

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



APRIL 2012

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**

Officer Jill Tutaj was recently named to assume the Community Awareness Officer position and will be starting her new duties on July 1, 2012. Officer Tutaj has been involved in a number of community events throughout her career and has been instrumental in the Police Department's past involvement with Special Olympics and the annual Shop with a Cop event. Officer Tutaj is excited to begin her new assignment and looks forward to continuing and expanding our efforts to work with various members of our community.

MIDDLETON **BUSINESS WATCH** **PROGRAM IN FORCE**



Middleton Business Watch is accepting donations at this time to help purchase video equipment. Payments can be sent to:

Middleton Business Watch Partnership
C/O Carol Maki
Middleton Community Bank
3207 Parmenter Street
Middleton, WI 53562

If you would like to join the Middleton Business Watch or need to update your contact information, please contact Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at 824-7329 or thellenbrand@ci.middleton.wi.us.

Citizens can subscribe to receive Middleton Business Watch email alerts and other informational emails on the Police Department's website at middletonpd.com.



VIPS assist the Middleton Police Department by performing tasks which free up officers to work on more important police matters. VIPS help at events like GNF (Good

Neighbor Festival), National Night Out and Family Safety Day and with programs like Speed Watch and Safe Assured IDs.

Junior VIPS are teens age 14 to 17 years old. We also have an Associate VIPS program where family members of VIPS and civic groups can assist VIPS with events without having to become individual VIPS members.

If you are interested in the Middleton Police Department VIPS program, please contact Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at 824-7329 or thellenbrand@ci.middleton.wi.us.



Safe Assured ID Kits

Middleton Police will take reservations for having kits made. Kits are free for Middleton residents or MCPASD students.

If you would like to register, have the ID system at an event or if you would like to donate money for the purchase of more kits, please contact Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at 824-7329 or thellenbrand@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. **We need your help!** 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.", 7341 Donna Drive, Middleton, WI, 53562.

Together we can make a difference. If you have any questions about donations or programs, please contact Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at 824-7329 or thellenbrand@ci.middleton.wi.us.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

In March, Middleton Officers handled 1,585 calls for service, 673 were field initiated, 912 were dispatched, issued 485 citations and 104 written warnings, made 15 criminal arrests and investigated 27 accidents.

In April, Middleton Officers handled 1,567 calls for service, 677 were field initiated, 890 were dispatched, issued 478 citations and 104 written warnings, made one criminal arrest and investigated 21 accidents.

Significant Events in April:

MI12-2265, 04/07/12, 3700 block Lexington Circle, Burglary
Forced entry to residence, jewelry stolen. Jewelry recovered at a local pawn shop and a suspect has been developed.

MI12-2293, 04/09/12, 4:35 AM, 2000 block Coolidge Court, Damage to Property
A woman woke up upon hearing her patio door being smashed. She was with her 15 year old, 12 year old and 16 month old children. Officers discovered that a decorative patio frog had been thrown through the patio window and that her gas tank on her vehicle had what appeared to be a white colored liquid put in it. The victim's ex-boyfriend is suspected of causing the damage.

MI12-2450, 04/14/12, 11: 23 PM, 2900 block Patty Lane, Armed Robbery
Two males entered a residence, one wearing a mask, one carrying a gun. They took money, cell phones and drugs. Albert Lynom, of Mazomanie, was subsequently arrested and charged with Armed Robbery and Reckless Endangerment. One of the victims, Lucas Smith, of Middleton, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

MI12-2563, 04/19/12, 12:29 PM, Kromrey Middle School, Bomb Threat
A teacher found a non-time or location note indicating a bomb was in the school. During a previously schedule tornado drill, staff performed a sweep for any unusual objects. None were found and school continued as usual.

MI12-2651, 04/22/12, 9:59 AM, PF Changs, Armed Robbery
Employees were preparing for the days business when two suspects entered the offices of the restaurant and robbed the employees at gunpoint. One employee was struck in the back of the head with a gun by one of the suspects. Detectives are still working on this case.

MI12-2669, 04/23/12, Bruce Company and Fish and Associates, Thefts
A car hauler was stolen from the area near the Bowling Green and used to transport numerous items of landscaping equipment from the Bruce Company and sophisticated sensory devices from Fish and Associates. In excess of \$100,000.00 in equipment was taken.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

There were no traffic related training or meetings during April but we did receive word that the SMART W Beltline grant was approved and the patrols will begin toward the end of May. In addition, the grant was approved for the high visibility OWI patrols but interagency agreements still have to be drafted then approved by the various entities.

During April, there were nine reportable roadway accidents and ten parking lot reportable accidents compared to 23 roadway reportable accidents and seven parking lot reportable accidents in 2011.

Directed traffic patrols were performed for approximately 32 hours this month. Targeted roadways were: Boundary/Stonefield, Branch/Maywood, Century Avenue, Discovery Drive, Elmwood Avenue, Maywood Avenue, N Gammon Road, N Highpoint Road, Park Street, Parmenter Street, Pheasant Branch Road and Highways Q and 12. There were 86 enforcement actions taken: 35 citations and 13 warnings for Speed, nine citations for Seatbelt, 12 citations and one warning for Insurance, two citations and four warnings for Failure to Stop for Sign, three Registration citations, two citations for OAS, four warnings for Equipment and one citation for Possession of Drugs.

Grant traffic patrols were performed twice for a total of eight hours. Seven citations were issued for Seatbelt, seven citations for Insurance, two citations and three warnings for Speed, two Registration citations, one citation for OAS, one citation for Failure to Stop for Stop Sign, and two warnings for Equipment.

TRAINING

In-Service (March and April):

2012 2nd quarter In-Service

Dane County Law Enforcement Training Center

8:00 AM to noon: Firearms

Noon to 1:00 PM: Lunch

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM: Recognition, prevention and management of Excited Delirium and sudden in-custody deaths

MIPD Instructors: Hellenbrand and Kasdorf

Specialized:

Traffic and Impaired Driving Law Program, 12 hours, Riffenburg

Project Management, 8 hours, Kakuske

Fundamentals of Police Photography, 16 hours, Stroik

Cooper Fitness Law Enforcement Training Course, 40 hours, Hellenbrand

Managing Multiple Projects, Objectives and Deadlines, 8 hours, Reynolds, McKnight and Ziltner

FBI Regional Command College, 40 hours, Britt
LEEDS Alumni Training, 8 hours, Keil and Foulke
Basic Drug ID, 8 hours, Stroik, Normann and Erwin
Child Abuse Conference, 4 hours, Faust

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

Recently, the Police Department released its Annual Report highlighting crime statistics and activities for the 2011 year. The City of Middleton has traditionally had a lower crime rate compared to other communities comparable in size and the statistics of 2011 again show this same trend.

One area of the Annual Report that stood out was the 465 property crimes reported in the city throughout 2011. Of these 465 property crimes, 73 were for incidents which were classified as the crime of burglary. With the increase in the warm weather, the Police Department traditionally observes an increase in the reports of burglaries as was the case in April of this year. During the month of April, the Police Department responded to ten reports of this crime and many of these could have been avoided if residents had taken some easy preventive steps. Residents and citizens are reminded to follow some of the below listed tips to prevent themselves from becoming a victim of this intrusive crime:

- Lock and secure all windows and doors while away from your residence and prior to going to bed. Even windows and doors located on floors off of the ground can be accessible and defeated.
- Make your house look occupied when you are away from home. Have lights on or on a timer to look like someone is home.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked even when you are home. Make sure all side doors and windows to the garage are also locked and secured.
- Secure sliding glass doors with a wooden dowel or track blocker to prevent the door from opening.
- Lock and secure all valuables when not in use (lawn mowers, snow blowers, tools, etc.)
- Have adequate exterior lighting outside of your residence and consider installing motion-sensitive lights.
- Use deadbolts if they are installed on your doors.
- If going on vacation, notify the Police Department of your absence, have a neighbor check your residence frequently and stop mail and newspaper delivery.

If you come home and find your house has been broken into you should do the following:

- Do not enter your residence as the perpetrator could still be inside.
- Use your cellular telephone or a neighbor's telephone to immediately contact the police.
- Do not touch, remove or clean anything until the police have had an opportunity to investigate the scene.

- Note any license plates of suspicious vehicles or other individuals who were observed in the area when you arrived home.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School Monthly Report Officer Travis Kakuske

During the month of April, there were 51 calls for service at the Middleton High School (MHS). Some of those calls included five check person calls, five disturbances, four calls related to drugs, three status offense related calls, and one weapon violation. From those incidents, there were 13 municipal tickets issued at MHS in April. Tickets were written for truancy, possession of a dangerous weapon (knife) on school grounds, riding with a person riding illegally upon a vehicle, hit and run – unattended vehicle, prohibited daytime loitering (4), possession of drug paraphernalia (2), and possession of marijuana (3). In addition to municipal tickets, I also referred the following four charges to the Dane County District Attorney's Office: violation of a harassment injunction, resisting/obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct, and discharging bodily fluids at a public safety worker.

I was involved in other activities in April as well, such as attending multiple Dean meetings with MHS administration, and facilitating the April truancy court. I also began a series of presentations to sophomore health classes, where I spoke about drugs and alcohol, their effects, consequences if caught using, etc. Over the next several weeks I will continue to meet with these classes, and eventually will have given the presentation to every sophomore student.

Last month I also met with a group of about 20 foreign exchange students from France. I spoke with them about law enforcement in the United States and the role of the School Resource Officer. The students were very interested in policing in America and I answered many questions. Finally, last month Officer Tom Wilson, who will be taking over as the new Kromrey Middle School SRO next fall, spent three days with me at MHS to learn about the position. On April 30, I also began training the new Middleton High School SRO, Officer Scott Moen. He will remain with me through the end of this school year.

Kromrey Middle School Officer Matt Sherry

April was a fairly steady month for call volume, but was a little slower as far as school related business. I attended the bi-weekly building consultation meetings and the bi-weekly attendance review committee meetings. With the school year winding down, we usually see a few students attend truancy court for their attendance. Fortunately, we only saw one student go to court and all other students of concern were able to turn their attendance around. Kromrey also took part in the statewide severe weather drill on April 19. All students and staff handled this drill with professionalism.

I took 13 total calls for service. Those calls included two traffic stops. One for failure to yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk and one for vehicle registration being suspended. Citations were issued for both violations. The rest of the calls for April included damage to property, status offence (truancy), a disturbance, theft, drugs, threats and assault. Two criminal arrests and five citations were issued for all of these calls for service.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

30 Adults
63 Criminal Counts
4 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

6 Juveniles
12 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures