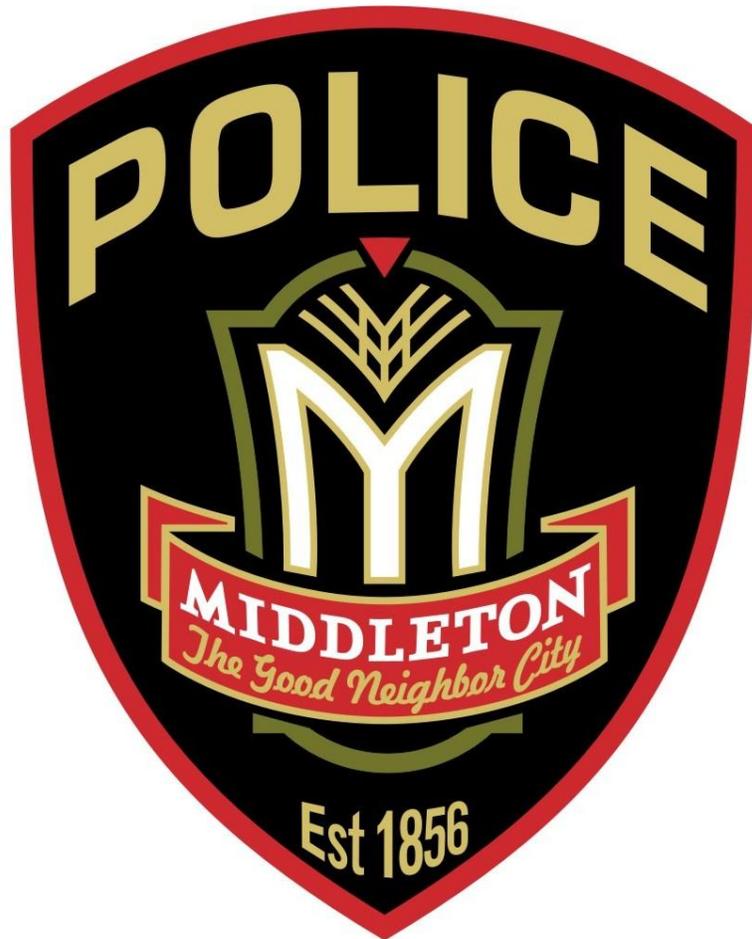


**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**JANUARY 2011**

## CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

### Community Events

On Monday, January 31, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Police Department and Municipal Court to a local group of Red Hat ladies.

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](mailto: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 a website.

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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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, Family Safety Day and with programs like Speed Watch and Safe Assured IDs.

Currently one of our VIPS is helping put together the Police Department's 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

In December, Middleton Officers handled 1,438 calls for service, 552 were field initiated, 886 were dispatched, issued 407 citations and 141 written warnings, made 26 criminal arrests and investigated 52 accidents.

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.

### **Significant Events in January:**

MI11-41, 01/03/11, Wells Fargo Bank, Counterfeit Bills

A male brought \$3,700.00 in counterfeit bills to the bank. The male was identified and the case turned over to the Secret Service.

MI11-154, 01/09/11, 2:46 AM, University Avenue at Hwy 12, Theft of Motor Vehicle, Theft from Vehicles

A concerned citizen notified the police of a vehicle being driven erratically. The vehicle was stopped and investigation revealed that 18 year old Stanley Griffin, Middleton, was operating the vehicle while intoxicated, that the vehicle was stolen and that he had broken into numerous other vehicles throughout Middleton and took items. Griffin was jailed on charges including Operating While Intoxicated, Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Owner's Consent, Theft From Vehicle and Obstructing the Police.

MI11-192, 01/11/11, 6600 Block of Elmwood Avenue, Burglary

The resident of an apartment was out of town. The person watching her apartment discovered it had been broken into and items were taken.

MI11-204, 01/11/11, Ballweg Chevrolet, Theft of Motor Vehicle

The car dealership reported that a leased vehicle which had been turned in at the end of the lease was stolen off the lot.

MI11-219, 01/12/11, Middleton High School, Threats

A student reported to school staff that another student intimidated he had a gun and showed him what he thought was a gun. The school was put in lockdown and the suspect student was contacted by the police. He did not have a gun, but did have an ear piercing device that looked similar to a gun. The student was charged with Disorderly Conduct.

MI11-266, 01/13/11, 6600 Block of Elmwood Avenue, Burglary

A man reported his residence was broken in to while he was at work. He reported in excess of \$4,000.00 was taken along with alcohol, food and a pistol.

MI11-315, 01/15/11, 8:47 PM, 7500 Rohlich Court, Disturbance/4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sexual Assault

A man and his girlfriend were visiting the man's mother and step-father and watching the Packer game. While the man and his mother were out of the room, the step-father grabbed the man's girlfriend's breast, kissed her and fondled his genitals. When the man found out about this, a fight occurred between him and his step-father. William Lawinger of Middleton was charged with 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sexual Assault, Battery and Disorderly Conduct.

MI11-400, 01/20/11, Willy Street Co-op, Theft

A cashier, the victim of a shortchange artist, was out \$50.00.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

There were 35 reportable accidents in the month of January with ten of those being in parking lots. Six were along the University Avenue corridor and four along Parmenter Street.

Thirteen hours were spent on directed traffic patrols. There were 51 enforcement actions taken. There were 13 citations for Speed with three warnings, four citations and four warnings for Failure to Obey Sign/Signal, five citations and four warnings for Registration, eight citations and two warnings for various Insurance violations, two citations for Seatbelt, four Equipment warnings, one citation for U-Turn and one warning for Expired Driver's License.

Several locations with traffic complaints were addressed using the new complaint procedure involving speed monitoring, speed trailer and enforcement.

There were no traffic related meetings during the month.

## **TRAINING**

Emotional Survival, 8 hours, Winer, Ash, Wood, Wood, Kakuske, Tutaj, Wilson, Mueller, Stroik and Faust

Operation Rush, 16 hours, Ash

WI Chiefs of Police Association Conference, 20 hours, Keil, Foulke and Britt

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

After several long months of winter weather, the incidents of domestic abuse, suicide and drug related crimes are on the rise. During the first few weeks of 2011, Detectives were involved in the investigation of three suicide deaths of Middleton residents. The number of domestic disturbances that required follow-up investigation also rose in January.

One additional crime trend worth mentioning is a recent series of thefts of propane tanks. Although a seemingly insignificant series of minor thefts, these cases are again directly attributed to the significant heroin problem facing Dane County. Middleton Detectives are currently investigating the pawning of more than a dozen propane tanks by one of our local heroin abusers.

During the month of January, 61 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, six cases were assigned to patrol officers and 30 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

- 3 - Burglaries
- 2 - Death Investigations
- 2 - Disturbances
- 10 - Domestic Follow-up
- 10 - Fraud
- 8 - Larceny
- 2 - Sexual Assault
- 2 - Stolen Automobiles
- 2 - Suicide
- 5 - Uniform Controlled Substances
- 1 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 9 - Thefts from Automobiles

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

Middleton High School  
Officer Travis Kakuske

During the month of January, there were 59 calls for service at the Middleton High School (MHS). Some of those calls included nine disturbances, eight status offense calls, six 911 hang-ups, five lost properties, two fights, two thefts, two EMS calls, one accident, and one call related to drugs (marijuana). Also during that time period, there were 13 tickets issued at MHS. Specifically, tickets were written for truancy (6), possession of tobacco by a minor (3), prohibited daytime loitering (2), and one each for battery and causing a false fire alarm. In January, I also referred six charges to the District Attorney's Office, including three for disorderly conduct, two for theft and one for receiving stolen property.

On January 3, students returned to school following their winter break, which lasted about two and a half weeks. Traditionally, this break from school is reflected in a decrease in the number of calls for service in early January, which was again the case this year. As I spend more time at MHS, I see a definite connection between breaks from school and police activity. Typically, as a break approaches, the police calls for service, including disturbances, increase. Once students have returned from their time away, there is a noticeable decline in activity for a period of time. This is also the case on Mondays following a weekend off, which is typically the least busy day of the week at MHS.

During the month of January, I was involved in other activity as well, including attending several Dean meetings with school administration. These meetings provide a great opportunity to meet with school staff to discuss school safety and disciplinary issues. Last month, the Middleton Police Department also hosted the monthly Dane County SRO meeting, which was attended by SRO's from throughout the county. In January I also teamed with other members of the Department to meet with school district administration regarding some upcoming safety and emergency response training for teachers and school staff.

Kromrey Middle School  
Officer Matt Sherry

January was a busy month at Kromrey Middle School. I participated in bullying talks with Associate Principal Bill Deno and Counselor Freb Bartman, began teaching G.R.E.A.T. to a smaller section of kids, and dealt with calls for service.

Mr. Deno, Mr. Bartman, and I went into all 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms to talk about bullying. The kids were informed about the definitions of bullying and cyber bullying, how it affects the school, and what they can do to stop it. Mr. Deno issued a challenge for 6<sup>th</sup> graders to come up with a "bully pledge" to be read in the morning after the Pledge of Allegiance. I also attended the monthly School Resource Officer meeting and the bi-weekly attendance review meetings. The school Social Worker at Sunset Ridge Elementary requested that I help her teach Keeping Safe at Sunset. I was able to help her out and teach kids the importance of being safe.

In January, I received a complaint about drivers not obeying the crosswalk near the intersection of Park Street and Brookdale Drive. The complaint stated that drivers were proceeding through the crosswalk while students were in it. With the help of our Code Compliance Manager, a reader-board sign was placed near the crosswalk to inform drivers they needed to stop. I also made a point to park near the intersection in a marked police car. Having kids get to school safely is very important to our community. Furthermore, I had our school place a notification in the E-News that Kromrey sends to parents, informing them of the enforcement.

I also began teaching G.R.E.A.T. to kids who did not go through the program in the fall. These kids are going through the same lessons in a quicker fashion, but they are still

getting all of the important information G.R.E.A.T. has to offer. The kids seem to be enjoying the program so far.

I took 13 calls for service in January. Those calls included eight disturbances, one sexual assault, one sexual misconduct, one threats complaint, one theft, and one citation issued for truancy. One of the disturbances resulted in a State charge for disorderly conduct. Three citations were issued for disorderly conduct and one citation for theft. I also issued a traffic citation for a driver who failed to yield right of way to a pedestrian in the crosswalk. Some of the calls for service resulted in verbal warnings for the behavior.

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

### **Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals**

35 Adults  
65 Criminal Counts  
2 Civil Forfeitures

### **Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals**

6 Juveniles  
10 Criminal Counts  
0 Civil Forfeitures