

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



MARCH 2011

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MI11-1229, 02/28/11, 2400 Allen Blvd., Theft of Motor Vehicles

In the early morning hours of 02/28/11, an officer observed a vehicle abandoned in a parking lot on Allen Blvd. It was determined that this vehicle had been stolen from the 7400 block of Century Avenue. Further investigation revealed that a juvenile had items from the stolen vehicle in his bedroom. He and another juvenile companion were arrested and charged with the theft of two vehicles and numerous counts of breaking into vehicles.

MI11-1285, 03/03/11, 7:06 AM, 1400 Willow Trail, Burglary

Between 6:00 AM and 6:30 AM, two suspects entered a residence while the homeowner was asleep upstairs. It is believed that the suspects may have entered the residence when the husband left for work at 6:00 AM. Taken were a 42" flat screen TV, \$400.00 cash, cell phone, flip camera and the victim's wallet containing two Visa Cards, one Master Card and a Macy's credit card. A short time later, one credit card was used at a nearby Stop and Go on University Avenue in Madison. Video and still photos of the suspects can be seen on the Department's website: middletonpd.com. This case is related to similar crimes which occurred in Madison around the same time. It is theorized that the suspects are not from the area.

Due to long standing issues with SCATZ Nightclub, which culminated in a large fight and shots fired at an occupied vehicle on February 25, SCATZ ownership voluntarily surrendered their alcohol license on March 3.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Community Events

On Monday, 03-07-11, Middleton Police gave a Police Department tour to a group of Cub Scouts.

On Tuesday, 03-08-11, Middleton Police used their Safe Assured ID system to issue an ID for a middle school student.

On Tuesday, 03-22-11, Middleton Police participated in a career fair at ITT Technical Institute in Madison to recruit potential officer candidates and Volunteers in Police Service members.

On Thursday, 03-31-11, Middleton Police made a presentation on the VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) program to the Criminal Justice Club.

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.

**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 updating their web page.

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 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 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.



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.

Currently one of our VIPS is helping to put together the Police Department 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.



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.

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.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

In February, Middleton Officers handled 1,393 calls for service, 495 were field initiated, 898 were dispatched, issued 386 citations and 104 written warnings, made 27 criminal arrests and investigated 37 accidents.

In March, Middleton Officers handled 1,484 calls for service, 652 were field initiated, 832 were dispatched, issued 525 citations and 160 written warnings, made 27 criminal arrests and investigated 31 accidents.

Significant Events in March

MI11-1492, 03/11/11, 2100 Parmenter Street, Burglary

A resident returned home after being out of town for several months. He noticed his large screen TV, morphine and cash were missing.

MI11-1540, 03/14/11, 2000 Parmenter Street, Burglary

A garage was broken into and items taken.

MI11-1783, 03/24/11, Middleton Public Library, Sexual Conduct

A male was arrested at the library for fondling himself.

MI11-1869, 03/29/11, 6300 Pheasant Lane, Burglary

An apartment resident left the door unlocked and unknown person(s) entered and took cash.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

March 7 to the 9, Sgt. Mueller and Officer Hamilton attended the annual Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officers' Conference in Wisconsin Dells. Nationally recognized traffic safety expert Captain Travis Yates of the Tulsa, OK, Police Department, gave a presentation on police driving and roadside safety that was a real eye opener. His data and examples showed us how progressive our Department is in this important area of

officer safety. Due to a recent traffic law change, one of the sessions was cancelled, we were instead presented a session on police suicide awareness and prevention.

On the 15th, Sgt. Mueller attended the Dane County Traffic Safety Committee meeting. He learned that the Madison Police TEST is interested in putting on a motorcycle safety night during one of Quaker Steak and Lube's Bike Nights and would like our assistance.

We were notified that the REF, DOT's motorcycle education trailer, has been approved to be at our Good Neighbor Festival in August. This new educational tool has been well received wherever it has been seen, including at national venues. Numerous other states have asked for it to be used in their states but it is limited to Wisconsin locations and national conventions elsewhere so we are fortunate to get its use here.

March had 31 reportable accidents of which four were in parking lots compared to March 2010 that had 16 with no reportable ones in parking lots. We have had 106 reportable so far this year compared to 89 at this time last year.

Approximately 26 hours were spent on directed patrols in March with streets targeted being: Airport Road, Allen Blvd, Branch Street, Greenway Station area, High Road, N Gammon Road, N High Point Road, Pheasant Branch Road, University Avenue and Hwy 12. Eighty-one enforcement actions were taken: Speeding = 49 citations with six warnings, Insurance = nine citations with three warnings, Registration = six citations with one warning, Operating After Suspension = one citation, Failure to Obey Sign/Signal = one citation with two warnings, Seatbelt = one citation, and one warning each for Cross Walk violation and Failure to Notify DOT of Address Change.

TRAINING

Radar Operator, 24 hours, Erwin

Calibre Press Street Survival, 16 hours, Hellenbrand and O'Connor

Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officer Conference, 14 hours, Mueller and Hamilton

Pharmaceutical Diversion Training, 8 hours, Wood

Instructor Training: EVOC, 40 hours, Moen

Instructor Training: Professional Communication, 24 hours, Zimmerman

Intoxilyzer EC/IR Certification, 16 hours, Erwin

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

Communities throughout Dane County, including the City of Middleton, are currently beginning hit by at least three different burglary crews.

One of these crews attacks closed alcohol related businesses during the overnight hours. The suspects cut telephone, video and alarm wiring and then forcibly enter the businesses. Eight Middleton Businesses have been attacked by this crew in the past year.

The second and third burglary crews are far more dangerous as they boldly enter occupied individual residences during early morning hours. These crews generally enter through unlocked doors or garages. They spend a substantial amount of time in each home and take everything of value in sight. These crews then proceed to use stolen financial transaction cards after the crime. The two series of photos found below are images of these two crews entering retail stores immediately after committing burglaries.

The images of these suspects have been circulated in both law enforcement and public media arenas. As of this date, none of the suspects have been identified. Due to this fact, and the fact that the suspects strike repeatedly for a few days and then stop for weeks, it is believed that these are traveling crews that strike our area on a regular circuit. An area task force, including members of the Middleton Police Department, has been established to combat these criminals.

During the month of March, 61 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, five cases were assigned to patrol officers and 23 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

- 3 - Burglaries
- 2 - Child Abuse
- 4 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 4 - Death Investigations
- 1 - Disturbances
- 4 - Domestic Follow-up
- 8 - Fraud
- 5 - Issuance of Worthless Checks
- 5 - Larceny
- 2 - Missing Persons
- 1 - Stolen Automobiles
- 6 - Thefts from Automobiles
- 4 - Uniform Controlled Substances





SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School
Officer Travis Kakuske

During the month of March, there were 72 calls for service at Middleton High School (MHS). The amount of police activity at the school seems to be on the increase as spring begins to arrive. Although there was no school the week of March 21-25 for spring break, the number of total calls for the month remained high. Some of those incidents included ten lost property calls, six assist citizens, six check persons, four fights, four status offenses, three thefts, two calls related to drugs, and one alcohol violation. From those incidents, there were 12 municipal tickets issued at MHS in March. Tickets were issued for truancy (3), prohibited daytime loitering (3), underage alcohol (2), and one each for disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana, possession of tobacco, and failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. I also referred six charges to the Dane County District Attorney's Office in March. Those charges were for battery (2), criminal damage to property, trespassing, theft, and disorderly conduct.

Last month I engaged in other activities as well, including attending a situation response team training at the School District Administration Center. At this training, the assistant superintendent for business services, Tom Wohlleber, and I met with a group of school district employees and gave them an overview of the Incident Command System (ICS). I

also attended an expulsion hearing in March and several MHS Dean meetings. Finally, I also gave presentations to two different business classes regarding my role as a school resource officer, as well as what legal changes occur when someone turns 18. Students also had an opportunity to ask questions related to law enforcement.

Kromrey Middle School
Officer Matt Sherry

March was a little bit shorter in school days, due to spring break. March was also a busier month for me in calls for service and number of citations.

I finished up teaching my alternate G.R.E.A.T. class. As part of this, I bought pizza for the kids for lunch and gave them G.R.E.A.T. shirts. This alternate class went very smooth and the kids really enjoyed participating.

As part of a student's attendance plan, if he made it five school days in a row, he got to play basketball with me. This student made the days and I played basketball for 30 minutes with him. This was a great opportunity to connect with the student in a more personal way. I also attended the monthly School Resource Officer (SRO) meeting in Madison at the East Precinct and had a meeting for the summer Middleton Area Youth Alliance (MAYA) program where I teach an abbreviated G.R.E.A.T. program. MAYA is for English Language Learning students to work on their writing skills. I participated in the bi-weekly attendance meeting, met with the School Social Worker from Elm Lawn Elementary to set up Internet Safety for 5th graders, and met with staff at Sauk Trail Elementary about a behavior plan for a 5th grade student. I also attended the bi-weekly building consultation team meeting.

As I said above, March was busier for call activity and citations issued. I took a total of 14 calls for service. These included four status offense, one lost property, two check person, five disturbances, one information, and one damage to property. A total of nine citations were issued for daytime loitering, disorderly conduct, compulsory school attendance (truancy), and improper stop at a stop sign.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

32 Adults
58 Criminal Counts
3 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

13 Juveniles
19 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures