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SAFE MIDDLETON

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

MEET COMMUNITY AWARENESS OFFICER JILL TUTAJ

Hello Middleton Community! My name is Officer Jill Tutaj, and I will be your new Community Awareness Officer. I have been serving as a Patrol Officer for the City of Middleton Police Department for 11 years. During my career at Middleton Police Department I have served as the School Resource Officer at Kromrey Middle School and I am currently a Field Training Officer. I have also been involved in many community programs. I have volunteered as the Coordinator of the Shop with a Cop Program since 2002; I am the department representative for Special Olympics and have volunteered at holiday food drives, Meals on Wheels and United Way. I have also participated in fund raisers to benefit programs such as the Construction event to raise money for Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM), and Big Brothers / Big Sisters.

As of July 1st I will be the Community Awareness Officer and I will be responsible for proactive crime prevention and community outreach programs for the Middleton Police Department. At this time I am actively looking for Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) to assist with special events, fundraising, Good Neighbor Fest parade, police recruit testing and several other programs. If you're interested in more information about the VIPS program or you have questions about crime prevention information or community presentations, please contact me.

I can be contacted at Police Headquarters, located at 7341 Donna Drive, or by calling my office at 608-824-7323 during regular business hours. You can also email me directly at jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us or call the non-emergency 24/7 dispatch number 608-824-7300.

SUMMER PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE TRAIL SAFETY

Now that school is out for the summer, we are seeing the usual increase in the number of pedestrians and bikes on our local roadways. This is always a good time to review some basic safety tactics:

- Remember that pedestrians preparing to cross the roadway have the right of way at all crosswalks and intersections. These traffic violations are dangerous and are strictly enforced.

- Pedestrians and bicyclists, especially kids, often make sudden and unanticipated moves in the roadway. Be aware and watch closely.
- Bicyclists should always wear a helmet, and bright clothes with a light if riding at night.
- Use common courtesy when using bike and nature trails, and give ample room for others to pass.

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DEPARTMENT ADDS SKATE PARK CAMERAS

In an effort to improve safety and reduce vandalism at our community parks, the City of Middleton has been installing video cameras in city parks. This enhanced security project, which started after an arson fire at Lakeview Park in 2008 caused significant damage, also included timed electronic locks for the park shelter buildings. The newest additions to this camera program are two cameras at the city skate park on Terrace Avenue. These two cameras provide live video feeds which are recorded and can be monitored at the police department. The cameras can provide valuable information in the event that there is an emergency call at the skate park, and allows critical details about the scene to be relayed to the responding officers before they arrive. In cases of vandalism or a disturbance at the park, the video from the incident can be reviewed by officers to help establish what occurred and possibly identify any suspects.

Publicly and privately installed video camera systems have proven to be important crime prevention tools and are very effective in deterring damage and disorder. Future plans for the project include adding cameras to Firemans Park and Stonefield Park, and allowing all park cameras to be monitored in real-time and recorded at the police department. With this technology, our parks can be safer and more enjoyable for everyone to use.

“Tweet Along” Receives Positive Reviews

In coordination with National Police Week, on May 14th the Police Department gave citizens a virtual behind-the-scenes look at our daily operations with live feed updates though Twitter and Facebook. The department has since received many positive responses from citizens who enjoyed following our call and officer activity. To join us for future events, simply go to our web page and see the links to “follow” us on Twitter and “like” our Facebook page.

POLICE BEGIN PATROL VEHICLE TRANSITION

Beginning this month you will see a new police vehicle patrolling the streets of Middleton. The Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor has been the Middleton Police Department’s primary patrol vehicle since it’s inception in 1992. With Ford’s decision last year to end production of the Crown Victoria, the department was forced to look at new options for it’s vehicle fleet. The first of those new vehicles was recently placed into service, the Ford Police Interceptor SUV, which is based on the Ford Explorer model. In contrast to the old rear-wheel drive vehicles, the new patrol car comes with all-wheel drive, a six cylinder engine with six speed transmission, and police-tuned suspension with high performance brakes. As a result, the new vehicles will have more power, better handling, and better gas mileage than the retired Crown Victorias.

The department purchased the SUV version of the new police vehicle earlier this year, and after adding equipment and graphics, the vehicle was assigned to the police patrol supervisors. The SUV version was purchased due to the



extra amount of equipment that the supervisors vehicle usually carries. Beginning in 2013 the department will begin replacing the older police vehicles with the sedan version of the police interceptor.

Graphics on the new vehicle were installed by AirGraphics of Middleton and were designed with the Middleton Cardinals black, maroon, and grey color scheme.