

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**DECEMBER 2012**

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**Members of Department staff, as well as members of other area police departments located in our school district, have been meeting with local school officials in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook school shootings. The purpose of those meetings is to review current safety and security measures at our schools. Some of the areas that will continue to be reviewed and revised as needed are: physical security aspects of our schools, security procedures at schools and response plans at schools.**

### **12/20/12 and 12/21/12, Blizzard of 2012**

Officers, and the Community Services Manager, responded to 47 assist motorist calls for vehicles that were stuck in the roadway or slid off of the road into ditches or drifts. The Department responded to multiple calls of trees or branches down blocking the roadway (in one case, a train was blocked for nearly one hour, closing Gammon Road), three motor vehicle accident calls, two calls of damage to vehicles in parking lots where branches and/or trees had fallen on vehicles and two calls of wires down across the road. Because of the dangerous weather and road conditions, many officers and dispatchers were not able to make it in to work or able to make it home. Several of them either slept at police headquarters or at the EMS building. Many worked multiple shifts in order to help maintain minimum staffing levels. Some worked up to 16 hours straight. Police, DPW, Public Lands staff, the Fire Department and EMS worked closely during this event. Roads and intersections were cleared in a timely manner, in order to get stranded motorists moving or, in the case of the Fire Department, get them out of their cars and moved to a safe location.

*We have experienced an uptick in residential burglaries in our City. Please remember to lock all exterior doors and doors leading from garage areas into your home. Fortify the service doors leading into your garage if possible. Use motion and dusk to dawn lights on the exterior of your home. Use timers on lights inside your home. Consider purchasing alarm systems and please report all suspicious activity and persons in your neighborhoods to police immediately using 911.*

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

### **Community Events**

On Sunday, December 2, Middleton Police took nine local children shopping at Target East for the *Shop with a Cop Program* with donated funds so 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 Monday, December 4, Middleton Police hosted the *Safe Assured ID program* at the Middleton Senior Center. The Safe Assured ID system allows caregivers and guardians

to place identifying information and video in the hands of law enforcement and the media within minutes of any disappearance. In addition to a high-quality digital photograph, additional information captured includes streaming digital video showing mannerisms and movements, a full set of digital fingerprints, a digital voice file showing voice inflection and accent, and general personal information. Safe Assured ID is designed for people of all ages.

On Thursday, December 6, the Middleton Police Department participated in *Operation Toy Drive*.

On Friday, December 7, Middleton Police gave a tour to a Middleton Boy Scout troop at the Middleton Police Department.

On Monday, December 10, Middleton Police honored the VIPS (*Volunteers in Police Service*) with their Annual Appreciation Dinner at Sofra restaurant in Middleton. A huge thank you to all the VIPS and the work they do for the Police Department.

On Tuesday, December 11, Middleton Police assisted SRO Tom Wilson with the G.R.E.A.T. (*Gang Resistance Education and Training*) graduation at EG Kromrey Middle School.

On Thursday, December 13, Middleton Police participated in “Reality Day” with Middleton High School students at the Hilton Garden Inn.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://middletonpd.com).



## *Citizens' Academy*

The next academy will start in April of 2013 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 Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or [jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us).

## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

In November, Middleton Officers handled 1,423 calls for service, 577 were field initiated, 846 were dispatched, issued 343 citations and 69 written warnings, made eight criminal arrests and investigated 34 accidents.

In December, Middleton Officers handled 1,443 calls for service, 548 were field initiated, 895 were dispatched, issued 342 citations and 67 written warnings, made 16 criminal arrests and investigated 43 accidents.

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

12/03/12, MI12-7993, Bath and Body Works, Retail Theft  
A woman took approximately \$1,000.00 in merchandise without paying for it.

12/05/12, MI12-8018, 6300 block of Maywood Avenue, Burglary  
Resident went out of town for several days and upon return discovered a brick had been thrown through her bedroom window to gain entry and several items were stolen.

12/07/12, MI12-8067, 6300 block of Mendota Avenue, Burglary  
Purse and cell phones were stolen from a car which was parked in a garage.

12/09/12, MI 12-8094, 4:25 AM, 6800 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, Theft from Vehicles  
An alert neighbor reported two suspicious men in the Middleton Hills Neighborhood. The men were contacted and it was determined they had been breaking into vehicles. Both were charged with Theft from Vehicle and one man was jailed on a Probation hold.

12/13/12, MI12-8189, 2100 block of Gateway North, Burglary  
Door leading into the garage was kicked open, allowing entry to the residence. Two laptops were taken.

12/17/12, MI12-8267, 3000 Deming Way, Theft  
Eighty feet of welding lead was taken from a construction site.

12/23/12, MI12-8386, 7300 block of Century Avenue, Sexual Assault  
Resident reported her landlord grabbed her and tried to kiss her. After the police were notified, the landlord called the victim and came back to her residence and offered her free rent for a month if she did not report the incident to the police. The landlord was charged with 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sexual Assault and Intimidation of a Victim.

12/24/12, MI12-8397, 6800 block of Hubbard Avenue, Burglary  
Residents returned home to find a rear door kicked in, allowing entry to the house. Numerous items were taken.

12/24/12, MI12-8400, 6400 block of Clovernook, Burglary  
Residents returned home and discovered a door leading into the garage was kicked open, allowing entry to the residence. Numerous items were taken.

12/25/12, MI12-8406, 6600 block of Cooper Avenue, Burglary  
Residents discovered the rear door was forced open, maybe by use of a crowbar or other tool. Numerous items were taken.

12/31/12, MI12-8505, Walgreen's, Counterfeit Currency  
A woman tried to purchase items with counterfeit \$20.00 bills. A clerk was suspicious and would not accept them.

12/31/12, MI12-8506, CVS Pharmacy, Counterfeit Currency  
A male attempted to purchase a \$100.00 gift card with counterfeit \$20.00 bills. A clerk was suspicious of the bills and would not accept them.

12/31/12, MI12-8523, Neil's Liquor, Counterfeit Bills  
Three counterfeit \$20.00 bills were received at the business.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

During the month, officers were assigned to the Highway 12 SMART grant patrols on two occasions, each with two officers working four hour shifts. Nineteen enforcement actions were taken: 11 citations for Speed and three warnings, four citations for Insurance related issues and one citation for Suspended Registration.

Starting next month, we will begin patrols under the Seat Belt and Speed grants that were deferred from October to January due to manpower shortage. The SMART grant patrols will also continue.

There were 42 reportable accidents during December of which eight were in parking lots. This compares to 22 accidents, five of which were parking lot accidents in 2011. The

significant difference most likely reflects the extremely warm and snowless winter of 2011 to 2012 as accident rates go up during snow periods and we had several snowfalls this past month.

Directed traffic patrols were performed for approximately 19 hours with Highway 12, Airport Road, Allen Blvd, Branch/Maywood, N Gammon Road, Parmenter Street and Pheasant Branch Road targeted. Forty-nine enforcement actions were taken: 26 citations for Speeding, nine citations for Insurance violations, six citations and one warning for Registration violations, three Operating After Suspension citations, one Failure to Stop for Stop Sign citation, one OWI citation, one Seatbelt citation and one warning each for Registration and Equipment.

Sgt. Mueller attended the Dane County Traffic Safety Commission meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>. The Commission will soon begin mapping and reviewing all crashes throughout the County but needs to work out some issues with TRACS in order to do so, the TRACS 10 update should solve this. This will aid in traffic safety analysis. ADA Emily Thompson's traffic prosecution position with the District Attorney's Office has been funded for another three years. Her dedicated assistance in fatal and severe injury crash investigations has been greatly appreciated by area law enforcement. She reminded all present that investigations of serious crashes and fatalities should include a reconstructionist from either Dane County Sheriff or Wisconsin State Patrol. She also will respond to the scene if needed. The Fitchburg Police representative informed us that their department prepared an educational video on negotiating roundabouts. We have added that to our Department's website. There was a new Bureau of Transportation Safety regional manager introduced at the meeting, Matthew Aslesen replaces Andrea Loeffelholz. He informed us that he hopes to do ride-a-longs on the deployments with the agencies who have grants.

## **TRAINING**

Glock Armorer, 8 hours, O'Connor  
Investigative Strategies for Missing, Endangered and Abducted People, 32 hours, Faust

Officers Loether, Franks and Curran continued in the Field Training Program. Officer Loether should be ready for solo patrol in January, Officer Franks in February and Officer Curran in April.

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

The ending of 2012 and specifically the month of December was a busy one for the Investigative Services Bureau. Eighty-one reports were taken by the patrol division in December which eventually were reviewed by the Investigative Services Supervisor for possible follow up. Out of these 81 reports, 23 cases were assigned to a Detective for additional follow up.

Some of the highlights of the cases reviewed by the Investigative Services Bureau include: two investigations involving a report of a sexual assault, four burglary investigations, five fraud complaints, three drug investigations and two domestic incidents.

Of particular importance, and one which has the Police Department concerned, is the recent increase in residential burglaries located in the neighborhoods south of University Avenue. Most of these burglaries have occurred during the late afternoon to early evening hours and have involved an unknown individual(s) forcibly entering residences by kicking in an outside door. The main items of interest during these burglaries have included electronics, including but not limited to televisions, game systems and computers. The City of Madison has also experienced an increase of residential burglaries on the west side of their city. Detectives from both agencies have been working collaboratively on trying to solve these cases and are pursuing a number of leads.

Lastly, Detective Jessica Quamme transitioned out of her investigative role at the end of December of 2012 and returned to third shift patrol. The Police Department currently has one out of the four allocated detective assignments as a rotating position. This rotating detective position allows our patrol staff an opportunity to gain knowledge and experience as a detective and hopefully become a better-rounded officer for the Department. Officer Travis Kakuske was recently selected to fill this rotating detective position and will be assigned to the Investigative Services Bureau in mid-January.

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

### **Middleton High School Officer Scott Moen**

December was a relatively quiet month for police call activity at Middleton High School (MHS) and Clark Street Community School (CSCS). Students had only 13 days of actual school due to a holiday break that was extended by the first two snow days of the school year. This month there were 25 calls for service at Middleton High School and six calls for service at CSCS. Some of those calls included: disturbances, thefts, a sexual assault, and a trespass complaint. From those incidents, there were three municipal tickets issued. There was also one criminal arrests made at CSCS during this month.

Officer Moen was involved in other activities in December as well, such as attending multiple Dean Meetings with MHS administration, attending a meeting for the Middleton Coalition to end underage drinking, and a meeting for Operation Click, a program that helps promote safe driving among students. Officer Moen also gave an Alcohol and Drug presentation to MHS health classes as well as spoke in several Business Law classes.

### **Kromrey Middle School Officer Tom Wilson**

In December, I finished teaching the GREAT Program to the 6th grade students. In the final week, the students presented their final projects. Some of these projects included volunteering, spreading a positive message about good decision making, a Toys for Tots toy drive, and one group made an Aldo Leopold bench to be used at the school. The following week, about 225 students and parents attended the GREAT graduation ceremony where they were presented with their certificates and got to have some pizza and refreshments celebrating their accomplishments in the program.

Calls for service during the month included two disturbances, two traffic complaints, three check welfares, two assist citizens, one theft, and one controlled substance report.

## COURT ACTIVITY

### Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

- 34 Adults
- 50 Criminal Counts
- 0 Civil Forfeitures

### Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

- 3 Juveniles
- 3 Criminal Counts
- 0 Civil Forfeitures

## COMMUNICATIONS CENTER DATA

December 2012			Total Calls for the Month
Line	Incoming	Outgoing	
Landline 9-1-1	111 (inc. 26 hang ups)		
Wireless 9-1-1	138 (inc. 4 hang ups*)		
Non-emergency Lines	1839	442	
Tie Line	184	49	
			<b>2763</b>

\* Number is only indicative of the calls that abandon at our center. The majority of wireless hang up calls we get are verbally passed on by DCPSCC staff.

Top three busiest hours of the day: 10:00am 3:00pm 4:00pm

Busiest day of the week: Wednesday  
Busiest date this month: Dec 20 (184)

