



**Point of interest:**

The Middleton Police Department now has a mobile phone app. You can read department news, search crime reports, access forms and submit a tip, all from your smartphone.

To get the MIPD Mobile app Go to:  
[www.middletonpd.com](http://www.middletonpd.com)

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# SAFE MIDDLETON

**A Community Policing and Crime Prevention Newsletter  
 from the Middleton Police Department**

## SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

The start of the school year is always a good time to remind ourselves of the following school safety tips:

### Traveling To and From School

Map out with your children a safe way for them to walk to school or to the bus stop. Avoid busy roads and intersections, if possible. Do a trial run with them to point out places they should avoid along the way, such as vacant lots, construction areas, and parks where there aren't many people.

### On the bus

Have your children arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to pick them up, and make sure they know to stand on the sidewalk and away

from the street while waiting for the bus. Teach children to make sure they can see the bus driver and the bus driver can see them before crossing in front of the bus. Tell them to never walk behind the bus.

### While at school

Talk to your children about their day. Sometimes children won't tell you right away if they are having problems at school. Ask your children if they see anyone bullied, if they are bullied, or if anything else makes them feel uncomfortable. Look for warning signs, such as a sudden drop in grades, or a sudden change in mood or attitude.

For more school safety tips like these visit the National Crime Prevention Council website at [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org).

## SCHOOLS WELCOME NEW RESOURCE OFFICERS

Starting this fall there will be two new officers assigned to Middleton schools as the School Resource Officers. Officer Scott Moen will be the School Resource Officer at Middleton High School, and Officer Tom Wilson will be the School Resource Officer at Kromrey Middleton School. School Resource Officers are trained to work with school officials to recognize and analyze problems with students, and to help address and resolve problems before they become more serious. The police department,

in cooperation with the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District, assigns one officer to the Middleton High School, and one officer to Kromrey Middle School on a full-time basis. The purposes of this program are prevention, referral and education. Officer Moen replaces Officer Travis Kakuske, who has returned to a patrol assignment, and Officer Wilson replaces Officer Matt Sherry, who has since left the department.

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## TIPS TO AVOID IDENTITY THEFT

Identity theft and fraud continues to be a growing problem for law enforcement, but there are things you can do to help minimize your risk.

**Do** not carry your Social Security number or provide it to anyone unless absolutely necessary.

**Guard** postal mail from theft. Don't leave incoming or outgoing mail in your mailbox overnight. Do not leave sensitive mail in vehicles.

**If** you get an email that asks for personal or financial information, do not reply or click on any links in the message.

**Keep** track of credit and debit card receipts, and review statements from banks and credit card companies each month for any unauthorized activity.

**Pay** attention to billing cycles and inquire about credit bills that do not arrive on time. A missing credit card bill could mean an identity thief has taken over your account and changed your billing address to cover his/her tracks.

If you think you are the victim of Identity Theft or your personal information has been compromised, contact the department immediately at 824-7300

*Dear Officers, I am here to write a letter to say Thank You. I can't believe the stuff that you do. It is amazing! You put your life on the line to protect our community, our city, our citizens. I could never do that! I really do trust you. I knew that if I had a problem I could call 911 and you would help me. What you guys do is really cool. It seems very scary. You are truly heroes. I look up to you. Again, thank you for your service. I really do appreciate it !!*

*Received on June 28, 2012 from a Middleton resident, age 11*

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2012

Despite the rainy weather, National Night Out 2012 was another great success. This years Night Out was held on August 8th at Lakeview Park and featured Middleton police, fire, EMS, as well as other local agencies and organizations.



The annual event is an opportunity to promote police-community relationships, learn about crime prevention, and build neighborhood camaraderie.

Following the events in Oak Creek, Wisconsin earlier in the month, this years National Night Out was also an opportunity for the community to express our support to those affected by the tragedy, and to celebrate the diversity of the Middleton community. For more photos of this years Night Out, visit our web page or our Facebook page.

