



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

THEFTS FROM VEHICLES CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR PROBLEM

So far in 2012, the Middleton Police Department has responded to over 50 reports of thefts from vehicles or vehicles entered and searched through. Thousands of dollars of property has been taken from vehicles in nearly all areas of the city. Although this has been a very prevalent crime, it is also a very preventable crime. The majority of thefts from vehicles involve vehicles that were left unlocked overnight and with valuables in plain sight. In only a small percentage of the cases do the suspects break a window or force entry into the vehicle, in the rest of the cases they simply open an unlocked door. The types of property taken in these crimes ranges from pocket change, to Ipods and laptop computers.

There are many things that you can do to help prevent this crime of opportunity. First, always remove any valuables from your car, close the windows, and lock the doors. If you have a vehicle security system, be sure to activate it at night or when you are away from your car. If possible, park your car in the garage or turn on outside lights to help deter criminals from the area of your car. Finally, never leave valuable items in plain sight.

The Middleton Department does conduct random vehicle security checks throughout the city, and issues a vehicle security report card to every vehicle that we inspect. If you receive one of these orange report card notices, please take note of any issues identified by the officer.

MIDDLETON POLICE SMART PHONE APP

The Middleton Police Department is excited to announce our newest approach at fostering accessibility and communication between the Police Department and the public we serve. We have designed and launched a new smart phone application to help smart phone users keep the police department within a touch of their fingertips.

Available for FREE download, "MIPD Mobile" is a one-stop place to connect with our Facebook, Twitter and You Tube pages, as well as view crime and crash reports,

complete forms and submit tips. Users can also call, email and locate the Police Department with the touch of a button.

To download the FREE app, simply type www.MiddletonPD.com into your mobile browser, click OK and follow the link to "GET IT NOW."

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BIKE SAFETY

As the warm weather approaches, it is a good time for bike safety refresher. Remember that bicycles are considered "vehicles" on Wisconsin roadways. That means bicyclists must obey the rules of the road like any other vehicle and must be treated as equal users by all other vehicles. Bicycles are particularly vulnerable among road vehicles. There are several simple things bicyclists can do to greatly reduce their risk of crash, death or injury.

- Ride at least three feet from the curb or parked vehicles or debris in curb area and in a straight line. Don't swerve in and out around parked vehicles.
- Always ride in the same direction as traffic and obey all traffic laws
- Be predictable! Let other users know where you intend to go and maintain an understood course.
- Wear bright colors during the day and retro-reflective items at night along with headlight and taillight to increase your visibility to other road users.
- Wear a bicycle helmet on every ride to reduce your chance of head injury in event of a fall or crash. Most serious injuries from a fall or crash are to the head and most frequently, the forehead, so wear helmet level with the ground, just above the eyebrows. (Source: Wisconsin DOT)

Law Enforcement Officers 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 2012 are Sunday, May 13th through Saturday, May 19th. 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 18th at noon. For more information you can go to www.wlem.com.

25 WAYS TO MAKE KIDS FEEL SAFER

Since 1983 our nation has observed May 25th of each year as National Missing Children's Day. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Middleton Police Department urge you to take the opportunity this year to make child safety a priority and to learn more about the "Take 25" program. Take 25 is a preventive child safety campaign designed to raise awareness of the issues surrounding missing and exploited children, the Take 25 campaign encourages parents, guardians, educators, and others to take 25 minutes to talk to children about safety.

The Take 25 Program (www.take25.org) provides free safety resources including safety tips, conversation starters, and engaging activities. With the focus on prevention, Take 25 is an easy and effective way to teach children about safety and to help them make good choices. Among the tips and suggestions offered at the Take 25 website are the following activities:

Map out the Neighborhood

Choose a sunny day to take a stroll with your child through your neighborhood, pointing out the homes of trusted adults, as well as potential street hazards. When you get home, you and your child can draw a map based on what you've seen. Be sure to add the names and numbers of neighbors your child can contact if you can't be reached, and safe places to go if he or she needs help.

Discuss what not to share

If your kids are old enough to have access to the internet, talk about the types of information that should never be shared with anyone online. This should include things such as their full name, address, phone number, school, or parents names. After your discussion, you and your child can brainstorm information that is safer to share, such as hobbies or favorite movies.

The Take 25 program reminds you that just minutes of prevention can make a huge impact in the life of a child.