

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



MAY 2009

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Speed Watch Update

Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS)

Our new VIPS have been training for SpeedWatch neighborhood radar patrols. Our first volunteers were out running radar on Parmenter Street due to complaints from the residents in that neighborhood. Warning letters will be sent to the registered owners of any vehicles going eight MPH or more over the speed limit. If you know of a neighborhood that has concerns with speeding, contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us.

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.

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.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Community Events

On Saturday, May 2, the Middleton Police attended the Kiwanis Kid's Day at Lakeview Park. An officer showed off a squad car and equipment.

On Saturday, May 9, a Middleton Police Officer gave a Crime Prevention presentation to local Boy Scouts so that they could earn their merit badge.

On Thursday, May 14, preschoolers from Little Red Preschool were given a tour of the Police Department and squad for their "Community Helpers Week".

On Friday, May 15, another group of preschoolers from Little Red Preschool were given a tour of the Police Department and squad.

On Sunday, May 17, Middleton Police gave a presentation on Child Safety and had a display for the Susan G Koman Breast Cancer fundraiser at the Marriott.

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

Middleton Business Watch is looking at adding 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.

Police Citizens' Academy

The 2009 Academy continued with EMS on May 13, EVOG (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course) at the Columbus 151 Speedway on May 16, a trip to the Fire Department on May 20 and Firearms at MATC Commercial Avenue on May 28. Students had the opportunity to learn CPR, drive police cars on a race track, ride the aerial ladder truck and yes, shoot real handguns.

The Citizens' Academy also completed their Community Service Project on Thursday, May 14. Students helped prep the site for the city's new "Forsythia Community Gardens" across from Keva. Students cleared rocks, rototilled and marked plots.

Graduation is set for Wednesday, June 3.

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.

SafeAssured ID Kits

Middleton Police followed up on Saturday, May 9, and Saturday, May 16, to finish the rest of the kids from American Girl's event.

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.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

National Police Week is traditionally held in May. This year, Middleton Police acknowledged the accomplishments of officers, employees and citizens on May 5 in front of the Common Council. Chief Keil presided over this year's celebration. The following people were recognized:

Police employees Dan Jones, Jill Tutaj, Jerry Raffel and Linda Kessenich, members of the Field Training Team (Terry Hanson, Greg Dixon, Rich O' Connor, Mike Wood, Travis Kakuske, Rob Engelhart, Donna Hamilton and Jerry Raffel) and part-time Dispatchers Tom Adler and Gwen Ruppert for Outstanding Service. Jeremy Geiszler received a Life Saving Award. Commendations were given to Jeremy Geiszler for his promotion to Sergeant and Travis Kakuske and Matt Sherry for their assignment to School Resource Officer.

The following is a list of personnel with Significant Service Anniversaries:

5 years: Mike Wood (03/24/04) and Brad Keil (05/01/04)

10 years: Troy Hellenbrand (02/08/99)

15 years: Steve Britt (07/12/93)

20 years: Greg Dixon and Jerry Raffel (04/24/89)

Citizens Mark Kruck and Karen Strandt-Conroy received the Good Neighbor Award for service to the community and Lisa Foster, Dr. Peter Karofsky and Tyson Hall received the Citizen Life Saving award.

On Friday, May 8, members of the Middleton Police Department participated in the annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony. A procession of squad cars and police motorcycles from all over the state went from Olin Park to the Law Enforcement Memorial on the Capitol Square where distinguished speakers participated in the ceremony. Below is the squad procession, led by a Middleton squad.



Activity

In April, Middleton Officers handled 1565 calls for service, 711 field initiated, 854 dispatched, issued 515 citations, made 37 criminal arrests and investigated 22 accidents.

In May, Middleton Officers handled 1791 calls for service, 839 field initiated, 952 dispatched, issued 499 citations, made 28 criminal arrests and investigated 31 accidents.

Significant Events in May

MI09-3084, 05/05/09, 8600 Greenway Boulevard - Theft from Vehicle

Five vehicles were broken into in the underground parking garage.

MI09-3225, 05/09/09, SCATZ Nightclub, 248 Deming Way, Substantial Battery

A bar patron reported that he had been battered by bar employees. The victim had two teeth knocked out and broken orbital bones. Investigation continuing.

MI09-3460, 05/18/09, Brittany Apartments, 1218 Sweeney Drive, Theft

TV stolen from the fitness room.

MI09-3483, 05/19/09, downtown Middleton area, Graffiti

Graffiti noted in the downtown area.

MI09-3618, 05/24/09, 12:01 PM, Ace Hardware and CVS Pharmacy, Retail Theft

A customer reported to an employee of Ace Hardware that he observed someone stealing a DVD player. The employee was able to obtain the license plate number of the vehicle. Police stopped the vehicle and one passenger fled on foot. Police recovered the DVD player from Ace Hardware, as well as another stolen one from the nearby CVS Pharmacy. Wesley Moore, of Madison, was arrested and charged with Resisting/Obstructing an Officer and jailed on a probation hold. Michael Turner, of

Madison, was charged with Retail Theft and Sammie Hayes, of Madison, was charged with Operating after Revocation.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

During the month of May there were a total of 47 traffic accidents of which 17 were in parking lots. This compares to 38 accidents in May 2008.

During the month of May, the national annual Click-It-Or-Ticket campaign was underway. During the month, 143 seatbelt citations of all kinds were issued, 92 of those citations were written during the 18th to 31st campaign dates. The pre-campaign days saw 3.0 citations per day while the campaign days saw 6.8 per day.

Officer Mike Wood began part-time patrol on the Department motorcycle. Media coverage of the new patrol method was seen on television, The Wisconsin State Journal and Middleton Times-Tribune. Within the first hour on motor patrol, Officer Wood handled a traffic accident on Century Avenue and issued the first citation from the motorcycle's computer.

Two patrols were done for our OWI grant. Fourteen stops were made. Nine warnings were issued. Citations were: OWI two, OAR one, Speed one, Failure to Obey Sign one, Equipment one and one miscellaneous.

Regular shift directed traffic patrols were performed on first shift on 13 days and on 11 days by second shift for a total of 92 hours. Streets addressed were: Allen Blvd, Hwy Q, Hwy 12, Cayuga/Elmwood, Century Avenue, Discovery Drive, Fortune Drive, Greenway Station area, Maywood Avenue, Old Middleton Road, N Gammon Road, N High Point Road, Park Street, Parmenter Street, Pheasant Branch Road, Pleasant View Road, and Stonefield/Boundary.

Regular shift directed patrols resulted in 144 enforcement actions of which: 28 warnings for Speed and 59 citations, 17 citations for Non-seatbelt use, 17 warnings and one citation for various Registration violations, two warnings for Failure to Obey Sign and seven citations, two citations for OAR, three citations for various Driver's License violations, four warnings for Failure to Yield, one warning for U-turn, one equipment warning, one citation for Disorderly Conduct with Motor Vehicle and one warrant served.

TRAINING

Specialized

Simunitions Scenario Instructor & Safety Certification Course, 24 hours, Zimmerman, Geiszler and O'Connor

Automated Pawn System, 4 hours, Faga, Faust and Haselow

Busting Burnout-"Taming the Flames of Public Safety Stress", 8 hours, Dixon

Property Room Management Training Seminar, 16 hours, Endres

Forensic Drawing for Law Enforcement, 40 hours, Faga
WI-TERT Team Member Basic Training, 16 hours, Van de Loo and Cleasby
Field Training Officer-Basic, 40 hours, Formby
Cognitive Graphic Interviewing, 24 hours, Sherry

Detective Faga attended a Forensic Drawing for Law Enforcement class and was recertified as a Certified Forensic Artist through Stuart Parks Forensic Associates. The Middleton Police Department is proud of the work performed by Detective Faga in this area. He has a reputation as one of the best Forensic Artists in the state. Detective Faga and other forensic artists were featured in a front page article in the Sunday, June 7, edition of the Wisconsin State Journal. Below is a picture of Detective Faga producing a sketch which appeared in the paper.



One of the projects in the class was to sketch a picture of Vince Lombardi:



In-service

3rd quarter in-service training dates are May 4, 19, 28 and June 3. Topics include firearms, autism and legal update.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

Regardless of the time of year or status of the economy, financial crimes are a staple on the menu for members of the Middleton Police Department's investigative team. May of 2009, was no exception to this rule.

The issuance of worthless checks (IWC), employee theft and identity theft are the three most frequently reported financial crimes. Of the 12 fraud investigations assigned during the month of May, two were employee thefts, two were credit card fraud cases and the remaining eight were IWC cases.

In early May, members of the Middleton ISB met with the controller and general manager for the new Costco store in Middleton. As a result of these meetings, Costco brought forth over 50 worthless check cases that they had been the victim of since their opening. Upon review of each of these case files, it was determined that only six criminal investigations could be pursued. As of the writing of this document, all but one

of these investigations have been resolved by payment in full to Costco or criminal charges being filed against the perpetrator.

If your business is the regular victim of worthless checks, please contact this Department for a copy of our worthless check policy. If you have additional questions, feel free to contact Sgt. Steven Britt at (608) 827-1029.

During the month of May, 73 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, ten cases were assigned to patrol officers and 37 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

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

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School

The month of May was busier than the last few months as the new SRO, Travis Kakuske, stepped into the position. Besides the monthly meetings, we were kept busy with a total of 45 calls for service between the two of us, with Travis taking most of those.

The calls we took included eight thefts, seven property lost, six disturbances, four property found, three status offenses, three follow up, two threats, two check person, and one each of 911 disconnect, assist citizen, fire alarm, assist other department, annoying phone call, damage to property, information, malicious mischief, sexual conduct, and controlled substance.

These calls resulted in a total of six citations and four criminal arrest referrals. That included three citations for truancy, one for carrying a concealed weapon, one for damage

to property, and one for theft. The criminal referrals were for theft, battery to a school district employee, resisting an officer, and disorderly conduct.

Kromrey Middle School

May's call activity was very high. During May, I trained Officer Sherry for two weeks. Officer Sherry will be the School Liaison Officer at Kromrey Middle School next school year.

At the elementary school level, Matt Sherry and I did nine presentations to students on tobacco, alcohol and drug awareness at Sauk Trail. We also went into all elementary classes at Northside and Sauk Trail to speak about summer safety and keeping safe.

During May, 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.

Also during May, I organized training for all Para-educators on Gang awareness. This was presented by a Dane County Deputy.

In May and the first two weeks of June, there were 15 documented calls for service. These included three disturbances, one theft, three follow ups, two information calls, two uniform controlled substance calls, two assist citizens, one EMS call and three code enforcement calls for service.

I issued one citation for possession of marijuana, one state charge of possession of marijuana, one state charge of possession of paraphernalia, one citation for selling alcohol to an underage person and four citations for disorderly conduct.

During this time, Officer Sherry also issued two citations for disorderly conduct and two citations for unauthorized use of a computer.

During the last week of school, the Kromrey students ended their year with field trips that were very successful. I helped to supervise the eighth grade graduation and dance which ended another great year at Kromrey Middle School.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

46 Adults
64 Criminal Counts
5 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

6 Juveniles
10 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures

Municipal Court Citations Issued

466 Municipal Citations