

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



JANUARY 2014

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The recent extreme cold weather and snowy conditions has prompted many of us to seek the indoors in hopes of staying warm. The lack of outdoor activities and the feeling of being confined can lead to frustrations with those which we reside, ultimately leading to an increase of domestic related calls for the Police Department. In January, the Police Department responded to 11 domestic disturbance calls where a family situation had escalated to a point where the Police Department needed to intervene and a family member needed to be arrested. Every domestic disturbance, where an arrest is made, is reviewed by the Investigative Services Division and those which are deemed to need further follow up, such as photographs, more in-depth interviews or additional services, are assigned to a detective for further work. Out of the 11 domestic violence cases reviewed in January, five of these were assigned to a detective for additional follow up.

Unfortunately, our community is like many others where domestic violence is part of the lives of many of our neighbors, friends and relatives. If you believe someone you know is involved in an unhealthy domestic relationship and are in need of assistance or guidance, please contact the Middleton Police Department or the Domestic Abuse Intervention Services at their 24 hour help/crisis line of 608-251-4445 or 800-747-4045.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Community Events

On Tuesday, January 2, the Middleton Police Department gave a tour to 11 Cub Scouts and their parents, showing them the holding room, dispatch, and their favorite, the police cars.

On January 16, the Middleton Police Department gave a presentation to St. Luke's Church. The presentation included personal and senior safety.

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 2014 and the 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 1,367 calls for service, 520 were field initiated, 847 were dispatched, issued 412 citations and 78 written warnings, made 5 criminal arrests and investigated 45 accidents.

In January, Middleton Officers handled 1,435 calls for service, 482 were field initiated, 953 were dispatched, issued 345 citations and 86 written warnings, made 10 criminal arrests and investigated 74 accidents.

Significant Events in January:

MI14-17, 01/02/14, Affiliated Construction Services, 3100 block Deming Way, Theft Over \$16,000.00 of scrap metal was stolen from the back lot.

MI14-53, 01/03/14, Bus Transfer Point, 7900 UW Health Court, Battery
Two subjects, who did not know each other, got off a bus at the Transfer Point. Andrew Martin, of Madison, seemingly unprovoked, battered a male subject. Martin was located and arrested for Battery.

MI14-93, 01/06/14, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Burglary
A suspect entered the business twice and was able to get into a safe. The second time the suspect entered the store, he poured bleach all over the kitchen area, in an attempt to destroy DNA evidence.

MI14-137, 01/09/14, 2:03 AM, 7200 block of Fortune Drive, Battery
A woman arriving home late at night was approached by a man as she exited her vehicle. She was grabbed from behind and pushed to the ground. She began screaming, which scared the man away. The case is still under investigation.

MI14-195, 01/11/14, Ballweg Chevrolet, Theft of Wheels
For the second time in a month, suspects removed four chrome wheels from a vehicle in the lot.

MI14-445, 01/22/14, Industrial Park, Theft of Checks
On at least two occasions, suspects have stolen mail, including outgoing checks, from mailboxes in the Industrial Park. The suspects have then made counterfeit checks and recruited people to cash them at local banks. Thousands of dollars have been lost and it is believed this ring originates from out of state.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

There were 71 reportable accidents during the month with eight of them in parking lots. This higher than average total resulted from several treacherous weather days during the month, such as January 10th which had ten accidents on that day alone, seven of which were on Hwy 12. The Hwy 12 bridges have always been prone to freeze up before the city streets, which oftentimes results in numerous accidents on the bridges during the right weather conditions. In fact, almost 30% of the on-roadway accidents occurred on Hwy 12 during the month.

Two officers were assigned to the OWI grant directed traffic patrol on the 17th for a total of eight hours. Thirteen citations were issued and one warning. One stop took up an inordinate amount of time as it appeared that the driver may be intoxicated or under the influence of drugs. Officer Riffenburg, a Drug Recognition Expert, had made the stop. Her testing of the driver determined that the poor driving was medically related and he was turned over to a responsible party to get him the help he may have needed. This is another example of the importance of having a DRE readily available to our Department.

Approximately 26 hours of directed traffic patrol were performed during the month. Forty-two enforcement actions were taken: seven citations for Speeding with one warning; four citations with four warnings for Failure to Obey Sign; three citations with four warnings for Registration related offenses; three citations for Operating After Revocation or Suspension; eight Equipment related warnings; five citations for Insurance related offenses; two citations for No Driver's License and one municipal ordinance citation for Possession of Marijuana.

TRAINING

Specialized Training

Division of Criminal Investigation Drug Class, 80 hours, Loether
WI Association of Crime Prevention Officers Conference, 24 hours, Tutaj
FBI Active Shooter Response Class, 16 hours, O'Connor

In-Service Training

January 23, February 4, 7, 10 and 14. Firearms, Less Lethal and Taser recertification, Defense and Arrest Tactics and scenario training.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

A recent crime alert was also release by the Police Department in response to an increase of mail thefts which have been occurring in the vicinity of the City's Industrial Park. Suspects are searching local mailboxes for business and personal checks, which are then counterfeited and cashed at local financial institutions. In this crime alert, the Police Department reminded all of our local residents to take the following precautions to hopefully eliminate becoming a victim of this increasing crime:

- Do not leave bill payment envelopes clipped to your mailbox or inside with the flag up; criminals may steal your mail and change your address.
- Know your billing cycles, and watch for any missing mail. Follow up with creditors if bills or new cards do not arrive on time. An identity thief may have filed a change of address request in your name with the creditor or the post office.
- When you order new checks, ask when you can expect delivery. If your mailbox is not secure, then ask to pick up the checks instead of having them delivered to your home or business.
- Promptly remove mail from your mailbox after delivery, especially if you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items. If you won't be home

when the items are expected, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.

- Have your local post office hold your mail while you're on vacation or absent from your home for a long period of time.
- Always deposit your mail in a mail slot at your local post office or hand it to your letter carrier.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School Officer Scott Moen

January was a relatively quiet month for police call activity at the Middleton High School (MHS) and the Clark Street Community School (CSCS). Students had several days off this month due to teacher in-service and closings from weather. Students also had their first final exams of the year in January. This month there were 38 calls for service at MHS and one call for service at CSCS. Some of those calls included: disturbances, thefts, a bomb threat, and several truancy issues. From those incidents, there were four municipal tickets issued. There was also one criminal arrest for theft in the month of January.

Officer Moen was involved in other activities in January as well, such as attending a County wide school resource officer meeting and a School District safety meeting. Officer Moen also spoke with school district bus drivers on the topics of crisis response and bus safety. He was also able to speak to the district wide administration about different responses to school shooters.

Kromrey Middle School Officer Tom Wilson

Even with four extra days off due to cold weather, January was a steady month of activity at Kromrey Middle School. Planning was started for the Keeping Safe program taught to K-4th graders at the elementary schools. I also attended several meetings during the month including the monthly Dane County school resource officer meeting.

During the month, I handled several calls for service. These calls included truancy issues, several check welfare incidents, assisted in two EMS calls, handled several assist citizen issues, and investigated several student disturbances.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

32 Adults

112 Criminal Counts
5 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

0 Juveniles
0 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures