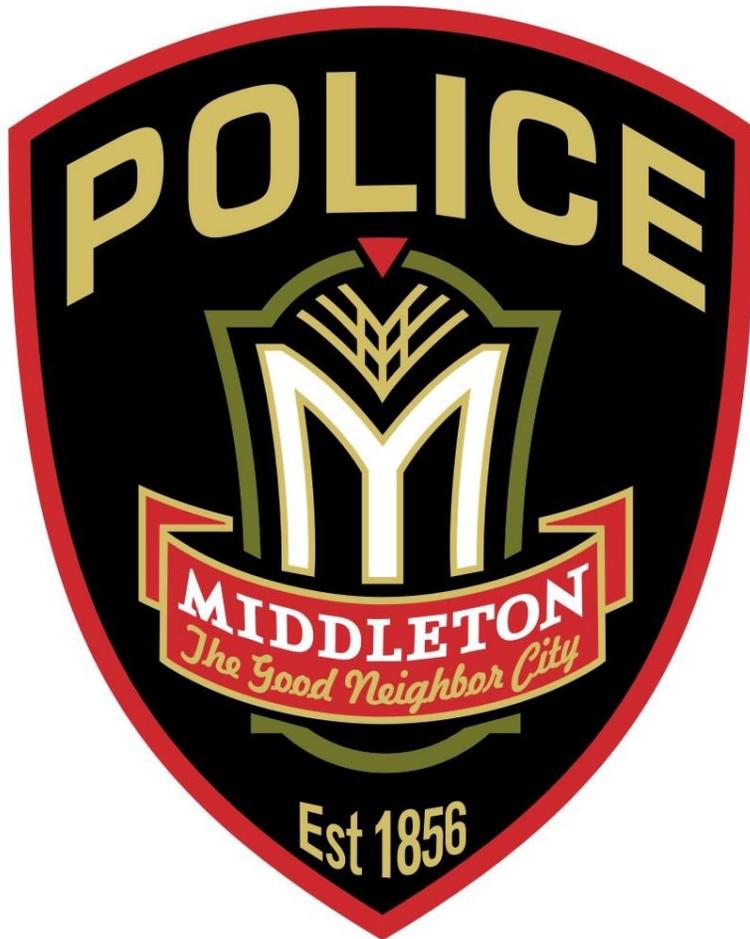


**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**JUNE 2012**

## **CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS** **ACTIVITIES**

Officer Jill Tutaj was recently named the newest Community Awareness Officer and will be starting her new duties on July 1, 2012. Officer Tutaj has been involved in a number of community events throughout her career and has been instrumental in the Police Department's past involvement with Special Olympics and the annual Shop with a Cop event. Officer Tutaj is excited to begin her new assignment and looks forward to continuing and expanding our efforts to work with various members of our community.

### **MIDDLETON** **BUSINESS WATCH** **PROGRAM IN FORCE**



Middleton Business Watch is accepting donations at this time to help purchase video equipment. Payments can be sent to:

Middleton Business Watch Partnership  
C/O Carol Maki  
Middleton Community Bank  
3207 Parmenter Street  
Middleton, WI 53562

If you would like to join the Middleton Business Watch or need to update your contact information, please contact Officer Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or at [jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto: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](http://middletonpd.com).



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 Officer Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or at [jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto: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 Officer Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or at [jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto: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 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 Officer Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or at [jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us).

## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

### **Field Service Personnel**

The Middleton Cross Plains School District year ended in early June which saw the transition of our two School Resource Officers out of the school. Typically, SRO's are assigned to their respective schools for two years, with an option for a third year. Officer Travis Kakuske was assigned to Middleton High School for three years and Officer Matt Sherry was at Kromrey Middle School for three years. Both officers had successful tenures at their schools. Officer Kakuske is transitioning to third shift patrol. Officer Matt Sherry left his employment with the Middleton Police Department shortly after the

end of the school year. Matt's wife recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin as a Physician Assistant and accepted a job in Minnesota. Matt was hired as an officer by the Rodgers, Minnesota Police Department. Matt will be missed by his colleagues and friends in Middleton.

Both officers were recognized at the June 5, 2012, School Board meeting for their dedication to the youth of our community.

Officers Sherry and Kakuske are pictured below.



The new School Resource Officers for the 2012/13 school year are Officer Scott Moen at Middleton High School and Officer Tom Wilson at Kromrey Middle School. Both officers shadowed the current SRO's at the end of the school year and have attended related training this summer.

Officers Wilson and Moen are pictured below.



The loss of Officer Sherry leaves the Department three officers short of our authorized strength. A hiring process is currently underway.

Middleton Detectives Patricia Faust and Daniel Jones were assigned to assist the Fitchburg Police Department on their recent homicide.

### **Field Services**

In May, Middleton Officers handled 1,699 calls for service, 670 were field initiated, 1,029 were dispatched, issued 580 citations and 89 written warnings, made 30 criminal arrests and investigated 39 accidents.

In June, Middleton Officers handled 1,625 calls for service, 536 were field initiated, 1,089 were dispatched, issued 433 citations and 78 written warnings, made 14 criminal arrests and investigated 398 accidents.

### **Significant Events in June:**

MI12-3743, 06/02/12, 3300 Valley Creek Circle, Burglary  
Suspect(s) climbed through a window and took money.

MI12-3822, 06/06/12, 6400 Clovernook, Burglary  
Suspect(s) entered through an unlocked window and took jewelry.

MI12-3859, 06/06/12, Marriott, Theft  
A \$14,000.00 ring was stolen from a room while the guest stayed at the Marriott.

MI12-3976, 06/11/12, Middleton High School Football Field, Graffiti  
Disparaging comments were spray painted on the field.

MI12-4319, 06/28/12, 100 block of Allen Boulevard, Sexual Assault  
A 13 year old girl reported she has been repeatedly sexually assaulted by her father for at least two years. The father was arrested on a multitude of sexual assault and domestic violence related offenses and is in jail.

MI12-4329, 06/28/12, PF Changs, Theft  
A victim reported her wallet containing over \$1,000.00 in cash and credit cards was stolen. The credit cards used to purchase in excess of \$5,000.00 in merchandise.

MI12-4373, 06/30/12, Middleton Library, Indecent Exposure  
A man was observed masturbating in the library. He was arrested and jailed.

The Police Department took 12 theft from vehicle complaints in June, in most cases the vehicles were unlocked. In one case, a vehicle was entered on Middleton Beach Road and a GPS taken. The GPS was sold at a pawn store in La Crosse and detectives are following up on the suspect.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

On June 5, Sgt. Mueller attended the quarterly Dane County Traffic Safety Commission meeting. The Commission is going to become involved in the student driver-education program in Dane County to see if we can add input to what is taught so that it can benefit our traffic safety goals. It was announced that in August over 500 miles of highways throughout the state will have rumble strips installed as part of a pilot project, some will be within Dane County. The Governor's Conference on Highway Safety will be August 28 and 29, all are encouraged to attend. So far this year, statewide, the fatality total is 24, ahead of 2011's tally.

The annual Rhythm and Booms celebration was on June 30 and Middleton Officers assisted in maintaining smooth traffic flow for those leaving the event at the end of the festivities.

Twelve hours of overtime Seat Belt Enforcement grant patrols were performed on June 2 during the night shift. Thirteen enforcement actions were taken. Two citations for Speed with four warnings, four citations for Seatbelt, one citation for Wrong Way on Divided Highway, one citation for Insurance and two Equipment warnings were issued.

One four hour shift was done for the SMART grant on Hwy 12. Six citations for Speeding were issued and one warning for lane deviation.

About 20 hours of regular patrol directed traffic enforcement was performed. Streets targeted included: Airport Road, Century Avenue, N Gammon Road, Parmenter Street, Pheasant Branch Road and Highways Q and 12. Seventy-six enforcement actions were taken: 43 citations for Speed and one warning, ten citations for Seatbelt, 14 citations for Insurance, two citations for OAR/OAS, two citations for Failure to Obey Sign and three citations with one warning for Registration.

In June there were 38 reportable accidents of which nine were parking lot accidents. This compares to 2011's 26 of which six were parking lot accidents.

## **TRAINING**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter In-Service Training**

May 30, June 11, 14, 20 and 26. Firearms: Dixon and O'Connor Instructors. Emergency Vehicle Operations: Britt and Moen Instructors.

### **June Specialized Training**

Basic SWAT, 40 hours, Zimmerman, Geiszler and O'Connor  
2012 Attorney General's Conference, 12 hours, Keil  
FBI Interview and Interrogation, 16 hours, Sellek and Quamme  
Effective Speaking for Law Enforcement, 16 hours, Tutaj  
GREAT Training, 56 hours, Wilson  
SRO Training, 40 hours, Moen  
IACP Leadership in Police Organizations, 120 hours, Reynolds, Hanson and Zimmerman  
Human Trafficking Training, 4 hours, Hellenbrand, Faust, Haselow, Jones and Quamme

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

Each year, the Police Department observes an increase in call activity during the warmer months as citizens increase their daily outdoor activities enjoying the beautiful summer weather. Increases in burglaries, thefts, frauds and domestic incidents are frequent calls

officers respond to during warmer months. With the overall increase in police calls, the Investigative Unit reviews and assigns more cases to detectives for follow up. For June, a total of 77 incidents were forwarded to the Investigative Unit for review with 20 of these cases being assigned to a detective for additional follow up.

The Investigate Unit continues to work with other local authorities in attempting to solve two local bank robberies which occurred in September of 2011 and again in May of this year. It is believed the same individual is responsible for both of these robberies in the City of Middleton, a number of bank robberies in the Dane County area and a number of robberies in surrounding states. Detective Haselow has been working with the local FBI office and the Madison Police Department in hopes of solving all of these robberies.

At the end of the month, the Police Department took a very disturbing report regarding a father sexually and physically abusing his children for approximately the last two years at a residence in the City of Middleton. Detective Faust was assigned this case for follow up and worked with a number of local agencies to gather detailed statements from the children and to offer the family assistance during this difficult time. The father was arrested and taken to the Dane County jail and has been tentatively charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree sexual assault, child enticement, sexual assault of a child, battery and disorderly conduct while armed. Additional charges could be forthcoming and additional follow up will likely be needed as this case proceeds through the court system. Incidents such as these can be very draining emotionally and physically for the officers and detectives who are assigned to investigate these unthinkable cases. Large amounts of time are devoted to cases such as these and the troubling details can be difficult for even the most seasoned officers and investigators.

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

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

38 Adults  
55 Criminal Counts  
5 Civil Forfeitures

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

5 Juveniles  
6 Criminal Counts  
0 Civil Forfeitures