

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



JULY 2009

ITEMS OF INTEREST

July was the first full month in which officers could make traffic stops when observing seatbelt violations (Primary Enforcement). It was expected that seatbelt citation numbers would increase once Primary Enforcement was allowed. Middleton Police Department's numbers far exceeded expectations. During June 2009, there were 47 warnings and citations while July's numbers were 215 warnings and citations, almost a five fold increase. The Department's seatbelt enforcement had already been up 102% this year for the first six months (453 vs 224), in part due to extra effort as part of the OWI grant. Including the July figures, the Department is up 160% over last year (668 vs 258). Officers are to be commended for their attention to this important aspect of driver safety. This should help the seatbelt usage to increase in the City of Middleton, a situation that will decrease injuries and save lives on our roadways.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Community Events

On Wednesday, July 1; Thursday, July 2; and Friday, July 3, a Middleton Police Officer finished presentations to The Little Gym for their "Hero Camp" along with the Middleton Fire Department.

On Saturday, July 4, the Stonefield, Middleton Hills and Northlake neighborhoods were assisted by Middleton Police with their annual 4th of July parades.

On Wednesday, July 8, a Middleton Police Officer attended a neighborhood meeting of Mendota Avenue residents to discuss crime prevention and concerns.

On Sunday, July 12, the Middleton Police attended the Middleton Municipal Airport (Morey Field) annual EAA Pancake Breakfast and Fly-in. It was a record crowd and children were able to check out the police car and meet McGruff.

On Monday, July 20, Middleton Police gave a brief presentation to the Commission on Aging reference the vital role Senior Center case management plays.

On Monday, July 27, a local Daisy Troop was 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.

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.

Police Citizens' Academy

The 2010 Police Citizens' Academy will be held next spring. The actual start date depends on the construction of the new police department building. The Academy runs for ten weeks and is open to adults that live or work in Middleton. Class size is 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.

Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

Our VIPS Speed Watch team continues to be active in the Parmenter Street and North High Point Road areas.

VIPS helped with the Airport Pancake Breakfast EAA Fly-In on July 12 by playing McGruff.

VIPS will be helping out with National Night Out and the Good Neighbor Fest next month.

Middleton Police plan to open up VIPS to the general public this fall.

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.

Safe Assured ID Kits

The Middleton Police Department will be setting up its ID system at National Night Out on August 5 and at NSI Family Safety Day on September 12.

Middleton Police are also looking at taking reservations for kits one Saturday each 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.

Community Awareness Fund

Middleton Community Awareness Programs such as 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.

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.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

In June, Middleton Officers handled 1766 calls for service, 794 were field initiated, 972 dispatched, issued 429 citations, made 31 criminal arrests and investigated 32 accidents.

In July, Middleton Officers handled 1923 calls for service, 958 were field initiated, 965 were dispatched, issued 655 citations, made 27 criminal arrests and investigated 21 accidents.

Significant calls in July:

MI 09-4718, 07/04/09, 6:40 PM, 6300 Pheasant Lane, Disturbance

Report of a large fight in the courtyard by the outdoor pool in the Springtree Apartment Complex. The crowd grew to more than 30 plus people. Mutual aid from the Dane County Sheriff's Department, Madison Police Department, and the Shorewood Hills Police Department was requested due to the amount of people yelling and screaming and in the area. Delori DeLeon and Peggy Lund were eventually cited for Disorderly Conduct.

MI 09-4821, 07/08/09, UW Credit Union, 6750 Century Avenue, Fraud

Employees of UW Credit Union had been notified of a group passing stolen checks at area financial institutions throughout the day. The group came to the drive-up window and attempted to pass another stolen check. The bank called the police and patrol units stopped the car. The case was turned over to detectives and the case is still pending.

MI 09-4823, 07/08/09, 7400 block of Century Avenue, Burglary

Between 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM, unknown person(s) entered an apartment and took cash and a laptop. It is believed the suspect(s) were able to force open the front door.

MI 09-4922, 07/13/09, 1200 block of N High Point Road, Burglary

Residents woke in the morning and discovered that their house had been entered and items taken. Investigation revealed that the residents left their car unlocked in the

driveway. The suspect(s) were able to access the garage door opener and gain access to the house. Cash was taken during the burglary.

MI 09-5105, 07/19/09, 6900 block of Century Avenue, Burglary

Suspect(s) entered a garage and took a number of expensive tools.

MI 09-5183, 07/22/09, 2:49 AM, Subway, 2602 Allen Blvd, Damage to Property

Police received an alarm at Subway. Upon arrival, officers discovered a window was shattered but no entry was gained to the business.

MI 09-5225, 07/23/09, Maywood Avenue, Graffiti

Numerous reports of gang graffiti spray painted on homes and cars.

MI 09-5314, 07/25/09, 3500 block of Salerno Court, Domestic Disturbance, Stolen Vehicle

Middleton officers were dispatched to Arbor Lakes Apartments for a reported domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, officers were alerted to the suspect attempting to leave in a Jeep Cherokee and tried to stop him, but he fled and then abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. Officers eventually apprehended the suspect. Subsequent investigation showed the suspect was driving a stolen vehicle. Travis Oninski, Orfordville, WI, was charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Owner's Consent, Receiving Stolen Property, Resisting Arrest and Obstructing an Officer.

MI 09-5469, 07/30/09, 1:22 AM, Hody Bar, 1914 Aurora Street, Robbery

A man said he was approached by two men in the bar and then went outside with them. He said they robbed him after threatening him with a gun (which he did not see). Lessie Stewart, of Stoughton, was identified as one of the suspects and was arrested in Waterloo, Iowa, and is being extradited back to Wisconsin.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Officers were deployed for 16 hours as part of the Operating While Intoxicated grant. Enforcement activity was: one OWI, four Operating after Suspension/Operating after Revocation, five Open Intoxicants, five Signal/Sign violations, three Speeding, two Registration and six other citations. There were five warnings.

Motor Officer Mike Wood made 50 traffic stops during the month with 59 enforcement actions taken. Citations were: 14 Speeding, seven Seatbelt, four OAR/OAS, and one each for Registration, Following Too Close and Too Fast for Conditions. Thirty-one warnings were issued. Officer Wood continues to show the validity of the Department having an officer dedicated to traffic enforcement.

Officers responded to 41 accident calls in July of which 21 were reportable. Three of the reportable ones were on private property. This compares to 55 responses in 2008 with 40 being reportable and of those nine were in parking lots.

Directed traffic patrols were performed for approximately 53 hours during July. Roads patrolled were: Branch Street, Boundary/Stonefield intersection, Century Avenue, Charing Cross, Maywood Avenue, N Gammon Road, Park Street, Parmenter/Kenyon intersection, Pheasant Branch Road, Pleasant View Road, University Avenue and Hwy 12. One hundred-sixty enforcement actions were taken. They were: 32 citations and 15 warnings for Speeding, 45 citations and four warnings for Seatbelt violations, 21 citations and one warning for Sign/Signal violations, 12 citations for OAR/OAS, five citations and 12 warnings for Registration violations, two warnings and two citations for Driver's License violations, three warnings for Equipment, two warrants served, two citations for Obstructing, one citation for Failure to Notify DOT of Address Change and one warning for U-turn.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

On 07/30/09, at 0122 hours, Middleton Police officers responded to the Hody Bar and Grill, 1914 Aurora Street, in the City of Middleton, for a report of a strong armed robbery. The victim reported that two male suspects forcibly took approximately \$60.00 from him.

The victim informed responding officers that he was approached by two black male subjects who began a casual conversation with him. After a moment of conversation, the victim stated that the larger of the two suspects demanded that they be given all the cash he had on him. The victim stated that he refused and the larger of the two suspects then told his partner to get his gun. When the second suspect lifted his shirt to pull out a gun, the victim immediately gave up his cash. The victim then informed officers that he observed the suspects enter a sport utility vehicle and flee the area. The victim was able to provide officers with the license plate to this vehicle.

A check of Wisconsin Department of Transportation records revealed that this vehicle was registered to L. Rushmore. Detectives eventually located Rushmore and conducted several interviews with her the following day. Rushmore eventually admitted that she did go to the Hody Bar with her boyfriend, L. Stewart, and his cousin. Rushmore stated that she knew Stewart's cousin only by the street name of Pookie.

Rushmore confirmed that she drove Stewart and Pookie to the Hody Bar. Rushmore stated that she waited in the car while Stewart and Pookie went into the Hody. Rushmore stated that Stewart came to her car asking for aspirin, which he then crushed up and put into a cigar wrapper. Rushmore stated that as Stewart was crushing up the aspirin, to make it look like cocaine, she observed a white male waiting by the dumpsters with Pookie. Rushmore stated that she then heard Pookie approach Stewart and say "the guy is getting nervous." Rushmore stated that Pookie suggested "just hit the guy and take his money", but Stewart wanted to do it a different way. Rushmore stated that shortly after Stewart and Pookie returned to the guy waiting near the dumpsters, they returned to her car in an agitated state and wanted to leave.

During a second interview with detectives, the victim admitted that he had left out significant portions of what occurred on the evening in question. The victim informed detectives that, while visiting the Hody Bar, he stepped outside to have a cigarette. While outside, he was approached by a skinny black male who asked "Do you smoke?" The victim took this to mean did he smoke marijuana. The victim told Pookie that he did. Pookie asked the victim to take a walk. The victim stated that he and Pookie walked around the corner of the Hody and were then met by another larger black male (Stewart). The victim stated that he had observed Pookie and Stewart together within the tavern earlier that evening.

The victim further stated that Stewart walked over to a parked SUV and returned with a cellophane wrapper containing a white powder. Stewart asked the victim to taste the powder. The victim thought the white powder was cocaine and declined the offer. Stewart asked the victim if he had any money. The victim said yes and reached into his pants pocket and pulled out approximately \$60.00 in U.S. currency. Stewart then grabbed the money from his hand and said "This is for the taste." The victim protested, as he insisted that he did not taste the suspected cocaine. The victim demanded his money be returned and Stewart then told Pookie to pull out his gun. Pookie reached for his waist band indicating that he had a gun. The victim stated he became very concerned and quickly determined that the \$60.00 was not worth finding out if Pookie really had a gun or not and stopped protesting.

Middleton Police Detectives and Dane County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a lengthy search for the suspects. During the week of 08-03-09, Stewart was arrested on a probation and parole warrant in Iowa. Stewart is incarcerated in Iowa while awaiting extradition to Wisconsin to face charges from this incident.

During the month of July, 84 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, eight cases were assigned to patrol officers and 28 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

- 6 - Burglaries
- 9 - Domestic Follow-up
- 2 - Child Abuse
- 11 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 1 - Disorderly Conduct
- 1 - Fire
- 5 - Fraud
- 2 - Graffiti
- 3 - Harassment
- 6 - Larceny
- 1 - Missing Persons
- 1 - Robbery
- 3 - Sexual Assaults
- 2 - Stolen Automobiles
- 7 - Stolen Bicycles

- 4 - Thefts from Automobiles
- 8 - Uniform Controlled Substances

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

- 48 Adults
- 86 Criminal Counts
- 9 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

- 3 Juveniles
- 3 Criminal Counts
- 0 Civil Forfeitures

Municipal Court Citations Issued

- 642 Municipal Citations