

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



MAY 2012

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Annual Awards

The following awards were presented during Police Week, in front of the City Council on May 15, 2012:

Valor Award

Officer Nick Stroik:

On October 4, 2011, Brandon Johnson went to his estranged wife's apartment, got into the attic and crashed through the ceiling into her apartment. Johnson was armed with a loaded shotgun and threatened both his estranged wife and a friend who was also present. A downstairs neighbor heard the commotion and notified the police, but was unaware that Johnson was armed. Sgt. Terry Hanson and Officer Nick Stroik were the first officers to arrive. They knocked on the door. Johnson answered the door and pointed the shotgun in the direction of the officers. Officer Stroik ordered Johnson to drop his weapon several times, pulled out his service weapon and fired three shots, striking Johnson twice. This ended the threat to the officers and the occupants of the apartment.

The actions by the Middleton Police employees that night reflect the highest obligation of a law enforcement officer; serving mankind by safeguarding lives and protecting the innocent.

Officer Nick Stroik will receive the Valor Award, which is awarded for acts of bravery beyond the employee's basic duty which subject the employee to a high risk of serious injury. It is clear from those present and those reviewing this case that Officer Stroik's actions were significant in preventing injury or death to the occupants of the apartment and responding officers.

Nick has been a member of the Middleton Police Department since 2008.

Chief Keil presents Officer Stroik with the Medal of Valor Award:



Exceptional Performance Award

Dispatcher Tim Hoeksema:

On June 27, 2011, at 2:36 AM, Dispatcher Tim Hoeksema answered a wireless 911 call from a 39 year old male who was suicidal. He immediately broadcast the initial information to the officers and continued to update them throughout the incident.

The caller was driving in his vehicle on US Hwy 12 and was initially quite reluctant to tell Dispatcher Hoeksema where he was. Through careful questioning during this 11 minute phone call, Dispatcher Hoeksema was able to determine that this caller had a loaded .45 caliber handgun with him, the gun had a bullet in the chamber and was sitting on the seat next to him. Dispatcher Hoeksema convinced the caller to exit Hwy 12 as soon as possible so that help could locate him. He convinced the caller to put the gun in the glove box of the vehicle and place his hands out the driver's door window so that the situation could be handled in the safest way possible. He then continued to stay on the line with the caller while officers arrived, set up and then completed their high risk stop. Throughout the entire conversation, Dispatcher Hoeksema was empathetic and calming to the emotional caller.

It was learned later that this subject had attempted to use his handgun to end his life previously that same evening. He had placed his gun to his head and pulled the trigger, only to find out there was not a bullet in the chamber. He had remedied this prior to

getting in his vehicle and dialing 911. If not for Dispatcher Hoeksema's actions, this caller may have succeeded in harming himself.

Life Saving Award

Officers Mike Ash and Tom Wilson:

On Saturday, August 13, 2011, at 6:43 PM, Officer Mike Ash and Officer Tom Wilson responded to a residence on Glacier Ridge Road for a 65 year old male who was unconscious and in convulsions. While enroute, dispatch advised that the patient had ineffective breathing. Upon arrival, Officer Ash and Officer Wilson recognized that the patient was a pulse-less non-breathing patient and quickly began giving CCR (cardio-cerebral resuscitation).

Middleton Paramedics reported that on their arrival, officers were doing CCR and obtaining information about the patient's actions leading up to the medical emergency. Paramedics report that with the officers' assistance, they were able to get the patient breathing again. The patient was subsequently released from the hospital on his own.

Officer Ash and Officer Wilson's quick, decisive actions, directly contributed to the saving of a human life.

Significant Anniversaries:

5 years: **Officer Kim Wood and Dispatcher Brian Lary**
10 years: **Officer Jill Tutaj and Records Clerk Janelle Zimmerman**
20 years: **Sgt. Terry Hanson and Officer Dave Kasdorf**
25 years: **Officer Mike Ash**
30 years: **Dispatcher Barb Van De Loo**

Pictured below are Police Employees recognized for their contributions:



Middleton Good Neighbor Awards

Brock Emden and Kurt Spahn:

On July 26, 2011, officers were dispatched to a disturbance involving a subject with warrants and a history of fleeing on foot from officers. As officers responded, the suspect fled in a vehicle that was abandoned in the backyard of a nearby residence. The Middleton Police Department received numerous calls from citizens about the suspect running along properties near Lake Mendota. The suspect was confronted by an officer as he ran between houses on Mendota Drive. An officer was able to engage the suspect in a foot pursuit as the suspect ran westbound along the lake shore. At the same time, Brock Emden and Kurt Spahn were fishing from a pier at a residence along the lake. Without hesitating or being asked to assist, both Brock and Kurt placed themselves in a position to assist. Brock and Kurt not only saw the route the suspect took but they saw that the officer had reached a point where the shoreline ended at a rock wall. Due to the height of the wall, the officer was unable to climb up and continue after the suspect. Brock and Kurt pulled the officer up the wall and pointed out the path the suspect had taken to the officer. Due to the assistance of Brock and Kurt and the information provided, the suspect was caught and taken into custody by officers a short distance away. If not for the assistance of Brock and Kurt, it is unlikely that the suspect would have been apprehended so quickly.

Les and Sue Dorscheid:

On August 28, 2011, Les and Sue Dorscheid were walking in the Pheasant Branch Conservancy when they were approached by two distraught girls, ages 11 and 12. The Dorscheids calmed the girls down and learned that someone had exposed himself to them. They then walked the girls to their grandmother's house, a few blocks away.

The Middleton Police were contacted and a suspect was arrested just 11 minutes after the call.

Investigation revealed that Marcus Singleton, a 28 year old, from Middleton, had lured the two girls off the path, photographed them and exposed his genitals to the girls. The girls were able to run away and luckily ran into the Dorscheids.

Sue Dorscheid testified at Singleton's trial, helping to verify the victims' testimony, emotional state of mind and the time frame. Singleton was found guilty on two counts of Child Enticement, a class D felony.

Without Les and Sue Dorscheid's quick response and willingness to follow through in courtroom testimony, Singleton's immediate apprehension and conviction would have been considerably more difficult.

Mary Maricris-Rocero:

On February 17, 2012, at 1:30 AM, two five year old boys snuck out of their residence on Maywood Avenue and began looking for an open store. They were outside for some time and became lost. Mary Maricris-Rocero spotted the boys near the McDonald's on Century Avenue and was concerned for their welfare due to their age and late hour. She picked them up and brought them to the Middleton Police Department. The boys were lectured and turned over to their parents.

Roz Craney, Principal Northside Elementary School:

On March 9, 2012, a Friday afternoon, the Middleton Police Department investigated a domestic related stabbing which resulted in critical injuries to the male victim and the arrest of the female suspect. The couple's daughter was a student at Northside Elementary School and was waiting for her mother to pick her up. When the school was notified of the situation, Principal Craney showed great compassion to the girl. He not only brought her to the Middleton Police Department until she was picked up by her grandparents, but waited with her so that she would have a familiar face to be with during this stressful time in her life.

Principal Craney's actions made this less of a traumatic experience for the girl and freed up a police officer who would have otherwise had to wait with the girl.

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 Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at 824-7329 or thellenbrand@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.



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 Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at 824-7329 or thellenbrand@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 Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at 824-7329 or thellenbrand@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 Detective Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand at 824-7329 or thellenbrand@ci.middleton.wi.us.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

In April, Middleton Officers handled 1,567 calls for service, 677 were field initiated, 890 were dispatched, issued 478 citations and 104 written warnings, made 12 criminal arrests and investigated 21 accidents.

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.

Significant Events in May:

MI12-3037, 05/09/12, 8:50 AM, Associated Bank, Bank Robbery

Suspect entered the bank, showed a note indicating he was armed and intended to rob the bank. An undisclosed amount was given to the suspect and he left in a champagne colored 4 door vehicle with no plates. Suspect previously robbed the same bank in September, 2011, and is believed to be responsible for at least eight other bank robberies in Madison, Illinois and Iowa.



MI12-3293, 05/18/12, 3900 block of Larkspur Court, Burglary

Resident returned home to discover his home had been broken in to and items stolen. Investigation determined a Middleton juvenile male was responsible. He was arrested and taken to the Juvenile Reception Center.

MI12-3425, 05/22/12, 5200 block of Shorecrest Drive, Burglary

A family returned home and discovered their residence had been broken in to. Neighbors assisted detectives in identifying suspects. The suspects were contacted and much of the stolen property was recovered. Two Middleton juvenile males were arrested and transported to the Juvenile Reception Center. (Related to the burglary on Larkspur.)

MI12-3446, 05/23/12, 6300 block of Maywood Avenue, Fight

Middleton Fire Department was assisting moving a large person from a residence to an ambulance when they observed a fight involving 25 to 30 people taking place in front of a residence in the 6300 block of Maywood Avenue. The Middleton Fire Department notified the police. Officers arrived and arrested Kimberly Ceesay, of Middleton, and took her to jail on charges of Disorderly Conduct. Several juveniles were cited for Disorderly Conduct. Later that night, a rock was thrown through the windshield of one of the participants and there was another confrontation between two juvenile males in

which one threatened to shoot the other in the face with a pistol. On 05/25/12, that suspect was determined to be in another residence on Maywood Avenue. Middleton Detectives did surveillance on the residence and observed the suspect enter a vehicle. The vehicle was stopped and the suspect fled on foot. He was taken into custody after he climbed onto a condo balcony and attempted to enter a condo in Middleton Hills. The male juvenile was arrested and jailed on numerous charges, including weapons related offenses, resisting an officer, criminal trespass and disorderly conduct.

MI12-3514, 05/25/12, 7700 block of Elmwood Avenue, Burglary
A business was forcibly entered by prying the door open and computer related items were stolen.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Sgt. Mueller attended the quarterly Traffic Incident Management meeting. Major incidents were discussed and best practices used were highlighted.

Sgt. Mueller also attended the SMART enforcement kickoff press conference which was held at Middleton's Quaker Steak and Lube. This is the second grant of this type in which the West Beltline Highway's corridor is targeted from Middleton all the way to Cottage Grove. The grant is administered by the Dane County Sheriff's Department. This year, agencies with major feeder roads to Hwy 12 were also included.

May saw 38 reportable accidents of which eight were parking lot accidents. This compares to 2011's 36 accidents of which nine were parking lot accidents.

Approximately 23 hours were spent on directed traffic patrols. Roads patrolled were: Branch Street, Elmwood Avenue, N Gammon Road, Parmenter Street, Pleasant View Road, Stonefield Road, Hwy Q and Hwy 12. Ninety-four enforcement actions were taken: 53 citations for Speeding with nine warnings, 16 citations for Insurance violations, seven citations for Seatbelt, three OAR citations, one citation each for Registration, No Driver's License, and Failure to Obey Sign with one warning each for Failure to Obey Sign and Equipment.

Forty hours were spent on grant traffic patrols. Click-It-Or-Ticket was part of this month's activities. Eighty-six enforcement actions were taken: 45 citations were for Seatbelt violations, 11 citations for Speeding with one warning, four citations for OAR/OAS, five citations for Insurance violations with one warning, five citations for Registration violations with six warnings, one citation for Permitting Unauthorized Person to Drive with one warning, two Equipment warnings, and one municipal ordinance citation for Possession of Stolen Property.

In addition to the above grant enforcement, the SMART grant was started this month. Eight hours were spent enforcing speed and aggressive driving on the West Beltline Highway (Hwy 12). Four citations were issued for Speeding with ten warnings, six

Insurance citations, three OAS citations and one warning each for Equipment and Registration.

TRAINING

3rd Quarter In-Service

May 30, June 11, 14, 20 and 26. Firearms in the AM (Dixon and O'Connor instructors), EVOC/Vehicle Contacts and Stop Stix training in the PM (Britt and Moen instructors).

Specialized Training

Managing Internal Investigations, 8 hours, Foulke and Hellenbrand

Law Enforcement Standards Board, Training and Standards Required Documents, 4 hours, Ziltner

Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement, 16 hours, Ash, Stroik and Normann

Special Events Team Training, 16 hours, Zimmerman, Geiszler, O'Connor, Moen and Sellek

Street Crimes Seminar, 24 hours, Salinas

Bulletproof Mind, 8 hours, T. Kakuske, Smith and Normann

Accreditation Manager Training, 8 hours, N. Kakuske

FBI National Academy Training, 12 hours, Foulke and Britt

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

The Investigative Unit Bureau frequently reviews cases where citizens of Middleton are victims of some form of a scam or fraud. Luckily, very few of these reported incidents involve citizens losing large sums of money but frequently large financial losses do occur. Scams investigations are very difficult to investigate and solve based on the locations of where many of these scams originate; frequently from outside of the United States. Scams are a very lucrative business so the possibility of you being contacted and/or a victim of a scam in the future is a high probability.

Many scams have been around for a number of years and others are becoming more popular based on the technological advances of the past decade. Scams have generally targeted the senior citizen population, who in the past have been more willing to share and disclose personal information and to wire money to unknown sources. However, scammers will take advantage of any age group who is willing to provide personal information or fall for the "too good to be true" scam.

Some of the more common scams which have been reported to the Police Department include:

- **Sweepstake/Prize Scam** - You have received a letter or telephone call indicating that you have won a prize or a large sum of money. However, prior to receiving your monetary award or prize, you must send money to a specific location to cover

taxes, shipping or other administrative costs. After sending your money, you fail to receive any of your promised winnings and your wired money or check is quickly cashed.

- **Friendship and Sweetheart Swindles** - An individual befriends you (usually online through a chat group or match making website) and asks for money to cover a trip, repairs, family emergencies or other needed expenses. Promises to repay borrowed money are made but the victim never receives payment or hears from this individual again. Recently a Middleton resident lost a large quantity of money based on this scam and a promise by the scammer that they would travel to Middleton to start a relationship with them.
- **Family Emergency Scam** - A family member receives a telephone call from an individual who claims to be a grandson or other family member who is traveling outside of the country and who is in need of financial assistance. Many times the scammers will indicate they (pretending to be the family member) were in a bad car accident or were arrested and need money immediately to cover a number of expenses. Money is usually wired to a location outside of the United States and the victim usually loses a large sum of money.

What can you do to prevent from being a victim of a scam?

- Remember that you should never disclose any personal information (social security number, credit card numbers, bank account numbers or other personal information) to anyone over the telephone, email or other forms of communication unless you can verify it is coming from a legitimate source. If you need to, tell the caller you will call the company they claim to be representing and verify the legitimacy of the caller.
- Verify the location of a relative who claims they are in need of financial assistance prior to wiring or sending money to any location. With a few telephone calls, many family members can be located or other family members will know if the relative is currently traveling outside of the country or of their current whereabouts.
- Lastly, if it sounds too good to be true it's likely a scam! Scammers know how to talk to people and sound believable so do not fall for their nice demeanor and tactics.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School
Officers Travis Kakuske & Scott Moen

During the month of May, there were 56 calls for service at Middleton High School (MHS). Some of those calls included four disturbance calls, four malicious mischief calls, 11 lost property calls, two drug-related calls, and one weapon violation. From those incidents, there were seven municipal tickets issued, including possession of a dangerous weapon (knife) on school grounds, prohibited daytime loitering, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance.

We were involved in other activities in May as well, such as attending multiple Dean meetings with MHS administration, and participating in a mock crash presentation to the entire sophomore class. During the presentation, students got to observe the processing of a mock fatal car crash that involved students who had been drinking alcohol. The presentation was an excellent reminder of the dangers of drinking and driving.



MHS Mock Crash Presentation on May 4th

In May we also attended a SRO meeting at the Monona Police Department, helped supervise the MHS prom, gave four drug/alcohol presentations to health classes, and also attended two expulsion hearings. Officer Kakuske also attended a meeting with school officials to discuss the high school's response to students suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Last month, we also met with a government class and spoke with them about the police involvement in the arrest process.

The last day of school for MHS is on June 8th. Officer Scott Moen will take over as the School Resource Officer at MHS at that time as Officer Kakuske's three year assignment has concluded.

Kromrey Middle School

May was a relatively busy month for activity at Kromrey Middle School. I finished up my teaching responsibilities at Sauk Trail, Elm Lawn and Northside. I also took five calls for service and attended the monthly meetings.

I taught Internet Safety to Northside, Sauk Trail and Elm Lawn Elementary Schools. This was taught to all 5th 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 and the bi-weekly Building Consultation Meeting.

The call volume for May was lower than is typical for May, which is good news. I took only five calls for service. Four calls were disturbances and one was an informational only call. Three of the disturbances resulted in citations for disorderly conduct and one resulted in criminal charges for disorderly conduct and resisting an officer.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

31 Adults
49 Criminal Counts
4 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

8 Juveniles
12 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures