

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



FEBRUARY 2013

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**

Community Events

On Monday, February 4, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Police Department and Municipal Court to a group of students from the Middleton High School.

On Saturday, February 9, Middleton Police worked at the Polar Plunge in Madison. The Special Olympics Wisconsin (SOWI) Polar Plunge winter fundraiser is a unique opportunity for brave Wisconsinites to be “Freezin’ for a Reason”! To support Special Olympics athletes, Plungers leaped into icy bodies of water across the state. Plungers consisted of individuals and teams of students, law enforcement officers, business professionals and families.

On Tuesday, February 12, Middleton Police attended a meeting with school officials to review the new building plans for Kromrey Middle School.

On Wednesday, February 13, Middleton Police made Safe Assured ID Kits for two individuals.

Also during the month of February, Middleton Police did several home security surveys for residents in the City of Middleton.

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.



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 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.



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

FIELD SERVICES

In January, Middleton Officers handled 1,550 calls for service, 562 were field initiated, 988 were dispatched, issued 365 citations and 83 written warnings, made 15 criminal arrests and investigated 45 accidents.

In February, Middleton Officers handled 1,408 calls for service, 508 were field initiated, 900 were dispatched, issued 377 citations and 73 written warnings, made 8 criminal arrests and investigated 56 accidents.

Significant Events in February:

MI13-777, 02/07/13, 8500 block of Greenway Blvd., Fraud

A woman received a phone call from a person purporting to be her grandson, crying and saying he had been involved in a traffic accident and needed money. She wired him \$1,000.00 via Western Union. In reality, this is a scam, her son was not involved in a car accident and there is little chance of identifying the perpetrators.

MI13-921, 02/13/13, UPS, 8300 block Murphy Drive, Theft

Two gold bars, valued in excess of \$33,000.00, were reported stolen.

MI950, 02/15/13, 7500 block Voss Parkway, Structure Fire

A residence was substantially damaged by a fire. A fire and police joint investigation revealed an air intake device was the cause of the fire. There were no injuries.

MI13-1029, 02/19/13, 1600 block Meadowcrest, Burglary

Forced entry to a rear porch which allowed entry to the residence. Two safes were carried into the garage, but the suspect(s) were unable to open them. Nothing else was reported missing.

MI13-1159, 02/24/13, 1600 block Foxridge Court, Burglary
Entry to the residence while occupants were sleeping. A purse was taken.

MI13-1165, 02/24/13, 3400 block High Road, Reckless Endangerment
A man and a woman were involved in a domestic related altercation. The man threatened the woman with a knife, than left the residence. Police confronted the man several blocks away from the residence at gun and Taser point and took him to jail. There were no injuries.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

February had a total of 51 reportable accidents compared to 23 in February 2012. This discrepancy most likely was the result of February 2012 having very little snowfall and this year having three out of four days with a measurable snowfall. Snow covered or icy roads increase the accident rate significantly.

Directed patrols for approximately 17 hours resulted in 40 enforcement actions. Nineteen Speeding citations with one warning, nine Insurance related citations, four OAR/OAS citations, two citations Failure to Obey Sign, one citation each for Driver's License violation, Seatbelt and Registration along with one warning each for Equipment and Registration.

SMART grant Highway 12 patrol was performed for 12 hours with 17 citations for Speed with two warnings and two Insurance related citations.

Seatbelt grant patrol was performed for eight hours. One officer had to cancel belt patrol due to staff assisting the Drug Enforcement Administration with an investigation. Nine Seatbelt citations were issued, two Speed citations with five warnings, and one warning for Improper Stop.

Speed grant patrol was performed for 12 hours. Seventeen Speed citations were issued and one warning for Registration.

TRAINING

1st Quarter In-Service

January 4, 7, 25, February 5 and 7. Topics: Firearms, Less Lethal and ECD qualification, DAAT and T-1 Simulator. Firearms to concentrate on new State certified qualification course.

Specialized Training

Volk Field DCNAG Training, 16 hours, T Kakuske
WI Chiefs of Police Conference, 20 hours, Keil, Kakuske and Reynolds
Breath Examiner Specialist, 24 hours, Ziegler, Loether, Franks and Curran
Taser Technician Course, 24 hours, Dixon
Human Trafficking, 16 hours, Quamme

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

The Investigative Services Bureau continued to stay very active during the month of February and was involved in a number of high profile and lengthy investigations. Highlights of some of these cases include:

- A child sexual assault investigation which originated in December of 2012. Based on interviews and information learned during the course of this investigation, a Middleton resident was charged on February 28, 2013, with two counts of sexual assault of a child. In addition, based on the investigative work by the Investigative Services Bureau, a 14 year old runaway from Beloit was located and returned home and a Lieutenant from the Mt. Horeb Police Department was arrested by the Madison Police Department. This investigation is still ongoing as many interviews with other possible victims are pending.
- Eight residential burglaries which started in December of 2012 and continued into the start of 2013. This investigation has included numerous subpoenas, search warrants and interviews with numerous suspects and witnesses. All of these burglaries are still actively under investigation by the Middleton and Madison Police Departments as it is believe the same individuals are responsible for burglaries in both communities.
- In late January and in February, the Police Department received three reports of an unknown individual entering vehicles, stealing personal checks and then attempting to cash these checks at various financial institutions throughout the Dane County area. With the release of bank surveillance video pictures, the Police Department received numerous tips and information on the suspect's identity and is actively attempting to locate this individual.
- On February 1, a local Middleton Subway restaurant was robbed during the late evening hours. The investigation into this robbery is still ongoing.
- In 2000, a Middleton elderly female was a victim of a scam and robbery by three individuals who claimed they were driveway repairman. All three subjects were arrested shortly after this crime; however, one of the individuals posted bail and fled the area. Recently this individual was located, arrested and extradited back to Wisconsin. The Dane County District Attorney's Office requested further follow up on this case since the victim in the Middleton case has passed away. Additionally, the suspect in the Middleton incident is also a suspect in two other local crimes; however, the victims in these cases are also deceased.

In addition to the above cases, the Investigative Bureau also received:

- Ten fraud complaints including two involving the “grandparent scam”. Unfortunately, one of the individuals in this scam did wire money to a location outside of the United States prior to learning the individual she was speaking with was not her grandson.
- Four death investigations.
- One residential fire investigation.
- Seven domestic incidents.
- Two child abuse/neglect investigations.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School Officer Scott Moen

February was an active month for police call activity at Middleton High School (MHS) and Clark Street Community School (CSCS). February is often a short, calm, cold month in Wisconsin, but activity was steady at MHS. Students experienced another snow day this month, as well as one late start day due to inclement weather. Though there were only 19 school days this month, there were 53 calls for service at Middleton High School. Some of those calls included: disturbances, thefts, a weapon violation, and a controlled substance call. From those incidents, there were six municipal tickets issued.

Officer Moen was involved in other activities in January as well, such as attending multiple Dean Meetings with MHS administration, attending a meeting for the Middleton Coalition to end underage drinking, and attending meetings for district wide safety improvements involving walk-throughs of each city school. With February ending, hopefully the warmer weather is on the way and kids will be looking forward to their annual spring break that comes at the end of the March.

Kromrey Middle School Officer Tom Wilson

In the month of February, I was at Northside Elementary School teaching the "Keeping Safe" program to all of the K – 4th graders. Throughout the month, I was also busy with numerous meetings and school building walkthroughs in regards to improving safety in all of the district buildings. Many of these safety improvements will be in place by the start of the next school year.

During the month, I also handled several truancy related issues and investigated several threat and disturbance calls at Kromrey. I also assisted in several incidents that took place at the Middleton High School.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

20 Adults
32 Criminal Counts
1 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

1 Juveniles
1 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures