

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



MARCH 2013

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Alcohol Compliance Checks:

In March, the Middleton Police Department conducted another round of alcohol compliance checks. The purpose of this effort was to determine the degree to which licensed establishments complied with laws relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages to underage persons. **The current round of 35 checks yielded a compliance rate of 85%. That is the best rate since the inception of the checks over five years ago. This was a positive improvement but still short of our goal of 100% compliance.**

All licensed establishments in the City of Middleton were notified by letter that compliance checks would be conducted. A citizen volunteer, who is currently 18 years old, was used to complete these checks. No attempts were made to misrepresent the volunteer's age or to distract the business employee. If requested, the volunteer provided his actual Wisconsin photo driver's license which clearly indicated that he was not of legal drinking age. The Wisconsin driver's license was printed vertically, indicating they were under the legal drinking age at the time of issuance, and also had the date that he would be 21 years old clearly printed on the front. If questioned by a business employee, the volunteer verbally provide their actual age. The volunteer worked under the supervision of police officers and were under continuous observation.

Three persons were cited for selling alcoholic beverages to an underage person, which could result in a \$366.00 fine. They may also face sanctions from their employers. The City's Alcohol Licensing Committee will review the compliance check results.

The following establishments unlawfully sold alcohol to a minor during this operation:

1. PDQ Convenience Store, 6519 Century Avenue
2. T.G.I. Friday's, 1610 Deming Way
3. Abuelos Mexican Food Embassy, 2229 Deming Way

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**

Community Events

On Friday, March 2, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Police Department to a class of students from the Middleton High School.

On Monday, March 4, Middleton Police conducted compliance checks in the City of Middleton.

On Thursday, March 7, Middleton Police gave a presentation to students at Globe University on identity theft.

On Friday, March 8, Middleton Police did a security survey for a local daycare.

On Sunday, March 10, Middleton Police gave a presentation to a group of Middleton High School Seniors on personal safety.

On Monday, March 11, Middleton Police conducted compliance checks throughout the City of Middleton.

On Thursday, March 14, Middleton Police conducted a home security survey for a resident in Middleton.

On Thursday, March 14, Middleton Police made a video called “Those Who Host Lose The Most”. This video will be air during the month of May before Senior Prom.

On Friday, March 22, Middleton Police conducted a security check for “MOM” Middleton Outreach Ministry.

On Saturday, March 23, Middleton Police attended the Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt at Lakeview Park in Middleton.

On Saturday, March 30, Middleton Police and McGruff attended the Downtown Business Association Easter Egg Hunt at Fireman’s Park.

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.



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

This year's academy is underway. 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 February, Middleton Officers handled 1,408 calls for service, 508 were field initiated, 900 were dispatched, issued 377 citations and 73 written warnings, made 8 criminal arrests and investigated 56 accidents.

In March, Middleton Officers handled 1,602 calls for service, 729 were field initiated, 873 were dispatched, issued 568 citations and 128 written warnings, made 14 criminal arrests and investigated 42 accidents.

Significant Events in March:

MI13-1250, 03/01/13, 1600 block of Maple Street, Burglary
Residents returned home after being gone from 2/13 to 2/28 to discover their home was broken into. Entry was made by forcing open the rear door.

MI13-1390, 03/05/13, Walgreens, Counterfeit Money
Suspect tried to pay for false eyelashes with a counterfeit \$100.00 bill. Store clerks were suspicious and did not accept the bill and retained it for the police. The person passing the bill was identified and the case was turned over to the Secret Service.

MI13-1538, 03/11/13, Cell Tower Highland Way, Theft
Suspect(s) broke into the tower base and stole copper wire.

MI13-1746, 03/18/13, 1500 block of Camberwell Court, Structure Fire
Report of a major residential structure fire on Camberwell Court. All residents were safely evacuated and the fire extinguished by Middleton Firefighters. Police assisted in the investigation to discover the origin and cause of the fire, which has been determined to have started in the garage and has been ruled accidental due to careless use of smoking materials.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Officer Jesse Sellek and Sgt. Donald Mueller attended the annual Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officer's Conference from the 4th through the 6th. Legal updates were presented by Assistant Attorney General Dave Perlman. He pointed out that it appears a major setback for Wisconsin's OWI laws is probably forthcoming as the US Supreme Court recently heard a Missouri case involving forced blood draws and the court looked to be heavily leaning toward finding these to be unconstitutional. Wisconsin and Missouri are among the few states with that procedure, which, from a law enforcement standpoint, greatly assists in the prosecution of chronic OWI offenders.

Mark Walther attended the quarterly Traffic Incident Management meeting on March 7. Safety procedures for traffic accident scene personnel were discussed at length and how Traffic Incident Management vehicles greatly assist in keeping personnel safe.

Sgt. Mueller attended the quarterly Dane County Traffic Safety Commission meeting on March 12. Topics covered were high school driver education class curriculum updates by Kurt Schultz of the Governor's Council on Highway Safety, a presentation on the various Traffic Incident Management vehicles and message boards available throughout Dane County (of which Middleton participates) and the Community Maps project by the UW-Madison which will be plotting accidents in all jurisdictions in the near future.

Speed/OWI patrol was performed on the 8th by three officers for a total of 12 hours. One citation for Underage Person Transporting Alcohol, one citation for Underage Drinking, 13 citations for Speeding with one warning, three citations for Insurance related offenses, one citation for Registration and one citation for Inattentive Driving were issued.

Seat Belt grant patrol was performed on the 17th by three officers for 12 hours total. Enforcement actions included: 16 citations for Speeding, five Insurance citations, two Registration citations, one citation each for Operating While Suspended and Failure to Obey Sign/Signal and two Equipment warnings.

SMART grant patrol was performed on Hwy 12 by three officers for a total of 12 hours on March 19th. Seventeen citations and two warnings were issued for Speeding and two citations for Insurance related offenses were issued.

This March, with its many snow days, there were 42 reportable accidents with 11 of those in parking lots compared to last year's dry March with 27 total accidents with seven of those in parking lots.

Officer Jesse Sellek has been chosen to attend an upcoming Motor Officer training course in April and upon successful completion will join Officer Mike Wood with motorcycle patrol once the weather warms up. The addition of Officer Sellek will provide the Department with daily coverage of our motorcycle patrol which focuses primarily on traffic violations.

TRAINING

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

March 25, 26, 29, April 16 and 19. AM: Firearms with emphasis on State qualification course. PM: Suspicious Activity Reports by Terrorist Liaison Officers.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

FBI National Academy, 400 hours, Geiszler, graduated March 22, 2013.

Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officer Conference, 16 hours, Mueller and Sellek.

Mass Shooting Incident Symposium, 8 hours, Foulke, Hellenbrand and O'Connor.

Wisconsin Narcotics Officers Association Seminar, 8 hours, Moen.

Evidentiary Techniques of the FBI, 3 hours, Hellenbrand, Faust, Jones, Kasdorf, T. Kakuske.

Wisconsin Association of Women Police Conference, 16 hours, Normann.

Pain Behind the Badge, 8 hours, J. Zimmerman.

Investigating Domestic Abuse, 8 hours, Foulke, Britt, Dixon, Raffel, Ziegler, Loether, Smith, Winer, Sellek, Salinas and Riffenburg.

Instructor Development Course, 24 hours, Reynolds.

Sergeant Geiszler Graduates from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia



Sergeant Jeremy Geiszler graduated from the 252nd session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, on March 22, 2013. This class contained law enforcement executives from 49 states, 27 international countries, four military and five federal civilian organizations. The FBI National Academy, held at the FBI Academy, offers ten weeks of advanced investigative, management and fitness training for selected officers

having proven records as professionals within their agencies. Sergeant Geiszler received credit for four Master's Degree level classes through the University of Virginia.

FBI Director Robert Mueller was the principal speaker at the graduation ceremony. Chief Brad Keil, as well as Sergeant Geiszler's family, attended the ceremony. Sergeant Geiszler's father is also a past graduate of the National Academy.

The Middleton Police Department emphasizes management training for its Command Staff. In addition to Sergeant Geiszler; Chief Keil, Captain Foulke and Sergeant Britt are graduates of the FBI National Academy. Captain Kakuske, Sergeants Hellenbrand and Hanson are graduates of the Northwestern University School of Staff and Command and Sergeant Zimmerman will be attending the course this fall. Sergeant Reynolds is a graduate of the Wisconsin Executive Development Institute. Sergeants Reynolds, Hanson and Zimmerman have graduated from the Leadership in Police Operations, a law enforcement leadership program developed at West Point. Sergeant Steve Britt will be attending in the summer of 2013 and Sergeant Barry Reynolds was recently chosen to be an instructor for the program.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

“In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes” a famous quote by Benjamin Franklin. This quote is one which is all too familiar to many of us during this time of year as the deadline of April 15th is fast approaching for the filing of individual tax returns. This can be an exciting time for many as they receive a check from either the State of Wisconsin or the federal government for money which they're owed. However, for many others this time of year and filing their individual tax returns can be very frustrating and concerning as they learn they have become a fraud victim. Unfortunately, each year a number of Middleton residents are victims to this growing and very profitable scam of fraudulent tax returns.

In almost every case the victim in this scam and fraud investigation does not realize any issues with their identity or their tax returns until they attempt to file the required paperwork. Upon filing their taxes, victims are informed a return has already been received by state and federal agencies by an individual with the same social security number. This response when attempting to file their taxes are concerning for many victims since all of them had no prior knowledge of someone using their identity, specifically their social security number, until this time. Many times victims are delayed and prevented from filing the necessary paperwork until many phone calls later, numerous contacts with the Internal Revenue Service, completing an Identity Theft Affidavit and making a police report with their local municipality. Frauds of this nature are concerning for many victims since how their identity was stolen is unknown.

Agents of the Internal Revenue Service indicate this is a well-known and very profitable scam originating from different states and many times from outside of the United States. Agents of IRS are responsible for investigating any scam or fraud involving tax returns and indicate a large portion of these scams go unsolved. So what can you do if you learn

you are a victim of this scam? First, contact the IRS at 800-908-4490 and file the necessary paperwork so you can complete the filing of your taxes. Secondly, make a report with your local police department and provide as much paperwork and documentation as possible. Lastly, contact the following companies and agencies notifying them of this fraud and to assist in keeping track of any other fraudulent accounts which have been opened using your identity:

Equifax www.equifax.com 800-525-6285

Experian www.experian.com 888-397-3742

TransUnion www.transunion.com 800-680-7289

Federal Trade Commission www.ftc.gov 877-ID-THEFT (877-438-4338)

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School Officer Scott Moen

March was an active month for police call activity at the Middleton High School (MHS) and Clark Street Community School (CSCS). Due to spring break, there were only 16 school days this month. There were 41 police calls for service at Middleton High School and six calls for service at CSCS. Some of those calls included: disturbances, thefts, threats and controlled substance calls. From those incidents, there were eight municipal tickets issued.

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, attending a Wisconsin Narcotics Officer Association conference in Wisconsin Dells, helping to host a county wide School Resource officer meeting at the Middleton Police Department, and attending a threat assessment meeting at MHS for the Middleton Cross Plains Area School District. MHS also hosted a presentation by the Madison Police Department on the topic of youth gangs. Over spring break, Officer Moen also attended a department in-service training. The 2012-13 school year is going by quickly and the students begin their final quarter of the year on April 8.

Kromrey Middle School Officer Tom Wilson

During the month of March, Kromrey Middle School remained a very busy place even though it was a short month because of spring break. Spirit Night was held during the month and was attended by over 600 of the students who all had a great time and no problems were reported. I also continued to teach the Keeping Safe curriculum to students at Elm Lawn Elementary School and attended several meetings in regards to district safety and upcoming improvements.

During the month, I handled several incidents including a damage to property, an annoying phone call complaint, a suspicious activity case, two truancy referrals and two disturbances.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

34 Adults
43 Criminal Counts
6 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

1 Juveniles
1 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures