



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

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SAFE MIDDLETON

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

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2012

Recently, several changes were made to the Neighborhood Officer assignments for 2012. Many of these changes were necessary due to personnel changes within the department, such as retirements and changes in shift and duty assignments. With the changes in Neighborhood Officer assignments, there were also some adjustments to the Community Policing Teams, which are comprised of groups of officers from adjoining neighborhoods who work collaboratively to identify and solve problems within their patrol districts. Neighborhood assignments for 2012 are:

Airport / Business park—Officer Mike Ash

Northside/Parkside Hgts./Middleton Hills—Ofc. Kathleen Riffenberg

High School/ Sak’s Woods—Officer Jerry Raffel

Northlake/Orchid Heights—Officer Ken Smith

Shorecrest/Bishops Bay/Arbor Lakes—Ofc. Dave Kasdorf

Overlook Pt./Baskerville/Highland—Ofc. Rich O’Connor

Middleton Springs/Lakeview—Officer Jill Tutaj

Amherst Road—Officer Kim Wood

Meadows/Stonefield—Officer Julie Norman

Downtown/Fox Ridge—Officer Greg Dixon

Greenway St. /Golf Course—Officer Tom Wilson

See www.middletonpd.com for more information

SAFETY ON THE ICE

With the unseasonably warm weather this winter, the County of Dane and the Wisconsin DNR are warning residents to use extreme caution when venturing out onto the ice for fishing or other recreation. Middleton’s frozen ponds and Lake Mendota are popular throughout the winter months, but please keeps these tips in mind from the DNR:

1. Do not go out on the ice alone, if possible.
2. Do not travel in unfamiliar areas, or at night

3. Carry a cell phone, and let people know where you are going and when you will be back.

4. Check ice conditions each time. Make sure the ice is at least four inches thick before walking on it,

5. Look for clear ice. Clear ice is generally stronger than ice with air bubbles in it, or with snow on it

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Tipster 833-9991

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WISCONSIN CRIME ALERT NETWORK

The Wisconsin Crime Alert Network was developed by the Department of Justice to allow law enforcement agencies to send out crime alert bulletins to businesses and the public about crime which may affect them. The program assists businesses in preventing and deterring crime, as well as assist police departments in solving crime and apprehending criminals. Alerts are tailored to specific types of businesses and geographic regions in order to provide the most useful information to those who are voluntary members of the network. A subscription to the Wisconsin Crime Alert Network is just \$12 per year

Wisconsin Crime Alert uses email, fax, and the text messaging (SMS network) feature of your cell phone to deliver alerts. Law enforcement officers in Middleton and throughout the state will be sending out alerts for things such as:

- Crime Prevention
- Finding Stolen Property
- Identifying Suspects
- Locating Missing Persons

To learn more go to <http://www.wisconsincrimealert.gov/index.html>

“Dear Officers, Me and my parents would like to say thank you for the Shop with a Cop event that I took part of on Sunday, December 4th. Happy Holidays!”

Received from a Middleton fifth grader

IDENTITY THEFT CASES CONTINUE TO RISE

One of the most frequent type of crimes reported to the police department is identity theft. Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personally identifying information, like your name, Social Security number, or credit card number, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. Identity theft cases are especially difficult to investigate because the theft itself may have occurred in a different jurisdiction, or the victim may not even know that the crime was committed until they review their credit report or a credit card statement and notice charges they didn't make—or until they are contacted by a debt collector.

Fortunately, there are many things you can do to help minimize the chances that your identity might be stolen, and there are resources available should you become a victim of identity theft. For more information you can visit the web site of the Wisconsin Office of Privacy Protection at <http://privacy.wi.gov/>

To deter identity theft, the Federal Trade Commission suggests the following:

- Shred financial documents and paperwork with personal information before you discard them.
- Protect your Social Security number. Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet or write your Social Security number on a check.
- Don't give out personal information on the phone, through the mail, or over the Internet unless you know who you are dealing with.
- Don't use an obvious password like your birth date, your mother's maiden name, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- Keep your personal information in a secure place at home, especially if you have roommates, employ outside help or are having work done in your house.