

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



SEPTEMBER 2012

ITEMS OF INTEREST

This was the last month for our funded traffic enforcement grants. The SMART grant targeting Hwy 12 was performed for 12 hours and resulted in 28 enforcement actions. Eleven Speeding citations with seven warnings, four citations for Insurance related violations, two citations for Operating After Revocation, two citations for Suspended Registration, one citation for Operating While Intoxicated and one citation for Operating with a Prohibited Blood Alcohol Concentration.

The combined Speed and Seat Belt grants were performed for 48 hours resulting in 94 enforcement actions. Twenty-two Seatbelt citations with three warnings, 17 Speeding citations with 13 warnings, 18 Insurance related citations with one warning, seven citations and six warnings for Failure to Stop for Stop Sign, two citations for Operating Without a Driver's License, one Registration citation with one warning and two Equipment related warnings.

These three traffic grants allowed the Department to place more officers on the street. Those extra officers were exclusively committed to traffic related enforcement. The result of this extra enforcement was that 522 enforcement actions, that would not otherwise have occurred, did occur. There is an additional benefit to having more officers on the street. That benefit is that increased police presence is known to have a positive effect on crime prevention.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Community Events

On Wednesday, September 12, Middleton Police worked with PPD to come up with security plans at their Middleton location. PPD is a contract research organization (CRO) that provides expertise in clinical trial development, management and post approval services.

On Thursday, September 13, Middleton Police attended Accuray Software's Health and wellness fair and set up an informational booth.

On Saturday, September 15, Middleton Police along with West Bend Mutual Insurance, Middleton EMS and Middleton Fire Department sponsored their annual Safety Day for families at the Fire Department and EMS. Over 300 people attended this event! At the event, the Middleton Police Department had a sign up for the Safe Assured ID Program and several kids are now signed up for October to have a Safe Assured ID done.

On September 18, Middleton Police went to Costco and gave several seatbelt safety presentations. Middleton Police also used the rollover convincer during these presentations. This convincer demonstrates the importance of wearing seatbelts, especially during a roll-over collision.

During September, Middleton Police also began work on a security survey for The Bruce Company.

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**



Middleton Business Watch is accepting donations at this time to help purchase video equipment. Payments can be sent to: Middleton Community Police Partnership Inc.
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 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 next academy will start in April of 2013 and the class size is limited to 12 students.

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

Operations

In August, Middleton Officers handled 1,645 calls for service (557 were field initiated, 1,018 were dispatched), issued 374 citations and 113 written warnings, made 14 criminal arrests and investigated 37 accidents.

In September, Middleton Officers handled 1,507 calls for service, (655 were field initiated, 852 were dispatched), issued 456 citations and 125 written warnings, made 12 criminal arrests and investigated 32 accidents.

Significant Events in September:

09/05/12, MI12-5968, 3001 Deming Way, Theft

Tools and equipment were stolen from a construction trailer at the Spectrum Brands construction site.

09/09/12, MI12-6069, Damage to Property, 5211 County Hwy Q

Unknown person(s) drove on soccer fields, damaging them.

09/14/12, MI12-6177, Weapon Violation, 6500 Oakwood Place

Witness contacted the police and reported a man was in his front yard, waving a pistol around. As police were setting up around the residence, three subjects left the residence, one matching the description provided by the witness. Police stopped the vehicle and determined the pistol was a realistic looking BB gun. David Brooks, of Middleton, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and jailed. Ulysses Miilu was arrested for possession of marijuana.

09/21/12, MI12-6391, Battery, 1902 Parmenter Street

A woman and her current boyfriend were confronted by the woman's ex-boyfriend at the Freehouse Restaurant. They left the restaurant, but were confronted outside, as they got into their car. The male was battered several times by the ex-boyfriend. As they drove away, the ex-boyfriend rammed the back of the car with his car. Jason Hasman was located and charged with Battery, OMVWI and Hit and Run.

09/24/12, MI12-6448, Fire, 5413 Larkspur

Police and fire were notified of a garage fire. Upon arrival, the entire residence was fully engulfed in flames. Police and Firefighters determined no one was in the residence, other than a dog. The dog was safely rescued by firefighters. Police assisted the Fire Department in determining the origin and cause of the fire.

Police investigated 11 Thefts from Vehicle reports during the month. Residents are urged to lock their car doors and remove all valuables.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

During the month of September, there were 32 reportable accidents filed with the Department. Of these, 25 were on the road accidents and seven were in parking lots or on private property. This compares with September 2011's 38 accidents of which 31 were on the road and seven were in parking lots.

Approximately 25 hours were spent on directed traffic patrols resulting in 68 enforcement actions. There were 46 citations for Speeding with four warnings, nine citations for Insurance related violations, two citations each for Operating After Revocation, Operating Without a Driver's License and Registration and one Seatbelt citation. One subject who lied about his identity was also cited for Obstructing and was taken to jail on a warrant when his true identity was discovered.

TRAINING

Specialized Training

Death Investigation School, 80 hours, Jones

Law Enforcement Training Officers Association Conference, 20 hours, Dixon and Kasdorf

Excel Basics, 8 hours, Hellenbrand

Domestic Terrorism, 16 hours, Cleasby

IACP Conference, Keil, 40 hours

In-Service Training

September 12, October 12, 15, 18 and 30. Annual firearm qualification and training on Fair and Impartial Policing.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

With the start of a new school year and the arrival of cooler temperatures, call volume for the Police Department traditionally takes a downward turn. Fewer calls to the Police Department also results in fewer cases being reviewed and assigned to the Investigative Unit. For the month of September, the Investigative Unit reviewed a total of 75 cases with 18 cases being assigned to a detective for further follow up.

The Police Department continues to see a number of crime reports each month which can be prevented by citizens taking some simple precautions to limit the opportunities of thieves. Decreasing the number of theft from auto reports has been a priority of the Police Department over the past couple of years, however, we continue to see a number of Middleton residents victimized by this crime. Within the last two months, every theft from automobile case reported to the police involved victims leaving their vehicles unlocked and valuables unsecured. Some simple precautions in these thefts could have prevented these Middleton residents from being victimized.

September brought three major cases to the Investigative Unit which resulted in a large amount of investigative time.

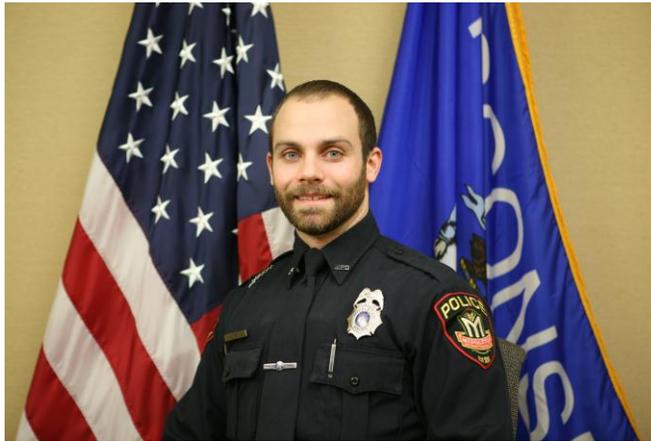
The Police Department received two reports of alleged child abuse during September which resulted in extensive and detailed interviews with victims, witnesses and suspects. In one of these cases, a father admitted he had physically struck both of his children with a belt on their back and buttocks area as a form of discipline throughout the past couple of years. In the more recent incident, and the one which prompted the initial police report, one of the children alleged they were struck approximately 30 to 40 times by the father with the use of this belt. Photographs of the child's injuries supported the alleged abuse and the father was arrested and taken to the Dane County Jail on felony child abuse charges.

The second child abuse allegation is still being investigated as the suspect in this case has failed to cooperate with the investigation and to provide an interview. Based on the statements provided by both of the children, it does not appear at this time as though charges will be filed against the alleged abuser. Poor supervision and inappropriate discipline techniques are likely more of the issue than child abuse in this case.

The last large case being investigated by the Investigative Unit involved a joint investigation with the Middleton Fire Department. At the end of September, the Middleton Police and Fire Departments investigated a house fire located on the north side of the city. As with all large fire investigations, the police and fire departments invest a lot of working hours to attempt to arrive at a solid conclusion on the cause of a fire. This case continues to be an active investigation and the cause of the fire has yet to be determined.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

**Middleton High School
Officer Scott Moen**



School began for the 2012-13 school year during the month of September. The beginning of every school year brings new challenges with new students and new staff

members becoming accustomed to new procedures, new schedules and new classrooms. This month there were 55 calls for service at Middleton High School (MHS). Some of those calls included three trespassing calls, two fights, ten lost property calls, five thefts, and one drug possession call. From those incidents, there were seven municipal tickets issued for offenses including: theft, trespassing, disorderly conduct, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance.

Officer Moen was involved in other activities in September as well, such as attending multiple Dean meetings with MHS administration and attending freshman orientation night. The 2012-13 school year is the first year that Officer Moen will be replacing Officer Travis Kakuske, who has completed his three year rotation at MHS.

**Kromrey Middle School
Officer Tom Wilson**



My name is Tom Wilson and I am the new Kromrey Middle School Resource Officer. I have been with the Middleton Police Department for ten years and I'm excited for this new assignment. As the new school resource officer, I will be teaching all of the 6th grade students a program called G.R.E.A.T.

G.R.E.A.T. stands for Gang Resistance Education and Training and is a school based, law enforcement officer instructed classroom curriculum. 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. It is a 13 week class and the lessons included in each curriculum are interactive and designed to allow students to learn and practice positive behaviors. In order to get to all of the 6th graders, I teach nine different classes a week and so far things are going well.

Besides Kromrey, my responsibilities also include assisting at the Middleton High School as well as working with the staff of the three elementary schools located in the City. During the month, I assisted in several calls and investigations at the Middleton High School along with some issues that arose at both Northside Elementary and Sauk Trail Elementary. I also attended several meetings including the monthly Dane County School Resource Officer Meeting.

I also handled nine documented calls for service during the month. These consisted of two contacts for crosswalk violations, a court order report, a 911 disconnect, a medicine theft, a sexual assault, lost property, a theft and a harassment case.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

39 Adults
55 Criminal Counts
5 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

2 Juveniles
2 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures