

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



FEBRUARY 2012

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**

To participate in any of the police department programs, to schedule a Department tour or to request a ride-along, please contact Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at thellenbrand@ci.middleton.wi.us or 824-7329.

MIDDLETON
BUSINESS WATCH

PROGRAM IN FORCE



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 824-7329 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.



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 824-7329 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 824-7329 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 824-7329 or thellenbrand@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 1,306 calls for service, 617 were field initiated, 689 were dispatched, issued 483 citations and 133 written warnings, made 16 criminal arrests and investigated 24 accidents.

Significant Events in February:

MI12-667, 02/02/12, Harbor Athletic Club, Thefts

Three women reported that their lockers were entered while they worked out, vehicle keys taken, their cars were entered and cash stolen from their purses. The keys were then put back into their lockers, although not the correct ones. Athletic Clubs have been the scene of thefts from vehicles and locker room thefts for some time in the metro area.

MI12-928, 02/14/12, Copps, Retail Theft

Store employees observed a woman put \$188.00 worth of alcohol in a bag and walk out of the store without paying for it. The employees confronted her and were able to get the alcohol back and were able to obtain a license plate number. Further investigation showed the woman was suspected of similar thefts in area Copps stores. The case is still being investigated.

MI12-1091, 02/18/12, Rolling Hill Drive, Suicide

Police, EMS and Fire responded to a residence on a reported suicide of an 18 year old. Resuscitation efforts failed. The deceased was a high school student and police and school officials worked closely to monitor the situation and the school set up counseling sessions. A student attempted to hang himself in a high school bathroom and another student took an intentional overdose of pills at school during the week, but both attempts failed. The immediate series of suicide and attempts has thankfully seemed to have passed as of the writing of this report.

MI12-1313, 02/28/12, 7100 North Avenue, Fraud

An elderly woman received a telephone call from a man who convinced her he was her grandson. The caller said he was a passenger in a car stopped by the police and the police had found drugs in the car. He said his friend, the driver, needed money to bail out of jail. The woman went to the bank, withdrew over \$2,500.00 and wired it to Lima, Peru (although with the proper code, it could be picked up at any Western Union outlet in the world). Later, the same person called back, asking for more money. The woman went back to the bank, but bank employees convinced her that this was a fraud. She then made contact with her grandson and confirmed he was not in Peru, or out of the country and had not been arrested.

This is a common fraud, typically originating out of Canada (the call in this case was traced back to Canada). Canadian Law Enforcement has a Task Force in place for these scams, but they have made little headway in solving the crimes.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

During February, officers responded to 23 reportable accidents of which five were on private property. That compares to February 2011 with 36 seven of which were on private property. This continues the lower rate experienced over the winter months this season.

February saw Sgt. Mueller attending several traffic safety meetings. The quarterly TIME meeting was held on the 2nd at DOT's Madison eastside facility. Among the items discussed was the upcoming University Avenue construction that will impact Middleton from March through October. Drivers are being encouraged to find alternate routes.

A meeting on the 20th was held at Hill Farms DOT offices where another SMART grant was discussed. This involves all the W Beltline agencies doing coordinated traffic enforcement along the highway corridor from Middleton to Cottage Grove as we did several years ago with the new twist that feeder roads such as University Avenue and Century Avenue will also be targeted. Participating agencies will receive portable "Seat Belt Enforcement Area" signs and "Seat Belt Enforcement" safety vests. More information on this will be forthcoming.

Lastly, on the 28th the quarterly Dane County Traffic Safety Commission meeting was held. Figures presented show that traffic fatalities are currently up from the same time last year, both county and state wide, possibly due to the warmer than usual weather that resulted in faster vehicle speeds than during a typical winter. DOT presented on the Yellow Tag program for accident damage to state owned property along state highways. The Middleton Police Department will now be participating in that program, which is intended to save the taxpayers money.

A special traffic plan was put into effect for the annual Bock Fest at the Capital Brewery on the 25th and on-duty officers monitored the traffic for the duration of the event.

Two grant overtime activity shifts were performed during the month. Twelve citations (eight Seatbelt and four Speeding) and two warnings were issued.

Approximately 34 hours of directed traffic patrols were performed on Allen Blvd, Branch/Maywood intersection, Century Ave, Eagle/Murphy intersection, N Gammon Rd, Nursery Rd, Pleasant View Rd, Hwy 12 and Hwy Q. Seventy-eight enforcement actions were taken. 35 speed citations and seven warnings were issued, 13 Insurance citations were issued, seven Failure to Stop for Stop Sign citations, two Registration citations and seven warnings, one OWI citation, one No Child Safety Seat citation, four Equipment warnings and two warnings for DL Not on Person.

TRAINING

February Training

First quarter in-service was completed in February. The training was held at the new Madison Police Department indoor training facility and topics included firearms, less lethal and Taser recertification, scenario based training and defense and arrest tactics.

Specialized Training

Managing Detective Units, 24 hours, Hellenbrand

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

This month I would like to *highlight and summarize a recent child enticement investigation* which was completed by Detective David Haselow of the Investigative Unit. All of the hard work invested by Detective Haselow resulted in a recent guilty verdict by a Dane County jury. This case summary shows how even a case which looks on the surface to be a relatively simple investigation, can still involve many hours of follow up work by an assigned case detective.

