

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



JANUARY 2013

ITEMS OF INTEREST

On January 19, the Police Department held a neighborhood meeting in reference to the recent increase of residential burglaries. The purpose of this meeting was to give an update on the status of the burglary investigations, to give some crime prevention tips and to address some concerns and rumors which were circulating. The meeting was well attended and some excellent information and crime prevention tips were shared by everyone. To see more information on the recent neighborhood meeting, please visit <http://middletontimes.com/articles/2013/01/23/police-work-stonefield-residents-curb-rise-burglaries>.

One of the more frequent questions asked of the Police Department recently is what measures or precautions should one take to prevent becoming a victim of a burglary. One of the more common safety measures includes making sure all doors and windows to your home are closed and locked. In the more recent burglary cases, one of the more common themes between the homes which were targeted was the appearance from the outside of the residence being unoccupied. All of the homes which were burglarized had little to no lighting on inside of the residence at the time of the burglary. The Police Department has been encouraging all residents to keep lights activated or on a timer during hours of darkness and to give the appearance of someone being home and inside.

The Police Department will continue to devote resources to these cases with hopes of making an arrest. In the meantime, the Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in reporting any suspicious activity to the Police Department by calling the non-emergency line of 608/824-7300 or by dialing 911.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Community Events

On Monday, January 14, Middleton Police gave a presentation at the Middleton Library to staff members about active shooter incidents.

On Monday, January 14, Middleton Police spoke to a Girl Scout troop about safety and gave a tour of a police car.

On Saturday, January 19, Middleton Police hosted a neighborhood meeting at the Police Department. Over 80 people showed up to this meeting and learned about home security from several Middleton Police officers.

During January, Middleton Police finished a business security survey of The Bruce Company and presented it to their staff.

Also during the Month of January, 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.

**MIDDLETON
BUSINESS WATCH
PROGRAM IN FORCE**



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

In December, Middleton Officers handled 1,443 calls for service, 548 were field initiated, 895 were dispatched, issued 342 citations and 67 written warnings, made 16 criminal arrests and investigated 43 accidents.

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.

Significant Events in January:

MI13-25, 01/01/13, Copps, Shoplifting

Store employees observed three female juveniles shoplifting items. They left with the items prior to police arrival. Store employees recognized the suspects and the police were able to locate them and issue them citations.

MI13-26, 01/01/13, PDQ Century Avenue/Hwy. Q, Threats

Two groups of people were at the gas pumps and got into a verbal argument. One suspect had what was described as a handgun in his waistband and threatened members of the other group. Video surveillance was inconclusive and police have not been able to locate the suspects.

MI13-100, 01/04/13, 1100 block of Boundary Road, Burglary

Residents came home to find their home had been burglarized. Rear door leading into the garage was mule kicked to gain entry. Electronics were taken.

MI13-116, 01/05/13, Spring Hill Drive area, Theft of Mail

Numerous items of outgoing mail were removed from mailboxes in the neighborhood. Some items were recovered on Graber Road.

MI13-139, 01/06/13, 6500 block of Cooper Avenue, Burglary

An empty home, which was for sale, was broken into. Entry was made through a rear door. Nothing appeared to be taken.

MI13-213, 01/10/13, 6400 block of Wydown Circle, Burglary

Residents returned home to discover their overhead garage door open and the door leading from the garage to the residence forcibly kicked open and items taken from inside.

MI13-215, 01/10/13, 6400 block of Clovernook, Burglary

Residents discovered that the door leading from the garage to the residence was forcibly kicked open and items inside stolen.

MI13-218, 01/10/13, 6700 block Sandstone Circle, Burglary

Residents discovered that the door leading from the garage to the residence was forcibly kicked open and items inside stolen.

MI13-236, 01/11/13, 1500 block of Windfield Way, Burglary

Residents discovered that the door leading from the garage to the residence was forcibly kicked open and items inside stolen.

MI13-278, 01/13/13, Walgreen's, Retail Theft

Two women left Walgreen's with a shopping cart full of merchandise that they did not pay for.



MI13-406, 01/18/13, 1200 block of Highpoint Road, Burglary

Residents discovered that the door leading from the garage to the residence was forcibly kicked open and items inside stolen.

MI13-516, 01/23/13, 2200 block of Mayflower, Burglary

Suspect entered through a rear door which had been left unlocked. Jewelry was taken.

MI13-524, 01/23/13, 3300 block of High Road, Theft of Motor Vehicle

Victim left his vehicle running, unattended to warm up. Vehicle was taken and a short time later the suspects were involved in a retail theft and theft of a license plate at the west Madison Walmart. Suspects then committed a home invasion in Grant County and took a shotgun and another vehicle. The vehicle stolen in Middleton was recovered in Madison on 01/27/13 and a suspect arrested (although he is not believed to have taken the vehicle originally). Warrants have been issued for Raequon Allen and Ferris Robinson for the theft of the vehicle and numerous other offenses related to this crime spree. Both subjects are associated with a nearby residence.

MI13-660, 01/31/13, Subway-Middleton Springs, Armed Robbery

Suspect entered Subway, produced what appeared to be a handgun and demanded money.



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

There were 44 reportable accidents during the month with 11 of them being in parking lots, compared to 2012 January with 38 total with seven occurring in parking lots.

Directed traffic patrols were performed on Hwy 12, Hwy Q, Pleasant View Road, Century Avenue, High Road, Park Street, Stonefield Road/Clovernook Drive intersection and Donna Drive for approximately 14 hours. There were 42 enforcement actions taken: 20 Speeding citations with three warnings, nine Insurance related citations, three Failure to Stop for Sign citations, two Operating After Suspension citations, one citation each for Registration and Driver's License violations with three Equipment and one Failure to Yield warnings.

SMART patrol was performed by two officers on Hwy 12 on January 7, resulting in 14 enforcement actions: three Speeding citations with two warnings, one OAS citation, five other citations, with two Equipment and one Registration warnings.

Seat Belt grant patrol was performed for 12 hours resulting in 19 enforcement actions: 13 citations for Seatbelt violations with one warning, one citation for Registration and four other citations.

Speed grant patrol was performed for eight hours resulting in 15 enforcement actions: 11 Speeding citations with one warning, one Operating After Suspension citation and two other citations.

This was the first month for our 2012 - 2013 Speed and Seat Belt grant patrols which were deferred until January rather than start in October due to personnel shortage.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

The beginning of 2013 started like 2012 ended for the Investigative Services Bureau. The Unit continued to dedicate a large number of resources and time into an increase of residential burglaries located in and around the Stonefield neighborhood. Unfortunately, reports of residential burglaries are not uncommon in the City of Middleton; however, the large number of them in a short time frame in close proximity with each other is not a frequent occurrence. In addition to assigning one of the Department's detectives to all of these reported burglaries full time, the Police Department also added extra patrols to the Stonefield neighborhood and areas surrounding it.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School Officer Scott Moen

January was a relatively active month for police call activity at the Middleton High School (MHS) and the Clark Street Community School (CSCS). Students had two shortened weeks due to teacher work days as well as another snow day this month. Students also had their first final exams of the year in January. This month there were 54 calls for service at the Middleton High School and two calls for service at CSCS. Some of those calls included: disturbances, thefts, a weapon violation, and a trespass complaint. From those incidents, there were 12 municipal tickets issued. There was also one criminal arrests made at MHS during this month.

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, a county-wide School Resource Officer meeting and attending in-service for the Police Department. Officer Moen also attended some training; including a School Resource Officer and Assistant Principals conference that was held in Madison.

Kromrey Middle School Officer Tom Wilson

January was a steady month of activity at Kromrey Middle School. Calls for service increased as I handled several incidents during the month. These incidents included: Assisting in a court ordered custody dispute, a child abuse investigation, two theft reports, a sexual assault investigation and two physical disturbances. Four citations were issued for Disorderly Conduct.

Also during the month, I started teaching the Keeping Safe Program to K-4th graders at Northside Elementary School. I attended numerous meetings including several School

Safety Meetings and our monthly Dane County SRO meeting. I attended a Bomb Threat Training with several school staff members and also attended a State Wide SRO/Associate Principal training conference in Madison.

TRAINING

In-Service Training

January 4, 7, 25, February 5 and 7: In-service training with our training partners Sun Prairie and Fitchburg Police Departments, held at the Madison Police Department indoor training facility. Topics included Firearms (introduction of the new state mandated qualification course, which will be fully implemented by 4th quarter), Electronic Control Device (Taser) and less lethal (bean bag shotgun) review and annual qualification, Defense and Arrest Tactics and shoot/don't shoot scenarios.

Specialized Training

FBI National Academy, Quantico, Virginia, 400 hours, Geiszler
Social Media Marketing Conference, 8 hours, Cleasby
First Line Supervisory Training for Criminal Justice Professionals, 80 hours, Stroik

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

29 Adults
42 Criminal Counts
6 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

2 Juveniles
2 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures