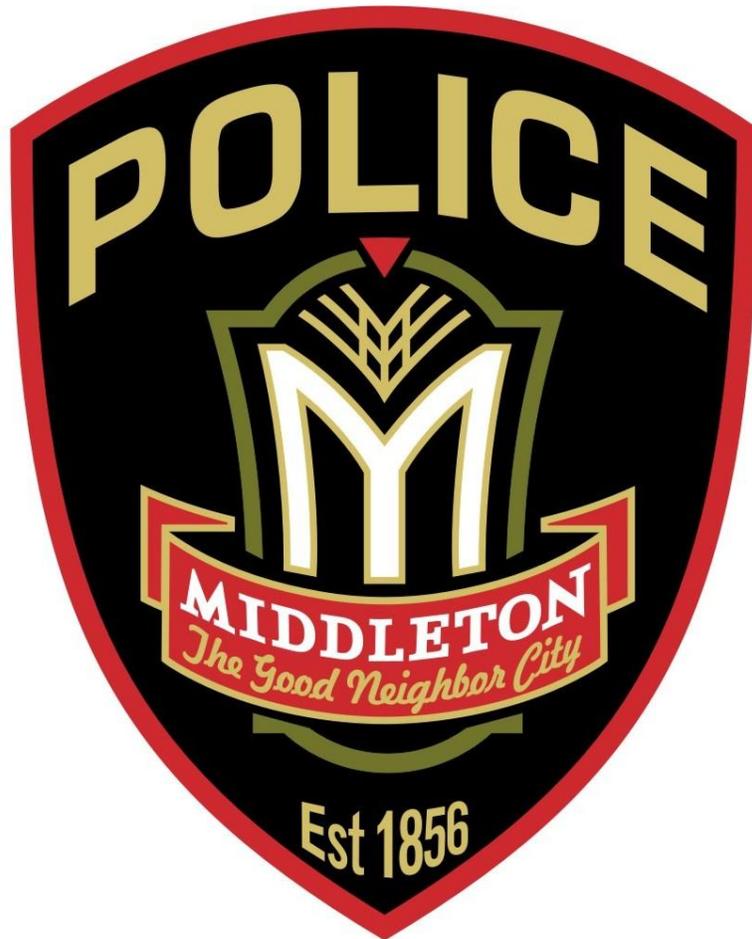


**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**NOVEMBER 2010**

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

On November 12, Sgt. Mueller was notified that our Department was the recipient of a \$4,000.00 grant for traffic safety equipment after having been selected in a drawing based on our non-funded participation in the summer's Booze and Belts. Employees have been submitting suggestions for what the money could be spent on, all suggestions will be considered and a final decision made shortly.

Sgt. Zimmerman has devised a new form and procedure to log traffic complaints and requests for traffic patrol. Citizens can now report traffic complaints on-line through the Department's website. Speed related issues are investigated using a speed data reader that is attached to a pole in the area of the complaint. The results are shared with citizens, officers and City Council members. Options that are considered, depending on the nature of the results, are 1) Deployment of the speed reader boards (weather permitting); 2) deployment of officers and 3) deployment of the data reader as follow up to gauge the success of enforcement and education efforts.

## **CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES**

### **Community Events**

On Tuesday, November 2, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Department to a group of Cub Scouts from Elm Lawn and their parents.

On Wednesday, November 3, Middleton Police served food at Culver's during lunch and dinner to raise money for Community Awareness programs like Shop with a Cop. Culver's donates 10% of their sales that day.

On Tuesday, November 9, a local group of the "Red Hatters" society took a tour of the Middleton Police Department and held their meeting.

On Wednesday, November 10, Middleton Police gave a tour to a group of 15 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Cub Scouts and their parents.

On Thursday, November 11, Middleton Police co-hosted the Middleton Business Watch Partnership fall seminar on youths and gangs held at the Middleton High School PAC. Detective Joel Wagner, Aaron Perry DCNIP and Frank Gonzalez DCNIP were the guest speakers.

On Thursday, November 18, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Department to a group of 25 Cub Scouts and their parents.

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 hosted its fall seminar on Thursday, November 11, 6:00 PM, at the Middleton High School Performing Arts Center. The topic was “Juvenile Gang Members in Our Community”. Guest speakers were Detective Joel Wagner from the Dane County Sheriff’s Office and Aaron Perry/Frank Rodriguez from the Dane County Human Services Neighborhood Intervention Program.

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 Middleton Police Citizens’ Academy has been cancelled for 2010 due to construction of the new Police Department and budget cuts. The Citizens’ Academy will start up again in the spring of 2011.

The Academy runs for ten weeks and is open to adults that live or work in Middleton. Class size is usually limited to 12 students.

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 helped direct traffic at the Turkey giveaway by MOM at St. Luke's Church on Monday, November 22.

VIPS were honored by the police at the Annual Appreciation Dinner on Monday, November 15. The theme this year was the "Wild West" with food from Viviani's Catering and police officers dressed in cowboy gear. VIPS Ruth Herbin was the recipient of the 2010 Volunteer of the Year Award for her help with the Golf Outing Fundraiser and other events.

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.

Thanks to all of our sponsors from the Golf Outing Fundraiser:

- Ideal Builders
- Scatz
- Middleton Ford
- Keva
- Park Bank
- Goben Cars
- Mortensen Investment Group
- Food Concepts Inc.
- Interstate Battery
- Monsanto

- The Little Gym
- Schoepp Motors
- Top Promotions
- T-Wall Properties

And a special thanks to Electronic Theater Controls (ETC) for another generous donation to help fund the middle school Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program!

**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**

### **Field Services**

In October, Middleton Officers handled 1,550 calls for service, 657 were field initiated, 893 were dispatched, issued 462 citations and 113 written warnings, made 26 criminal arrests and investigated 21 accidents.

In November, Middleton Officers handled 1,415 calls for service, 578 were field initiated, 837 were dispatched, issued 453 citations and 134 written warnings, made 40 criminal arrests and investigated 35 accidents.

#### **Significant Calls in November:**

##### **11/01/10, MI10-7994, 1200 Sweeney Drive, Burglary**

The residents of an apartment left for a short period of time and when they returned, discovered the apartment had been broken into. A cell phone and cash were taken.

##### **11/11/10, MI10-8242, 1800 Deming Way, Motor Vehicle Theft**

On 11/11/10, officers located a vehicle abandoned in a lane of traffic on the off ramp from Hwy 12 to University Avenue. The vehicle had been involved in an accident, the air bag was deployed and blood was observed on the air bag. Later that morning, a GMC pickup truck was stolen from a business on Deming Way. The truck was subsequently recovered in Madison and DNA evidence was recovered from it. Detectives suspected the owner of the abandoned car was responsible for stealing the truck. They obtained a search warrant for DNA with the intention of matching the suspect's DNA to that removed from the stolen car. When faced with this possibility, the suspect confessed. David Dupree, 38, of Sun Prairie, was arrested for Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Owner's Consent and Obstructing the Police.

##### **11/12/10, MI10-8259, 5:34 AM, Subway, 2600 Allen Blvd., Burglary**

Police received a glass break alarm at Subway. The glass in the front door was broken out, but nothing was missing from the shop. Shortly thereafter, the police received

another alarm at Tobacco Outlet. Based upon video from both businesses, David Neira, 47, of Madison, was charged with Attempted Burglary of Subway. Neira is in jail on Burglary charges and a Probation violation.

**11/12/10, MI10-8258, 5:38 AM, Tobacco Outlet, 6600 University Avenue, Burglary**  
An employee of Tobacco Outlet heard a loud noise as she was opening the store. She went to the front door and discovered a male was trying to break in and as a matter of fact had broken the glass in the front door. David Neira has been charged with Attempted Burglary in this case also.

**11/15/10, MI10-8305, 12:17 AM, Papa John's, 6600 University Avenue, Burglary**  
Police discovered a rear window broken out of the business. Entry was made and a cash register drawer was taken.

**11/21/10, MI10-8460, 7200 Mockingbird Lane, Burglary**  
Resident discovered that her home had been broken into overnight, while she was sleeping. A 47" flat screen TV, laptop, Ipad, camera and credit cards were stolen. A suspect has been developed in this case.

**11/23/10, MI10-8505, 3500 John Muir Drive, Damage to Property**  
A garage door was damaged by someone attempting to pry it open with a crow bar.

We are still being plagued by theft from vehicles. In November, the Police Department investigated 20 theft from autos, but there were probably more that we were never notified of. In some cases, the cars were unlocked, so it was very easy for someone to open the door and take valuables. We urge you to lock your car. In other cases, windows were broken to gain entry. Please do not leave valuable items in your car.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Sgt. Mueller attended the quarterly TIME meeting. During the meeting, a county highway supervisor from another county commented on the problems he faces due to lack of knowledge by municipal officers as to proper way to clear the roadways of accident/disabled vehicles and suggested that municipal officers should attend these meetings. Middleton Police and Mark Walther are generally the only municipal agency attending these meetings and we do clear roadways using the correct method. A State Patrol captain informed Sgt. Mueller that he was glad to see that our city was well represented.

Sgt. Mueller conducted a re-training session with one of the citizen school crossing guards using the newly obtained material that was used with the other guards before the start of the school year. This guard had been unable to attend at that time.

On November 15, two officers were assigned to monitor the traffic flow around the grand opening of the Willy Street Co-op on University Avenue. No problems were encountered.

Middleton Police Department officers attended a meeting along with school officials and Public Work officials regarding the high school wanting to move the designated student drop off zone to the west side of the school in the Middleton Street/North Avenue area rather than on the Bristol Street side as it is now. The bus drop off would stay on the Bristol Street side, the new area would be used for parents dropping off their children. The school wanted input from all that will be affected.

Middleton Police VIP's and Sgt. Mueller assisted St. Luke's Church with traffic control at their annual Thanksgiving dinner giveaway on November 22 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. No problems were encountered.

Approximately 30 hours were spent on directed traffic patrols during the month of November. Streets patrolled were: Allen Blvd, Branch Street, Century Avenue, Hwy 12, Hwy Q, N Gammon Road, N High Point Road, Nursery Drive, Pheasant Branch Road, Pleasant View Road and University Avenue. In addition all three elementary schools, Kromrey and the high school were patrolled.

Enforcement action during the patrols consisted of: 22 citations and seven warnings for Speed, one warning and one citation for Speed in School Zone, six citations and four warnings for Registration, four citations and two warnings for Failure to Obey Sign/Signal, one citation and three warnings for Failure to Yield to Pedestrian, five citations for Seat Belt, one citation for Child Seat violation, three citations and one warning for Insurance, four Equipment warnings, one OWI citation, one OAR citation, one No DL citation, one warning for Failure to Move Over and one warning for Left of Center.

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

The theft of personal property from unlocked motor vehicles continues to be the number one reported criminal activity in both the City of Middleton and surrounding communities. While there is the occasional forced entry into a locked vehicle call, the vast majority of these incidents involve citizens leaving their vehicles unlocked and their valuable property in plain sight.

The newest twist on this old theme is the subsequent fraud cases that are developing after the initial theft occurs. The thieves are taking checks, personal information, credit and debit cards from these vehicles and using them to further defraud their victims.

In the month of November, six additional cases of this nature were assigned for investigation. The thieves used the personal financial information and documents to commit identity theft throughout Dane County. Detectives are working with local retailers to capture the suspects on video during these fraudulent transactions. Once the thieves' images are captured, detectives work with surrounding police agencies to try and identify the suspects.

The investigation of these crimes can take dozens of man-hours and often results in surveillance images of suspects committing felony fraud who are never identified by name.

During the month of November, two cases of this nature were completed, the suspects were identified and the case files were sent to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

During the month of November, 89 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, eight cases were assigned to patrol officers and 26 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

- 2 - Bicycles stolen
- 3 - Bicycles found
- 8 - Burglary
- 2 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 1 - Death Investigation
- 10 - Domestic Follow-up
- 9 - Fraud
- 4 - Graffiti
- 2 - Harassment
- 9 - Larceny
- 2 - Runaway Juveniles
- 2 - Sexual Assault
- 20 - Thefts from Automobiles
- 2 - Trespassing
- 6 - Uniform Controlled Substances

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

**Middleton High School  
Officer Travis Kakuske**

The month of November continued to be busy at Middleton High School (MHS). Although the number of calls dipped slightly from past months, there was still a lot of activity, both reactive and proactive, that I was involved with. In total, there were 58 police calls at MHS in November. Some of that activity included eight lost property calls, six disturbances, five assist citizen calls, four thefts, four threat calls, three calls involving drugs and two fights. From those calls, there were nine municipal tickets issued at MHS. The following tickets were issued: four for habitual truancy, two for possession of a controlled substance (marijuana), and one each for battery, possessing drug paraphernalia and receiving stolen property. In addition, I also referred eight charges to the Dane County District Attorney's office for the following charges: disorderly conduct (3), theft, receiving stolen property, delivery of a schedule II narcotic,

possession of a schedule II narcotic without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia.

I was involved in other activity in November as well, including giving testimony at three different expulsion hearings. I also attended a gang seminar on the 11<sup>th</sup>, which was held at the MHS Performing Arts Center and attended by parents. The seminar was organized by the Middleton Police Department and included several great presenters. Last month I was also a guest speaker at the monthly Parent Connection meeting, which focused on bullying and cyber bullying. I also attended several Dean meetings throughout the month, as well as a meeting to discuss options for re-designing the bus drop-off area at MHS.

Last month I also continued aggressively advertising the “Quick \$50” tips program through Madison Area Crime Stoppers. As a result, I received two credible tips last month about drugs in the school, resulting in the recovery of marijuana in both cases.

### **Kromrey Middle School Officer Matt Sherry**

November was busy for me, as I continued to teach G.R.E.A.T. to Kromrey 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The call volume was relatively low.

Due to the mold problem from September at Kromrey, I had to make up some time I lost to teach G.R.E.A.T. Instead of teaching eight classes per week, I taught 16 classes for two weeks straight. This took up a majority of my time at Kromrey. I also went back to Elm Lawn Elementary school to finish internet safety with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. I was asked by one of the health teachers at Kromrey to come into her class and talk about bullying. The bullying unit was finishing up and she wanted the kids to know the legal consequences for bullying. I took some time away from Kromrey to help serve food at Culver’s in Middleton to benefit Shop with a Cop. At the beginning of November, I attended a gang talk for parents. This was to get parents more information about gangs and signs to watch out for with their children.

I took three calls for service in November. All three of the calls were for disturbances. All three resulted in warnings for disorderly conduct and one of those was also warned for damage to property.

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

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

46 Adults, 94 Criminal Counts, 6 Civil Forfeitures

### **Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals**

6 Juveniles, 7 Criminal Counts, 0 Civil Forfeitures