custody for passing a counterfeit \$100 bill at a local fast food restaurant. The suspect's description included a gold front tooth. Approximately 90 minutes later, **Manitowoc Police** issued a Counterfeit Alert about a suspect passing counterfeit \$100 bills at several local fast food restaurants. This suspect also was described as having a gold front tooth. The agencies touched base and realized that Menomonee Falls already had Manitowoc's suspect in custody, allowing them to solve both cases.

Missing Teenager Located!

On December 12, 2012, **Park Falls Police** issued an "Endangered Missing Child/Adult Alert" through the WCAN, concerning an 18-year-old female who was believed to be at risk of harm, and traveling with a 19-year-old male. Later the same day, with the help of numerous other agencies, the woman was safely located and the male suspect was in custody.

After a successful resolution of the case, the Park Falls Police Department commented, *"The alert concerning the missing endangered person we recently sent out brought us more assistance than we could have ever imagined. We are grateful to have this amazing tool."*



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Endangered Senior Rescued!

On January 22, 2013, eighty-two year-old Junior Fowble was on his way to a hospital in Newton, Iowa, and lost his way. He never arrived and was reported missing to Newton Police.

The next morning, after learning that Fowble was last in Wisconsin, the WCAN issued a missing persons alert to law enforcement, businesses, the public and media. With temperatures expected to dip into single digits and Fowble's known medical condition, the situation grew more urgent and another WCAN Alert was issued that afternoon.

Approximately 15 minutes after the second Alert, Fowble pulled into a Janesville Kwik Trip. Shortly after Fowble left the store, Kwik Trip personnel saw the WCAN Alert, recognized Fowble and called police. Later the same day, two more WCAN Alerts went out, and shortly before 7:30 pm, Fowble pulled into a gas station in Johnson Creek, where he was recognized from the local media coverage generated by the WCAN Alert. Law enforcement was called and Fowble was found safe.

Newton Police Chief Jeff Hoebelheinrich wrote in a letter to Attorney General Van Hollen, "*Had it not been for your Wisconsin Crime Alert Network, I dread thinking what would have happened to Mr. Fowble in the dead of winter as he drove without proper supplies and preparations.*"

Another Burglar Apprehended!

On November 21, 2012, **Ashland Police** sent an Alert concerning a female who had entered a local hospital with a child and was trying to gain access to office doors. The suspect stole a cell phone, cash and credit cards, and then used the credit cards at a business in Rice Lake, among other locations. Within 15 minutes of issuing the Alert, which included the suspect's photo, **Rice Lake** identified the suspect, who was later charged with three counts of burglary.

Shoplifter Nabbed!

On October 5, 2012, **Lodi Police Department** issued an Alert for an October 2, 2012, retail theft at a hardware store, which included the surveillance photo of a man suspected of stealing almost \$500 worth of merchandise. Within an hour, the **Sauk County Sheriff's Department** helped identify the suspect. Based on the information, Lodi Police interviewed the identified suspect, recovered the stolen property and made an arrest.

"As a police chief, I find this to be an incredibly powerful tool for connecting local law enforcement," Lodi Police Chief William Laughlin said. *"This incident was our first time using the WCAN, and without it, we may not have identified a suspect so quickly and recovered the stolen goods for our local business."*