



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

In this issue:

Crime Prevention Tip	1
Internet Safety	1
Vacation Registry	2
Neighborhood Officers	2

May / June, 2011

Volume 1, Issue 3

SAFE MIDDLETON

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

IF IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...

So far this year we have seen an increase in fraud attempts which originate over the phone. In one recent case a Middleton resident received a phone call telling them that they had won a foreign lottery. All they needed to do was make a good faith deposit and pay for the required processing fees and they would be sent their winnings. Remember, it is not legal for any U.S. citizen to win money in a lottery in a foreign country. Although the lure of quick cash is often very tempting, you should always be very skeptical of these types of calls and under no circumstances should you send money to an unsolicited caller.

In other recent cases, a Middleton resident has received a phone call from someone claiming to be a relative.

The "relative" explains that they have been involved in an accident or arrested in a different country and need cash sent to them in order to be released and get back home. Often the caller asks to have money wired to them right away, and may have the "local police officer" come on the phone to explain why the money is needed. This type of scam has become much more frequent in recent years and often is targeted at senior citizens. Again, be very skeptical of these phone solicitations. Verify the information with other family relatives, or immediately end the call as soon as you suspect it might be a scam. If you are asked to send money, contact the police department before you do anything else. Once the money is sent, it usually can't be recovered.

JUNE IS NATIONAL INTERNET SAFETY MONTH

June has been designated Internet Safety Month by the United States Senate. Although the internet can be a great tool, inappropriate content and cyberbullying continue to grow as parental concerns. To further assist parents with responding to these evolving challenges, InternetSafety.com has developed the Internet Safety Gameplan, a family contract focused on using the Internet safely.

The Gameplan, highlighted in a new public service announcement from McAfee, is a great way for parents to begin conversations with their children about tough subjects in how they interact with the Internet. The infographic and Gameplan can be viewed at www.internetsafetymonth.com.

Middleton Police Dept.

7341 Donna Drive
Middleton, WI 53562

Emergency—Dial 911
Non-Emergency 824-7300
Administration 824-7305
Tipster 833-9991
Court 824-7370
Records 824-7360

WWW.middletonpd.com

“Making a Difference”



VACATION WATCH / VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRY

If you own or rent a residence in the City of Middleton and are planning to be out of town, you can provide emergency contact information to the Middleton Police Department for added peace of mind while you are gone. The information you provide will be used in the event of an emergency at your property. The information will also be provided to the Community Services Director as well as Neighborhood Officers that may provide extra patrol at or around your residence. (NOTE: Officers do not physically check your property.)

Your neighborhood officers will be notified of the watch on your property and the information you provide may be useful if something unusual happens in your neighborhood (severe weather impact, criminal activity, etc.). We strongly suggest that you make arrangement with a family member, friend or trusted neighbors to check your property while you are gone. This service is also available for vacant properties.

To have your residence added to the vacant property registry, simply go to www.middletonpd.com and complete the information form. You can also download a form to print out and fax to 608-833-9990 or drop off at the Middleton Police Department, 7341 Donna Drive.

“I am writing this note to say how grateful I am to your department, and especially to Officer Raffel, for locating my bike and returning it to me. I had just gotten the bike the month before...and can look forward to the summer of bike riding as I had planned.”

Received on June 6, 2011

WHAT DOES A NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICER DO?

One question we often receive is, “What does a Neighborhood Officer do?” A Neighborhood Officer is an important component in maintaining community safety. Neighborhood Officers are expected to know what is happening, who the people, elected officials, businesses, organizations and bad actors are, and to provide special attention and services. Neighborhood Officers strive to open communications, build trust, exchange information, and collaborate in problem solving. The objectives of the Neighborhood Officers go beyond crime control to include objectives of fear reduction, order maintenance, problem solving, and the quality of life in the neighborhood. Neighborhood Officers are the go to person for the neighborhood, police department and City when it comes to on-going neighborhood problems.

Although all Middleton patrol officers will respond to emergencies anywhere in the City, the Neighborhood Officer Program allows officers to provide individualized and specialized attention to ongoing and non-urgent

neighborhood problems. Experience has shown that officers can be more effective when there are established lines of communication and personal contact with members of the community. We also know that problems that go unaddressed tend to lead to more problems and apathy, and a lowered quality of life for everyone. The Neighborhood Officer Program is about much more than mere law enforcement, we want to build partnerships, address problems, and help make your neighborhood a better place to live. This is what we call, “Making a Difference.”

You can learn who your Neighborhood Officer is at 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