

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**OCTOBER 2009**

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

The Dane County area has seen an increase in armed robberies this fall, with Middleton being no exception. Middleton Police investigated four armed robberies in October. Luckily, no one was injured in any of the armed robberies here, but an armed robbery in Madison had a tragic ending when the suspect pointed a pistol at a Madison Police Officer and the suspect was shot and killed by the officer.

Middleton investigators have worked closely with other area law enforcement agencies. Three of the four Middleton armed robbery cases have been cleared by arrest or a suspect has been identified. One common theme seen in these cases is that the suspects are addicted to heroin. The Middleton Police Department has seen an increase in heroin related crimes for about the last year.

Additional information about the robberies and heroin connection will be in the Investigative Services Bureau report.

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

### **Community Events**

On Thursday, October 1, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Cub Scout group was given a tour of the Police Department including evidence collection procedures.

On Friday, October 2, Middleton Police assisted with the Middleton High School Homecoming Parade.

On Tuesday, October 6, Middleton Police attended the Middleton Senior Center Health Fair with a display of their Safe Assured ID system.

On Wednesday, October 7, the Middleton Police, including Chief Keil and McGruff, attended the Northside Elementary School's annual "Walk to School" event.

On Tuesday, October 13, Middleton Police gave tours to the Sauk Trail Elementary School 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes.

On Friday, October 16, Middleton Police gave tours to the Northside Elementary School 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes.

On Thursday, October 22, Middleton Police visited Mrs. Hughes' Northside kindergarten class to talk to the kids about police work.

On Saturday, October 24, Middleton Police assisted with the Middleton Senior Center's Annual Car Check Clinic at Middleton Ford. Close to 50 cars were checked in just four hours.

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 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Middleton Business Watch**

Middleton Business Watch held its annual Fall Seminar on Tuesday, October 20, at City Hall. Attorney Brody Richter gave a presentation on the new federal “Red Flags” regulations.

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 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Police 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 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)**

Our VIPS Speed Watch Team concentrated efforts in the school zone on Park Street near South Avenue in the mornings when children were present.

VIPS helped out with the Middleton High School Homecoming Parade, the Senior Center Health Fair and the Senior Center Car Check Clinic.

Middleton Police plan to open up VIPS to the general public this fall.

If you are interested in the Middleton Police Department VIPS program, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Safe Assured ID Kits**

Middleton Police are also looking at taking reservations for kits being done one Wednesday night a month.

If you would like to 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 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Community Awareness Fund**

Middleton Community Awareness Programs such as 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.

Due to a loss of grant funding, our new G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Training and Education) program is in immediate need of financial support.

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.**", 7426 Hubbard Avenue, Middleton, WI 53562.

**Together we can make a difference.**

If you have any questions about donations or programs, please contact CAO David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

In September, Middleton Officers handled 1708 calls for service, 796 were field initiated, 912 were dispatched, issued 552 citations, made 23 criminal arrests and investigated 25 accidents.

In October, Middleton Officers handled 1568 calls for service, 766 were field initiated, 802 were dispatched, issued 475 citations, made 30 criminal arrests and investigated 20 accidents.

## Department welcomes new officer Julie Normann



Officer Julie Normann joined the Middleton Police Department on Monday, October 5, 2009. Officer Normann grew up in the Grafton, WI, area and has a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement and a minor in Spanish from Concordia College. Officer Normann graduated from the Fox Valley Technical College Police Academy in April of 2009.

Officer Normann will be in Field Training for four months and on probation for 18 months.

The addition of Officer Normann brings the police force up to the authorized strength of 36 officers, although Officer Ken Smith has been deployed to Iraq and is not expected to return to duty until the Spring of 2010.

On October 7, Officer Normann was sworn in as a Police Officer by City Clerk Trish Amble. She is shown in the accompanying picture receiving the Law Enforcement Oath of Honor plaque from Chief Keil. The swearing in ceremony was attended by Officer Normann's family, friends, members of the Police Department, city staff and elected officials.

### **Significant Events in October:**

**MI09-7323, 10/01/09, McDonald's Classic, 8308 Greenway Boulevard, Fraud**

Employees of the McDonald's Classic reported that they had received three counterfeit \$20.00 bills. They were able to obtain the license plate number of the vehicle passing the bills through the drive thru line. Secret Service agents and a Middleton detective arrested 32 year old Madison resident Carlos Torres. The investigation showed Torres had copied bills on a color printer and passed numerous copies in Middleton, Shorewood Hills and west Madison.

**MI09-7363, 10/03/09, Lakeview Park, Damage to Property**

Park workers discovered that the spindles and rails of the Gazebo were pulled off and used to start a fire. Damage was estimated at \$2,800.00. Earlier in the evening, police had arrested four juveniles for Curfew Violations at the park and three of them were subsequently charged with Damage to Property.

**MI09-7375, 10/04/09, 2:04 AM, Hody Bar and Grill, Fight**

Officers responded to a fight at the Hody Bar and Grill and upon arrival found 20 to 30 people in the lot. Jason Buslaff, 32, from West Bend, WI; Joshua Colson, 26, NPA; Samuel Durand, 35, of Jackson, WI; and Trevor Schill, 23, of Campbellsport, WI, were determined to be the primary aggressors and charged with Disorderly Conduct.

**MI09-7393, 10/05/09, 7:45 AM, Branch Street Retreat, Burglary**

Police were called to the Branch Street Retreat at 7:45 AM where an employee reported that when she entered the business to clean it, she interrupted a burglary and was physically attacked by the suspect. By viewing video recording, it was determined that a burglary had occurred, but that it had occurred much earlier in the morning. It is unknown why the woman fabricated the story about being attacked, but charges are pending for Obstructing a Police Investigation against her. As for the burglary, the suspect cut telephone lines to prevent the police from being notified of a burglar alarm (which also disrupted service to about 75 nearby residences and businesses). This is at least the fifth similar bar burglary where telephone lines have been cut in the Dane County area this fall. Middleton detectives are working with their counterparts from Madison and the Sheriff's Department on this case.

**MI09-7400, 10/05/09, 3:17 PM, Milio's, Armed Robbery**

A masked man entered Milio's sub shop, produced a handgun and robbed the store. A suspect has been developed in this case, but not formally charged at the time of this report.

**MI09-7430, 10/06/09, 11:47 PM, PDQ, 2002 Parmenter Street, Armed Robbery**

A masked man wearing a hoodie entered the convenience store, displayed a handgun and robbed the store. Luke Whitehead, 22, of Madison, was arrested on Armed Robbery charges. Kelly Whitehead, 21, of Madison, was arrested for Party to the Crime: Armed Robbery (get-away driver).

**MI09-7560, 10/11/09, 1:54 PM, Skateboard Park, Malicious Mischief**

Four 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys broke bottles and urinated in the skateboard park. They were quickly identified and brought back to the park. In exchange for no formal charges, they cleaned up the mess.

**MI09-7639, 10/13/09, 8:45 PM, PDQ, 6519 Century Avenue, Armed Robbery**

A suspect wearing a Halloween mask, told the clerk he had a gun and demanded money. The suspect fled on foot with money. Investigation revealed that the clerk and the suspect were roommates. Quinn McConnell, 22, of Waunakee, was charged with Armed Robbery. The clerk, 23 year old Kisha Shaw, of Waunakee, was charged with Party to the Crime: Armed Robbery. Middleton detectives served a search warrant at the Waunakee residence and located evidence of numerous residential burglaries. Investigation continues.

**MI09-7669, 10/15/09, 12:02AM, 6300 Pheasant Lane, Damage to Property**

A victim reported that he had been having difficulties with a co-worker in the past. In this incident, the victim observed the suspect slash his tires with a knife. Joshua Gerrard, 29, of Madison, was arrested for Criminal Damage to Property and a Probation Hold.

**MI09-7827, 10/20/09, 7:43 PM, 7409 Century Avenue, Fire**

Residents reported hearing two explosions in the basement near the furnace, then heavy smoke coming from the vents. The residence was evacuated and the fire put out. The origin of the explosions/fires is still being determined.

**MI09-7828, 10/20/09, 9:30 PM, McDonald's, 2626 Allen Boulevard, Armed Robbery**

A suspect entered McDonald's, said he had a gun and demanded money. When another employee came into the restaurant, the suspect fled without obtaining any money. The suspect is pictured below:



### **MI09-7968, 10/26/09, Bruce Company, Motor Vehicle Theft**

Employees of the Bruce Company reported a truck and trailer with a Bobcat and attachments stolen overnight. The truck, trailer and Bobcat were located abandoned on Interstate 90 near the Minnesota border.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

During the month of October, there were 20 reportable accidents of which five were parking lot accidents. There were also five non-reportable accidents of which three were parking lot accidents.

Directed traffic patrols were performed for approximately 65 hours on first and second shifts during the month. Roads targeted were Hwy 12, Hwy Q, Airport Road, Allen Blvd, Branch Street, Century Avenue, Greenway Blvd, High Road, N. Gammon Road, N Highpoint Road, Parmenter Street, Park Street, Pheasant Branch Road, Pleasant View Road, Stonefield Road and Valley Ridge Road.

A total of 108 enforcement actions were taken. Speeding 42 citations and 16 warnings; Registration eight citations and 14 warnings; Equipment 12 warnings; Seat Belt 13 citations and two warnings; Operating After Suspension three citations; Failure to Obey Sign/Signal two citations and two warnings; No Driver's License one citation, Operating While Intoxicated one citation, Inattentive Driving one warning and one warning for Permitting Unauthorized Person to Drive.

There were no special enforcement programs during the month. No one attended the statewide traffic safety conference due to training budget constraints.

## **TRAINING**

### **In-service Training**

10/26/2009, Firearms Instructors, Annual Firearms Instructor qualification course.

### **Tentative 2010 In-service Topics and Dates**

January 11, 20, 26 and 27: Noon to 4P, firearms, Taser and less lethal certification, DCLETC.

March 3, 12, 15 and 24: 8A to 4P, firearms in the AM at DCLETC and rapid response in the PM at the new Sun Prairie High School currently under construction.

May 5, 7, 21 and 27: 8A to 4P, firearms in the AM at DCLETC and Emergency Vehicle Operation in the PM at Columbus 151 Speedway.

September 2, 23, 28 and October 15: 8A to 4P, firearms qualification in the AM, Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force in the PM.

### **October Specialized Training**

Northwestern University School of Staff and Command, 400 hours, Hanson (back to work 11/18/09)

Computer Voice Stress Analyzer Recertification, 24 hours, Faga and Haselow  
Statewide School Preparation Conference, 8 hours, T. Kakuske, Sherry and School Officials

Officer Involved Domestic Violence, 8 hours, N. Kakuske, Foulke and Britt

Financial Crimes Seminar, 8 hours, Faust and Kasdorf

ICS-100, on-line, Normann

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

### **Drugs, Drugs and Drugs again.**

Four out of the last five months I have written to you about cases that involve illegal drugs in the City of Middleton. October is no exception to this trend. The use and sale of controlled substances continues to be the driving force behind the majority of serious crime in the City of Middleton.

During the month of October, the Dane County Drug and Gang Task Force, in conjunction with the D.E.A., made several significant arrests and seizures in the City of Middleton. In one of these investigations, a local couple was arrested for numerous counts of trafficking in crack cocaine. The second investigation resulted in the seizure of over a half a kilo of cocaine from yet another Middleton resident.

Along with the usual influx of fraud and theft cases, Middleton Detectives investigated a significant increase in burglary and armed robbery incidents. Middleton Detective Dan Jones developed a significant break in these investigations through the sale of some recently stolen property. As a result of this lead, a group of heroin addicts have been charged for their role in area armed robberies and numerous residential burglaries in both Middleton and Waunakee.

During the month of October, 85 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, 11 cases were assigned to patrol officers and 34 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. These case files include the following incident types:

- 4 - Burglaries
- 1 - Death Investigations
- 8 - Domestic Follow-up
- 5 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 16 - Fraud
- 1 - Graffiti
- 1 - Harassment
- 19 - Larceny
- 2 - Missing Persons
- 4 - Robbery
- 1 - Sexual Assaults
- 9 - Found Bicycles
- 3 - Stolen Bicycles
- 1 - Stolen Automobile
- 5 - Thefts from Automobiles
- 3 - Uniform Controlled Substances

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

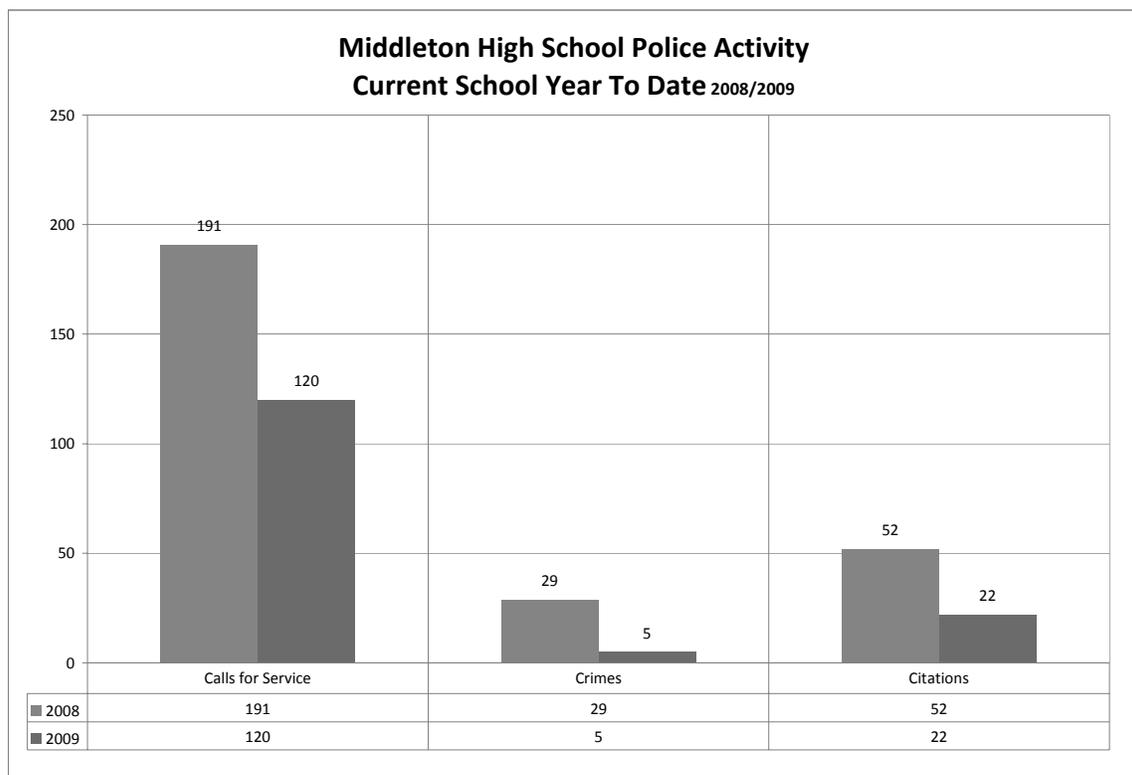
### **Middleton High School**

The month of October continued to be busy at Middleton High School, although calls for service, citations issued, and thefts continued to decrease as compared to last school year at this time. Specifically, last month there were 68 calls for service at MHS. From those incidents, there were 13 citations issued including four for truancy, one for possession of tobacco by a minor, two for disorderly conduct, one for daytime loitering, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, three for possession of a controlled substance (marijuana) and one for underage alcohol consumption.

In addition to handling calls for service in October, I also participated in the annual homecoming parade and assisted with police supervision at the dance. I also made an appearance in the morning video announcements and assisted a debate class by answering questions about parking enforcement at the high school. Additionally, I also appeared as

a witness at a student expulsion hearing, attended a one-day school safety conference in Madison, and attended a Dane County School Resource Officer meeting at the Oregon Police Department.

As a School Resource Officer, one of my duties is to occasionally get into classrooms and instruct students on various law enforcement-related topics. Last month I appeared in seven sophomore social studies classes and instructed them on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment issues. The students were very engaged and asked some very good questions! I was also able to meet with each of the freshmen advisory classes last month and speak to them about my role as an SRO, and also how they can protect themselves from theft at the school. By appearing in each advisory class over the month, I was able to meet with the entire freshmen class.



### Kromrey Middle School Monthly Report

October was the start of things getting into full-swing with students. It was fairly slow with call volume though. I documented ten calls for service in the month of October. This was only two more than in September.

I continued to teach G.R.E.A.T. All of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in a two-day field trip to Upham Woods outdoor facility. This caused me to improvise the teaching plan I was following to accommodate all of the students and to make sure they received the information I was teaching.

I attended the weekly Building Consultation Team meetings. I attended one Individualized Education Plan meeting for a student. Due to a scheduling conflict, I did not attend the monthly Dane County School Resource Officer meeting.

The ten calls for service included two Thefts, Alcohol Violation, three Disturbances, two Status Offenses, Lost Property, and an Assist Citizen. I issued one municipal citation for Juvenile Alcohol, one citation for Receiving Stolen Property, one citation for Disorderly Conduct, and two citations for Possession of Tobacco by a Minor. Also included were three State charge arrests for Battery, Theft, and Disorderly Conduct.

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

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

40 Adults  
56 Criminal Counts  
3 Civil Forfeitures

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

4 Juveniles  
5 Criminal Counts  
0 Civil Forfeitures

### **Municipal Court Citations Issued**

377 Adult Citations