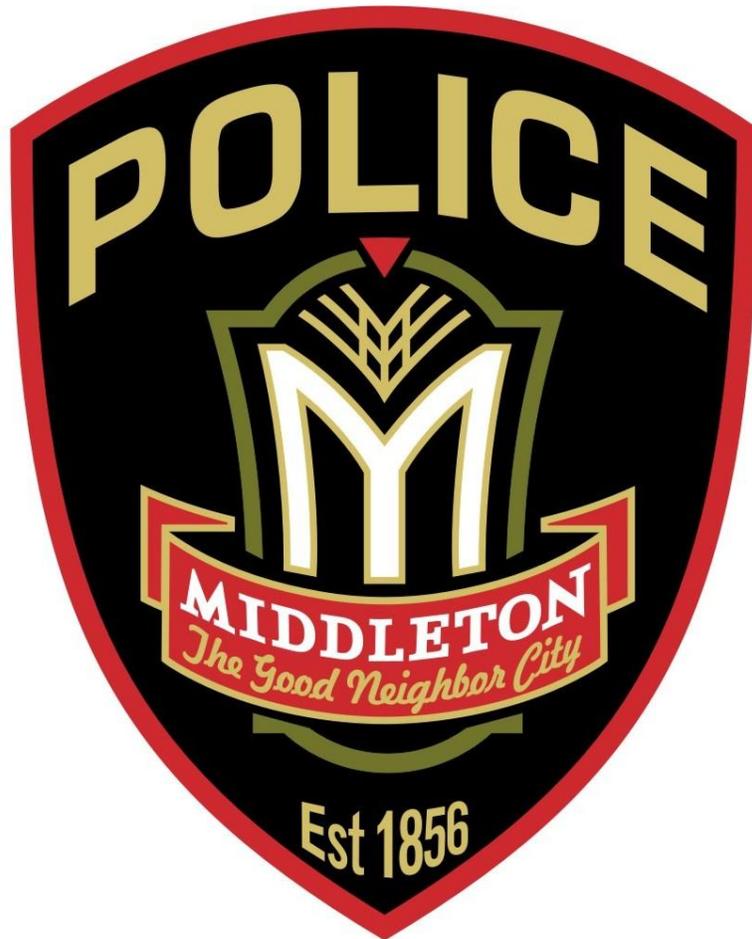


**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**AUGUST 2011**

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

On August 11, Middleton Police Detectives were contacted by United States Postal Inspector Matthew Schmitz in reference to a suspicious package that was being mailed to an address in the City of Middleton. Inspector Schmitz stated that he believed the package contained suspected marijuana, and that he would be transporting the package to the Middleton Police Department for further investigation. A City of Madison K-9 unit later alerted on the package and confirmed Inspector Schmitz' suspicions.

A Federal search warrant was then issued to allow Detectives to open and search the contents of the package. In doing so, 16 pounds of intricately packaged marijuana was found inside this single box.

A State search warrant was then drafted and signed for the search of the premises where the package was to be delivered, 2211 Parview Road, Middleton. Members of the Middleton, Sun Prairie and Fitchburg joint Special Event Team executed this search warrant on August 12, 2011.

During a subsequent search of this commercial office and storage building, officers seized the delivered suspect package, additional marijuana, a semi-automatic handgun and more than \$30,000.00 in U.S. currency.

As a result of this investigation, two brothers, Phil and Luke Fonzen, have been arrested and jailed for Possession with The Intent to Deliver Marijuana and Maintaining a Drug Dwelling. Drug Forfeiture proceedings have also been initiated on the U.S. Currency seized during this investigation.

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

### **Community Events**

On Tuesday, August 2, Middleton Police gave a presentation at Keva's Hero Camp.

On Wednesday, August 3, Middleton Police, Springs Window Fashions and the Members of Middleton Fire Company #1 hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out at Lakeview Park in Middleton. There were over 1000 people in attendance!

On Thursday, August 4, Middleton Police attended Sun Prairie Police Department's National Night Out celebration.

On Wednesday, August 10, Middleton Police attended Waunakee Police Department's National Night Out.

On Tuesday, August 23, Middleton Police assisted Madison Police with a robbery presentation at the Middleton Community Bank.

On Thursday, August 25, Middleton Police attended the Pooh Bear Daycare child safety event.

On Friday, August 26, Middleton Police participated in the United Way Day of Caring at Lakeview Park.

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 824-7323 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

**MIDDLETON  
BUSINESS WATCH  
PROGRAM IN FORCE**



Middleton Business Watch is in the process of producing crime prevention videos instead of seminars to reach more businesses. They are also working on updating their web page.

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 Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 824-7323 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@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](http://middletonpd.com).



## *Citizens' Academy*

The next academy will start in April of 2012 and 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 824-7323 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).



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.

In August, VIPS helped with the Good Neighbor Fest parades and helped sell raffle tickets for the MVP Inc. golf fundraiser.

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 Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 824-7323 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@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.

Middleton Police made kits for kids on Wednesday, August 17, 24, and 31.

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 Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 824-7323 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@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 CAO David Kasdorf at 824-7323 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

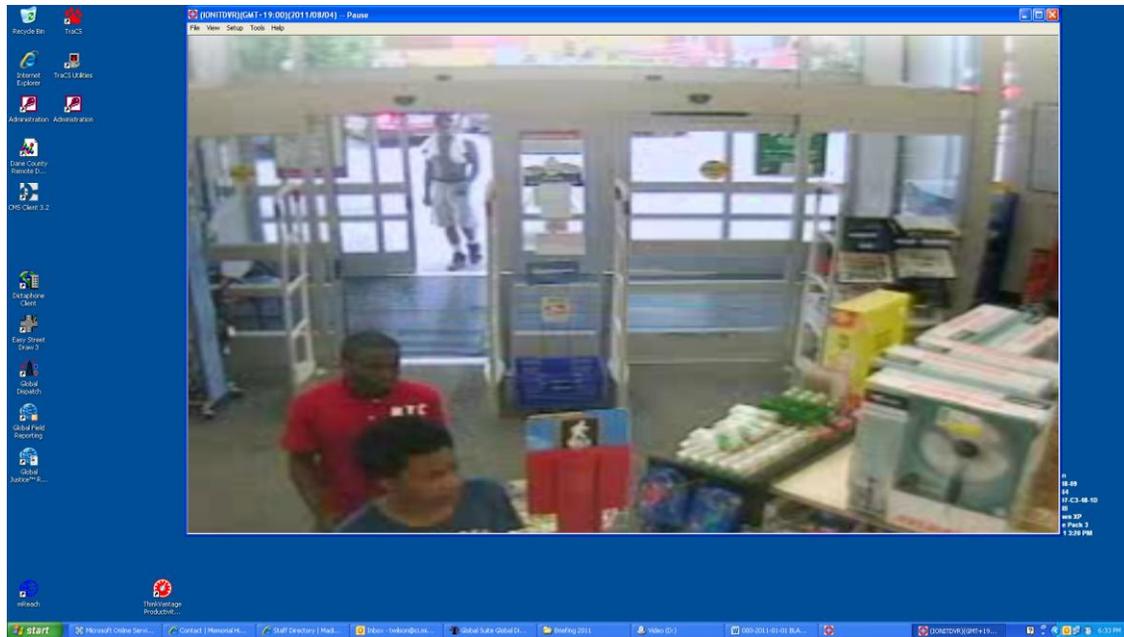
In July, Middleton Officers handled 1,746 calls for service, 719 were field initiated, 1,027 were dispatched, issued 583 citations and 193 written warnings, made 17 criminal arrests and investigated 33 accidents.

In August, Middleton Officers handled 1,836 calls for service, 661 were field initiated, 1,175 were dispatched, issued 509 citations and 173 written warnings, made 32 criminal arrests and investigated 27 accidents.

### **Significant Events in August:**

#### **MI11-5518, 08/04/11, 6:22 PM, Lakeview Park, Battery**

A 28 year old male was riding a bike on the path between Lakeview Park and Sauk Trail Elementary School. He got into an argument with four males walking on the path. He was struck in the face by one of the males, which required seven stitches. Three of the males are pictured below (surveillance camera from Walgreen's Pharmacy).



**MI11-5523, 08/04/11, 8:32 PM, Costco, Retail Theft**

Two females took eight bottles of Remy Martin and Hennessy without paying for them.

**MI11-5528, 08/05/11, 12:07 AM, 6300 Pheasant Lane, Alcohol Violations**

The Middleton Police Department was called to an apartment because of a loud music complaint. Upon arrival, officers discovered a number of people in the residence who appeared underage and appeared to have been drinking. Officers attempted to make contact, but no one would answer the door. Subsequently, the Middleton Police Department was notified by a Waunakee resident that her juvenile daughter was in the apartment, but was not allowed to leave because the police were outside. Police were eventually able to get inside the apartment. Katie Bernards and Rachel Sasinowski were cited for Prohibited Noise Disturbance and several counts of Procuring Alcohol for Underaged Persons. Eight people were cited for Underage Alcohol Possession.

**MI11-5645, 08/08/11, 11:30 AM, Middleton Tourism, Theft**

An employee of Middleton Tourism reported cash and a digital camera were taken from her purse.

**MI11-5889, 08/17/11, 3:03 PM, 7200 University Avenue, Disorderly Conduct While Armed**

A MG&E employee reported that while he was attempting to cut power to an apartment because of non-payment, he was confronted by the resident. The MG&E employee began to leave, when he saw the man was running towards him and his truck, armed with a knife. When police investigated, they discovered that the MG&E meters had been

damaged also. Fifty-three year old Gary Lothe has been charged with Disorderly Conduct While Armed.

**MI11-6178, 08/28/11, 1:19 AM, 6300 Maywood Avenue, Disturbance**

The Middleton Police Department received a report of a disturbance in a parking lot off of Maywood and that one subject was armed with a shotgun. The suspects were located and it was determined that two of the subjects had armed themselves with baseball bats, not shotguns. Three juveniles and two adults were cited for Disorderly Conduct.

**MI11-6187, 08/28/11, 2:51 PM, Nature Preserve, Sexual Misconduct**

Two girls, one 11 and one 12, were walking on the path in the Nature Preserve looking for worms when they were approached by a man who said he would help them. He led the girls to an isolated part of the Preserve and exposed himself to the girls. They ran to a nearby residence and the police were summoned. Police officers located the man, still in the Nature Preserve and took him into custody after a foot pursuit. Marcus Singleton, of Middleton, was jailed on charges of a probation hold, Lewd and Lascivious Behavior, Disorderly Conduct, Enticing a Child for Immoral Purposes and Resisting Arrest.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

During the month of August, there were 27 reportable accidents of which one was in a parking lot. This compares to August of 2010 when 28 accidents were reported of which seven were in parking lots.

During the month of August, there were several assignments for traffic direction due to special events. On the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, the Centurian Bike Races were held and officers had to shut down Airport Road and direct both vehicular and bicycle traffic. On the 7<sup>th</sup>, was the annual Ride For Kids out of Fireman's Park that involved escorting hundreds of motorcycles out and back into the city. The Good Neighbor Festival required traffic direction for the Friday kids parade, the Saturday Run/Walk and the Sunday parade.

Sgt. Donald Mueller and Officer Donna Hamilton attended the quarterly Traffic Incident Management meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> where discussion revolved around analysis of recent major incidents.

Sgt. Mueller and Officer Kathleen Riffenburg attended the Annual Governor's Conference on Highway Safety in Green Bay on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen talked about the importance of highway safety to the Department of Justice, even in these tough fiscal times. There are several new and innovative motorcycle training courses to be offered throughout the state, these are intended to reduce the rising motorcycle accident rate. Included among these is the REF (transportable high-end Rider Education Facility) which had just been displayed at Middleton's own Good Neighbor

Festival the weekend before. It was a popular site here and we will be sure to invite it back in the future. Officer Riffenburg learned more about the Dane County dedicated prosecutor program. There is now a dedicated prosecutor for serious crashes and impaired driving cases. In addition, there are opportunities for police agencies to work together when investigating serious crashes. An innovative high school education program called METHOD (Mind, Eyes, Two Hands on Driving) is being tested by Innocorp, a Verona based company. Should the program show promise, it will be offered to area schools to help out in the ever increasing distracted driving problem.

Four officers participated in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled over campaign that ran from August 19<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>. A total of 19 hours were spent on traffic patrol with 27 stops made resulting in 30 citations and five warnings being issued. Citation results were: two Seat Belt, one Speeding, six Failure to Stop for Stop Sign, one OWI, four OAR/OAS, eight Registration, one Equipment and seven other.

Directed traffic patrols during August targeted Branch Street, Century Avenue, Discovery Drive, Hwy 12, Hwy Q, N High Point Road, N Gammon Road, Pheasant Branch Road and Pleasant View Road. Twenty-five hours were spent with 71 enforcement actions taken. They were: 31 citations and seven warnings for Speeding, 19 citations for Insurance, four citations for Seatbelt, three citations for OAS/OAR, two citations and two warnings for Registration, two citations for Failure to Yield and one warning for Failure to Obey Sign.

## **TRAINING**

Traffic Legal Update, 8 hours, Quamme and Riffenburg

Taser Instructor, 16 hours, Dixon

Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Conference, 20 hours, Keil

Governor's Conference on Highway Safety, 12 hours, Mueller and Riffenburg

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

During the month of August, 110 ten case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, twelve cases were assigned to patrol officers and 25 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

- 2 - Battery
- 3 - Bicycles Stolen
- 11 - Bicycles Found
- 1 - Burglaries
- 3 - Child Abuse
- 11 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 9 - Domestic Disturbances
- 11 - Fraud

- 2 - Harassment
- 21 - Larceny
- 3 - Juvenile Missing Persons
- 1 - Robbery
- 5 - Sexual Assaults
- 3 - Stolen Automobiles
- 7 - Thefts from Automobiles
- 6 - Uniform Controlled Substances

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

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

- 43 Adults
- 67 Criminal Counts
- 3 Civil Forfeitures

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

- 4 Juveniles
- 7 Criminal Counts
- 0 Civil Forfeitures