

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



DECEMBER 2013

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**

Community Events

On Thursday, December 5, the Middleton Police Department participated in Operation Toy Drive.

On Thursday, December 5, Middleton Police honored the VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) with their Annual Appreciation Dinner at the Craftsman restaurant in Middleton. A huge thank you to all the VIPS and the work they do for the Police Department.

On Sunday, December 8, 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 Tuesday, December 17, 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 17, 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.



PROGRAM IN FORCE



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 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 November, Middleton Officers handled 1,349 calls for service, 528 were field initiated, 821 were dispatched, issued 365 citations and 92 written warnings, made eight criminal arrests and investigated 41 accidents.

In December, Middleton Officers handled 1,367 calls for service, 520 were field initiated, 847 were dispatched, issued 412 citations and 78 written warnings, made five criminal arrests and investigated 45 accidents.

Significant Events in December:

MI13-8057, 12/04/13, Ballweg Chevrolet, Theft
Rims and tires, valued at \$3,500.00, were removed from a car in the lot.

MI13-7923, 12/04/13, Great Clips, Counterfeit Money
A counterfeit \$20.00 bill was passed at the business.

MI13-8153, 8154, 8156 and 8171, 12/07/13, 6:30 PM to 8:50 PM, 8500 block of Greenway Blvd., Burglaries
Four burglaries to apartments occurred in the early evening hours. Entry was gained through bedroom windows and patio doors. In at least two incidents, chairs were propped against the front door to prevent or slow entry if the resident returned while the suspect(s) were inside. Jewelry, cash and electronics were stolen.

MI13-8224, 12/11/13, 3500 block of Roma Lane, Burglary
Suspect(s) entered apartment through an unlocked door and took an X Box 360 game console and a Tablet.

MI13-8234, 12/12/13, 6800 block Hubbard Avenue, Burglary
Suspect(s) entered a residence through the unlocked front door. TV's, computer and prescription drugs were taken.

MI13-8346, 12/18/13, Pasta Nuovo, Counterfeit Money
Three counterfeit \$20.00 bills were passed at the restaurant.

MI13-8442, 12/23/13, 3100 block of Deming Way, Theft of Metal
Theft of stainless steel scrap metal from a business was valued at \$2,400.00.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Middleton Police Investigated 43 reportable crashes, of those, four were injury crashes. This is up slightly from December 2012 with 42 crashes.

Middleton Police issued 413 citations and 79 warnings. Of those 413, there were 79 citations for speed related violations and ten were OWI's.

The December OWI grant was done on the 19th by three officers for a total of 12 hours. This resulted in four citations, two warnings and a warrant and drug arrest.

There were 17 directed traffic patrols in December totaling 116 hours officers spent on traffic patrol only.

No speed studies will be done until spring given the equipment required does not function well in the cold temperatures.

TRAINING

Glock Armorer School, 8 hours, Smith

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

Most of us were shocked and concerned with the recent news that the Target Corporation recently had a security breach resulting in 40 million credit and debit cards and their respective information being stolen. Concerning news for many as the fear of personal information being used and unauthorized use of credit and debit cards were on the minds of many during the recent holiday season. As shocking as this news was, did you know that the security breach involving the Target Corporation was just one of approximately 600 security breaches in 2013?

Identity theft and fraudulent use of credit and debit cards are frequent crimes reported by citizens of our community. These crimes can be difficult to investigate and solve as the sheer volume of these cases can be overwhelming for many police agencies, suspects frequently reside in other states or countries, fake email addresses are used by suspects

and delivered packages are sent to abandoned buildings or large apartment complexes using false identification.

Some simple steps can be taken to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft and unauthorized use of credit/debit cards or preventing further damage to one's credit history. Some of these simple steps include:

- Check your credit report frequently. Credit reports can be obtained by accessing the website of www.annualcreditreport.com. Everyone is entitled to one free copy of their credit report within a 12 month period.
- Frequently check credit card and checking account statements to verify charges and report any unauthorized transactions. Experts indicate everyone should be checking their accounts and statements at least weekly.
- If a Social Security card has been lost or stolen, people are advised to put a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze will prevent criminals from opening new accounts using your personal information.
- Credit cards can provide better fraud protection than debit cards. The unauthorized use of a debit card and the withdrawal of funds come directly from your checking account where credit card funds are the responsibility of your bank. Although you are likely to be reimbursed for unauthorized withdrawals from your checking account, it can be more difficult and time consuming than unauthorized credit card transactions.
- Be cautious of providing too much information when shopping online. Experts also caution using the same password as this allows criminals if they obtain your personal information to access your other accounts.
- For additional information about identity theft visit www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore/ or www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/

The holiday season usually means a time of happiness and spending time with family and friends. Many of us are traveling or busy during this time of year and likely don't pay as much attention to our accounts and personal information as we normally do. Criminals are aware of our distractions and use this to their advantage. During this busy season don't forget to frequently check your statements and accounts as many experts advise all of us will eventually become a victim of identity theft; don't allow this festive time be ruined by a criminal.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

**Middleton High School
Officer Scott Moen**

December was a relatively quiet month for police call activity at the Middleton High School (MHS) and the Clark Street Community School (CSCS). Students had only 15 days of actual school due to a holiday break that leads into 2014. This month there were 35 calls for service at MHS and one call for service at CSCS. Some of those calls

included: disturbances, truancy issues and fights. From those incidents, there were two municipal tickets issued.

Officer Moen was involved in other activities in December as well, such as attending multiple meetings with MHS administration, and attending a meeting for the Middleton Coalition to end underage drinking. Officer Moen also gave an Alcohol and Drug presentation to nine different MHS health classes, as well as spoke to a physical education class for girls about ways to stay safe. Officer Moen also assisted the Middleton Cross Plains Area School District with creating and filming a crisis response informational video to help better prepare students and staff during an actual crisis.

**Kromrey Middle School
Officer Tom Wilson**

In December, I finished teaching the GREAT Program to the 6th grade students. During the last week of class, all of the students presented their final projects. Some of these projects included a school pajama drive for American Family Children's Hospital, a food drive for MOM and a toy drive. Then, on the evening of December 17, about 250 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.

During the month, I also handled several calls for service at the school. These calls included several disturbances which resulted in the issuance of three municipal court citations.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

15 Adults
3 Criminal Counts
10 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

0 Juveniles
0 Criminal Counts
1 Civil Forfeitures