

## Mifflin Event 2021 Summary

The department began planning for the annual Mifflin Street Block Party in February of 2021. The initial planning discussion involved an assistant chief, Central District command, SET command, SWAT command, and other supporting units (UAS, department scheduler, etc.). Planning meetings continued to occur right up until the week of the event. The uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic and, more specifically, the availability of vaccinations created additional challenges in the planning process. Almost all MPD staff were getting vaccinated, but early on it was still unclear when students or other non-front-line workers would be vaccinated. As the months passed and the vaccine became more freely available, our staffing had to change. We had originally planned for a reduced staffing plan, similar to the numbers we staffed for last year during the height of the pandemic; however, with the likelihood of more vaccinated students in town and willing to attend the gathering, our staffing numbers were increased.

Early in the 2021 planning, staffing numbers planned to be similar to 2020. The original plan included no arrest transport team, traffic team, or arrest processing center. As we got closer to the event date, April 24<sup>th</sup>, vaccinations were readily available in the community and we noticed a larger than expected number of students in town. With this in mind, the decision was made to add more officers to our staffing plan. An arrest transport, arrest processing center, and additional strike team were added. We also decided to request a glass ban ordinance from the Madison Common Council.

On the day of the event, the Command Post opened at 10am. The weather was pleasant, with overcast clouds and temperatures in the 60s. There was a short period of rain in the afternoon, and the event drew a higher than expected number of local students. Throughout the day members of our Special Events Team (SET) and strike teams were deployed on foot in the area. The demobilization process began at 7pm and the CP was closed at 7:45pm.

A total of 40 municipal ordinance citations were written directly related to the Mifflin event on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Some of the citations were written the day of the event and others were issued after the completion of follow-up investigations. The majority of the ordinance citations were for underage possession/consumption of alcohol off a licensed premises. A number of other citations were issued: underage person having an identification that wasn't theirs, possession of alcohol on street/sidewalk, disorderly conduct, glass-free zone, and obstructing/resisting. A total of 4 people went through the arrest processing center during the event. As a result of follow-up investigation, there were 4 misdemeanor referrals related to the damaged property investigations and 5 Public Health Madison Dane County COVID-19 public gathering violation referrals.

Respectfully submitted,

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