



**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**

## MIDDLETON PD WILL TAKE PART IN 2013 GLOBAL TWEET-A-THON

On March 22nd the Middleton Police Department will again participate in the Global Tweet-a-Thon of law enforcement agencies. The Global Police Tweet-a-Thon was created to increase awareness of police work, promote transparency in police actions and police operations, and further the use of social media in the department's proactive policing efforts. Last years Tweet-a-Thon generated many positive comments from community members and was an unqualified success. This year there will be even more law enforcement agencies participating from across the world, including the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Iceland, Sweden, and Australia.

The Middleton Police Department's participation in the Global Tweet-a-Thon will be supervised by Social Media Coordinator Keith Cleasby. Keith stated that Middleton Police were invited to participate again this year based on

the success of last years efforts. "I think our tweet along was pretty popular locally and I think this would be an excellent opportunity to join agencies across the nation in a global effort," Cleasby says. "Each agency will use the same hash tag in each of the tweets which will give worldwide followers an idea of what each agency is doing, regardless of their location."

Middleton Police will be participating in the Global Tweet-a-Thon on March 22nd between 3:00 PM and 11:00 PM. To be a part of this you simply need to follow us on Twitter @MiddletonPD, follow us on our Facebook page, or on our website home page at [www.middletonpd.com](http://www.middletonpd.com).

## 2012 ANNUAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The Middleton Police Department's 2012 Annual Report has been completed and can now be viewed on-line. This years report recognizes the history of the police department and the 50th Anniversary of Middleton becoming a City. The report cover features a photograph of Police Chief Harold Wille, who was the Chief of Police in 1963, the year that Middleton became a City. Chief Wille served the City as Chief from 1951 until 1969, when he was tragically killed in a snowmobiling accident.

Police Chief Brad Keil reports that Middleton's overall crime rate dropped from 2011 to 2012, and remains among the lowest in the area. In addition, the department completed an important strategic planning process in 2012, and has already seen progress completed towards some of the goals in the strategic plan. The 2012 Annual Report can be viewed on the department's web page.

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## COMMUNITY POLICING TEAMS PROVE EFFECTIVE

Middleton's Community Policing teams are comprised of neighborhood patrol officers assigned to each of the three patrol districts within the city. These teams of officers are tasked with addressing area and neighborhood problems, such as on-going traffic and safety concerns or noise issues. During 2012 the Community Policing Teams identified and addressed 24 neighborhood issues throughout the community. Just as in 2011, traffic concerns were some of the most prevalent problems addressed by the Community Policing Teams. Neighborhood officers worked on twelve traffic safety projects this year, addressing such things as speeding and high-traffic intersections, stop sign and traffic signal violations, and school zone safety issues. Public nuisance and public order projects were also addressed this year. These types of issues include chronic nuisance premises and other locations / persons that require an inordinate amount of police services. Officers also targeted retail areas to reduce shoplifting, and worked with apartment complexes and landlords to resolve on-going noise disturbance issues. By successfully identifying and addressing these issues the Neighborhood Officers and Community Policing Teams are able to improve the quality of life in the their neighborhoods and re-focus police services and resources to other areas where they can be more effective.

*“I called the Middleton PD...I had locked my keys in my car. Within 10 minutes an officer was there to unlock my car. He was very courteous and had my car unlocked in no time. I just wanted to say a big ‘thank you’ to the responding officer (Officer Raffel). I just wanted you to know that I appreciate people like you.”*

*Received, February 2013*

## PARENTS INTERNET SAFETY MEETING PLANNED

The Dane County Sheriff's Department will be hosting an internet and technology safety meeting for parents on Wednesday, March 20th at 6:00 PM. The theme of the meeting will be, *“If your kids are awake they are online.”* Meeting details:

When: Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Where: Westport Community Meeting Room  
5387 Mary Lake Rd, Waunakee, WI

Presenter: Deputy Rich Bennett

Presentation for ADULTS ONLY - Topics include:

- Facebook
- Online safety tips
- Online Predators
- Cyber Bullying
- Cell phones – texting/photos

According to the FBI, on-line computer exploration opens a world of possibilities for children, expanding their horizons and exposing them to different cultures and ways of life. Unfortunately, they can also be exposed to dangers as they hit the road exploring the information highway. There are individuals who attempt to exploit children through the use of on-line services and the Internet. Research indicates that children on-line are at the greatest risk during the evening hours. While offenders are on-line around the clock, most work during the day and spend their evenings on-line. The FBI recommends that parents communicate with their kids and talk to them about victimization and potential on-line dangers. One great way to stay informed about what your children are viewing is to spend time with them on-line, and have them teach you about their favorite on-line destinations. As parents, we know that there are dangers in every part of our society. By educating your children to these dangers and taking appropriate steps to protect them, they can benefit from the wealth of information now available on-line, and you can keep them safe at the same time.