

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



DECEMBER 2011

ITEMS OF INTEREST

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Community Events

On Sunday, December 4, Middleton Police (Shop With A Cop) took nine local children shopping at Target East with donated funds so that they could buy Christmas presents for their families. The presents were wrapped at the Lake Street VFW where everyone enjoyed pizza, pop and cookies.

On Wednesday, December 7, Middleton Police, along with Middleton Business Watch and the Apartment Association of South Central Wisconsin hosted a landlord training session at the Middleton Police Department. Part of the training explained the recently passed bill giving landlords more rights and discretion in who they rent to.

On Thursday, December 8, Middleton Police assisted SRO Matt Sherry with the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) graduation at EG Kromrey Middle School.

On Sunday, December 15, Middleton Police honored the VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) with their annual appreciation dinner at the Middleton Police Department. Officers dressed in 50's fashion and served a 50's menu of shakes, cherry cokes and burgers. VIPS Barb Roe was honored as VIPS Volunteer of the Year for all of her efforts especially with the Police Annual Report.

On Friday, December 16, Middleton Police gave a tour to local Cub Scouts at the Police Department.

Officer David Kasdorf has completed his three year assignment as Community Awareness Officer and will be returning to Patrol in 2012. Detective Sergeant Steve Britt has also completed his assignment in the Investigative Services Bureau and will be a first shift Sergeant in 2012. Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand will be taking over for Sergeant Britt. The Community Awareness Officer position is expected to be filled in July of 2012 when the Department is back to full staff after several retirements this year.

If you would like more information or would like to involve the Police Department in a community presentation or event, please contact Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at 824-7314 or thellenbrand@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 Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at 824-7314 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.



Citizens' Academy

The next academy is tentatively scheduled to 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 Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at 824-7314 or thellenbrand@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 Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at 824-7314 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 824-7314 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 824-7314 or thellenbrand@ci.middleton.wi.us.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

In November, Middleton Officers handled 1,475 calls for service, 663 were field initiated, 812 were dispatched, issued 505 citations and 123 written warnings, made 5 criminal arrests and investigated 40 accidents.

In December, Middleton Officers handled 1,357 calls for service, 483 were field initiated, 874 were dispatched, issued 369 citations and 126 written warnings, made 16 criminal arrests and investigated 22 accidents.

Significant Events in December:

MI11-8258, 12/01/11, 5:16 PM, Walgreen's, Retail Theft

Suspect took a number of items out of Walgreen's without paying for them. He was a suspect in several previous cases.

MI11-8281, 12/03/11, 2300 block of Branch Street, Burglary

Resident reported that while the family was sleeping, someone entered the apartment and took a 65" LCD TV.

MI11-8293, 12/04/11, 12:39 AM, Marriott, Fight

Officers responded to a room on the 3rd floor of the Marriott for a fight. Security had already broken up the fight and were holding the primary aggressors until police arrival. Jason Suttles, of Madison, and Jean and Jason Syens, of Portage, were cited for Disorderly Conduct.

MI11-8303, 12/04/11, 7:42 PM, Willy Street Co-op, Damage to Property

A man went to the store and asked that his \$20.00 bill that was torn in half be replaced with an intact one. Store employees refused and he left disgruntled. A short time later, the man returned and threw a rock through the front window.

MI11-8352, 12/07/11, 2800 block of Old Creek, Theft of Motorcycle

Owner, calling from Mexico, reported that while he was out of town, he learned his motorcycle had been stolen from his garage. The motorcycle had been recovered in Madison.

MI11-8374, 12/08/11, 1:52 PM, Keva Sports, Fight

A fight occurred during a pickup soccer game. A man was struck in the face, resulting in him receiving a broken nose. Yonis Ugas, of Madison, was arrested for Substantial Battery.

MI11-8390, 12/09/11, 8800 block of Greenview Drive, Burglaries

Two businesses were broken into overnight and cash and electronics were taken. A former employee of one of the businesses has been identified as a suspect in the case.

MI11-8433, 12/10/11, 10:32 PM, Marriott, Fight

Officers were dispatched to the 9th floor of the Marriott for a noise complaint, suspected underage drinking party and a large fight. Upon arrival, officers noted several subjects fleeing the hotel. Officers broke up the disturbance and arrested one juvenile for Disorderly Conduct.

MI11-8480, 12/13/11, 11:39 AM, Kromrey Middle School, Bomb Threat

School officials were notified of a message on the wall of a boys' bathroom, indicating a bomb was going to go off at a specific time. The school was placed in lockdown while the school sweep team searched the building with negative results. The investigation continues.

MI11-8528, 12/15/11, 6:15 PM, downtown Middleton, Graffiti

Several downtown businesses, City Hall and school buildings were spray painted.

MI11-8533, 12/15/11, 11:09 PM, Hody Bar, Damage to Property and Eluding

Bar employees notified the police that an intoxicated patron had ripped posters off the wall and threw patio furniture around. Police later found the woman driving on University Avenue. She fled when an officer tried to pull her over, reaching speeds approaching 100 miles per hour. She crashed her car on University Avenue near Whitney Way in Madison and was arrested for Damage to Property, Eluding and Operating While Intoxicated.

MI11-8680, 12/21/11, 2600 Middleton Beach Road, Theft from Vehicle

Resident reported placing Christmas presents in his vehicle parked in his driveway the night before a planned trip to a relative's home in northern Wisconsin. The gifts were missing the following morning. The gifts were valued in excess of \$10,000.00.

MI11-8707, 12/22/11, 3300 Conservancy Lane, Fraud

An elderly woman reported she received a call from a man who said he was her oldest grandson and that he had been arrested in the Dominican Republic and needed bail money. She went to Check Advance and wired \$2,600.00 to the man. She received a

second call a few hours later from the same caller who said he needed additional money. Check Advance was closed, so she went to Check and Go in Madison and attempted to wire \$2,200.00 through Western Union. Western Union would not wire the money, suspecting a fraud. The woman later confirmed her grandson was not in the Dominican Republic.

MI11-8842, 12/31/11, 6:54 PM, Old Creek Road, Arson Fire
Police and the Middleton Fire Department responded to a car fire. The vehicle had been parked in the driveway and was a collector pickup truck. It is suspected the fire was deliberately started and a joint investigation continues with Middleton Fire.

Department News

On 12/01/11, Officer Donna Hamilton retired from the Middleton Police Department. Donna had been with the Department since 2002 and prior to that had been an officer in Arroyo Grande and Bakersfield, California.



On 12/16/11, Officer Rob Engelhart retired from the Middleton Police Department. Rob had been with the Department since 1988 and was an officer with the Watertown Police Department prior to that.



Both Donna and Rob will be missed by their friends and co-workers at the Department.

On 12/09/11, Cesar Salinas graduated from the Fox Valley Technical College Recruit Academy. Attending the ceremony were Cesar's family and friends, as well as Chief Keil, Captain Kakuske and Captain Foulke (pictured below). Officer Salinas will now begin a four month field training program, paired with veteran field training officers. He will then be on solo patrol, but will be on probation for 18 months and mentored by a veteran officer.



The retirement of Officers Hamilton and Engelhart and the hire and academy graduation of Officer Salinas put the Middleton Police Department at two officers under authorized strength.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Sgt. Mueller attended the Dane County Traffic Safety Commission meeting on the 6th. It was learned that University Avenue from Allen Boulevard in Middleton to Segoe Road in Madison will be re-paved in 2012 with the road remaining open but only one lane in each direction. Alternative routes will be suggested but we should expect significant backups during rush hours. The County highway trucks will be using salt brine on the Beltline and salt/sand mix on rural roads this winter.

A news conference by the commission on December 15 to remind the public about winter driving concerns also had Sgt. Mueller in attendance. All three local television stations had news correspondents present so the message got out there. Who knew it would be four weeks before the next snowfall?

Directed traffic patrols were performed for 36 hours. Road targeted were, Hwy 12, Branch Street at Maywood Avenue, Century Avenue, High Road, N Gammon Road, N High Point Road, Sedgemoor Road at Valley Ridge Road, and University Avenue. Eighty-six enforcement actions were taken. Speeding 32 citations and seven warnings, Insurance 13 citations and one warning, Failure to Stop for Stop Sign eight citations and five warnings, Registration three citations and eight warnings, two citations for Operating After Suspension, one Seat Belt citation and two Equipment warnings.

Speed grant patrols were for 15.25 hours. Twenty-four enforcement actions were taken. Speed had nine citations with two warnings, Insurance three citations, one citation each for No Driver's License, Registration and Lane Deviation with seven Equipment warnings and one No License on Person warning.

Seat Belt grant patrols were for 17 hours. Thirty-six enforcement actions were taken. Insurance had nine citations with one warning, Registration had three citations and one warning, Speed had two citations and four warnings, Operating After Suspension two citations, Seat Belt one citations, Equipment ten warnings, one warning for No License on Person, one warning for Lane Deviation and one citation for Possession of Marijuana.

During the month of December, there were 18 reportable accidents on roadways and four in parking lots. That compares to 2010 which had 51 reportable roadway accidents and two parking lot accidents. 2010 December had significant snowfalls while 2011 December only had two minor snowfalls. This clearly shows how weather can adversely affect the accident rate as 2010 had almost three times as many accidents.

TRAINING

12/05/11, Firearms Instructors Orientation to New Facility, Hellenbrand, Geiszler, Kasdorf, O'Connor and Dixon, 8 hours

12/07/11, Social Networking in the Dispatch Center, Cleasby, 1.5 hours

12/12/11, SWAT Decision Making and Leadership, 40 hours, Zimmerman and Geiszler
12/21/11, Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association Strategic Planning, 16 hours, Keil

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

Between the months of June and November, residents of The Middleton Hills and Northside Neighborhoods reported 27 theft from auto cases. A distinct pattern or method of operation developed around these cases. The suspects searched these neighborhoods for unlocked vehicles in driveways, on the street or in unlocked garages. The suspects entered numerous vehicles each night they attacked. They stole items from the vehicles and then discarded less valuable loot throughout the neighborhood.

Between the late evening hours of November 23 and the early morning hours of November 24, Middleton Police Department took eight Theft from Auto reports in the Middleton Hills and Northside Neighborhoods.

In one of these Theft from Auto reports, a credit card was stolen. That credit card was later used at Madison area Target stores to make ten purchases totaling more than \$2,700.00.

Target surveillance video shows a Middleton juvenile swiping the stolen credit card and forging a signature on all ten transactions. Three other area juvenile males are also observed on video as they each selected items to purchase and were present as the actual credit card transactions were made.

During one of these transactions, the juvenile male is also seen on video giving a gift card, that was fraudulently purchased using the stolen credit card, to Middleton resident Kisis Lugo. Lugo then uses this gift card, a few minutes later, to purchase a substantial amount of alcohol.

On December 9, 2011, one of the juvenile male suspects was arrested at Middleton High School for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. During that arrest, the suspect was found to be in possession of two of the cell phones that were fraudulently purchased from Target.

On December 14, 2011, Dane County Sheriff's Deputies took a report of a Burglary in the Town of Springfield. The Dane County Sheriff's Department arrested Anthony Hall and two of the juvenile males involved in the earlier Target transactions for this burglary. These subjects were arrested at 7109 University Avenue. During a consensual search of this residence, a sweater and a cell phone that were fraudulently purchased from Target were found, along with psychedelic mushrooms.

On December 14, 2011, a search warrant was executed on the residence of the juvenile male seen conducting each of the fraudulent Target transactions. During the execution of this warrant, one of the juveniles involved was arrested and was found to be in possession of a watch that had been purchased fraudulently from Target. During the search warrant,

numerous items of clothing, an Xbox 360 game and a gift card were located. All of these items were determined to have been purchased fraudulently at Target.

As a result of this investigation, the four juvenile males have been charged with numerous criminal offenses in Dane County Circuit Court. Kisis Lugo has also been cited for providing alcohol to minors and for being party to the crime of credit card fraud.

During the month of December, 73 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, four cases were assigned to patrol officers and 22 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

- 1 - Bicycles Found
- 5 - Burglaries
- 2 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 2 - Death Investigations
- 4 - Disturbances
- 9 - Domestic Disturbances
- 7 - Fraud
- 6 - Graffiti
- 3 - Harassment
- 14 - Larceny
- 1 - Juvenile Missing Persons
- 2 - Sexual Assaults
- 6 - Thefts from Automobiles
- 5 - Uniform Controlled Substances

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School
Officer Travis Kakuske

During the month of December, there were 51 police calls for service at the Middleton High School (MHS). This number was down from past months, primarily due to the fact that students were on winter break from December 22 through the end of the month. Some of the above incidents included seven assist citizen calls, six check person calls, two disturbances, eight reports of lost property, six thefts, and six 911 disconnects. The high number of 911 disconnects is the result of a cell phone tower being located on school property. From the noted calls, there were five municipal tickets issued at MHS in December, including possession of drug paraphernalia and truancy (4). In addition to municipal tickets, last month I also referred five charges to the Dane County District Attorney's Office, including four charges of theft and one charge of possession of a controlled substance (marijuana).

I was involved in many other activities in December, including facilitating several tabletop exercise training sessions with school staff from MHS, MASH, and Elm Lawn

Elementary School. The purpose of a tabletop exercise is to verbally process and talk through a critical incident scenario step by step with key individuals who would be most likely involved if the incident actually happened. The goal of the exercise is twofold: to mentally prepare for critical incidents, and to possibly expose weaknesses with regard to the response. In December, select staff from each school in the district participated in multiple tabletop exercises.

Last month I gave presentations to several classes at MHS as well, including two talks on self-defense topics to a gym class. I also gave several presentations to sophomore health classes on the topic of drugs and alcohol, including the trends we are seeing in the community, consequences if caught using, etc. In addition, I also participated in this year's "Reality Day" for marketing students, which was a half-day event that was held off school grounds.

Finally, last month I also attended several Dean meetings with school administration, as well as an expulsion hearing at the District Administration Center.

Kromrey Middle School
Officer Matt Sherry

December is a short month, due to Christmas break. December was filled with busy days, trying to finish up the G.R.E.A.T. program for the year. I also participated in two tabletop discussions and had a third disrupted by an incident at Kromrey.

As I said above, I finished teaching G.R.E.A.T. to the 6th graders. The end of G.R.E.A.T. means project presentations for the group. There were many good presentations and I could tell the students put a lot of thought and effort into it. Projects ranged from students making posters to hang up in school, to donating homemade blankets to the Dane County Humane Society and pillowcase dresses for a Haiti earthquake relief. I would like to thank the 6th grade teachers who graciously let me come into their classrooms and teach. They were also very flexible with schedule changes and I greatly appreciate it.

I also helped facilitate two tabletop exercises on school safety in December. These exercises were the first steps taken by the Middleton Cross Plains Area School District to address school safety scenarios. Participants in the scenarios were Situation Response Team members from each school and each school had their own day for the exercise. All of the teams did an excellent job.

I took five calls for service in December. There were two sexual conduct cases. One involved an autistic child and the other an inappropriate picture on a cell phone. Neither resulted in charges and were handled by counseling the students on their behavior. There were two disturbances. One disturbance resulted in verbal warnings to the students and the other resulted in a disorderly conduct charge. Kromrey also experienced its first bomb threat since I have been here. Suspects were interviewed, but none have been arrested on any charges as of this report.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

35 Adults
65 Criminal Counts
3 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

3 Juveniles
7 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures