

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



FEBRUARY 2010

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**



Community Events

On Friday, February 5, Middleton Police and McGruff attended the Elm Lawn PTA Family Fun Night. Also present was USA Olympian Suzy Favor-Hamilton.

On Thursday, February 11, Middleton Police gave a Safety Presentation to the Low-Vision Group at the Middleton Senior Center.

On Wednesday, February 17, Middleton Police gave a Taser presentation and demonstration to Mr. Engel's 7th grade science classes.

On Friday, February 19, Middleton Police gave station tours to groups from the Middleton High School Early Childhood Program.

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 827-7457 or dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us.

Middleton Business Watch

Middleton Business Watch is planning the Spring Seminar which will be held in May. Middleton Police Detectives will give a presentation on internal and external theft.

The new MBW signs are in and will be installed soon.

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 827-7457 or dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us.



Police 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 827-7457 or dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us.



Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

A VIPS member was McGruff for the Elm Lawn Family Fun Night.

If you are interested in the Middleton Police Department VIPS program please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us.

Safe Assured ID Kits

Middleton Police are also looking at taking reservations for kits being done one Wednesday night a month once the new Police Station is open.

If you would like to 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 827-7457 or dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us.

Community Awareness Fund

A fundraiser mailing went out to all of the local businesses asking for financial support.

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.

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.**”, 7426 Hubbard Avenue, Middleton, WI, 53562.

Together we can make a difference.

If you have any questions about donations or programs please contact CAO David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

In January, Middleton Officers handled 1445 calls for service, 634 were field initiated, 811 were dispatched, issued 417 citations, made 26 criminal arrests and investigated 32 accidents.

In February, Middleton Officers handled 1373 calls for service, 688 were field initiated, 685 were dispatched, issued 428 citations, made 18 criminal arrests and investigated 41 accidents.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Sgt. Mueller attended the SW Region Traffic Incident Management meeting in Madison on February 4. A presentation on the Wisconsin Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce was made. WI-TERT provides emergency dispatchers to departments having a major incident such as a tornado touchdown so that the dispatch center can handle the extra demand. Only nine states have a TERT at this time so Wisconsin is a national leader. Also presented was what the State Traffic Operations Center can do for us. Major incidents on State Highways 12 or 14 in Middleton could benefit from the STOC mobilizing a Highway Alert Radio Station to notify motorists,

dynamic message boards and the use of the Regional Incident Management Coordinator. Sgt. Mueller reminded all OIC's that any incident on Hwy 12 or 14 resulting in more than a 20 minute closure of a lane requires that the STOC be notified.

In February, there were 68 reported traffic accidents in Middleton with 27 of those being non-reportable. Following a statewide trend, Middleton is observing a reduction in accidents again this year. Through February, we have had 30% fewer accidents than in 2009.

During the month, about 55 hours of directed traffic patrol was performed. One hundred thirty-five enforcement actions were taken. Speeding had 50 citations with 12 warnings, Registration violations had nine citations with 16 warnings, Seatbelt violations had 13 citations, Failure to Obey Sign/Signal had seven citations with four warnings, OAR/OAS six citations, Driver's License violations six citations, Equipment one citation and six warnings, two citations for Drug Possession, one citation for OWI, one citation for U-Turn and one citation for Failure to Follow Indicated Turn.

Targeted roads for directed patrol were: Airport Road, Allen Blvd, Branch Street, Branch Street/Maywood stop signs, Century Avenue, Deming Way, Donna Drive, Elmwood Avenue, John Q Hammons Drive, Maywood Avenue, Mendota Avenue, Middleton Street, N Gammon Road, N High Point Road, Park Street, Pleasant View Road, Terrace Avenue and Highways 12 and Q.

TRAINING

Voice Recognition System, 8 hours, Hanson, Zimmerman, Faust, Haselow, Winer, Ash and Olson.

WCPA Conference, 24 hours, Foulke and Geiszler.

Sgt. Britt is attending the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA from January 11 through March 19, 2010.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School
Officer Travis Kakuske

Although February is the shortest month, it was the busiest this school year at Middleton High School (MHS). In February there were 72 total police calls at MHS. Some of those incidents included 18 status offense calls, eight check person calls, six disturbances, four lost properties, three threats complaints, and one theft. I also investigated a fight at the Middleton Alternative Senior High School.

From those incidents, there were 25 municipal citations written at MHS in February. Those included 14 for daytime loitering, four for truancy, three for tobacco possession, two for disorderly conduct, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, and one for underage alcohol possession. I also referred ten charges to the District Attorney's Office,

including multiple charges for possession or distribution of Schedule II narcotics (Adderall), three charges of possessing a dangerous weapon on school grounds, and one strangulation charge, which resulted from a fight.

The most significant incident last month occurred on February 4 when the school received information that a student was selling Adderall pills to other students. After a lengthy investigation, several students were found in possession of pills that they were not prescribed. A separate incident also occurred a week later that involved a student's unauthorized possession of a prescription drug. Consequently, the students involved in those two incidents faced legal and/or school consequences. Since then the school has been making an effort to educate students and parents regarding the increase in prescription medication abuse at MHS.

In addition to calls for service, I also attended three Dean Meetings throughout February. These meetings are attended by the three Deans at MHS, as well as an Associate Principal, and help facilitate the resolution of student disciplinary or school safety issues. In February I also served as an adult facilitator for Challenge Day, which was an all-day event geared towards students with the goal of stopping bullying, teasing, etc. Last month I was also a witness at two student expulsion hearings, participated in two parent meetings, and attended the monthly Dane County SRO meeting at the Stoughton Police Department.

Kromrey Middle School
Officer Matt Sherry

February was a fairly busy month for me. I took a total of 18 calls for service. I also helped out at the High School with some incidents.

As I said above, I took 18 calls for service. This included three disturbances, five check persons, two assist citizens, one lost property, one suspicious activity, four status offenses, one weapons violation, and a check welfare call. I issued seven daytime loitering citations. A majority of those were issued to high school students. I also issued one state charge for possession of a dangerous weapon on school grounds. The rest of the calls resulted in warnings.

I attended two attendance meetings. I also attended the monthly school resource officer meeting and the weekly building consultation team meetings. I spoke with the principal and two teachers about teaching G.R.E.A.T. next year. Because of scheduling changes, it was determined that teaching G.R.E.A.T. may have to be done in a different class. At the end of February, I attended the afternoon session on safe schools and school security presented by the Madison School District. This was very informative and provided some good scenario-based training.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

34 Adults
46 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

7 Juveniles
13 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures

Municipal Court Citations Issued

447 Adult Citations