

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**MAY 2011**

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### **2011 Police Department Awards Ceremony**

Left to right: Chief Keil, Detective Wood, Dispatcher Cleasby, Detective Faga and Mayor Sonnentag



In conjunction with National Police Week, the Middleton Police Department recognized employees and citizens at a ceremony in front of the City Council on May 3. The following awards were presented by Chief Keil:

### **Outstanding Service Awards**

#### **Detective Kim Wood:**

On March 1, 2010, Kimberly Wood was assigned to the Investigative Services Bureau as the rotating second shift detective. Detective Wood spent the first three months of this 15 month assignment with members of the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force.

During the remaining 12 months of this appointment, Detective Wood has been serving as a general assignment detective. Upon her return to the ISB unit, Detective Wood hit

the ground running with a case load of eight new cases and two long term drug investigations.

During the year that Detective Wood has been assigned to the ISB unit, she was the lead investigator in several significant sexual assault cases, a kidnapping, an armed home invasion, financial crimes and several dozen drug investigations. Detective Wood has drafted and executed six drug related search warrants that have resulted in multiple felony charges. These warrants include the seizure of a marijuana grow operation on Amherst Road and the arrest conviction and deportation of the “Mayor of Middleton” for selling cocaine from his residence on Pondview Court.

Detective Wood consistently produces a level of activity that exceeds established standards. Detective Wood has approached her year of service as a detective with great enthusiasm and has produced some of the most significant Department arrests in 2010.

Kim has been a member of the Middleton Police Department since 2006.

**Dispatcher Keith Cleasby:**

Keith is an excellent Dispatcher for the Middleton Police Department, currently working the 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM shift. Approximately one year ago, Keith volunteered to administer the Department’s website. Keith turned a functional website into a very well designed, user friendly site which uses the latest web tools such as Facebook (278 people like the site), Twitter (215 followers) and recently added a Middleton Police YouTube channel. This enables the Department to get critical information out to the citizens of Middleton and the area, as well as receiving information from the people we serve. Keith is constantly looking for ways to better the website and the Middleton Police Department has received compliments from other law enforcement professionals on the quality of the website.

Keith has been with the Department since 2008.

**Special Recognition**

**Detective Craig Faga:**

Craig began his career with the Middleton Police Department on GNF Parade Sunday in 1982. Craig recently announced his retirement, effective June 4, 2011. Craig will be missed in many different ways. Craig is one of the most well liked, respected officers at the Middleton Police Department, both with people he works with and people he works for. Craig has spent most of his career as a detective, working on most of the critical, high profile cases faced by the Middleton Police Department in the last three decades.

Not only is Craig a skilled investigator and interviewer, he is a talented evidence technician and one of the best forensic sketch artists in the mid-west. Craig will be missed and we wish him only the best.

### **Significant Anniversaries:**

5 years: **Dispatcher Tim Hoeksema** (06/02/2005), **Officer Travis Kakuske** (08/17/2005), **Officer Matt Sherry** (04/17/2006)

15 years: **Court Officer Lynn Endres** (07/10/1995)

25 years: **Sergeants Barry Reynolds** (02/10/1986)

### **Middleton Good Neighbor Award**

#### **John Stevenson:**

On July 3, 2010, shortly before noon, John and his wife were driving westbound on University Avenue in Middleton. They observed a vehicle in front of them being driven in an erratic manner. John observed the vehicle rear end another vehicle in the 7100 block of University Avenue. The vehicle continued on at a slow rate of speed, crossing the centerline and going into the oncoming traffic lane. John exited his vehicle and ran up and alongside the still moving vehicle. He observed that the driver was unconscious. John managed to steer the vehicle onto the terrace of University Avenue which caused it to stop moving. He then reached in and turned off the vehicle. The operator of the vehicle was arrested for Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated and Hit and Run. His blood alcohol concentration was .241.

#### **Terry Bowen:**

On September 14, 2010, around 11:40 PM, Middleton resident Terry Bowen was returning home. As he turned on to Nightingale Lane, he saw two men acting suspiciously. One man was inside a pickup and another man, on a bicycle, seemed to be acting as a lookout. Terry turned his car around and the man on the bicycle pedaled away. Terry called the police and followed the man on the bicycle, updating the dispatcher as he went. Police officers were able to locate the man riding the bicycle and take him into custody. They determined that his companion had indeed broken into the pickup truck. The man in the pickup truck was picked up a short time later. Investigation revealed that the two men were from Chicago and had arrived in town about ten days earlier and were staying at an acquaintance's home. During that time, the Middleton Police Department experienced a sharp rise in theft from vehicle cases. Police searched the home and recovered numerous items stolen from area cars. It is believed the men broke into in excess of 30 vehicles during that time. The two men were booked into

the Dane County jail on numerous counts of Burglary, Theft, Trespass and drug related offenses.

**Barb Roe:**

Barb is a member of the Middleton Volunteers in Policing. She is an active participant, volunteering at the GREAT graduation ceremony, GNF mini-parade, and St. Luke's turkey give-away. For the past two years, Barb has assisted the Department greatly in helping put the Department's Annual Report together. She volunteered over 32 hours in 2010 and 38 hours in 2011 putting together a professional looking report. Barb is also a graduate of the Middleton Citizen's Academy.

**WISCONSIN LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL**

On May 6, law enforcement officers from across the State met in front of the Law Enforcement Memorial at the Capitol to honor Wisconsin Law Enforcement Officers killed in the line of duty. Middleton Police Officer Jerry Raffel participated in the Honor Guard. Jerry was asked to participate because he was a close friend of Middleton native Tom Baitenger, a St. Petersburg, Florida, police officer killed in the line of duty on January 24, 2011. Officer Raffel is pictured far left.



## CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

### Community Events

On Wednesday, May 25, Middleton Police attended a Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Meeting at ITT in Madison.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://middletonpd.com).



### *Citizens' Academy*

The 2011 Middleton Police Citizens' Academy continued this month with classes at Middleton EMS, Madison International Speedway for emergency vehicle operations, the Middleton Fire Department and the Police Department for DAAT (Defense and Arrest Tactics). Students were certified in CPR, drove squad cars on the racetrack, rappelled/went up in the aerial ladder, put on gear and crawled through confined spaces,

used a fire hose and hit and punched bags and fired a shotgun with bean bag rounds. A few brave students were also voluntarily shot with a Taser.

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](mailto: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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

In April, Middleton Officers handled 1,663 calls for service, 702 were field initiated, 961 were dispatched, issued 520 citations and 166 written warnings, made 35 criminal arrests and investigated 29 accidents.

In May, Middleton Officers handled 1,815 calls for service, 855 were field initiated, 960 were dispatched, issued 670 citations and 216 written warnings, made 24 criminal arrests and investigated 36 accidents.

### **Significant Events in May:**

MI11-2777, 05/02/11, 1:25 PM, Middleton High School, Bomb Threat

A student found a note in a bathroom indicating there was a bomb. This was the fourth bomb threat of the second semester. In previous cases, the threats had been non-specific, so the school was placed in a HOLD, but not evacuated. In this case, the threat had some specificity and a search of the school could not be completed in a timely manner. School officials elected to evacuate the school and take students and staff to the football stadium. A search was completed of the school with negative results. The case remains under investigation.

MI11-2915, 05/08/11, 3:46 AM, 5800 Highland Terrace, Underage Alcohol Party  
Neighbors reported a possible underage alcohol party. Five underage persons were cited for underage drinking and one for possession of paraphernalia.

MI11-2941, 05/09/11, 2900 Parmenter Street, Burglary

Residence entered and numerous items of jewelry and electronics were taken. Calvin Crass was arrested and jailed on charges of burglary. Many of the items were recovered from the suspect's residence and from Mr. Money.

MI11-2977, 05/08/11, 8500 Greenway Boulevard, Theft from Vehicle



Laptop stolen from vehicle trunk. Calvin Crass of Middleton was developed as a suspect and arrested.

MI11-3177, 05/17/11, Parkside Heights Park, Suspicious Incident

A middle school student reported that as she was walking to school, she was confronted by two men who asked her for money. As she walked past them, one man reportedly grabbed her by the shoulders and pushed her against a nearby van. The student ran away. The police have not been able to locate the vehicle or men.

MI11-3424, 05/24/11, 1600 Meadowcrest Lane, Fraud

A woman received a call from a man purporting to be an attorney who informed her that her grandson had been in a serious accident in the Dominican Republic. She wired him \$3,000.00. The call was a scam. Her grandson was not in an accident and was not out of the country.

MI11-3456, 05/25/11, Endurance House, Fraud

On three occasions, a customer returned an item to the store which had been stolen earlier from the store.

MI11-3469, 05/25/11, Bath and Body Works, Retail Theft

Several hundred dollars in merchandise was shoplifted from the store.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

May 23 was the kick off date for Click It or Ticket. We are again a non-funded agency for this program. It ran through June 5<sup>th</sup>. Fourteen officers submitted enforcement reports. All three shifts were involved. One hundred fifty-seven traffic stops were made over a total of 43 hours of effort. One hundred forty-seven citations were issued along with 58 warnings. Two warrants were served and one drug arrest was made as well. Middleton's officers have always enthusiastically embraced this program.

There were 35 reportable accidents (24 on street and 11 in parking lots) in May compared to 29 in May 2010 (21 on street and 8 in parking lots).

Officer Donna Hamilton attended the TIME meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Significant traffic incidents and how they were handled were the topics of discussion.

Officer Mike Wood began his annual motorcycle patrol on May 15<sup>th</sup>. He also attended a refresher skills course prior to that time. He made 62 traffic stops resulting in 83 enforcement actions that included: 30 citations and four warnings for No Insurance, 12 citations and 17 warnings for Speeding, six citations and two warnings for Seat Belt, two citations for OAR, one citation for Following Too Closely, one citation and two warnings

for Registration, four warnings for Failure to Obey Officer, one warning for Unsafe Passing and one warning for Equipment.

Directed traffic patrols were also performed outside of the CIOT program in May. A total of 22 1/2 hours were spent. A total of 104 enforcement actions were taken. They were: 43 citations for Speed with one warning, 15 citations for Insurance and two warnings, eight citations for Seat Belt, four citations for OAR/OAS, three citations for Failure to Stop at Stop Sign with seven warnings, three citations and five warnings for Registration, one citation for No Driver's License, one citation for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and one warning for No DL on Person.

## **TRAINING**

Hidden Assets in Passenger Vehicles, 24 hours, Jones

SET Training Volk Field, 16 hours, MIPD, SPPD and FBPD SET Teams

Colt AR 15 Armorer, 24 hours, Geiszler

PTSD and the Police Officer Family, 4 hours, officers, dispatchers and families

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

The month of May saw property crimes take center stage within the Investigations Bureau. A general increase in both larceny and larceny from parked vehicles sparked this trend. The fraudulent use of credit and debit cards stolen during these thefts was once a new twist to these crimes. These secondary frauds are now standard practice and are believed to be the new primary objective of the thieves.

During the month of May, Detective Haselow wrapped up a six month long employee theft and fraudulent payroll investigation. Numerous interviews, subpoenas and hours of scrutinizing surveillance videos have resulted in felony charges being filed against two area restaurant managers.

During the month of May, 81 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, 15 cases were assigned to patrol officers and 17 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

- 1 - Arson
- 2 - Battery
- 4 - Bicycles Stolen
- 5 - Bicycles Found
- 6 - Burglaries
- 1 - Child Abuse
- 3 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 2 - Death Investigations
- 10 - Domestic Disturbances

- 4 - Fraud
- 6 - Graffiti
- 2 - Harassment
- 14 - Larceny
- 2 - Sexual Assaults
- 10 - Thefts from Automobiles
- 2 - Uniform Controlled Substances

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

### **Kromrey Middle School**

The month of May was very busy for me. Along with a lot of teaching, I also took 17 calls for service. I attended the standard monthly meetings as well. As of May 24, I took over the duties for Officer Kakuske at Middleton High School (MHS), as he left for family leave.

As I stated above, I did a lot of teaching in May. I taught Internet Safety to Northside, Sauk Trail and Elm Lawn Elementary Schools. This was taught to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes and focused mainly on the use of Facebook by middle school age students. I also taught about making sure to post proper images, comments and messages online. I taught students at Sauk Trail about the perils of marijuana use, alcohol use and tobacco use. All of the students showed great participation and learned a lot. I attended the monthly School Resource Officer meeting, the bi-weekly building consultation meeting, as well as met with two parents who were concerned with their child's behavior. I attended the KMS Fun Run at Orchid Heights Park. There was beautiful weather for the event and there were no issues. I also participated in a United Way event for incoming freshman to MHS.

I had a higher call volume for May. Some of this was due to filling in for Officer Kakuske at MHS. I had four disturbances, three lost property, one assist Madison Police, one EMS call, one found property, one status offense (truancy), one weapons violation, one suspicious activity, one check person, one theft and two drugs. The suspicious activity call was regarding a female student who was approached by two black male subjects asking her for money. The student was shoved up against the van and one of the men attempted to open the van door. Parents, teachers, and students were all notified of this incident. These incidents resulted in five criminal arrests and five citations. Some of the incidents resulted in verbal warnings, depending on the situation.

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

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

- 44 Adults
- 88 Criminal Counts
- 4 Civil Forfeitures

**Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals**

5 Juveniles  
8 Criminal Counts  
0 Civil Forfeitures