

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**DECEMBER 2010**

# CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

## Community Events

On Sunday, December 5, Middleton Police participated in the annual Shop with a Cop program at Target East. Middleton Police took ten local kids shopping and then wrapped presents and had pizza at the Lakeside Street VFW.

Middleton Police GREAT Instructor, Officer Matt Sherry, held GREAT graduation on Thursday, December 9, at Kromrey Middle School for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Middleton Police and VIPS assisted.

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 hosted its fall seminar on Thursday, November 11, 6:00 PM, at the Middleton High School Performing Arts Center. The topic was “Juvenile Gang Members in Our Community”. Guest speakers were Detective Joel Wagner from the Dane County Sheriff’s Office and Aaron Perry/Frank Rodriguez from Dane County Human Services Neighborhood Intervention Program.

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 Middleton Police Citizens' Academy has been cancelled for 2010 due to construction of the new Police Department and budget cuts. The Citizens' Academy will start up again in the spring of 2011.

The Academy runs for ten weeks and is open to adults that live or work in Middleton. Class size is usually 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 helped serve pizza at the GREAT Graduation at Kromrey Middle School on Thursday, December 9.

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.

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.

Thanks to all of our sponsors from the Golf Outing Fundraiser:

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- T-Wall Properties

And a special thanks to Electronic Theater Controls (ETC) for another generous donation to help fund the middle school Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program!

**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 November, Middleton Officers handled 1,415 calls for service, 578 were field initiated, 837 were dispatched, issued 453 citations and 134 written warnings, made 40 criminal arrests and investigated 35 accidents.

In December, Middleton Officers handled 1,438 calls for service, 552 were field initiated, 886 were dispatched, issued 407 citations and 141 written warnings, made 26 criminal arrests and investigated 52 accidents.

### **Significant Events in December:**

MI10-8754, 12/05/10, 4:34 PM, Marshall's, 1700 Deming Way, Robbery  
Employees of Marshall's observed a male and female shoplifting items from the store. They tried to stop the pair, but they ran off. Security officers chased them. At one point, the male turned on one of the security guards and threatened to spray him with pepper spray. The male was taken into custody by Middleton officers at a nearby hotel. A 16 year old male from Fitchburg was charged with Armed Robbery and Resisting Arrest and transported to the Juvenile Reception Center. His accomplice was not located or identified.

MI10-8761, 12/06/10, Papa Murphy's, Great Clips and Nitty Gritty, 1000 Gammon Road, Burglaries

Three businesses in the strip mall were broken into. Telephone lines were cut and doors were pried open.

MI10-8858, 12/10/10, Bath and Body Works, 1600 Deming, Retail Theft

Four females with an infant distracted the clerk and took numerous items of body care products.

MI10-8921, 12/14/10, 6400 Pheasant Lane, Fraud

A man reported he received a call from someone purporting to work for Visa. He was told he could obtain a credit card with a low interest rate if he sent \$340.00 via a moneygram to a location in Florida. This was a scam and the man did not receive the card.

MI10-8962, 12/16/10, Middleton Public Library, Theft

Library employees became suspicious that a juvenile and adult were stealing DVD's from the library. Police were notified and questioned the subjects. Police went to the residence of the juvenile and recovered over 400 DVD's that belonged to the library. Arrests are pending in this case.

MI10-9031, 12/19/10, 8:30 PM, 6200 Middleton Springs Drive, Theft of Motor Vehicle

A man was warming his car up and went back inside his residence. The vehicle was stolen. A short time later, the Madison Police Department was called to Russett Road because people were throwing items from a car, which turned out to be the stolen vehicle. The vehicle left prior to police arrival. The following night, the vehicle was located in Arlington Heights, IL. It had been involved in an accident and abandoned.

MI10-9047, 12/20/10, Sonic, 6400 University Avenue, Employee Theft

Police were notified of a significant embezzlement case at the restaurant. The case is under investigation.

MI10-9110, 12/23/10, Residence Inn, 8400 Market Street, Theft

A woman reported that a ring valued over \$13,000.00 was stolen from her when she was staying at the hotel. The ring has been recovered from a local pawn shop. Investigation revealed another ring valued at \$5,000.00 was stolen from the hotel and also recovered at the pawn shop. A suspect has been identified and warrants are being sought.

MI10-9171, 12/27/10, Closets by Techline, Gerold Photography and Crandalls, 6300 University Avenue, Burglaries

Three businesses were broken into and items taken.

MI10-9199, 12/28/10, 2:30 PM, 5800 Sandhill Drive, Suspicious Activity

A man went into his garage and observed a stranger inside. The stranger said he was looking for a dog. Police believe he was going to take items.

MI10-9244, 12/30/10, 7000 Maywood Avenue, Burglary  
While residents were out of town attending the Rose Bowl, their home was broken into and electronics and prescription drugs were taken.

## **Personnel**

### **New Officer Starts at Middleton Police Department**

Barrett Erwin began his Law Enforcement career with the Middleton Police Department on Tuesday, December 8, 2010. Barrett is a native of Lake Mills, Wisconsin. He comes from a family with law enforcement background. His father is a retired detective with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and his mother is a Circuit Court Judge in Jefferson County.

Barrett is a 2002 graduate of the University of Minnesota with a degree in Political Science and History. Barrett's wife, Debra, is a lawyer, working for the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission. Interestingly, her parents also have a law enforcement background. Her father is a Circuit Court Judge in Washington County and her mother is an Assistant District Attorney.

Barrett is now in Phase I of Field Training. He will be assigned to Field Training with various Field Training Officers for at least four months before going on solo patrol. He will be mentored and on probation for 18 months.

Barrett (center) is pictured being sworn in by City Clerk Lorie Burns as Chief Keil looks on.



## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

A Dane County Traffic Safety Committee meeting was held in December but Sgt. Mueller was unable to attend due to inclement weather related call activity which included pushing about 30 vehicles up the Century Avenue hill to keep traffic moving.

December 10 to 18 was the yearly Booze and Belts Campaign. This again was an unfunded activity. Four officers participated for a total of 19.5 hours. Nineteen traffic stops were made. Fifteen warnings were issued along with 14 citations (1 Seat Belt, 3 Speed, 2 Sign/Signal, 2 OAR, 1 Registration, 2 Equipment, and 3 others not listed) were issued. In addition one Drug arrest was made along with two Ordinance citations issued.

Approximately 36 hours were spent on directed traffic patrols. Roadways targeted were: Airport Road, Branch/Maywood intersection, Century Avenue, Deming Way, Elmwood Avenue, Hubbard Avenue, Maywood Avenue, N Gammon Road, N High Point Road, N High Point Road/Westchester intersection, Park Street, Parmenter Street, University Avenue, Hwy Q and Hwy 12. Sixty-five enforcement actions were taken: Speed - 22 citations with four warnings, Insurance - ten citations with two warnings, Registration - four citations with 11 warnings, Failure to Obey Sign - three citations with one warning, Seat Belt - two citations, OAR - one citation, Equipment - three warnings, Failure to Yield Right of Way - two warnings and one warning for Lane Deviation.

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

Burglary, the unauthorized act of entering a dwelling with the intent to steal, is a crime trend that is on the rise in Dane County. There are currently several different groups who are actively committing burglaries in this region. One of such group is committing both day and nighttime residential burglaries while a second is committing nighttime commercial burglaries.

The City of Middleton was hit hard by the commercial burglary group(s) in December. Seven different Middleton retail establishments were burglarized in December. These groups are attacking throughout both Dane and Rock counties.

Middleton Police Detectives are working with a Dane County area task force in an attempt to tackle this multi-jurisdictional problem.

During the month of December, 62 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:

- 8 - Burglary
- 2 - Check Welfare
- 2 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 7 - Domestic Follow-up
- 11 - Fraud
- 1 - Harassment
- 1 - Hit & Run
- 6 - Larceny
- 1 - Sexual Assault
- 1 - Stolen Automobile

- 1 - Suicide
- 10 - Thefts from Automobiles
- 2 - Trespassing
- 8 - Uniform Controlled Substances

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

Middleton High School Monthly Report  
Officer Travis Kakuske

The amount of call activity at Middleton High School (MHS) was down considerably in December, primarily due to the fact that students were on winter break at the end of the month. In total, there were 43 calls at MHS in December. Some of those calls included nine lost properties, six disturbances, four check person calls, four calls related to drugs, three accidents, three status offense-related calls, two fights and one theft. From those calls, there were 12 municipal tickets issued in December. Tickets were issued for possession of a controlled substance (3), daytime loitering (3), disorderly conduct (2), possession of drug paraphernalia (2), theft (1) and underage alcohol possession (1).

Last month I was involved in other proactive activity as well, including addressing eight different health classes on the topics of drugs and alcohol. As part of the presentation, students are provided with valuable information about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and given the opportunity to ask legal questions as well. In December, I also finished meeting with the freshmen advisory classes.

