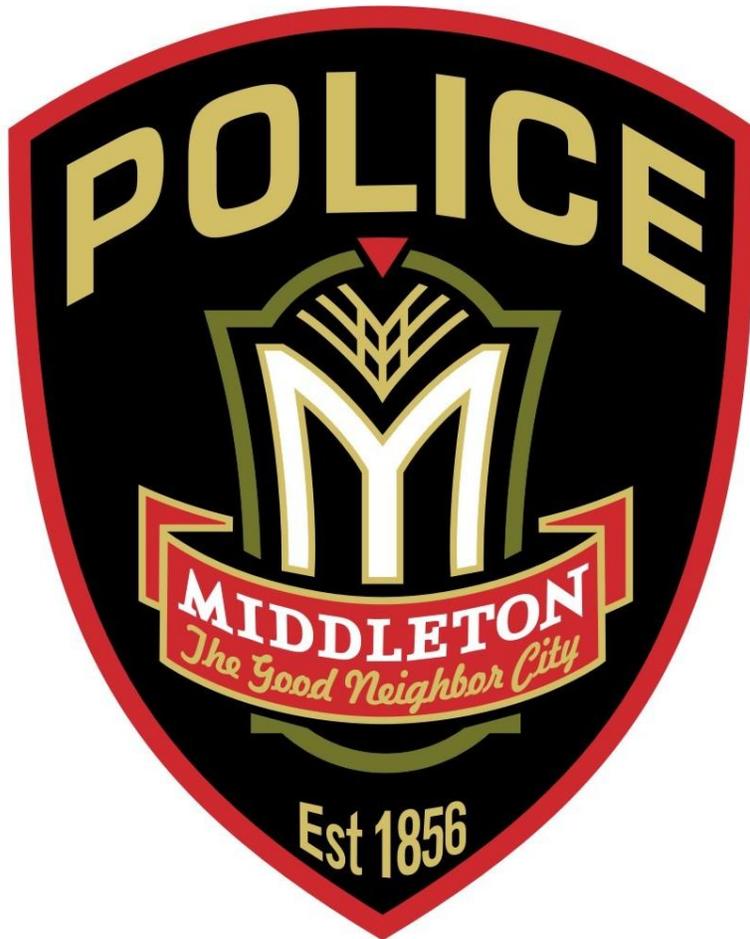


**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



JUNE 2010

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Middleton Officers Participate in the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

On June 10, officers from the Middleton Police Department joined their colleagues in Dane County in running the local leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics began in 1981 when Wichita, Kansas Police Chief Richard LaMunyon saw an urgent need to raise funds for and increase awareness of Special Olympics.

Wisconsin's Torch Run kicked off in 1986 and is the largest grass-roots fundraising vehicle for Special Olympics, held in all 50 United States, ten Canadian provinces and territories, and 35 nations, involving more than 85,000 law enforcement participants from all over the world.

The Torch Run invites participants from civic groups such as law enforcement, corrections, fire departments and military groups along with their families to take part. The Final Leg originates from more than 30 different kick-off points in early June each year to converge in Stevens Point for the annual State Summer Games.

In 2009, the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Torch Run received the Diamond Level of Excellence for raising more than \$1 million. Wisconsin's Law Enforcement Torch Run is the fifth highest grossing program in the world. In 2009, the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Wisconsin raised more than \$1.8 million with more than 1,000 registered participants representing 170 law enforcement agencies. The 2010 results are not available yet.





Middleton Officers who participated (l to r): Craig Faga, Steve Britt, Jill Tutaj, Chuck Foulke, Jeremy Geiszler, Randy Burmeister (Investigator with the Dane County District Attorney's Office) and Kim Wood.

On June 4, 2010, at 9:28 PM, Middleton Police Dispatch received the report of a subject being robbed at gun point on Torino Court in the City of Middleton.

The victim informed officers that he was approached by two male suspects, one of which he knew socially, and was asked for a cigarette. The suspects then displayed two handguns and forced the victim into his own vehicle. Once in the vehicle, the suspects robbed the victim of approximately \$500.00 in cash. The victim stated that he threw the currency at the suspects, jumped out of his vehicle and ran. The victim reported that he was shot at by the suspects, at least twice, as he fled the area. The victim further stated that the suspects then drove away in his vehicle.

The victim, a 29 year old resident of the City of Madison, stated that he was at the Arbor Lakes Complex to visit his girlfriend who lives with her mother at this location. The victim provided officers with several conflicting renditions of what occurred that evening. During this initial investigation, the victim also talked the apartment renter into refusing to allow officers to examine the apartment he was visiting.

While officers were interviewing the victim, one of his assailants called his cellular telephone and informed him that his stolen car had been abandoned on the north side of Madison. The vehicle was recovered by officers and was searched for evidence of the crime.

Middleton Police Detectives have drafted three search warrants in relation to this investigation. The information gathering process is well underway and we hope to have some resolution to this case in the coming month.

The vast majority of home invasion/strong armed robberies that occur in the Dane County area are drug or gang related. The recent series of incidents here in Middleton are no exceptions to that rule. The victims of these incidents are persons with significant criminal records and a history of drug trafficking. These subjects are targeted as they commonly carry large amounts of cash, possess controlled substances and seldom report the incidents to authorities. With the return of Detective Olson from a three month training stint with the Dane County Drug and Gang Task Force, we intend to renew our efforts at addressing the underlying causes of these recent incidents.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**

Community Events

On Wednesday June 9, the Middleton Police Department hosted the monthly meeting of the Interdisciplinary Team (I-Team) that deals with senior case work issues in Dane County. The team was then given a tour of the new Police Department and Municipal Court.

On Tuesday June 22, Middleton Police gave a presentation on bank robbery response and prevention at Middleton Community Bank.

On Friday June 25, Middleton Police gave a tour of the new Police Department to a group of Dane County Municipal Judges.

On Tuesday June 29, Middleton Police gave tours of the new Police Department and Municipal Court to kids from St. Luke's Church.

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.



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.



Citizens' Academy

The Middleton Police Citizens' Academy has been cancelled for 2010 due to construction of the new Police Department and budget cuts. The Citizens' Academy will start up again in the spring of 2011.

The Academy runs for ten weeks and is open to adults that live or work in Middleton. Class size is usually limited to 12 students.

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.



VIPS helped downtown with the Big Event on Saturday June 19.

VIPS will be helping with the Morey Municipal Airport Pancake Breakfast July 11, National Night Out August 4, United Way Day of Caring August 27, Golf Outing Fundraiser September 12 and Family Safety Day September 18.

Our first Junior VIPS member is helping the Detective Unit inventory and preparing property for auction. 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.

Safe Assured ID Kits

Middleton Police will be taking reservations for having kits made the last Wednesday of every month. The next date will be Wednesday, July 28, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at the Middleton Police Department.

If you would like to register for a Wednesday night, 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.

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!**

The non-profit Middleton Volunteer Partnership Board (MVP Inc.) will be hosting a Golf Outing Fundraiser on Sunday September 12 on the Par 3 course at Pleasant View. The cost of 9 holes of golf is \$25.00/Adult and \$15.00/Child. There will also be a prize raffle and fun and games for the kids and non-golfers. Please contact Tom Wohlleber after 5:30 PM at 798-3055 or Officer Dave Kasdorf at 824-7323 for more details.

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.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

In May, Middleton Officers handled 1753 calls for service, 822 were field initiated, 931 were dispatched, issued 515 citations, made 35 criminal arrests and investigated 29 accidents.

In June, Middleton Officers handled 1693 calls for service, 815 were field initiated, 878 were dispatched, issued 526 citations, made 25 criminal arrests and investigated 23 accidents.

Significant Events in June:

MI10-3974, 06/01/10, Storage Lockers, 2300 Pinehurst Drive, Burglary
Complainant reported his storage locker was broken into and four rifles taken.

MI10-3988, 06/01/10, 2900 Baskerville Avenue, Fraud
Complainant received a check for \$5,000.00 and an accompanying letter stating they had won a sweepstakes and instructions to cash the check and send a portion of the proceeds

back to the sweepstake company. The complainant did deposit the check, but was informed by the bank that it was a bogus check prior to sending money back to the sweepstake company. This is a common scam, which actually works sometimes.

MI10-3640, 06/02/10, 2100 Deming Way, Theft of Motor Vehicle

On 05/21/10, the complainant reported his 2000 Ford Expedition was stolen from the parking lot of Costco. On June 2, the Middleton Police Department was notified that the vehicle was recovered, abandoned in South Bend, Indiana. Furthermore, credit cards in the vehicle were used by the suspects. Investigation continues.

MI10-4044, 06/03/10, 3300 Hedden Road, Theft of a Firearm

Resident reported that a .357 magnum pistol was stolen from her residence. Investigation revealed that the pistol was stolen by the woman's roommate's girlfriend. The roommate, a convicted felon, was not to be in possession of a firearm. Jeremiah Edwards, of Middleton, was arrested and jailed on charges of Felon in Possession of a Firearm and a Probation Violation.

MI10-4111, 06/04/10, 9:28 PM, 5100 Torino Court, Armed Robbery/Shots Fired

Police received a report of an armed robbery in the parking lot of Arbor Lakes with multiple shots fired. There were no injuries. The victim knew his assailants, but has not been cooperative in the investigation.

MI10-4415, 06/14/10, 7900 Forsythia Court, Theft

Aluminum wheels and radiators stolen from business.

MI10-4428, 06/15/10, 11:28 AM, 6600 University Avenue, Damage to Property

A car driver and bicyclist got into a road rage type of incident. The bicyclist broke the window on the car with his fist and rode away.

MI10-4578, 06/22/10, 6100 University Avenue, Burglary

The Garden Convenience Store and adjoining Imperial Gardens Restaurant were broken into and cash taken. The suspect(s) cut the alarm wires.

MI10-4719, 06/27/10, 3500 Roma Lane, Burglary

Resident returned home to discover her apartment had been entered, probably through an unsecured window, items taken and the apartment trashed.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

June was a busy month for traffic related activities. Click It or Ticket ended on June 6, several meetings occurred and special activities were completed.

Click It or Ticket had an estimated 84 hours spent on this special enforcement activity. Five officers participated, making a total of 126 traffic stops and making 171 enforcement actions. Results were: 32 Seatbelt citations, 22 Speeding citations, five Sign/Signal violation citations, five OAR/OAS citations, eight Registration citations and

three other citations. In addition, 96 warnings were issued. Kudos to the officers who participated in this voluntary assignment-Mike Ash, Mike Wood, Dan Jones, Greg Dixon and Tom Wilson. Hopefully this will be the year that the Middleton Police Department is chosen in the giveaway drawing for \$3,000.00 to be used for traffic safety equipment.

Sgt. Mueller met with Deputy Randy Weissenger and Mike Aguilar of Innocorp, Ltd (Fatal Vision goggles maker) regarding the July 17 kickoff of this year's motorcycle safety initiative to be held at Middleton's Quaker Steak and Lube. Officer Mike Wood with his police motorcycle will join other officers in a skill demonstration. The established Green-Yellow-Red campaign will again be part of this along with the new 5=Zero in Wisconsin campaign. Sgt. Mueller will assist at the safety tent during the event.

Sgt. Mueller attended the Dane County Traffic Safety Committee meeting on June 10. He presented April's fatal motorcycle accident synopsis to the attendees. The West Beltline speeding concerns were discussed, especially relevant in light of the coming month's construction along the corridor. The Dane County District Attorney's office has shown more concern for traffic related matters by assigning an Assistant District Attorney dedicated to all fatal or severe injury accidents. She will be on call 24/7 to come to the scene so she can work closely with the investigation.

Sgt. Mueller, on his own time, met with all the vendors at Bike Night on June 16 to discuss the ongoing concerns about loud vehicular noise, which includes motorcycles. All were quite receptive and promised to discuss it with their customers.

Monday June 21 was the annual Ride Your Motorcycle to Work Day.

On Wednesday, June 30, Officer Donna Hamilton and Sgt. Mueller worked Bike Night, which was well attended due to it being a give-a-way night. They took along the Department's sound meter and asked attendees if they would like to have their motorcycle's exhaust systems tested to see if they met the newly established Society of Automotive Engineers guidelines for noise. About 50 motorcyclists had their cycles tested. The officers took the opportunity to discuss noise concerns with the riders. Many were surprised to discover just how loud their exhausts were. Officers later heard many talking about the testing with their friends, which means the impact was on more than just the 50 who were tested. A patrol officer was assigned to work traffic patrol near the venue to particularly watch for noise violations and to make stops for such. He made no stops for that violation.

Approximately 58 hours were spent on directed traffic patrol this past month. Roads targeted were: Allen Blvd, Branch Street, Deming Way, Discovery Drive, Elmwood Avenue, Lisa Lane, Maywood Avenue, N High Point Road, Nursery Road, Parklawn Place, Parmenter Street, Pheasant Branch Road, Hwy 12, Hwy Q and the Quaker Steak and Lube area on Bike Night. Eighty-eight enforcement actions were taken: 36 citations for Speeding with five warnings, 23 citations for Seat Belt violations with one warning, five citations for Registration with six warnings, three citations for OAS/OAR, one

citation for No Drivers License, one citation for Failure to Yield with two warnings and four warnings for No Insurance Card (a new violation started June 1).

Officers responded to 44 accidents of which 23 were reportable compared to last year in June of 48 of which 32 were reportable.

TRAINING

FBI National Academy Re-trainer, 12 hours, Keil
Breath Examiner Specialist, 24 hours, Normann
Basic SWAT, 40 hours, Wood, Quamme, Sellek and Moen
Search Warrant Training, 32 hours, Olson
Active Shooter, 24 hours, Geiszler and O'Connor

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

During the month of June, 78 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, ten cases were assigned to patrol officers and 18 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

- 1 - Armed Robbery
- 1 - Attempted Suicide
- 2 - Battery
- 4 - Burglaries
- 2 - Disturbance
- 5 - Domestic Follow-up
- 11 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 7 - Fraud
- 1 - Harassment
- 6 - Larceny
- 4 - Found Bicycles
- 1 - Sexual Assault
- 3 - Stolen Bicycles
- 2 - Stolen Automobile
- 9 - Thefts from Automobiles
- 2 - Uniform Controlled Substances

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

53 Adults
76 Criminal Counts
7 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

3 Juveniles
4 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures