

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**DECEMBER 2009**

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **Nightclub Issues**

In September, the Department sent a notice to Club XS (formerly Pachuco's), 8152 Forsythia Street, notifying management that the high number of call activity was in violation of Middleton's Chronic Nuisance Ordinance. An abatement plan was developed between the Police Department and management of Club XS, but because of continued calls for service at the nightclub of a violent nature, the Department requested that the City Council suspend the club's liquor license. Prior to a hearing, Club XS agreed to close for a two week period, which included New Year's Eve and to abide with the Abatement Plan.

## **CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES**

### **Community Events**

On Sunday, December 6, Middleton Police participated in "Shop with a Cop". A group of local kids were taken to buy presents at Target. The gifts were then wrapped during a pizza party at a VFW.

On Tuesday, December 15, a group of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders from local Cub Scout Pack 340 were given a tour of the Middleton Police Department.

If you would like more information or would like to involve the Police Department in a community presentation or event, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Middleton Business Watch**

If you would like to join the Middleton Business Watch or need to update your contact information, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Police Citizens' Academy**

The Middleton Police Citizens' Academy has been cancelled for 2010 due to construction of the new Police Department and budget cuts. The Citizens' Academy will start up again in the spring of 2011.

The Academy runs for ten weeks and is open to adults that live or work in Middleton. Class size is usually limited to 12 students.

If you live or work in Middleton and are interested in attending a future academy, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)**

On Wednesday, December 2, the Middleton Police Department showed their appreciation to the VIPS by hosting an Italian night out. Police staff served the meal and presented awards.

If you are interested in the Middleton Police Department VIPS program, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Safe Assured ID Kits**

Middleton Police are also looking at taking reservations for kits being done one Wednesday night a month.

If you would like to have the ID system at an event or if you would like to donate money for the purchase of more kits, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Community Awareness Fund**

Middleton Community Awareness Programs such as GREAT, Speed Watch, National Night Out, Citizens' Academy, Bike Safety Day, NSI Family Safety Day and Shop with a Cop are funded almost entirely from community donations.

Thanks to all the local groups that have stepped up and helped us fund our new GREAT (Gang Resistance Education and Training) program!

If you would like to donate money to the Community Awareness Fund, please send a check or money order to “**Middleton Volunteer Partnership Inc.**” or “**MVP Inc.**”, 7426 Hubbard Avenue, Middleton, WI 53562.

**Together we can make a difference.**

If you have any questions about donations or programs, please contact CAO David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

In November, Middleton Officers handled 1460 calls for service, 687 were field initiated, 773 were dispatched, issued 503 citations, made 21 criminal arrests and investigated 20 accidents.

In December, Middleton Officers handled 1473 calls for service, 534 were field initiated, 939 were dispatched, issued 312 citations, made 31 criminal arrests and investigated 31 accidents.

**Significant Events in December:**

MI09-8976, 12/03/09, 9:27 PM, 2612 Branch Street, Homicide

The bodies of 32 year old Tracy Judd and 23 month old Deja Adair were located in the trunk of a vehicle which had been left in an apartment parking lot in the 2600 block of Branch Street. The bodies were originally discovered by Madison Police officers and detectives, investigating another homicide case where an adult female and her daughter were also murdered. Middleton police officers and detectives, worked with their counterparts at the Madison Police Department and the Dane County Sheriff's Department to fully investigate the case and identify a suspect. Tyronne Adair was determined to be responsible for the murders of four people. His body was found near Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, on 12/07/09, dead from a self inflicted gunshot wound.

MI09-8986, 12/04/09, 2300 block Parmenter Street, Burglary

Commercial business was broken into overnight, money and cash stolen.

MI09-9099, 12/10/09, 6100 block Century Avenue, Theft

A .357 Magnum and 45 caliber pistol were stolen from an apartment.

MI09-9175, 12/14/09, Harbor Athletic Club, Thefts

On 12/14/09, two men entered Harbor Athletic Club and requested a guest pass stating they were from Pennsylvania. At least three members had their credit cards stolen and immediately charges totaling in excess of \$9,000.00 began showing up at Madison area electronic stores. One of the suspects is pictured below:



MI09-9426, 12/29/09, 3000 block Woodland Trail, Burglary

While the residents were out of the country on vacation, their home was broken into. Computers and jewelry were stolen.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

On December 2, Sgt. Mueller attended the Dane County Traffic Safety Commission meeting at the Dane County Highway Garage. This Commission, mandated by statute, meets every three months to discuss traffic safety issues. Safe Communities passed out educational pamphlets regarding teen drivers and driveway backing safety. These were later placed outside of the Middleton Municipal Court window. Law enforcement and judicial collaboration was discussed. Court Commissioner Todd Meuer was in attendance and suggested that municipal judges and city attorneys could benefit from attendance. The unfortunate trend of under age 21 males involved in fatal accidents involving alcohol was also discussed. The last four fatal accidents prior to this meeting all involved that demographic. Dane County Highway said that the cost of road salt was up 27% from last year so they are looking at effective lower cost alternatives (very timely in light of the later severe snow storm).

During the month of December, staffing was often at minimums and there were numerous days of severe weather which limited the directed traffic patrol assignments. About 25.5 hours were spent on directed patrol. Airport Road, Allen Blvd, Century Avenue, Deming Way, Kenyon/Parmenter, Maywood Avenue, N Gammon Road, Parmenter Street, Pheasant Branch Road, Hwy Q, University Avenue and Stonefield Road at Boundary and Clovernook Roads were all targeted.

Enforcement action consisted of Speeding with 15 citations and two warnings, three Stop Sign citations, Registration with two citations and three warnings, four warnings for Equipment and one warning for Too Fast for Conditions.

There were 47 reportable accidents of which nine were in parking lots. This compares to 2008 December with 55 reportable accidents with nine in parking lots.

## **TRAINING**

There was no specialized training scheduled for December. Plans were finalized for in-service training and Intoxilyzer recertification in January.

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

Middleton High School  
Officer Travis Kakuske

During the month of December, there were 36 total calls for service at Middleton High School (MHS). The number of calls were down this month, mainly due to the fact that students were off for two weeks for winter break. Some of the calls in December included seven disturbances, one fight, four lost properties, and three check person calls. There were also seven tickets issued at MHS in December, including two for truancy,

three for daytime loitering, one for disorderly conduct, and one for possession of a controlled substance (marijuana). In addition to municipal tickets in December, I also referred two charges to the Dane County Circuit Court. These offenses included disorderly conduct and one charge of possessing a dangerous weapon on school grounds.

During the month, I participated in several other initiatives as well, including attending a monthly Dane County SRO meeting at the Waunakee Police Department, appearing in a student video for a class project, attending a Municipal Peer Court meeting, and assisting with the MIPD Volunteers in Policing (VIP) Dinner held at MHS. Additionally, I also participated in a meeting geared towards stopping the littering and damage occurring at Firemen's Park, which is located adjacent to MHS. Since the beginning of the year, a large amount of litter has been accumulating in the park, and the park has also been damaged as well. Approximately ten MHS students, identified as frequent users of the park, attended the meeting, as did an MHS administrator, and representatives from the



Middleton Parks Department and Public Works. The meeting was very positive and students agreed to take more ownership of the park and help keep it clean in the future.

In December, I also had the opportunity to appear in several health classes and instruct students about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, including the legal consequences if caught using these substances. As part of

the presentation, students had the opportunity to try on a pair of "fatal vision" goggles, which simulate the effects of being impaired by alcohol. Students then had the chance to perform a series of field sobriety tests with the goggles on, thus illustrating how much alcohol can impair your ability to operate a vehicle.

Kromrey Middle School  
Officer Matt Sherry

December was a short month due to the last two weeks being devoted to Christmas break. With the days leading up to break, it was a little busier than normal.

The month of December had relatively slow call volume. I took five calls for service. These calls included two disturbances, one fight, one threats complaint, and one truancy related incident. One citation was issued for truancy and a combination of State charges and warnings were given for the rest of the incidents. I also followed up on two patrol cases involving Kromrey Students.

December also brought the end of the G.R.E.A.T. program for the year. A graduation from G.R.E.A.T. was held on December 15. Dinner and refreshments were served and many families attended. The students were given certificates for their achievements. A good time was had by all and I look forward to teaching G.R.E.A.T. next school year.



I was not able to attend the monthly School Resource Officer meeting due to a scheduling conflict. I attended the weekly Building Consultation Team meetings. I also attended the Peer Court Advisory meeting. I spoke to the Optimist Club regarding a donation they so kindly gave to the G.R.E.A.T. program. This donation will be put towards student incentives and operating costs involved in running G.R.E.A.T. For one week in December I also finished the last elementary school with Keeping Safe. I spent a week at Sauk Trail Elementary talking to Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

### **Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals**

44 Adults  
76 Criminal Counts  
3 Civil Forfeitures

### **Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals**

6 Juveniles  
10 Criminal Counts  
0 Civil Forfeitures

### **Municipal Court Citations Issued**

295 Adult Citations