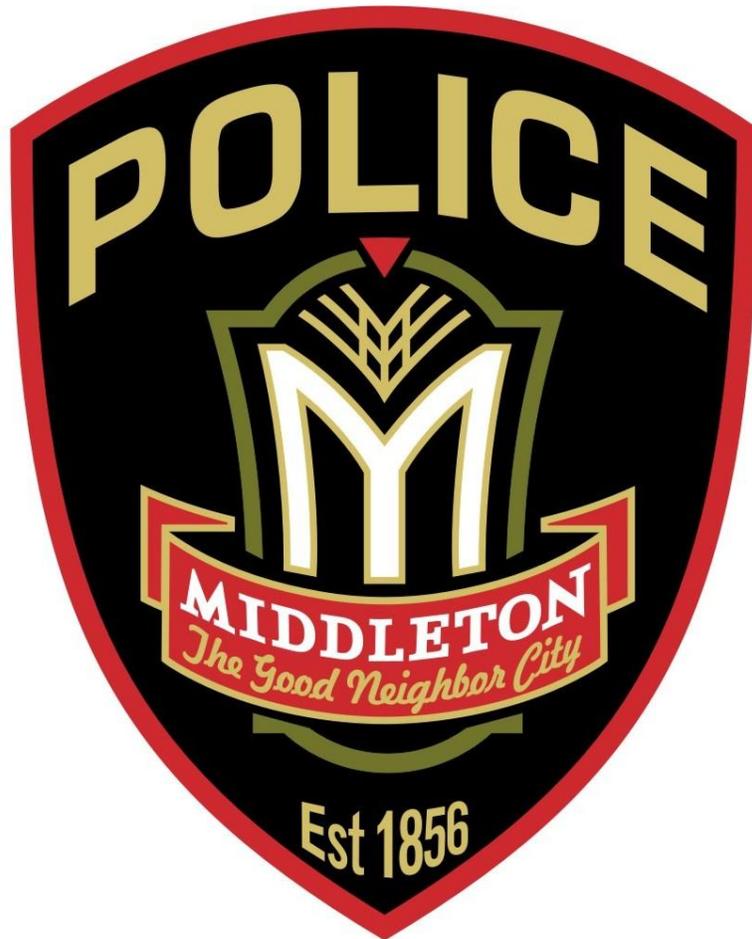


**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



FEBRUARY 2011

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Middleton Police, EMS and Fire responded to numerous blizzard related calls during the storm of February 1 and 2, in which over 18 inches of snow fell in the Middleton area. Emergency Service Personnel activated the Emergency Operation Center located in the Middleton Police Department on February 2 from midnight until 6:00 AM to coordinate snow removal, rescue of stranded motorists and other weather related calls for service.

MI11-1151 and MI11-1152, 02/25/11, 1:45 AM, SCATZ, Fight/Shots Fired

A fight broke out in the parking lot of SCATZ at bar time. As officers attempted to break up the fight, they were forced to deploy a Taser on one individual and threaten it on another. The fight got out of control, requiring the need to request mutual aid from area law enforcement agencies. A total of 16 police officers were required to quell the fight. Two people were arrested stemming from the fight, although many more could have and should have, had there been enough officers present.

At 3:00 AM, Middleton PD was notified that as subjects left SCATZ, there had been a shooting. Police located a vehicle that had been shot five times. The occupants of the vehicle have not been cooperative, but enough evidence and information has been developed to arrest three suspects in the vehicle that the shots were fired from. **On Saturday, March 5, 2011, SCATZ Nightclub voluntarily surrendered their liquor license effective Sunday morning, March 6, at 2:30 AM.**

MI11-1227, 02/28/11, 12:39 AM, PDQ, Century Avenue at Branch Street, Armed Robbery

A woman came into the store, produced a handgun and robbed the store. In part, because of excellent video, the suspect and accomplice were arrested and a search warrant executed on March 3. The handgun was recovered.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**

Community Events

On Friday, February 4, Middleton Police and their McGruff mascot attended the Elm Lawn Elementary School PTA Family Fun Night. The event had a western theme including a cowboy entertainer doing rope tricks. Middleton Police provided raffle certificates for a student and friend to receive a ride to school in a police car and for an adult to get a tour of the new Police Department and ride-along with an officer.

On Wednesday, February 9, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Municipal Court and Police Department to a men's group from St. Luke's Church.

On Thursday, February 10, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Municipal Court and Police Department to a group of Cub Scouts and their parents.

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.

**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.

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.

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 2011 Middleton Police Citizens' Academy will run from April 4 through June 8. Classes consist of ; Traffic Law, Criminal Investigations, Drugs and Gangs, Defense and Arrest Tactics, Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, Firearms, EMS and Fire Department.

Class size is usually limited to 12 students. The 2011 spring Academy is already full.

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.



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.

Currently one of our VIPS is helping to put together the Police Department 2010 Annual Report.

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.



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.

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 CAO David Kasdorf at 824-7323 or dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

Field Services

In January, Middleton Officers handled 1,476 calls for service, 574 were field initiated, 902 were dispatched, issued 420 citations and 147 written warnings, made 27 criminal arrests and investigated 39 accidents.

In February, Middleton Officers handled 1,393 calls for service, 495 were field initiated, 898 were dispatched, issued 386 citations and 104 written warnings, made 27 criminal arrests and investigated 37 accidents.

Significant Cases in February

MI11-691, 02/04/11, 11:30 AM, Copps, Shoplifting

Two suspects stole alcohol and fled in a vehicle. Store employees were able to obtain the license plate number. The car had been stolen in Madison.

MI11-792, 02/09/11, 10:38 AM, Middleton High School, Bomb Threat

MHS staff was notified of a note found in a men’s bathroom indicating a bomb and a time. Police were notified and responded. The school was placed in lock down and bomb sweep teams made up of school staff searched the school. Nothing suspicious was located and school resumed as normal.

MI11-817, 02/10/11, 8:44 PM, 8300 Greenway Blvd., Sexual Conduct

A woman went into a fast food restaurant to order food, leaving her 12 year old daughter in the car. A man came up to the car and exposed himself to the girl.

MI11-1008, 02/18/11, Middleton Community Bank, Counterfeit Currency

The bank reported receiving three counterfeit \$20.00 bills from two separate customers, all three had the same serial number. This case was turned over to the Secret Service.

MI11-1016, 02/18/11, 7300 Elmwood Avenue, Damage to Property

Report of two parked vehicles that had their windows shot out by a BB gun. There was a spate of reports in February of broken windows in vehicles and residences caused by BB's. There did not seem to be a pattern of location, the damage was city wide.

MI11-1040, 02/19/11, 4300 Goldfinch, Theft

A couple met four men at a bar and invited them to their home. After the men left, the couple discovered personal property including jewelry and electronics were taken.

MI11-1162, 02/25/11, 1:00 PM, Middleton High School, Bomb Threat

MHS staff discovered a message in a men's bathroom indicating a bomb in a specific locker. Police were notified and responded. The school was placed in lockdown and students in nearby classrooms were moved. An explosives detecting dog from the Dane County Sheriff's Department was brought in to search the area. No explosives were located. The locker was opened and no explosives or suspicious items were located.

MI11-1164, 02/25/11, 6200 Middleton Springs Drive, Burglary

A woman returned home to her apartment and discovered an extensive burglary had occurred while she was attending classes at the University.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

During the month of February, there were 36 reportable accidents of which five were in parking lots. This compares to February 2010 which had 41 with five in lots.

Sgt. Mueller attended the regional Traffic Incident Management Enhancement meeting on the 3rd. He received the updated state procurement list which will be useful in ordering the traffic safety devices under our grant. Part of the meeting was spent in a trooper explaining what actions first responders should take to maximize crash reconstruction efforts and how to preserve traffic accident evidence.

During the month, about 25 hours were spent on directed traffic patrols. Eighty-six enforcement actions were taken. They were: Speeding 39 citations and seven warnings, Insurance related 14 citations with two warnings, Seatbelt six citations, Registration two citations with eight warnings, Failure to Obey Sign/Signal one citation with two warnings, Operating After Suspension three citations, Lane Deviation one warning, Equipment one warning and No DL on Person one warning. Streets targeted were: Century Avenue, High Road, N Gammon Road, N High Point Road, University Avenue at Bristol and Hwy 12.

TRAINING

In-service Training

1st quarter in-service training was held in February with our training partners Fitchburg and Sun Prairie Police Departments. Topics included firearms, suicidal subject scenarios and Defense and Arrest Tactics.

Specialized Training

QPR Suicide Prevention re-certification, Hamilton, 8 hours

Responding to Missing and Endangered Persons, Faust, Haselow and Tutaj, 20 hours

Problem Employees and the Games They Play, Britt and Hellenbrand, 8 hours

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

February 2011, has been one of the busiest months in recent memory. Nearly twice the average number of case files were forwarded to the Investigative Service Bureau for review. Two of the more significant cases included the shooting which occurred as a result of a physical altercation at SCATZ Nightclub and the Armed Robbery of a PDQ store. While the SCATZ shooting is still under investigation, the PDQ Robbery investigation has been completed.

On 02-28-11, at approximately 12:30 AM, two women entered the PDQ store at Century Avenue at Branch Street. One of the women produced a semi-automatic handgun and robbed the store clerk. The two women fled the area on foot.

A week long investigation culminated in the execution of a search warrant at an apartment on Napoli Lane in Middleton. During this investigation, it was determined that the two females, one of whom is a self-professed heroin addict, had smoke crack cocaine just prior to committing the robbery.

Both women are currently being held in the Dane County Jail on charges of Armed Robbery. The firearm used in the commission of this crime has been seized.

During the month of February, 102 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, nine cases were assigned to patrol officers and 31 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

- 2 - Burglaries
- 2 - Child Abuse
- 1 - Death Investigations
- 9 - Domestic Follow-up
- 6 - Fraud
- 2 - Harassment
- 12 - Larceny
- 1 - Missing Person
- 2 - Robber

- 3 - Sexual Assault
- 1 - Stolen Automobiles
- 1 - Suicide
- 6 - Uniform Controlled Substances
- 18 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 3 - Retail Theft
- 12 - Thefts from Automobiles

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School Officer Travis Kakuske

During the month of February, there were 64 police calls at the Middleton High School (MHS). Some of those calls included 13 reports of lost property, four fights, four assist citizen calls, four status offense calls, three disturbances, two bomb threats, two calls related to drugs, and one weapon violation. From those incidents, ten municipal tickets were issued at MHS in February. Those tickets included: disorderly conduct (3), possession of marijuana (2), truancy (2), prohibited daytime loitering (2), and possession of tobacco (1). In addition, last month I also referred four charges to the Dane County District Attorney's Office, including three disorderly conduct charges and one charge of possession of a dangerous weapon on school grounds.

Two calls of note last month at MHS included bomb threats on 2/09 and 2/25. Both threats were determined not to be credible, so consequently a full evacuation did not take place in either instance. The police investigation is ongoing to determine who is responsible for the threats. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact me directly at 829-9665. You may remain anonymous.

Other activity last month included my attending a Dane County School Resource Officer meeting at the Oregon Police Department. I also attended a meeting with school district administration to help organize an upcoming training for situation response team members. On 02/11, I was a guest speaker at the school senate meeting where I discussed my role as the SRO and also talked about the most common situations that I deal with. There was also time for general questions. On 02/28, I also appeared as a guest speaker in an economics class, where I focused on issues of restitution, citations, etc. and also answered general questions about law enforcement.

In the coming weeks, I will continue to address the inordinate amount of lost property being reported at MHS. In most cases, students are simply not being responsible with their iPods and cell phones, leaving these items unattended, not recalling when they were last seen, etc. I hope to better educate students about keeping closer track of their valuables.

**Kromrey Middle School
Officer Matt Sherry**

In February, my call volume slowed a little bit. I took only five calls for service. Of those calls, three were for students fighting, one bomb threat at Middleton High School, and one was to follow-up on a patrol call for drug activity with a student at Kromrey.

I continued to teach G.R.E.A.T. to the ten students who did not get taught in the fall of 2010. I attended the monthly Dane County School Resource Officer meeting, a Safe Harbor interview for a sexual assault victim, and attended a Facebook presentation in Cambridge at the middle school. I continued to monitor the crosswalk on Park Street near Brookdale Drive. The reader board has been taken from the area in hopes that drivers remember the law. I have worked with Sgt. Troy Hellenbrand to set up traffic assignments for the area. Drivers in the area should be extra careful of students crossing the street.

I also met with the Officer Kakuske from the High School, Cross Plains Police Chief Tom Janssen, and Middleton-Cross Plains Assistant Superintendent/District Safety Director Tom Wohlleber to discuss Situation Response Training for district staff. February also held the first step in the Situation Response Training for the district. Future table-top trainings will be held in conjunction with Middleton Police, Fire, and EMS. I attended the bi-weekly Attendance Review Committee meetings and participated in a parent meeting for truancy.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

28 Adults
47 Criminal Counts
4 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

2 Juveniles
5 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures