

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



OCTOBER 2010

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Med Drop. On Saturday, October 2, Middleton hosted its 4th Med Drop event at the Middleton High School. Two police officers (wages covered by the Med Drop program) supervised and disposed of unwanted prescription drugs. This benefits the community in two ways; unwanted drugs are not flushed down the toilet into the ground water and drugs are safely disposed of so they cannot be stolen. On Saturday, between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM, 617 cars passed through, dropping off 1,334 pounds of unwanted drugs.

In mid-October, the Middleton Police Department became the first department in the area to provide a permanent Med Drop box in the lobby of the Police Department. The cost of the Med Drop box and disposal fees are covered by the Med Drop program.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Community Events

On Monday, October 11, Middleton Police gave a tour of the new Police Department to the entire 3rd grade class from Northside Elementary School.

On Friday, October 15, Middleton Police gave a tour of the new Police Department to the entire 3rd grade class from Sauk Trail Elementary School.

On Tuesday, October 19, Middleton Police provided Safe Assured ID kits for a couple of children.

On Thursday October 21, Middleton Police gave a tour of the new Police Department to a group of 6th grade English students from EG Kromrey Middle School.

On Saturday, October 23, Middleton Police participated in the Middleton Senior Center car check clinic at Middleton Ford.

On Saturday, October 24, Middleton Police participated in a Halloween Safety Event at Keva.

On Tuesday, October 26, Middleton Police participated in the ITT Career Fair 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.

**MIDDLETON
BUSINESS WATCH**

PROGRAM IN FORCE



Middleton Business Watch is hosting its fall seminar on Thursday, November 11, 6:00 PM, at the Middleton High School Performing Arts Center. The topic is “Juvenile Gang Members in Our Community”. Guest speakers will be Detective Joel Wagner from the Dane County Sheriff’s Office and Aaron Perry/Frank Rodriguez from 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.



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.



VIPS helped the Senior Car Check Clinic on October 23 and the Haunted Hustle Marathon on October 30. Way to go VIPS!

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.

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.

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
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- Middleton Ford
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- Goben Cars
- Mortensen Investment Group
- Food Concepts Inc.
- Interstate Battery
- Monsanto
- The Little Gym
- Schoepp Motors
- Top Promotions
- T-Wall Properties

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.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

In September, Middleton Officers handled 1,532 calls for service, 549 were field initiated, 983 were dispatched, issued 383 citations and 100 written warnings, made 41 criminal arrests and investigated 38 accidents.

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.

Significant Events in October:

MI10-7308, 10/03/10, Hody Bar and Grill, Substantial Battery

Middleton Police were notified of a person at St. Mary's Hospital with significant injuries from a fight. Police went to the ER and determined that the victim was battered by an acquaintance at the Hody Bar. The victim had several teeth knocked out. Police arrested Garren Chase, of Sun Prairie, and jailed him on Substantial Battery charges. Officials from the Hody Bar appeared before the License and Ordinance Committee and were issued a formal order of concern because the police were not notified of the incident by bar staff.

MI10-7593, 10/15/10, 7314 Pondview Drive, Search Warrant, Drug Offenses and 2nd Degree Reckless Endangerment

Middleton Police received reports of a man selling cocaine out of his residence and local bars. He became so bold, he referred to himself as the Mayor of Middleton. The information received was that firearms were present in the residence and that the man had shared custody of his 10 year old daughter. Police obtained a No Knock Search warrant and waited until the man and his daughter were out of the house. Police entered the residence and found firearms and drugs. Cecil Villagarcia, 42, of Middleton, was charged in State Court with Maintaining a Drug Dwelling, Possession with Intent to Distribute Drugs and 2nd Degree Reckless Endangerment. He was subsequently indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for illegal possession of firearms and being in the country illegally.

MI10-7671, 10/17/10, Harbor Athletic Club, Peeping Tom

A 23 year old woman reported that the previous evening while she was showering at the club, she observed a man in the women's locker room looking at her. The man ran out of the shower room when confronted. Security plans were put into effect to prevent unauthorized entry to the locker rooms.

MI10-7833, 10/25/10, Sexual Assault

Middleton Police and Human Services were notified by a Elementary School counselor of repeated sexual assaults by a 16 year old male against his 9 year old step-sister. A detective and social worker interviewed the victim and her family, including a Safe Harbor interview (recorded forensic interview so the child does not have to go through court proceedings). The 16 year old was interviewed and admitted his involvement. He

was charged with Sexual Assault, taken to Juvenile Reception and a family safety plan enacted.

Haunted Hustle Marathon. The Haunted Hustle Marathon, Half Marathon and 10 K run were held in Middleton on October 30. Six police officers worked the event (paid for by race organizers). Approximately 2000 runners took part in the race with no major issues.

Halloween. Police report an uneventful Halloween.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

On October 2, officers escorted the Gilda Run walkers and runners on part of their course where traffic safety was a concern.

On October 31, ten officers, two Middleton VIP's and a sheriff's deputy, along with many race volunteers assisted with traffic control during the first annual Haunted Hustle marathon run. This was a major undertaking as far as traffic control went. At one point University Avenue and other east/west roads off Parmenter Street were closed in both directions for a period of 25 minutes. Information signs had been up all week warning of the event and subsequent delays but many motorists still took the route. Traffic easily would have backed up for a mile in either direction had most motorists not performed U-turns after waiting in queue for several minutes. Other road closings were of shorter duration. The event finished with no traffic related incidents.

Also on October 31, officers performed neighborhood patrols during the hours of Trick-or-Treating to monitor pedestrian and motorized traffic to help maintain a safe environment for the young costumed participants.

Twenty-nine hours of directed enforcement patrol was performed during the month. There were 18 citations and one warning for Speeding, five citations for Seat Belt, five citations and four warnings for Registration, three citations for OAR/OAS, three citations and one warning for Insurance, and two citations and one warning for Failure to Obey Sign/Signal. In addition, on one stop the driver was arrested for Possession of THC and Cocaine. Streets targeted were Airport Road, Allen Blvd, Branch Street, Century Avenue, Greenway Blvd, N High Point Road, University Avenue and Hwy 12. Due to staffing concerns, no directed patrols were performed on second shift.

OWI Patrol, 10/28/10. The Middleton Police Department has been flexing additional officers to work concentrated OWI patrols. On Thursday, 10/28/10, officers made 21 traffic stops, 2 OWI arrests, 11 citations, 12 warnings and 1 felony warrant arrest.

OWI patrol was performed on October 30. Five officers participated. Seventeen traffic stops were made. Enforcement actions were: two citations for OWI, three citations for OAR/OAS, one citation and one warning for Insurance, one citation and four warnings

for Registration, one citation for Speeding, one citation for No U-turn, six Equipment warnings and one person jailed on a probation warrant.

TRAINING

October Specialized Training

Advanced Line Supervision Seminar: Reynolds and Zimmerman, 16 hours
Emergency Priority Dispatch: Mueller, Zimmerman, Geiszler, Wood, Hamilton, Cleasby, Lary, 24 hours
Wisconsin National Emergency Number Association Seminar, McKnight, 24 hours

In-Service Training

The final 4th quarter In-service session was held in October. Topics included annual firearms qualification and gang updates.

2011 In-service plans are underway:

1st quarter: firearms, less lethal and Taser recertification. Tabletop exercise and scenario training on response to a suicidal subject.

2nd quarter: firearms and post traumatic stress.

3rd quarter: firearms and rapid response to an active shooter in a target rich environment scenario training.

4th quarter: annual firearms qualification and legal update.

Personnel

Three officers completed their 18 month probationary period in October and were granted permanent status in the Department. The three officers all had previous law enforcement, but still were required to be certified as Wisconsin Law Enforcement officers, participate in the Department's field training program (partnering with a trained Field Training Officer, typically for four months) and were on probation for 18 months. The three officers completed a problem based learning project as part of their field training by working closely with probation and parole agents and their clients.

Kathleen Riffenburg was a police officer for over six years in Bakersfield, California. Prior to her employment at Bakersfield Police Department, Kathleen was a Naval Corpsman and received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Hawaii.

Scott Moen is a 2005 graduate of the University of Wisconsin. Scott worked for the Whitewater Police Department for two years prior to coming to Middleton.

Jesse Sellek served as a patrol officer with the Henderson, Nevada Police Department. He is a graduate of Western Illinois University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

On October 15, 2010, Officers of the Middleton Police Department executed a search warrant at 7314 Pond View Road in the City of Middleton. A police K-9 unit from the Dane County Sheriff's Department also assisted in this search.

As a result of this search two semiautomatic handguns, ammunition, drug paraphernalia, a digital scale, packaging materials and ten grams of cocaine were seized.

The leaser of this duplex unit, 40 year old Cecil Villagarcia, was arrested and jailed on charges of Recklessly Endangering Safety, Maintaining a Drug Dwelling and Possession with Intent to Deliver Cocaine within one thousand feet of a City Park.

Villagarcia is a Peruvian citizen who has lived, studied and worked in Wisconsin for several decades. Villagarcia currently works as an electrician and runs an automobile repair business out of his home. According to police informants, Villagarcia had been selling cocaine in Middleton area taverns for years. Within this capacity, Villagarcia was given the nickname "The Mayor of Middleton."

Immediately after the execution of this search warrant, Villagarcia was taken into custody and jailed. Villagarcia is being charged in both State and Federal courts for the crimes identified in this investigation. Due to the nature of the charges against him, and the fact that he is currently in the United States illegally, Villagarcia is being held in the Dane County Jail awaiting trial.

During the month of October, 114 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, 11 cases were assigned to patrol officers and 30 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

- 2 - Assault
- 7 - Bicycles stolen
- 19 - Bicycles found
- 2 - Burglary
- 3 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 1 - Death Investigation
- 7 - Domestic Follow-up
- 9 - Fraud
- 3 - Graffiti
- 2 - Harassment
- 17 - Larceny
- 3 - Runaway Juveniles
- 5 - Sexual Assault
- 14 - Thefts from Automobiles
- 2 - Trespassing
- 13 - Uniform Controlled Substances
- 1 - Weapons Violation

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School Officer Travis J. Kakuske

During the month of October, there were 81 police calls at Middleton High School (MHS). Some of those calls included 12 disturbances, four fights, 11 assist citizen calls, one accident, two thefts, and three reports of trespassing. From those incidents, the following 12 municipal tickets were issued in October: four for truancy, three for battery, three for unauthorized presence on school grounds, one for possession of a controlled substance (marijuana) and one for underage alcohol consumption. In addition to those charges, I also referred four charges to the Dane County District Attorney's Office.

Last month I also attended a School Crisis Preparedness Conference in Wisconsin Dells. This was excellent training that addressed school safety issues. In addition, I also attended several administrative Dean meetings last month, and also assisted two students by allowing myself to be interviewed for their debate class.

One of the functions of the SRO is to make appearances in the classroom and have positive interaction with students. Last month I began teaching a unit on the 4th and 5th Amendment to MHS sophomores, meeting with five different classes. I also appeared in a freshmen class to discuss various laws and how they impact teens. I continued appearing in freshmen advisory classes as well, which allows me to introduce myself and explain my role as a SRO. I will continue this into November and will soon have met with the entire freshmen class.

In October, MHS conducted a practice building evacuation. Overall the drill went smoothly and approximately 2,000 students were evacuated within eight minutes. The drill provided a great opportunity to not only practice the evacuation, but to critique the process as well.

Finally, in October I continued advertising the "Quick \$50" program through Madison Area Crime Stoppers. This program offers a \$50 reward to anonymous students who provide information about drugs or weapons in the school. Last month I received two credible tips, resulting in the recovery of marijuana at MHS in both cases.

Kromrey Middle School Officer Matt Sherry

October was a busy month for me. It was the first full month of school and things have finally gotten into full swing here at Kromrey. Call volume was low, but I kept busy with teaching and other engagements throughout the month.

I started the month off by speaking with a student who I have concerns about and gang activity. Gang Detective Joel Wagner from the Dane County Sheriff's Office spoke to the student with me. I have achieved my goal of getting the gang activity out of Kromrey, but I still keep an eye on any further activities relating to this. I also chaperoned the first school dance for students. I gave a tour of the Police Department to a troubled student from Sauk Trail Elementary School. The goal with this was to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the student. The tour was very positive in nature and the student continues to do well in school. A few weeks later, I gave a tour to his older brother. This also helped greatly with the student in school. I attended one day of Upham Woods, which is an outdoor education facility in Wisconsin Dells. Every year, 6th grade students spend two days there. This allowed the students to see me as more of an equal to them and not only in the authority figure role. I also assisted Middleton High School with their Homecoming parade. I attended the weekly building consultation meetings, as well as the monthly school resource officer meeting.

I continued to teach G.R.E.A.T. to the 6th graders at Kromrey. I also taught Keeping Safe and Internet Safety to Elm Lawn elementary students, grades kindergarten through 4th grade.

As I stated above, call volume was low for October. I took five calls for service. Only two of which were at Kromrey. One involved a found bicycle reported to me by a Kromrey student. The other was regarding a damaged iTouch®. The student who damaged the item was given a warning. One other call involved a disturbance between an elementary student and her mother, occurring at their residence. The other two calls involved incidents at MHS Homecoming for trespassing and drugs. Citations were issued for possession of a controlled substance, possession of alcohol, and unauthorized presence on school grounds.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

28 Adults
48 Criminal Counts
1 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

7 Juveniles
12 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures