

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



AUGUST 2013

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**

Community Events

On Wednesday, August 7, Middleton Police, Springs Window Fashions and the Members of Middleton Fire Company #1, hosted the 9th Annual National Night Out at Lakeview Park in Middleton. There were over 1000 people in attendance!

On Wednesday, August 14, Middleton Police attended Waunakee Police Department's National Night Out.

On Tuesday, August 20, Middleton Police gave a presentation to a driver's education class.

On Thursday, August 22, Middleton Police hosted a neighborhood party for Lakeview Village along with Meridian, and gave a presentation on neighborhood safety.

On Friday, August 23, Middleton Police participated in the United Way Day of Caring at Lakeview Park.

On Wednesday, August 28, Middleton Police gave a presentation at the Middleton High School to parents of incoming freshman on underage drinking.

Also during August, several kids came into the Middleton Police Department to have a Safe Assured ID completed.

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 Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us.



If you would like to join the Middleton Business Watch or need to update your contact information, please contact Community Awareness Officer Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@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.



Citizens' Academy

The next academy will start in April of 2014 and the 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 Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@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.

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 Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@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 Community Awareness Officer Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@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 Community Police Partnership Inc.**" or "**MICOPP 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 Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

In July, Middleton Officers handled 1,545 calls for service, 598 were field initiated, 947 were dispatched, issued 437 citations and 98 written warnings, made 10 criminal arrests and investigated 47 accidents.

In August, Middleton Officers handled 1,688 calls for service, 714 were field initiated, 974 were dispatched, issued 438 citations and 99 written warnings, made 2 criminal arrests and investigated 45 accidents.

Significant Events in August:

MI13-5326, 08/01/13, 6600 block of Hubbard Avenue, Burglary
Resident came home and discovered that unknown person(s) broke into their house through a back side door and took a gaming console, camera and prescription drugs.

MI13-5400, 08/04/13, 6700 block of Hubbard Avenue, Burglary
Sometime within seven days of the report, the house was broken into by forcibly opening the rear door while the resident was out of town. Nothing of obvious value was taken.

MI13-5475, 08/08/13, Stonefield Park, Damage to Property
Toilet and walls damaged in the park shelter.

MI13-5640, 08/15/13, 7000 block of Hubbard Avenue, Theft of Motor Vehicle
A woman reported that a male acquaintance stole her vehicle overnight. The Madison Police Department reported the vehicle was involved in a serious roll-over accident on the east side of Madison. The case is still under investigation.

MI13-5721, 08/19/13, 6:48 PM, Club Tavern, Theft
Three males broke into video poker machines in the bar.

MI13-6049, 08/30/13, 3600 Napoli Lane, Burglary
A resident reported his apartment was burglarized and a TV and X-Box were taken.

MI13-6074, 08/31/13, 6:32 PM, 6300 Stonefield Road, Burglary
Residents left for a short time for a bike ride. Upon return, they discovered their house had been broken into by suspect(s) entering through the back door. Jewelry and two iPads were taken.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Our motorcycle officers made 120 traffic stops during the month, issuing 105 citations and 39 warnings. In addition, Officer Sellek helped escort the Ride for Kids fund raising motorcycle ride involving hundreds of motorcycles through northwestern Dane County along with several other area motor officers. He also escorted the Concerns of Police Survivors Kids Camp participants to their camp from Milwaukee airport.

Middleton officers performed traffic direction and control for the annual Middleton Good Neighbor Festival. Roads were closed for the Friday Kids' Parade and officers escorted the participants throughout the route. Officers directed traffic for the Saturday race as well. The parade on Sunday required many officers and Volunteers In Policing to close down the parade route and direct traffic for several hours. All events went off without a hitch.

Patrol officers escorted and directed traffic for the Ride for Kids in order to facilitate the safe and smooth flow of the hundreds of motorcycles as they left and came back to Fireman's Park.

During the month, there were 43 reportable accidents, of which 32 were on the roadways and 11 in parking lots. That compares to August 2012's 37 with 28 on the roadways and nine in parking lots.

Directed traffic patrols were performed for approximately 18 hours resulting in 63 enforcement actions. Speeding had 48 citations and three warnings, Registration had one citation with two warnings, Insurance related had three citations with one warning, one citation each for Operating After Suspension, Operating Without Driver's License and Seatbelt, one citation and two warnings for Registration and two warnings for Equipment.

TRAINING

Specialized Training

Problem Oriented Policing and Situational Crime Prevention, 8 hours, Tutaj and K Wood

Street Survival Seminar, 16 hours, Ziegler, Loether, Franks and Curran
Leadership in Police Organizations (2nd session), 120 hours, Britt and Reynolds
(instructor)
Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association Summer Conference, 20 hours, Keil
Special Events Team Medical Training, 8 hours, Zimmerman, Geiszler, O'Connor,
Moen, Stroik and Sellek
CIVMIC: Americans with Disability Act Training, Keil, Foulke, Hellenbrand and Ziltner

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

Did you know that since January of 2012, the Middleton Police Department has taken a total of 167 thefts from automobile complaints? Did you know that out of these 167 theft complaints, force to make entry was used in only three of these cases? In 164 of these reported incidents, the victim(s) left valuables in their unlocked vehicle, allowing quick and easy access for those responsible.

The City of Middleton is not immune from these crimes of opportunity as you can see from above. The Police Department has initiated a number of programs over the past couple of years in hopes of reducing the number of theft from automobile complaints, however, have had limited success. Press releases, vehicle report cards, foot patrols and other measures have been tried, however, the Police Department continues to receive these frequent and preventable complaints.

Two very easy and quick measures can help reduce the number of vehicle theft complaints occurring in our city. These steps include:

- Removing any items of value from your vehicle.
 - GPS units, cellular telephones, watches, cameras and money.
- Locking your vehicle even when parked in a secure setting such as your garage.

Working together, the Police Department and the community can make a difference in reducing the number of theft from automobile complaints.

Activity in August for the Investigative Services Bureau stayed steady as a total of 79 cases were sent to the Investigative Services Unit for review. Seventeen of these cases were assigned to a detective for additional follow up. A summary of some of these cases reviewed in August include:

- 5 domestic disturbances
- 5 burglary complaints
- 12 fraud reports
- 3 death investigations
- 2 sexual assault reports
- 13 larceny complaints

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

20 Adults
26 Criminal Counts
4 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

2 Juveniles
2 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures