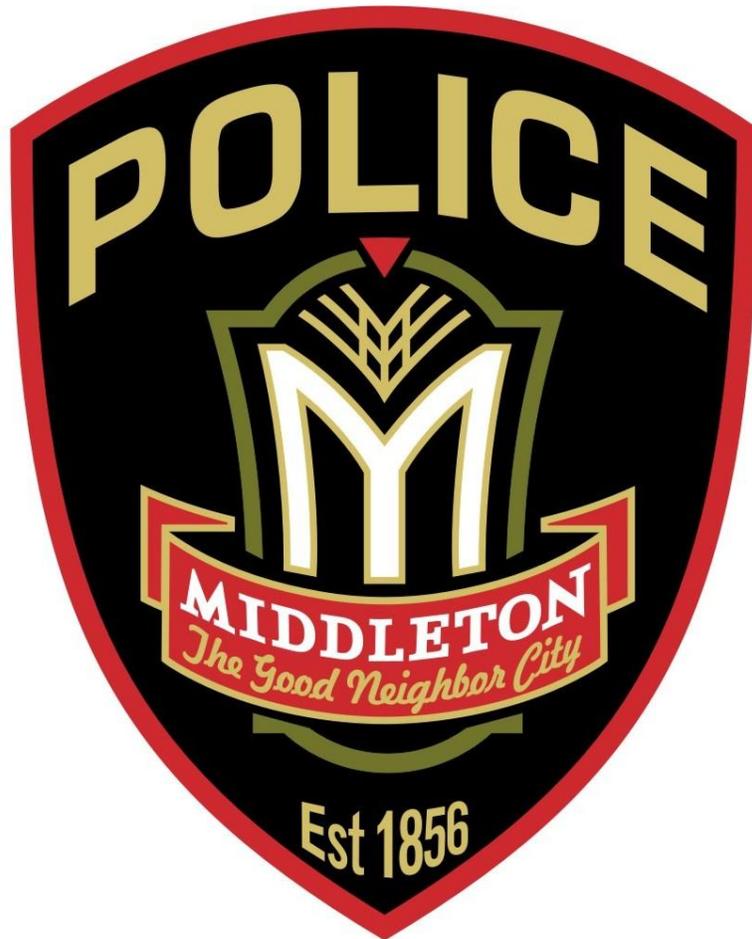


**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**SEPTEMBER 2010**

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

The theft of personal property from parked automobiles is the single most frequently occurring crime in the City of Middleton. Although reports of this type of criminal activity are received on a daily basis, it is believed that only a fraction of these incidents are actually reported to the police. Often times the victims do not report the crime due to the minor nature of the loss incurred and in other cases the crime may simply go unnoticed or be written off as absent mindedness.

On September 10, 2010, Middleton Police began receiving an increasing number of theft from automobile reports. The one a day average increased to ten or 12 reports a day over night.

Middleton Police immediately began increasing nighttime directed patrols and also attempted to establish a pattern to the crimes that were occurring. On a second front, Middleton Police began a campaign to educate area residents about the problem at hand. A news media release was sent out, several television interviews were conducted and a mass telephone calling message was sent out to all City of Middleton land lines. While conducting nighttime foot patrols, Middleton officers also began distributing flyers to parked vehicles warning them of the situation at hand.

On September 14, 2010, the public education effort appeared to have worked as an observant Middleton resident noticed two suspects that appeared to be stealing items from a parked vehicle on Nightingale Lane near Century Avenue. One of these subjects was located by responding officers and his partner was later identified during the subsequent investigation.

The two week investigation that followed their initial arrest revealed that 25 year old Gilbert Wainwright and 23 year old Zachary Ferraro, both of Chicago, Illinois, came to the Middleton area during the week of September 6. Ferraro and Wainwright stayed with a friend on Parmenter Street in Middleton and within days of their arrival began their crime spree. It is believed that these two individuals are responsible for more than 35 separate thefts and burglaries over a four day period.

This investigation further revealed that Ferraro and Wainwright were stealing cash and electronics from vehicles and selling these items at area pawn shops to support their addiction to Heroin.

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

### **Community Events**

On Thursday, September 9, Middleton Police hosted the annual Dane County Police Chief's Association Meeting.

On Sunday, September 12, Middleton Police held their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fundraiser Golf Event at the Pleasant View Golf Course. Besides golf on the par 3 course, there was a bucket raffle and grand prize raffle. The event was hosted by Middleton Volunteer Partnership Inc. A special thanks to our sponsors; Ideal Builders, SCATZ, Top Promotions, Goben Cars, Schoepp Motors, Middleton Ford, Interstate Batteries, Monsanto (Agracetus), Park Bank, The Little Gym, Mortensen Investment Group, Food Concepts Inc., T-Wall Properties and Keva.

On Friday, September 17, Middleton police visited a 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at Northside Elementary School to talk about being a police officer.

On Saturday, September 18, Middleton Police along with NSI Insurance, Middleton Fire, Middleton EMS and Dean Foundation hosted the annual Family Safety Day at the Middleton Fire Department and EMS facilities.

On Wednesday, September 22, Middleton Police attended the Dane County Sheriff's Office Career Fair at the Alliant Energy Center.

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**



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' 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 10 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 organize and staff the MVP Inc. golf outing fundraiser. A special thanks to Ruth Herbin, Vesa Bollig, Kim Frisch, Mandi Maurice and Tom Wohlleber for making this a successful event.

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 be taking reservations for having kits made the last Wednesday of every month. The next date will be Wednesday, September 29, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at the Middleton Police Department.

If you would like to register for a Wednesday night, 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 August, Middleton Officers handled 1,644 calls for service, 670 were field initiated, 974 were dispatched, issued 467 citations and 171 written warnings, made 28 criminal arrests and investigated 28 accidents.

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.

### **Significant Events in September:**

MI10-6551, 09/01/10, 7:52 PM, Copps, Retail Theft

An off duty Middleton Police officer observed three women concealing bottles of alcohol in shoulder bags. He detained them until police arrived. Taray Booker, Taniya Johnson, of Madison, and Velda Richmond, of Fitchburg, were cited for Retail Theft.

MI10-6661, 09/05/10, 5:53 PM, Copps, retail Theft

Employees and customers observed a boy exit the store with a cart full of groceries which had not been paid for. Investigation resulted in charges against Lorene Sigers, of Middleton, for Retail Theft and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Juvenile and a 14 year old male for Retail Theft.

MI10-6746, 09/08/10, 6:08 PM, Bath and Body Works, Retail Theft

Body creams, shower gels, mist, body lotion and 16 rings valued in excess of \$900.00 were stolen from the store. The suspects are two women, investigation continues.

MI10-6994, 09/19/10, 3:47 AM, 6300 Maywood Avenue, Fight

Officers were called to the 6300 block of Maywood Avenue on the report of a large fight in the street. Upon arrival, initial officers observed approximately 15 people in the street, several of them fighting. Most fled upon police arrival. One woman remained, injured during the fight and also intoxicated. She was transported to the hospital. While investigating the incident, Denneil Acklin, of Middleton, confronted the police. He was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest and taken to jail. Investigation revealed the fight began over the theft of cash.

MI10-7029, 09/21/10, 7:06AM, 6500 Oakwood Place, Reckless Endangerment

A male went to the residence of his nine month old infant, got into an argument with the infant's mother and threw the infant on the ground. Tremain Streety, of Middleton, was arrested on charges of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Reckless Endangerment, Disorderly Conduct and Damage to Property.

MI10-7005, 09/20/10, 6300 Maywood Avenue, Disturbance

A Middleton resident was upset over the murder of her son in Chicago. She believed his death was at the hands of members of a Latino gang. She became upset that her 14 year old daughter, who lives with her in Middleton, was friends with "Mexicans". She physically abused her daughter after a verbal confrontation and then left the area. Police have charged the woman with Causing Bodily Harm to a Child, Strangulation and Disorderly Conduct.

MI10-7027, 09/20/10, 5300 Century Avenue, Theft from Vehicles

An alert citizen observed two men looking through vehicles in an apartment parking lot. Police located two men and determined they had been breaking into cars. Nathan Mozuch, of Waunakee, was arrested for Theft; Duane Soma, of Middleton, was arrested for Trespass.

MI10-7222, 09/29/10, Bath and Body Works, Retail Theft

Suspect shoplifted ten bottles of perfume.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

The Drunk Driving-Over the Limit Under Arrest two week effort ended on September 6. Four officers were able to participate in the effort writing 12 Speeding citations, one Stop Sign, seven Registration and one Equipment citation along with seven warnings for a total of 20 traffic stops. The Department received a plaque of appreciation from the Wisconsin Bureau of Traffic Safety and also was awarded a preliminary breath tester for our efforts.

On September 23, Sgt. Mueller attended the Dane County Traffic Safety Committee Meeting. A review of the County's traffic fatalities since the last meeting were discussed, a presentation of the TOPS Lab was made (mapping of all state accidents by UW), and Assistant District Attorney Emily Thompson gave an update on the dedicated District Attorney program for traffic fatalities. In addition, Sgt. Mueller received a request to have our motorcycle officer assist with the President Obama visit.

On September 28, Officer Mike Wood provided motorcycle escort assistance for the Madison UW Campus visit by President Barak Obama. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for an officer since the last sitting president to visit this area was Harry Truman.

During the month, 23 hours were spent on directed traffic patrols. A total of 50 enforcement actions were taken. Twenty-three citations were for Speeding with five warnings, five citations for Registration with one warning, four citations for Failure to

Obey Sign/Signal with three warnings, three citations for Seatbelt Violations, two citations for OAR/OAS, one citation each for No Insurance, Failure to Yield to Pedestrian, Speeding in School Zone and one warning for Improper Lane Merge. Streets targeted were: Hwy 12, Allen Blvd, Amherst Road, Branch Street school zone, Century Avenue, Greenway Blvd, N Gammon Road, N High Point Road, Parmenter Street, Pheasant Branch Road and University Avenue.

## **TRAINING**

### **September Specialized Training**

Basic Crowd Control, 24 hours, Moen and Sellek  
Wisconsin Crime Prevention Officers Association Symposium, 20 hours, Kasdorf  
Evidence Tech, 40 hours, Smith  
Reid Method of Interview/Interrogation, 24 hours, Olson/Wood

### **Upcoming Specialized Training**

Advanced Line Supervision, 16 hours, Reynolds, Zimmerman  
Emergency Priority Dispatch, 24 hours, Geiszler, O'Connor, Wood, Lary, Mueller, J  
Zimmerman, Cleasby, Hamilton  
Street Crimes Seminar, 24 hours, Normann

### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter In-Service**

4<sup>th</sup> quarter in-service occurred on September 2, 23, 28 and October 15. The in-service covered the annual pistol and rifle firearms qualifications and a presentation of gang activities by a member of the Gang Taskforce.

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

During the month of September, 152 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, six 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:

- 1 - Assault
- 6 - Bicycles stolen
- 4 - Bicycles found
- 8 - Burglary
- 2 - Child Abuse
- 8 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 1 - Death Investigation
- 12 - Domestic Follow-up
- 5 - Fraud
- 10 - Graffiti

- 4 - Harassment
- 18 - Larceny
- 4 - Sexual Assault
- 59 - Thefts from Automobiles
- 7 - Uniform Controlled Substances
- 1 - Weapons Violation

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

### **Middleton High School**

The 2010-11 school year began on September 1 for Middleton High School (MHS) students. The first month of the school year saw a high number of police calls at the high school. In total, there were 76 calls for service at MHS in September. Some of those incidents included ten assist citizen calls, nine lost properties, eight disturbances, six threat reports, five thefts and two fights. From those calls, there were seven municipal tickets issued in September. Of those, two were for daytime loitering, two for disorderly conduct, one for unauthorized presence on school grounds, one for tobacco possession and one for hit and run. In addition, I also referred six charges to the District Attorney's Office. Four were for disorderly conduct and two for theft.

This being my second year as the School Resource Officer, I feel I have a good grasp of the position and my main objective continues to be focusing on the theft issues at MHS. Last school year there was a dramatic drop in the number of thefts, a trend I hope to see continue. With this in mind, over the last month I have been as proactive as possible with regard to educating students and parents about theft and helping to prevent students from being victimized. For example, before school started, I submitted an article to the Parent Connection Newsletter educating parents about theft issues at MHS and encouraging students to lock up their things. On the first day of school, I appeared in a video that was seen by the entire study body in which I reminded students to always lock up their things, especially in locker rooms. I also addressed the penalties for students who are caught stealing. I have continued to spread this message via the morning announcements with constant reminders to students. Other efforts include adjusting a hallway camera to better monitor who enters/exits the locker rooms and placing notices on backpacks found unattended in locker rooms. Additionally, I have also stressed to staff the importance of locking the locker room doors promptly each class period, which has helped control student loitering in those areas.

Last month I was involved in other proactive activities as well, including meeting with a handful of freshman advisory classes. Each freshman attends an advisory class first semester, which provides them with important information and eases their transition to high school. Over the next month I will meet with every freshman student, which allows me to introduce myself, explain my role as the SRO and also provide valuable information about theft issues at MHS. In September I also attended truancy and peer court meetings with the Middleton Municipal Judge, as well as a monthly Dane County SRO meeting. I also attended weekly Dean meetings and a Dean Assistant meeting to

discuss the new school year. I have addressed littering issues as well after receiving complaints from residents who live near MHS. In an effort to address the problem, I placed notices on vehicles parked along Middleton Street, a common area for littering, and also met with a large group of about 50 freshmen thought to be littering during their lunch hour. I have not received any complaints since.

Another proactive initiative at MHS this fall is Crime Stoppers' "Quick \$50" program, which offers a cash reward to anonymous students who provide information about drugs or weapons at MHS. Starting the first week of school, I began aggressively advertising this program via the morning announcements. So far this school year I have already received multiple tips, which in one case resulted in the recovery of marijuana in the school.

### **Kromrey Middle School**

September started as a whirlwind for the Kromrey Middle School community. The mold issue that came to light was dealt with quickly and smoothly! On September 10, we finally started school.

I am teaching the G.R.E.A.T. program to all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students again this year. I will be teaching the class in English and Communication Arts classes. The G.R.E.A.T. Program is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum. With prevention as its primary objective, the program is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. The goal of the G.R.E.A.T. Program is to help youth develop positive life skills that will help them avoid gang involvement and violent behavior. G.R.E.A.T. uses a communitywide approach to combat the risk factors associated with youth involvement in gang-related behaviors. The lessons included in each curriculum are interactive and designed to allow students to practice positive behaviors that will remain with them during the remainder of their development years. Since the G.R.E.A.T. Program went nationwide in 1992, many law enforcement agencies and schools from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam have implemented the program. Currently, the G.R.E.A.T. Program is delivered in over 500 communities across the United States.

September's call activity was very slow. I had two calls for service at Kromrey. There were two disturbances between students that resulted in citations being issued. Two disorderly conduct citations were issued, as well as two warnings for disorderly conduct. I attended the Kromrey open house that was held for students and parents. I also assisted Associate Principal Bill Deno in talking with students about the school code. Prior to teaching G.R.E.A.T., I went into all of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms to introduce myself and let the students ask me questions about my job as a law enforcement officer. I also attended the Monthly School Resource Officer Meeting. I met with an "at risk" student at Sauk Trail Elementary School to talk to him about my expectations as a police officer working with the school.

As students get more comfortable in school and with their surroundings, I anticipate things to get busier. I also plan to assist the Middleton High School SRO as needed.

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

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

40 Adults  
87 Criminal Counts  
3 Civil Forfeitures

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

6 Juveniles  
9 Criminal Counts  
0 Civil Forfeitures