

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**JUNE 2009**

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

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

Our new VIPS have been trained for Speed Watch neighborhood radar patrols. Our first volunteers were out running radar on Parmenter Street due to the complaints from the residents in that neighborhood. Warning letters were sent to the registered owners of any vehicles going eight mph or more over the speed limit.

VIPS worked the Big Event on Saturday, June 13, volunteering as crossing guards and giving out information and directions.

VIPS also helped with the Citizens' Academy Graduation, making it a successful event.

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](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Motorcycle Unit**

June 18, was the first day of full time motor officer patrol as Officer Mike Wood began patrol on the Harley Davidson police motorcycle. He was able to ride most days the rest of the month but did have to switch to a squad on rainy days. He took 42 enforcement actions during that time. He wrote: 12 citations for Speeding and seven warnings, five citations for Registration and one warning, three OAS/OAR citations, three Seat Belt citations, one No Driver's License citation, four warnings for Failure to Obey Sign, three Equipment warnings, one U-Turn warning, one Inattentive Driving warning and one warning for Failure to Move Left for Stopped Emergency Vehicle. The program is off to a great start.

### **Motorcycle Safety**

On June 10, the *Green-Yellow-Red 2009 campaign* was kicked off at Quaker Steak and Lube with one of our officers working traffic enforcement in the area as the enforcement arm of the event. Dane County and Madison Police motorcycle officers put on a skills display and there were safety displays and talks by GYR participants. This campaign is now national in scope and has a lengthy paper on the National Highway Transportation Safety Act web site: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/portal/site/nhtsa/motorcycles>. The paper is listed under the heading Motorcycle Safety Programs. Please take the time to read this important motorcycle safety paper about a program that Middleton Police played a large part in.

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

### Community Events

On Wednesday, June 17, Little Red Preschool received a tour of the Police Department and squad car.

On Saturday, June 20, a Middleton Police Officer and squad attended Family Video's Customer Appreciation Day. Middleton Fire also attended.

On Sunday, June 28, a Middleton Police Officer and squad attended the M.O.M. fundraiser at Scatz Nightclub. Middleton Fire and EMS also attended.

On Monday, June 29, and Tuesday, June 30, a Middleton Police Officer gave a presentation to The Little Gym for their "Hero Camp" along with the Middleton Fire 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

Middleton Business Watch is adding (7) more signs to the gateway areas of Middleton.

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 2009 Academy had their graduation ceremony at the Middleton Senior Center on Wednesday, June 3. Current and former graduates enjoyed dinner, graduation certificates, special awards and a video of all the classes.

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).

### 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](mailto: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.", 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 May, Middleton Officers handled 1791 calls for service, 839 were field initiated, 952 dispatched, issued 499 citations, made 28 criminal arrests and investigated 31 accidents.

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.

### **Significant Events in June:**

#### MI 09-3820, 06/01/09, 9:41 PM, 5100 Block of Torino Court, Burglary

Three males were observed breaking into an apartment through the sliding patio door. Money and jewelry were taken.

#### MI 09-3938, 06/04/09, 11:58 PM, 1200 Block of Sweeney Drive, Domestic Disturbance

Officers responded to the report of a violent domestic disturbance. Arriving officers discovered a woman with a significant neck wound which was received when a male threw a ceramic bowl at her which broke. The woman was rushed to the hospital and underwent emergency surgery. The male and female were each charged with numerous offenses.

#### MI 09-3960, 06/07/09, 3600 Block of Napoli Lane, Burglary

A resident left his door unlocked while he went to a nearby convenience store. Upon returning he discovered cash missing from his apartment.

MI 09-4247, 06/17/09, 8:45 PM, Mi Cocina Restaurant, Theft of Motor Vehicle, Abduction

Three women and a two year old child were at Mi Cocina restaurant. Two of the women took the child and left the child's mother in the restaurant, then took her car. Officers were able to make contact with the suspects and arranged to recover the child and vehicle. Dulcinea Wells, age 23 of Madison, was charged with Abduction, Theft of Motor Vehicle and Operating after Revocation.

MI 09-4452, 06/26/09, 7300 Block of Donna Drive, Theft of Motor Vehicle

A worker at the new Police Department construction site reported that his vehicle was stolen sometime after lunch. Video surveillance indicated the vehicle was taken around 12:30 PM. The vehicle was recovered in Monona later that evening after a chase.

MI 09-4555, 06/29/09, 3200 Block of Patty Lane, Burglary

Residents returned to their apartment and discovered it had been broken into and money taken.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

On June 3, Sgt. Mueller attended the Dane County Traffic Safety Committee meeting. This is a new committee assignment. The Dane County Traffic Officer Safety Committee has merged with this one which involves, traffic engineers, EMS, Fire, Wisconsin DOT and Safe Communities. During each meeting, the fatal traffic accidents since the last meeting are discussed to see what caused them and if enforcement or engineering changes could make a difference. County road work projects are also discussed. Many other traffic safety issues are also discussed. Although traffic deaths are down statewide as of June 3, Dane County is not following that trend as there are 13 vs 12 at that date last year. Motorcycle deaths statewide are 28 this year vs 13 last year. An interesting statistic provided was that four out of ten motorcyclists on the road are improperly licensed or suspended/revoked.

One June 28, Middleton Police officers assisted Madison Police with Rhythm and Booms traffic control. Without Middleton's help, traffic to the west of the event would not move as smoothly.

Directed traffic patrols were performed for about 25 hours during the month. Roads targeted were: Hwy 12, Airport Road, Century Avenue, N Gammon Road, N High Point Road, Parmenter Street, Pheasant Branch Road and University Avenue. Enforcement: Speeding 44 citations and 12 warnings, Registration three citations and two warnings, OAS/OAR two citations, Failure to Yield to Pedestrian one citation and two warnings, Failure to Obey Sign/Signal one citation and two warnings, Seat Belt one citation and one warning for Failure to Move Left for Stopped Squad car.

*Of special note, Officer Winer wrote 27 citations for Speed and three warnings on Pheasant Branch Road. Those numbers are included in the above figures. Several residents in the area praised his efforts to slow traffic on this road.*

The Department received national recognition in the magazine “The Mounted Officer” with a full page story, with color photograph, about the donation by Quaker Steak and Lube of the Harley Davidson motorcycle to our Department. The article can be viewed by going to:

[http://www.harleydavidson.com/wcm/Content/Pages/Police\\_Motorcycles/mounted\\_officer.jsp?locale=en\\_US](http://www.harleydavidson.com/wcm/Content/Pages/Police_Motorcycles/mounted_officer.jsp?locale=en_US).

Sgt. Mueller was tasked to author a plan to address excessive vehicle noise, specifically “jake brakes”, delivery vehicles/garbage trucks delivering in early morning hours and excessively loud vehicle exhausts. The plan was finalized and will be implemented in July.

June saw 39 accidents in the city with 12 being on private property or in parking lots. One unusual accident occurred when a driverless vehicle parked in a resident’s driveway rolled down a hill and struck a tree. 2008 June figures were 37 accidents with 14 of them being in parking lots or on private property.

## **TRAINING**

### **Specialized Training**

Breath Examiner Specialist, 24 hours, Sellek  
Street Crimes Seminar, 24 hours, Wilson and Olson  
Impaired Driving and Legal Update, 8 hours, Riffenburg and Sellek  
Drugs that Impair Driving, 8 hours, Riffenburg and Sellek  
Power Point for Public Safety, 16 hours, Kasdorf and O’Connor  
National Association of School Resource Officer - Basic Course, 40 hours, T Kakuske and Sherry  
Performance Improvement Program (PIP), 8 hours, Foulke  
Quota-Free Police Productivity System, 8 hours, Foulke

### **In-Service Training**

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter In-Service was completed June 3. Topics included Firearms, Autism Training and Legal Update.

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

The criminal activity category “Uniform Controlled Substances” is used to describe all offenses that involve the illegal use, sale or distribution of drugs. These investigations range from the neighborhood complaint of short-term traffic at a specific residence, to the overdose death of a heroin user.

Complaints involving the sale and use of drugs account for only a fraction of the criminal activity that can be directly related to the Middleton drug scene. In evaluating the case assignments and arrests made by the ISB unit in June, it became apparent that at least a tenth of the investigations assigned outside of the Uniformed Controlled Substance category were truly drug related crimes. These ancillary crimes include burglary, thefts from autos, larceny, domestic abuse and numerous frauds. Each of these crimes were the direct result of drug use/abuse, an attempt to attain drugs or the furtherance of the drug trade.

Twenty-five of the 49 cases assigned for additional investigation during the month of June were drug related. The Middleton Police Department is currently committing at least 25 percent of its investigatory resources on this issue.

During the month of June, 77 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, 13 cases were assigned to patrol officers and 39 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

- 1 - Assaults
- 2 - Burglaries
- 2 - Death Investigations
- 11 - Domestic Follow-up
- 1 - Child Abuse
- 6 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 5 - Fraud
- 5 - Graffiti
- 4 - Harassment
- 7 - Larceny
- 2 - Sexual Assaults
- 3 - Stolen Automobiles
- 11 - Thefts from Automobiles
- 15 - Uniform Controlled Substances
- 2 - Missing Persons

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

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

55 Adults  
126 Criminal Counts  
0 Civil Forfeitures

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

9 Juveniles

11 Criminal Counts  
0 Civil Forfeitures

**Municipal Court Citations Issued**

402 Municipal Citations