



Point of interest:

Have a traffic complaint?

You can use our website to let us know about traffic concerns in your neighborhood or other traffic violations

Go to www.middletonpd.com

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SAFE MIDDLETON

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

SPRING STORMS BRING MORE THAN JUST RAIN

Each spring brings the potential for severe and damaging weather to our state, often followed by home repair contractors looking to fix the damage. While most contractors conduct their business in a fair and legitimate manner, some do not. Unscrupulous contractors often charge homeowners to repair non-existent damage, or do shoddy work and then quickly leave the area with your money. Please keep these helpful tips in mind:

1. Any business that solicits door to door must have a permit issued by the City of Middleton. If they can't or won't show you their permit, be wary.
2. Some contractors will advertise themselves as "local" in hopes of gaining your trust, when in fact their local office might be a hotel room or some hastily rented

office space. Always know who you are dealing with and ask for local references.

3. Never get trapped into signing a contract on the spur of the moment, especially if you're not completely comfortable with the details. Be wary of statements like, "We're only in this area today" or "We'll give you a special deal because we worked on your neighbors house." Look out for high pressure sales tactics.
4. If you are at all concerned about the legitimacy of a solicitor or a contractor, don't do business with them.

NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICERS

Each Middleton patrol officer is assigned to one of three patrol districts within the City. Within each patrol district, officers are assigned to specific neighborhoods to which they give special attention and service as the Neighborhood Officer assigned to that area. The goal of the Neighborhood Officer Program is to develop partnerships between the police department and the businesses and residents in the community.

To learn more and see who your Neighborhood Officer is, go to www.middletonpd.com.

The Neighborhood Officer Program and the Community Policing Teams are under the direction of Sgt. Barry Reynolds. Contact Sgt. Reynolds with any questions or concerns at 824-7331 or breyolds@ci.middleton.wi.us

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COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Over the past few years the Middleton Police Department has added more ways to communicate with the community, including some that you may not be aware of. In addition to phone and email, you can also find several ways to communicate with us through our website. On our home page you can find links to make a traffic complaint, include your home or business on the vacation check registry, fill out an alarm license or business information form, make a worthless check complaint, request a review of a parking citation, or complete a special event or purpose permit. You can also access and read our monthly report and a create customizable crime information report. Accidents and other case reports can be accessed through the website, or by sending an email to policerecords@ci.middleton.wi.us.

If you want to receive news updates, stay on top of the latest events, or receive an automatic delivery of this e-newsletter, you can sign up for our email subscription service through Gov Delivery. Just go to www.middletonpd.com and click on the “Sign Up Now” link. You can also get information or ask a question through our new discussion forum, with the link on our home page, or you can find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

No matter what level of communication technology you are comfortable with, we want to hear from you.

Law Enforcement Memorial

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls, as National Police Week. The dates for National Police Week 2011 are Sunday, May 15th through Saturday, May 21st. The State of Wisconsin will remember it's fallen officers with a ceremony at the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Officers Memorial at the State Capitol on May 6th. Middleton PD will also celebrate National Telecommunicators Week, April 10 through the 16th.

MIDDLETON'S QUARRY SKATE PARK — SAFE AND CLEAN

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Now that spring is upon us, the City of Middleton parks will again be full of people taking advantage of the recreational opportunities that the parks have to offer. One of the most popular recreational spots for young people every year is the Quarry Skate Park. However, over the past couple of years the city and the police department have seen an increase in problems associated with the park. Some of the issues we have dealt with at the park include littering, graffiti, smoking, and occasionally alcohol and drug use.

This spring, the City of Middleton Police Department is going to make an extra effort to reduce these issues at the park, to make it an enjoyable experience for all who use it. We will be stepping up patrols at the park and will be stricter on our enforcement of park rules and, if necessary, issuing citations for frequent violators.

The Quarry Skate Park is one of the gems of the Middleton Parks and Recreation system. Please help us to keep the park clean and safe.

If you see any issues with activities taking place at the Quarry Skate Park, or any other City of Middleton park, please contact our department at 824-7300.



Graffiti at Quarry Skate Park