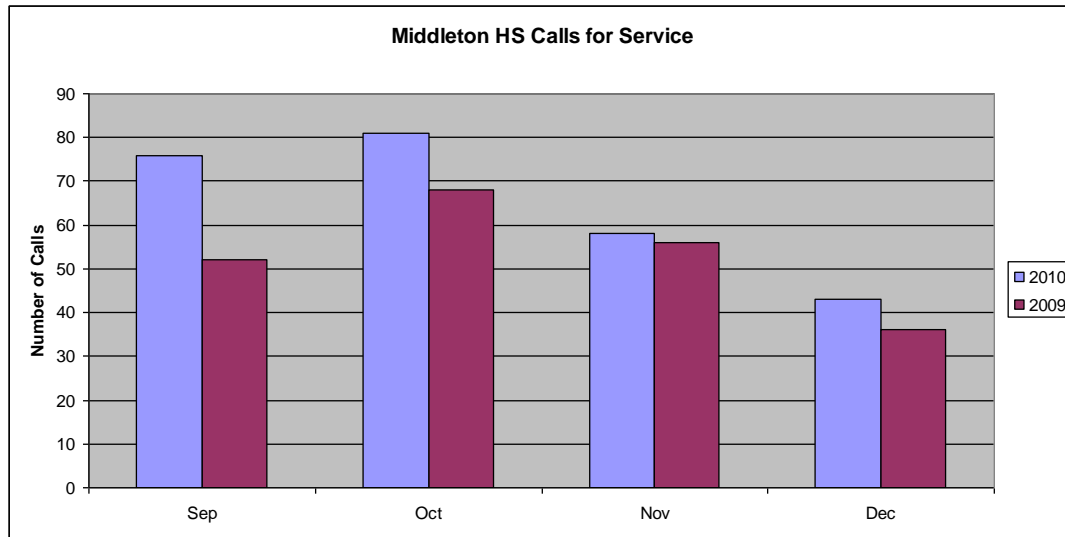
Over the last few months, this gave me the opportunity to meet with every incoming freshman and explain my role as the SRO and give them important information about their transition to high school. Other activity last month included my attending a Dane County SRO Meeting at Sun Prairie High School, and also organizing a K-9 drug search at MHS on December 20. Six dogs were used for the search from multiple departments, including the Dane County Sheriff's Department, Waunakee Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol as well as the UW-Madison Police Department. There were no drugs found during the search. In December, I also continued to advertise the "Quick \$50" tips program at MHS, which resulted in two credible tips for the month.



Regarding call activity at MHS, so far this school year there has been a slight increase each month as compared to the year before. See the chart below for a month-by-month illustration. That said, the crime rate and number of thefts has continued to decline, primarily due to a continued focus on reducing larceny at MHS, especially in the locker rooms. For example, over the last few months an emphasis was placed on locking the locker room doors promptly each class period in order to keep loitering students out of those areas. Since that practice was started, there has been a very noticeable decline in locker room thefts. The number of students leaving items unattended/unlocked in those



areas has also declined noticeably, likely due to continuous reminders and education about theft.



Kromrey Middle School  
Officer Matt Sherry

December was a short month, with about 2 ½ weeks of school total. I finished teaching G.R.E.A.T., attended monthly meetings and took calls for service at Kromrey.

G.R.E.A.T. was finished during the first week of December. The last few days of the program were devoted to students presenting their “Making My School a G.R.E.A.T. Place” projects. Many of the students did an excellent job. Some of the projects consisted of YouTube videos for picking up trash, informational videos speaking out against joining gangs, community service, and informational posters to be put up around school.

At the beginning of December, I participated in the annual Shop with a Cop program at the East side Target store. This was a great opportunity to see some of the students outside of a school setting. I attended the bi-weekly attendance committee meeting as well as the monthly Dane County School Resource Officer Meeting at Sun Prairie High School. December also was when we did our fall K-9 search of KMS. No illegal substances were found in KMS, which is great to know our school is safe.

In December, I took four calls for service. These consisted of one alcohol violation, two disturbances and one check welfare. The alcohol violation resulted in a citation for underage possession of alcohol. One disturbance resulted in a State charge for disorderly conduct and the other resulted in a warning for disorderly conduct. I also worked with our first shift patrol on monitoring the crosswalk on Park Lawn Place and Brookdale Drive. This resulted in citations being issued for crosswalk violations.

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

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

35 Adults  
52 Criminal Counts  
2 Civil Forfeitures

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

10 Juveniles  
18 Criminal Counts  
0 Civil Forfeitures