On August 28, 2011, Middleton Police Officers responded to a report of a possible child enticement in the local Pheasant Branch Conservancy. Officers made contact with two young female children who reported being led off of the conservancy trail and the suspect subsequently exposing himself. Fortunately, the young girls were able to get away from the suspect, find other adults in the Conservancy and be led back safely to their family a short distance away. Based on the quick response by members of the Police Department, the suspect in this case was located shortly after the first 911 call was received attempting to elude officers and to avoid detection.

This case was assigned to Detective Haselow for some additional follow up. Detective Haselow spent countless hours completing further more detailed interviews of the victims and following up on items located in the suspect's possessions when he was arrested. One of the key pieces of evidence developed by Detective Haselow was locating and obtaining a still photo of the victims on the suspect's cellular telephone. This photo was taken on the date of this incident and in the Conservancy area. This was no easy task since the cellular telephone was disabled and damaged during the suspect's attempts to leave the Conservancy area. This piece of evidence was very important to the prosecution of this case since the suspect had denied ever having contact or seeing the victims on the date of this incident.

Prior to the start of this trial, Detective Haselow needed to spend days at the Dane County District Attorney's Office preparing witnesses for this case and completing any additional follow up. Detective Haselow was required to be in attendance each day of the trial to

answer any questions or to resolve any discrepancies. Altogether, Detective Haselow spent an entire week at the District Attorney's Office prior to and during this trial.

The hard work put into this case by Detective Haselow resulted in a very quick decision by a Dane County jury and a successful conviction of an offender who will likely be sentenced to a number of years in the State prison system.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School Officer Travis Kakuske

During the month of February, there were 54 calls for service at the Middleton High School (MHS). Some of those calls included seven assist citizens, six thefts (three being retail thefts), three disturbances, three threats calls, two fights, and one battery. From those incidents, there were 19 municipal tickets issued at MHS in February, which is rather high as compared to past months. Specifically, tickets were issued for truancy (2), disorderly conduct (5), operating a motor vehicle without insurance (1), possession of drug paraphernalia (1), possession of a controlled substance (1), retail theft/shoplifting (7), unauthorized presence on school property (1), and unreasonable/imprudent speed (1). In addition to municipal tickets, I also referred two charges to the Dane County District Attorney's Office, including disorderly conduct and attempting to make/alter an official ID. That charge was the result of an anonymous tip I received that an MHS student was in the process of organizing a large purchase of fake ID's from an international website. After a lengthy investigation, we learned that six MHS students had committed to purchasing a fake ID, and each had already paid \$77.00 in cash and had a photo taken for their ID. All students involved received school consequences and a charge of attempting to make/alter an official ID was referred to the District Attorney's Office for the main suspect.

There were several other calls of note in February at MHS. In recent months, there has been an increase in the theft of food items at the school, including in the lunch lines, the school café and in vending machines. For this reason, a precedent was established of suspending from school and ticketing any students caught stealing. Last month two students were identified as stealing food from the school café, and five students, all members of the Rugby team, were caught stealing from a vending machine. All seven students received tickets for retail theft and faced school and athletic consequences as well.

I was involved in other proactive activities in February, including attending several Dean meetings with school administration, facilitating



February's truancy court, and giving a presentation to a Business Law class on various law enforcement topics. Last month I also appeared in a public service announcement video reminding students and the public to stop for school busses when the stop sign arm is activated. Bus drivers have reported a recent increase in the number of people not stopping for signs. To see the video, follow this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onFszKYURuA>

Finally, last month I also participated in an interview panel, along with school administration from MHS and Kromrey Middle School (KMS), to help identify the new School Resource Officers at MHS and KMS. At the end of this school year, both Officer Sherry and I will be rotated out of our positions and new officers will take over the SRO assignments. At most departments, including Middleton, SRO's are rotated out after a period of time, usually two to three years. The new SRO's will be identified sometime in March and will start training in the schools later this spring.

Kromrey Middle School Officer Matt Sherry

February tends to be the longest month for students, as there are no school days off. The weeks get long and students start to get edgy. Even though students are eager for a break, call volume was still relatively low. I took seven calls for service and one of those involved Middleton High School students.

I attended the bi-weekly attendance committee meetings and building consultation team meetings. I also finished teaching Keeping Safe to the Sauk Trail elementary students. I capped off the month by reading at Sunset Ridge Elementary School for their Literacy Week. I read a book to 1st graders with the help of McGruff.

I continued to monitor the crosswalk on Park Street at Brookdale Drive. Violators were cited for any crosswalk violations. I also took seven calls for service. I took one sexual assault call that involved two Elm Lawn Elementary students, one status offense, assisted Dane County for a possible sexual assault of a child, two disturbances, one assault, and one check person. These calls resulted in two criminal charges and four citations for the violations.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

35 Adults
47 Criminal Counts
1 Civil Forfeiture

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

3 Juveniles
3 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures