

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



MAY 2013

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MI13-3108, 05/11/13, Middleton Hills Neighborhood, **Damage to Property**

Over the course of several weekends in late April and early May, suspects threw full cans of sodas at residences in the Middleton Hills neighborhood. In all, 11 homes were damaged, including one that had the front picture window smashed, with an estimated damage of over \$11,000.00. On 05/11/13, a witness observed a vehicle in the neighborhood with the occupants throwing cans of soda at homes and notified the police. Officers were nearby and stopped the vehicle. The occupants were questioned and admitted involvement and that the soda was stolen from Woodman's. Four male juveniles, from the Middleton area, were charged with Criminal Damage to Property and Shoplifting.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Community Events

On Monday, May 6, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Police Department to a Girl Scout troop.

On Monday, May 13, Middleton Police gave a presentation to Volunteer in Police Service members on crosswalk safety.

On Monday, May 13, Middleton Police did two safe assured ID kits for members of the community.

On Tuesday, May 14, Middleton Police gave a presentation to students at Sauk Trail Elementary School and then brought several students back to the police station for a tour.

On Monday, May 20, Middleton Police went to PPD to work with employees on safety plans.

On Tuesday, May 21, Middleton Police went to Northside Elementary School to teach bike safety to the students.

On Tuesday, May 21, Middleton Police participated in a mock crash at the Middleton High School for high school sophomores. The mock crash involved drinking and driving awareness.

On Thursday, May 30, Middleton Police gave a presentation to Middleton Outreach Ministry about verbal de-escalation.

On Thursday, May 30, Middleton Police helped Homeland Security do a survey at Sauk Trail Elementary School.

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.

**MIDDLETON
BUSINESS WATCH
PROGRAM IN FORCE**



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

The 2013 Middleton Police Citizens' Academy started in April. Classes this month were CPR certification, defense and arrest tactics, an emergency vehicle operator course and firearms.

Also the 2013 Middleton Police Citizens' Academy worked on one of the Middleton Community Garden's on Saturday, May 11. Members prepared the garden for planting by putting up the stakes, marking plots and rototilling.

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 April, Middleton Officers handled 1,540 calls for service, 601 were field initiated, 939 were dispatched, issued 534 citations and 87 written warnings, made 12 criminal arrests and investigated 36 accidents.

In May, Middleton Officers handled 1,825 calls for service, 813 were field initiated, 1,012 were dispatched, issued 596 citations and 146 written warnings, made 19 criminal arrests and investigated 28 accidents.

Significant Events in May:

MI13-3274, 05/16/13, Grosse Point Drive, **Burglary**

Suspect(s) entered an open garage overnight and took an iPod and GPS from vehicles.

MI13-3478, 05/21/13, Spectrum Brands Construction site, **Theft of Motor Vehicle**

A Newcomb Construction F350 one ton truck was stolen. The keys were left in the vehicle. The vehicle was recovered on 05/24/13 on Upham Street, in Madison, and was not damaged.

MI13-3713, 05/30/13, Northeast portion of Middleton, **Weather Event**

Strong winds blew off the lake, causing damage lakeside and then north of Century Avenue in the Orchid Heights neighborhood. Middleton Police, Fire and Public Works responded to at least 15 calls for service, which included downed trees, power lines, etc. No injuries were reported. The worst damage appeared to be this residence on Baskerville Walk.



MI13-3721, 05/30/13, Parkside Heights/Foxridge Neighborhood, **Theft from Vehicles**
At least 13 theft from vehicle reports were taken overnight. *In each case, the vehicles were unlocked* and small amounts of cash and electronics were taken.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

The good news statewide is that traffic fatalities are down 19% from last year at this time and down 11% for the five year average. Wisconsin's effort of Zero in Wisconsin was bolstered by a record 415 agencies participating in this year's Click It or Ticket campaign. Middleton Police Department was one of those agencies. Hopefully this downward trend will continue for the rest of the year and into the future.

The bad news is that, due to less than anticipated Federal funding to Wisconsin Department of Transportation, our agency and every other participating agencies' funding in the Seatbelt Grant has been suspended. We are hoping that funding for the Speed Grant will continue.

Fifty-two hours of overtime enforcement activity for Speed and Seatbelt was funded in May. This resulted in 106 enforcement actions being taken. Forty-eight citations for Failure to Fasten Seatbelts, 22 citations for Speeding with ten warnings, 13 insurance citations with three warnings, two citations for Operating After Suspension, one citation for Registration with two warnings, four equipment warnings and one Failure to Stop for Sign warning.

The SMART grant date was on May 15 with two officers working for a total of eight hours. Eleven citations, and one warning, were issued for Speeding and two citations were issued for Insurance.

Approximately 29 hours were spent on regular duty directed traffic patrol during May. Sixty-four enforcement actions were taken: 40 citations with two warnings for Speeding, ten citations for Insurance, five citations for Registration, two citations for Operating After Suspension, two citations for No Driver's License, one citation for Failure to Obey Sign, one citation for Seatbelt and one warning for Lane Deviation.

Motorcycle patrol began on May 11. Officers Mike Wood and Jesse Sellek have been on the cycles as much as weather permits. Around 98 hours of enforcement time resulted in 106 citations for 15 different infractions. There were 32 citations for Speeding with 12 warnings, 19 Insurance citations, ten Seatbelt citations with two warnings, three citations for Registration with five warnings, four citations for OAS/OAR and a variety of other citations and warnings.

There were 26 reportable accidents this past month compared to 38 during May 2012.

Sgt. Mueller instructed a group of Volunteers in Policing in the art of traffic direction on May 13. Our VIP's provide an invaluable service to the Department and community during special events and with other activities.

TRAINING

In-Service Training

3rd quarter in-service, May 29, 31, June 3, 6 and 10.

AM: Firearm training. Sergeant Geiszler and Officer Kasdorf are Instructors.

PM: strangulation and domestic abuse: SANE Nurse and DA's office.

May Specialized Training

Special Events Team Tactical Training at Volk Field, 16 hours, Zimmerman, Geiszler, O'Connor, Moen and Stroik

WILEAG Assessor Training, 8 hours, N Kakuske

Tactical Functional Training Instructor, 16 hours, Hellenbrand and Zimmerman

Spanish for Law Enforcement, 16 hours, Salinas

Communication Skills for Women, 8 hours, Ziltner

Tactical Shield, 8 hours, Moen

Criminal Gypsies, Travelers and the Elderly, 16 hours, Tutaj

Child Maltreatment for Investigators, 16 hours, T Kakuske

Basic SWAT, 40 hours, Stroik

Preparation for Retirement, 4 hours, N Kakuske, Foulke, Mueller, Ash and Kasdorf

Beyond Diversity Training, 16 hours, Moen

FBI National Academy Training, 12 hours, Foulke, Britt and Geiszler

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

Since the 1990's, the use of the Internet has exploded with an estimated 2.4 billion people across the world using the Internet for various reasons. From keeping in contact with family and friends through the use of Facebook, to watching videos on YouTube, to purchasing clothing, birthday gifts and other items of interest, the Internet has become a major part of our everyday lives.

Unfortunately, the Internet is also being used by criminals who are seeking to take advantage of the many conveniences which the Internet offers. Criminals have taken to the world web to further their criminal intentions and commit various forms of fraud and scams. Frequently, the Middleton Police Department responds to various scams and frauds involving the Internet and the loss of a substantial amount of money, use of an individual's credit card information or worse yet, the loss of an individual's identity. Internet crimes can be very difficult to solve since many of the criminals are located in jurisdictions outside of the State of Wisconsin or the United States.

Recently, the Internet Crime Complaint Center released some helpful tips to prevent becoming a victim of an online scam or fraud. In addition to the tips below, you should also file a report with your local law enforcement agency which will be helpful if you need to prove to a financial institution, business or other law enforcement agency that you were a victim of an Internet scam/fraud.

The FBI urges consumers to protect themselves when shopping online. Here are a few tips for staying safe:

- Be cautious if you are on an auction site and lose an auction and the seller contacts you later saying the original bidder fell through.
- Make sure websites are secure and authenticated before you purchase an item online. Use only well-known escrow services.
- Research to determine if a car dealership is real and how long it has been in business.
- Be wary if the price for the item you'd like to buy is severely undervalued; if it is, the item is likely fraudulent.
- Scan files before downloading them to your computer.
- Keep your computer software, including the operating system, updated with the latest patches.
- Ensure your anti-virus software and firewalls are current – they can help prevent malware infections.

If you have fallen victim to this type of scam, file a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center, www.ic3.gov.

Source: Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) Intelligence Note (30 May 2013) *Cyber Criminals Using Photo-Sharing Programs to Compromise Computers*

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

**Middleton High School
Officer Scott Moen**

May was another active month for police call activity at the Middleton High School (MHS) and Clark Street Community School (CSCS). It was the last full month of classes. There were 40 police calls for service at Middleton High School and three calls for service at CSCS. Some of those calls included: disturbances, thefts, lost property, suspicious activity and damage to property. From those incidents, there were several municipal tickets issued.

Officer Moen was involved in other activities in May as well, such as attending multiple Dean Meetings with MHS administration, attending a meeting for the Middleton Coalition to end underage drinking, and attending several school district threat assessment meetings. Officer Moen also gave presentations to different health classes in May on the topic of the consequences of drug and alcohol use. Officer Moen, along with Middleton High School staff, attended a Beyond Diversity training in Waukesha, WI for two days. In May, Officer Moen also attended three expulsion hearings for students at MHS and CSCS.

In May, there was also a mock crash presentation that simulated a drunk driving crash after a high school alcohol party. The sophomore class attended and was able to watch as a student actor went from an alcohol party, to a simulated crash, to a hospital scene, and then to a court room scene. The students were able to get an idea of all the people affected and involved in the outcome of a decision to drink and drive.

As May ends, the final week of school at MHS approaches. MHS graduation is on June 9th and students will begin summer vacation.

**Kromrey Middle School
Officer Tom Wilson**

During the month of May, I continued teaching Internet safety to the 5th graders at Northside Elementary. Also at Northside, I assisted in their bike to school day by running kids through a bike safety course. I also went into several 8th grade health classes and presented information on Internet and Social Networking. Besides teaching, I participated in the Middleton High School's mock accident and attended several meetings involving district safety.

Also during the month, I investigated three check person incidents, two disturbances, an EMS call, and a fight where two citations for disorderly conduct were issued.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

27 Adults
52 Criminal Counts
4 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

5 Juveniles
6 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures