

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



AUGUST 2015

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**

Community Events

On Saturday, August 2, Middleton Police attended the Fitchburg Police Department's National Night Out celebration.

On Tuesday, August 4, Middleton Police gave six presentations to West Bend Insurance employees on active shooter response and training.

On Tuesday, August 4, Middleton Police participated in a photo shoot for Reach a Child. REACH-A-Child's mission is to collect and provide books to help First Responders comfort children they meet in the course of their daily work.

On Wednesday, August 5, Middleton Police, Springs Window Fashions and the Members of Middleton Fire Company #1 hosted the 11th Annual National Night Out at Lakeview Park in Middleton. There were over 1500 people in attendance!

On Tuesday, August 11, Middleton Police gave a presentation to a driver's education class.

On Wednesday, August 12, Middleton Police attended the Waunakee Police Department's National Night Out.

On August 12, Middleton Police offered Safe Assured ID Kits to the students at Northside Elementary at their fall registration.

On August 18, Middleton Police gave a presentation on senior scams to a group of seniors.

On Friday, August 28, Middleton Police participated in the United Way Day of Caring at Lakeview Park.

During August, Middleton Police gave several presentations at the Little Gym to several students that attended their day camp. Middleton Police gave a tour of a police squad.

Also during August, several kids came to the Middleton Police Department to have a Safe Assured ID completed and several car seat installations were performed.

If you would like more information or would like to involve the Police Department in a community presentation or event, please contact Community Awareness Officer Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us.

MIDDLETON
BUSINESS WATCH

PROGRAM IN FORCE



If you would like to join the Middleton Business Watch or need to update your contact information, please contact Community Awareness Officer Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us.

Citizens can subscribe to receive Middleton Business Watch email alerts and other informational emails on the Police Department's website at middletonpd.com.



Citizens' Academy

The next academy will start in April of 2015 and class size is limited to 12 students.

If you live or work in Middleton and are interested in attending a future academy, please contact Community Awareness Officer Kim Wood after October 1st at 824-7323 or kwood@ci.middleton.wi.us.



VIPS assist the Middleton Police Department by performing tasks which free up officers to work on more important police matters. VIPS help at events like GNF (Good Neighbor Festival), National Night Out and Family Safety Day and with programs like Speed Watch and Safe Assured IDs.

Junior VIPS are teens age 14 to 17 years old. We also have an Associate VIPS program where family members of VIPS and civic groups can assist VIPS with events without having to become individual VIPS members.

If you are interested in the Middleton Police Department VIPS program please contact Community Awareness Officer Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us.



Safe Assured ID Kits

Middleton Police will take reservations for having kits made. Kits are free for Middleton residents or MCPASD students.

If you would like to register, have the ID system at an event or if you would like to donate money for the purchase of more kits, please contact Community Awareness Officer Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us.

Community Awareness Fund

Middleton Community Awareness Programs such as GREAT, Speed Watch, National Night Out, Citizens' Academy, Bike Safety Day, NSI Family Safety Day and Shop with a Cop are funded almost entirely from community donations. **We need your help!**

If you would like to donate money to the Community Awareness Fund please send a check or money order to "**Middleton Community Police Partnership Inc.**" or "**MICOPP Inc.**", 7341 Donna Drive, Middleton, WI, 53562.

Together we can make a difference. If you have any questions about donations or programs please contact CAO Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

Calls for Service

In July, Middleton Officers handled 1,866 calls for service, 761 were field initiated, 1,105 were dispatched, issued 390 citations and 300 written warnings, made 28 criminal arrests and investigated 40 accidents.

In August, Middleton Officers handled 1,914 calls for service, 808 were field initiated, 1,106 were dispatched, issued 343 citations and 338 written warnings, made 32 criminal arrests and investigated 44 accidents.

Significant Events in August:

MI15-6336, Traffic Stop, 7000 block of University Avenue, Uniformed Controlled Substance

On 08-01-15, at 2:20 AM, Middleton Police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for performing an illegal U-turn. In contacting the vehicle operator, the officer smelled the distinct odor of marijuana. Further investigation resulted in the seizure of rolling papers, marijuana pipes, a smoking bong, a marijuana grinder and marijuana. The vehicle operator was cited and released.

MI15-6467, Traffic Stop, 3200 block of Conservancy Lane, Uniformed Controlled Substance

On 08-04-15, at 12:50 AM, Middleton Police made contact with a disabled vehicle at the above location. In contacting the vehicle operator, the officer smelled the distinct odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Further investigation resulted in the seizure of prescription medications in a plastic baggie and marijuana. The vehicle operator was cited and released.

MI15-6587, Private Residence, 5400 block of South Ridge Way, Domestic Disturbance

On 08-07-15, at 4:50 PM, Middleton Officers were called to a private home on the report of an adult child creating a disturbance in a family residence. It was determined that the 17 year old suspect had verbally threatened his parents and had destroyed personal property both inside and out of the residence. The suspect was arrested and jailed on counts of Domestic Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Damage to Property.

MI15-6630, Private Residence, 3200 block of Patty Lane, Damage to Property

On 08-09-15, at 12:20 AM, Middleton Police responded to the above address as a small group of juveniles within the residence were reporting that an unknown person had just shot out a window at the home. Further investigation revealed that a rock was actually thrown through the residential window. Later that evening, a juvenile male was arrested and cited for Criminal Damage to Property.

MI15-6881, Brookdale, 6916 Century Avenue, Domestic Disturbance

On 08-16-15, at 5:45 PM, Middleton Police responded to the report of a Domestic Battery at the above address. Officers determined that the female victim was confronted by her boyfriend at her place of work as he accused her of infidelity. The male reportedly jumped on the female, struck her and took her cellular phone. The male suspect was eventually located and charged with Domestic Battery.

MI15-6889, Apartment Complex, 2000 block of Parmenter Street, Uniform Controlled Substance

On 08-16-15, at 10:30 PM, Middleton Officers were dispatched to investigate the report of a male subject stumbling between buildings. The callers stated that the male was observed with a hypodermic needle in his hand and then moments later stumbling and

obviously intoxicated. This investigation resulted in a 37 year old Middleton man being arrested for Possession of Heroin.

MI15-6929, CVS Pharmacy, 6210 Century Avenue, Retail Theft

On 08-18-15, at 12:45 PM, Middleton Officers responded to the report of two females attempting to steal an entire cart full of merchandise from the store. When confronted by CVS staff and told that the police were called, the suspects abandoned the stolen goods and fled on foot. The suspects were located by responding officers and cited for Retail Theft.

MI15-6936, Private Residence, 6600 block of Elmwood Avenue, Domestic Disturbance

On 08-18-15, at 3:50 PM, Middleton Police were dispatched to the report of a domestic disturbance at a private apartment. The victim reported that he was attacked by an ex-girlfriend and two of her associates. After being threatened, struck and chased by a car, the suspect was able to call police for assistance. As the suspects had initially fled the area in different directions, officers spent an hour locating and interviewing all parties involved. As a result of this investigation, a 35 year old Madison woman was arrested for Domestic Disorderly Conduct, a 29 year old Madison woman was arrested for Disorderly Conduct with a Motor Vehicle and a 31 year old Madison man was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest.

MI15-6948, The Club Tavern, 1915 Branch Street, Criminal Damage to Property

On 08-19-15, at 8:15 PM, Middleton Officers were called to the Club Tavern to assist with an unruly patron who was refusing to leave the establishment. Officers determined that the unruly patron had previously been trying to start fights and that he had made disparaging racially charged comments to others in the bar. This subject was cited for Disorderly Conduct and escorted from the building. Prior to his departure, the suspect threatened to “get even” with staff for kicking him out. Shortly after 1:15 AM, Middleton Officers were called back to the Club Tavern as someone had thrown a rock through an exterior window. This portion of the incident is still under investigation.

MI15-7036, Private Residence, 6100 block of Century Avenue, Burglary

On 08-21-15, at 5:45 PM, Middleton Officers responded to the report of a residential burglary. Officers found that the entry door to the apartment had been kicked in and that the suspect(s) had ransacked the home. The suspects took two laptop computers, electronics and currency. Middleton Police Detectives continue to investigate this incident.

MI15-7117, Private Residence, 6100 block of Century Avenue, Burglary

On 08-23-15, Middleton Officers responded to the report of a residential burglary that had occurred two days earlier. Officers found that the entry door to the apartment had been kicked in and that the suspect(s) had ransacked the home. The victim reports that nothing was found missing from the apartment. Middleton Police Detectives continue to investigate this incident and its probable link to case 15-7036.

MI15-7136, Middleton Village Nursing Home, 6201 Elmwood Avenue, Theft

On 08-24-15, Middleton Officers took two reports from nursing home residents of currency missing from their rooms. Both report cash being taken from their respective rooms in the past several days. Middleton Police Detectives and nursing home staff are working together to further investigate this matter.

MI15-7317, Fireman's Park, 7420 North Avenue, Sexual Assault

On 08-29-15, at 10:45 PM, Middleton Police Officers responded to a disturbance that had previously occurred on the Middleton Good Neighbor Festival Grounds. Two juvenile females reported that an intoxicated male subject made sexual advances towards them and at one point he groped one of the girls. As a result of this investigation, a 49 year old Middleton man has been arrested on two counts of Disorderly Conduct and one count of Forth Degree Sexual Assault.

MI15-7382, PDQ Store, 7508 Century Avenue, Uniformed Controlled Substance

On 08-31-15, Middleton Police and EMS were dispatched to the report of a possible drug overdose at the PDQ store on Century Avenue. Officers located a highly intoxicated male in the public restrooms and EMS provided this individual with Narcan to counteract the Opiates in his system. During this investigation, officers located numerous hypodermic needles and controlled substances. This incident resulted in one individual being charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Thefts from unlocked motor vehicles during the overnight hours continue to be the single most prevalent crime in the City of Middleton. One new twist to this theft from auto trend is a recent influx of afternoon and early evening thefts to locked vehicles in public places. The suspect(s) have been targeting the parking lots of pools, parks or health clubs and they look in vehicles for valuables left in plain view. The suspects then break out a window to gain entry and steal the items observed. Middleton has had two of these incidents in July and four in August. Please remember to lock your unattended vehicle and to remove or conceal all valuables left in a parked vehicle.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Patrol Officers provided traffic control and public relation activities for the Kiddie Parade during the Good Neighbor Festival through the School Neighborhood on the 28th and also for the Good Neighbor Festival Parade down University Avenue on the 30th. The Good Neighbor Festival Parade shuts down University Avenue, which is a major highway through the City, for over two hours. The parade takes numerous officers conducting traffic patrol and Volunteers in Policing blocking off major roadways in order to make the parade a success.

Motorcycle Patrol Officer Jesse Sellek provided escort and traffic control duties for the Good Neighbor Festival by leading the Parade. Officer Sellek also assisted with Middleton Police Department's National Night Out on the 5th and also with Waunakee Police Department's National Night Out on the 12th. Officer Sellek assisted with Bike Night at Quaker Steak and Lube also on the 5th and 8th of August.

Community Awareness Officer Jill Tutaj, Motorcycle Officer Jesse Sellek, Sgt. Jessica Quamme and Community Service Officer Mark Walther were able to attend the 41st Annual Governor's Conference on Highway Safety on the 25th – 27th. Officer Tutaj focused on Child Passenger Safety.

Our Department is fortunate enough to have two officers qualified in Child Passenger Safety with both Officer Jill Tutaj and Officer Julie Carbon being certified. Our CPS certified officers assisted eight families this month with installing their car seats. This ensures infants and children are properly secured while traveling in vehicles.

Regular directed traffic patrol was performed for about 30 hours in August. One directed traffic patrol focused on pedestrian safety and enforced crosswalk violations. The following is a list of the enforcement actions taken during the directed traffic patrols:

- 24 citations for Speed with 22 warnings
- 1 citation for Insurance violations with 2 warnings
- 3 citations for Driver's License violations
- 17 citations for Failure to Yield Right of Way to Pedestrian violations with 9 warnings
- 3 citations for Registration violations with 3 warnings

Middleton Officers made two arrests this month for Operating While Intoxicated.

In total, Middleton Officers made 529 Traffic Enforcement stops, issuing 300 traffic citations and 338 warnings for the month of August.

There were 42 reportable accidents during August, of which 9 were in parking lots. This is compared to 36 reportable accidents in August 2014, of which 9 were in parking lots.

TRAINING

Specialized Training – July 2015:

DRE Recertification Training – 8 hours (Quamme/Riffenburg)
Handgun and Rifle Instructor Course – 56 hours (Sellek)
Advanced Sexual Assault Investigations – 16 hours (Riffenburg)
Excel Basics – 8 hours (Raffel)

Specialized Training – August 2015:

DAAT Instructor Course – 96 hours (Ziegler/Loether)
Glock Armorer School – 16 hours (Sellek/Stroik)
CIVMIC – Employment Liability – 3 hours (Foulke/Britt/Hellenbrand/Ziltner/M. Wood/McKnight)
Basic SRO Training – 40 hours (Salinas)

SET Training – 8 hours (Zimmerman/Moen/O'Connor/Ziegler/Stroik/Sellek)
Force Transition Train the Trainer – 8 hours (Zimmerman/Geiszler/O'Connor)
Governor's Conference on Hwy Safety – 16 hours (Quamme/Tutaj/Sellek)
Peer Support Training – 16 hours (Zimmerman/Tutaj)

2015 4th Quarter In-Service Training:

Sept 18, 21, 30, Oct 6 and 12 – Middleton Police Department

The morning session will consist of force transition training.

Afternoon session will be a presentation on Cultural Competency by members of the Dane County YWCA organization.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

During the month of August, the Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) reviewed a total of 67 cases and three of those were assigned to detectives for follow up. Additionally, 21 cases were assigned to patrol officers for further investigation. Those cases assigned to detectives included a burglary and two drug investigation cases.

One significant case worked on by a detective this month was a burglary to an occupied residence in the 3400 block of Valley Creek Circle. The incident was initially reported to patrol in the early morning hours of June 21. After a significant amount of follow up that included obtaining video surveillance, DNA samples, interviews, and forensic examination of a cell phone, two juvenile males were arrested for the burglary. The case has been sent to the Dane County District Attorney's Office for their review.

Some of the cases that were reassigned to patrol officers included theft from auto reports throughout the City. During the summer months, we tend to see an increase in the number of reports of this nature made to our Department. One common theme for most of these cases is that the vehicles were unlocked leaving the suspect an easy opportunity to make a victim. Another common theme is that items of value are frequently left in plain view. Some of the suspects in these incidents are willing to make entry to your vehicle for seemingly minor items in plain view such as small amounts of loose change.

In an effort to prevent becoming a victim, we encourage you to always secure your vehicle when you are not around it, especially during the overnight hours. You should secure your vehicle even if it is parked in your driveway because the suspects in these cases are more than willing to walk onto private property to commit these crimes. Additionally, make sure that you remove all items of value from plain view when you leave your car. If you follow these simple steps, you are considerably less likely to become a victim.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

19 Adults
24 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

3 Juveniles
3 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures