

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**MARCH 2009**

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **Burglaries – Capital Ice Arena**

On 03/30/09, Robert Suter, owner of the Capital Ice Arena, reported a burglary where the office and the vending machines were broken into. It appeared that the suspect(s) broke into the office by breaking the door glass, obtained keys for the vending machines, and stole approximately \$160.00 and two pairs of \$500.00 skates.

On 04/06/09, the office manager for Capital Ice, Kevin Krage, reported another burglary to the Capital Ice Arena. Krage reports that the office was broken into again by breaking the door glass and it appears that vending machines were empty when they should have money in them.

On 04/09/09, Middleton Police Detectives installed a silent alarm and two hidden cameras at the Capital Ice Arena. One camera was in the office and the other in the Pro Shop.

On 04/15/09, at approximately 3:25 AM, Middleton officers were dispatched to Capital Ice because the silent alarm was sounding. Upon arrival, officers observed a single suspect inside the building. The suspect eventually was able to escape out a back door and then ran toward a housing development located behind Capital Ice.

The suspect was later identified as Deon Howard. Howard fled to his truck which he had parked in a nearby housing development. At approximately 3:40 AM, Howard attempted to leave the area in the pickup truck. In doing so, Howard drove past two Middleton officers who were on foot and who motioned for him to stop. Two Dane County Sheriff Deputies attempted to block Howard's exit with a squad car. Howard drove over the curb, around the squad car and fled south on Pleasant View Road. Officers lost Howard as he fled from the burglary scene but were able to get the license plate of the truck Howard was driving.

Officers contacted the registered owner, William Howard, and learned that his grandson, Deon Howard, was most likely the person driving the truck. At approximately 3:55 AM, Deon Howard attempted to return home, where he lives with Mr. and Mrs. William Howard, 442 Agnes Drive, Madison. Madison officers spotted Howard near his residence and attempted to stop him. Howard again fled, leading officers on a vehicle chase through the Odana Golf Course, and Tokay Middle School soccer and baseball fields. Deon Howard was able to lose the officers near Whitney Way.

Howard then attempted to go to his girlfriend's residence, near St. Mary's Hospital in downtown Madison. At 5:00 AM, a Madison officer spotted Howard and they again attempted to stop him. Howard fled through a construction site causing a large amount of dust. Because of the dust, Howard was able to elude the Madison officer.

Howard then drove to a friend's residence, located near Home Depot, in the city of Madison. Howard parked his truck about one block away, got out and started to walk to

his friend's residence. At 6:09 AM, as Howard started his walk, a Madison officer drove past him and attempted to stop him. Howard fled on foot through back yards until he finally gave up and was arrested at 6:11 AM.

On 04-15-09, Middleton Police Detectives drafted and executed two search warrants in reference to this case. Searches of Howard's home and vehicle were conducted. In conducting these searches, stolen property from the Capital Ice Arena and several Madison area thefts was located.

On 04-15-09, at approximately 8:10 AM, a custodial interview was conducted with Deon Howard at the Middleton Police Department. During this interview, Howard confessed to committing the 04-06-09 and 04-15-09 burglaries of the Capital Ice Arena.

### **Probationary Officers**

Police Officer Jessica Quamme successfully completed her field training and began working solo patrol. She was assigned to work 3<sup>rd</sup> shift. Officer Quamme will be paired with a mentor for the remainder of her probationary period which is 18 months. Probationary officers Nick Stroik and Chris Formby are working solo patrol on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> shift respectively.

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

### **Community Events**

A Police Department tour was given to a group of Daisy Scouts on Monday, March 2.

On Friday, March 13, a Taser presentation was given for several 7th grade Science classes at Kromrey Middle School. The presentation included a live fire demonstration at an inanimate target.

On Monday, March 16, Middleton Police attended a presentation on Autism at the Middleton Public Library. A police officer answered questions from parents of autistic children.

On Wednesday, March 25, Middleton Police gave a presentation at the Little Red Preschool for their "Community Helpers" week. The kids were also able to look at a police car up close.

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 has scheduled its Spring Training Seminar for April 22 at 7:30 AM in the Middleton City Hall Council Chambers. Our guest speaker is Chuck Oglesby from RED Management (Greenway Station) who will be giving a presentation on “Surviving Today’s Economy”.

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 is set to start April 1 and run through June 3. The Academy meets for ten weeks every Wednesday night from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM except for one class on a Saturday morning.

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)**

The Middleton Police Department now has a volunteer citizen board, Middleton Volunteer Partnership (MVP), working to get VIPS up and running.

Possible volunteer positions are Safe Assured ID Operators, Speed Watch Operators, Event Workers, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Citizens’ Academy Alumni Coordinator and Office Assistant to name just a few.

Orientation training for our first volunteers (Citizens’ Academy Alumni) was held Tuesday, March 31, at City Hall. There were over 20 volunteers attending. Later this fall VIPS will begin recruiting volunteers from the general public.

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

### **SafeAssured ID Kits**

The Middleton Police Department now has its new ID kit system and we are in the process of training persons to use it.

There will be a media event to showcase the new system on Thursday, April 30, at the Middleton Senior Center.

If you would like to volunteer to help run the system at events, have the 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 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 the Middleton Police Department, Community Awareness Fund, 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**

### **Activity**

In February, Middleton Officers handled 1433 calls for service, 621 field initiated, 812 dispatched, issued 433 citations, made 32 criminal arrests and investigated 40 accidents.

In March, Middleton Officers handled 1677 calls for service, 711 field initiated, 966 dispatched, issued 483 citations, made 30 criminal arrests and investigated 27 accidents.

### **Significant Calls**

#### **09-1410, 03/02/09, 12:29 AM, Domestic Disturbance, 2080 Allen Blvd**

Report of a physical domestic disturbance. Fifty-two year old Timothy Markling, of Middleton, was located and arrested for Domestic Disorderly Conduct, Operating after Revocation and 3<sup>rd</sup> offense OWI.

#### **09-1548, 03/06/09, 11:16 PM, Hit and Run Accident, Scatz Nightclub**

An intoxicated 38 year old woman was partially run over in the parking lot of Scatz after clinging to a moving truck. Twenty-four year old Tracy Stensberg of Middleton was charged with Causing Injury by Reckless Driving and Hit and Run.

#### **09-1712, 03/14/09, 2:50 AM, 2300 Branch Street, Sexual Assault**

A woman was walking on Branch Street near Columbus Drive when she was confronted by two men. One of the men said he had a knife but it was not seen. Both men grabbed the woman and one of the men had sexual contact with her. A vehicle containing two additional men pulled up and the two men on Branch Street attempted to pull the woman into the vehicle. She was able to escape. The case is still under investigation.

#### **09-1771, 03/16/09, 3:31 PM, Phillips 66, Armed Robbery**

A man entered the convenience store, produced a pistol and robbed the store of money. He ran out on foot, then got on a moped. The suspect is believed to be the "Park Bandit" who in fact may be more than one person. Case still under investigation.

09-1935, 03/22/09, 2:18 AM, Fight, Pachuco's

Twenty people from Racine, Waukesha, Fitchburg, Madison and Waunakee engaged in a fight at Pachuco's. Middleton officers needed mutual aid assistance from the Dane County Sheriff's Department and Shorewood Hills Police Department. Five citations were issued for Disorderly Conduct, Battery and Criminal Damage were issued.

09-2015, 03/25/09, 8:25 PM, Theft of Alcohol, Coppers

Employees observed two males exit the store with bottles of alcohol. Twenty year old Cody Peterson of Middleton was cited for Shoplifting and a 16 year old Middleton man was cited for Shoplifting and Underage Alcohol Violation.

09-2018, 03/25/09, 11:54 PM, Burglary, 7400 block of Century Ave

Victim reported that entry was gained to his apartment through his bedroom window and a computer and X-Box console were stolen.

09-2143, 03/30/09, Graffiti, Lakeview Park, Skateboard Park and Reservoir

Lakeview Park, Skateboard Park and Reservoir were spray painted.

09-2145, 03/30/09, 10:04 AM, Battery, 6800 University Ave

A counselor for the SOAR program was taking a client to purchase groceries. The client, suddenly and without warning, punched the counselor in the face as they were driving on University Avenue and then grabbed the steering wheel, attempting to steer the car into the oncoming lane of traffic. The client, a resident of Middleton, was taken to the hospital for psychiatric observation and treatment.

09-2146, 03/30/09, Burglary, Capitol Ice Arena

Business was broken into overnight and money was stolen from an office and pop machine.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

During March there were 27 traffic accidents with six being in parking lots or on private property. This compares to 36 in March 2008 of which four were in parking lots. This represents a 25% reduction in accidents from the same month the prior year.

Directed traffic patrols were performed on Hwy 12, Airport Road, Allen Blvd, Century Avenue, N Gammon Road, N High Point Road and Parmenter Street. In addition, intersections monitored were: Branch Street/Maywood Avenue, Elmwood Avenue/Mayflower Avenue, and Woodgate Road/Clovernook Road. A total of 19 hours were spent on patrol.

A total of 50 enforcement actions were taken. They were: Speeding with 23 citations and five warnings, Improper Stop at Stop Sign with seven citations and eight warnings, two citations for Operating After Suspension, two citations for Non-Registration, and one warning each for DL Violation, No DL on Person and Failure to Notify of Address Change.

Officer Mike Wood completed the Northwestern Motorcycle Officer Class and is ready for motorcycle patrol. The motorcycle arrived at the dealership at the end of the month and is being prepped and outfitted. The computer, radio equipment and officer safety equipment/clothing have been purchased.

There were two deployments of the Operating While Intoxicated special patrol assignments in March. Twenty-three traffic stops were made, 24 citations and six warnings issued. Citations were: 11 Sign/Signal, six OAR/OAS, two OWI, two Non-Registration, and three other violations.

## **TRAINING**

### **Specialized Training**

Recruitment and Retention of Law Enforcement Officers: 8 hours, Keil and Foulke  
Wisconsin Association for Identification Training: 24 hours, Faga  
Police Suicide Awareness Training: 24 hours, Hamilton  
Northwestern University Police Motorcycle Training Course: 80 hours, Wood  
Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officer Association Annual Meeting: 20 hours, Mueller

### **In-Service Training**

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter in-service was held on 03/11, 03/20, 03/23 and 03/28. Topics included firearms, MILO use of force scenario training, isolation exercises on off-duty policy and recommended actions and Simmunition training.

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

During the month of March, 63 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, eight cases were assigned to patrol officers and 24 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

- 1 - Annoying Phone Calls
- 1 - Burglaries
- 1 - Death Investigations
- 2 - Disturbances
- 15 - Domestic Follow-up
- 3 - EMS
- 5 - Fraud

- 1 - Fire
- 6 - Harassment
- 7 - Larceny
- 2 - Uniform Controlled Substances
- 1 - Stolen Bicycles
- 1 - Missing Persons
- 3 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 1 - Robbery
- 6 - Thefts from Automobiles

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

### Middleton High School – PSLO Geiszler

The month of March was noticeably slower than the previous months, most likely due to the week off for Spring Break. I was assigned as the primary officer on a total of 30 calls for service. This included five disturbances, four thefts, four property lost, three property found, three fights, three assist citizens, two information, two 911 disconnects, and one each of damage to property, follow up, status offense and trespass.

A total of six citations were issued and one criminal arrest recommended to the Juvenile District Attorney's Office. There were three citations for disorderly conduct, and one each for theft, underage possession of tobacco, and operating after license suspension. The criminal referral was for battery.

The upcoming month of April will bring new changes to the Middleton High School. Officer Travis Kakuske will start training with me on April 28. Officer Kakuske will remain with me for the rest of the school year and will take over on his own at the beginning of the next school year.

### Kromrey Middle School - PSLO Tutaj

The March call activity was slower than past months. This had a lot to do with having a week off for spring break.

During this month, we did a large restorative circle at the District Administration building for a large group of girls that have been causing several disturbances at Kromrey for the past few months. Restorative justice processes are tools used to help those affected by a crime or situation. Members of the circle include victims, offenders and community members and is a place where they can talk openly about the crime, its impact on their lives, and what should be done to make things right. It has been three weeks since we did the circle and there have been no problems since.

Another issue at Kromrey has kids taking inappropriate photos and videos of themselves and sending it to other people. This has been an ongoing issue and we are trying to go into classrooms and cover this issue with kids.



Harassment over face book and MySpace are also issues that keep coming up. I have received several complaints of kids being mistreated online by their peers.

During March, I attended the weekly building consultation team meeting, the bi-weekly attendance meeting, the monthly Dane County School Resource Officer meeting and a peer court meeting.

I gave presentations to 8<sup>th</sup> grade health classes about important city ordinances and the upcoming surveillance cameras coming to Kromrey.

I also gave presentations to all 7<sup>th</sup> grade English classes. They are reading the book Star Girl and had concerns about stalking behavior.

Also during this month, Officer Kasdorf came to help me teach 7<sup>th</sup> grade science classes about tasers.

During March there were only seven documented calls for service. These included three disturbances, one theft, one information, one EMS call and one uniformed controlled substance report.

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

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

64 Adults  
104 Criminal Counts  
5 Civil Forfeitures

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

3 Juveniles  
3 Criminal Counts  
0 Civil Forfeitures

### **Municipal Court Citations Issued**

442 Municipal Citations