

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



MAY 2015

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**

Community Events

During May, the Middleton Police Department Citizens' Academy was very busy. Students first went to Madison Speedway and got to drive police cars during an emergency vehicle operation week. The class also learned about defense and arrest tactics, went to the Fire Department and learned about investigations.

On May 9, Middleton Police hosted half a day of training for Cub Scouts that included a tour of the Police Department and a presentation on fingerprinting and crime prevention.

Middleton Police also attended two bike rodeos at Elm Lawn School and Northside Elementary School. Officers went over bike safety and helped kids with a bike course.

On May 19, Middleton Police gave a presentation to River Valley Bank on robbery prevention.

On May 26 and 28, Middleton Police gave a tour to the entire fifth grade class from Kromrey Middle School.

Also during May, Middleton Police installed several car seats for citizens.

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.



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

If you live or work in Middleton and are interested in attending a future academy, please contact Community Awareness Officer Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@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 April, Middleton Officers handled 1,672 calls for service, 680 were field initiated, 992 were dispatched, issued 238 citations and 289 written warnings, made 22 criminal arrests and investigated 26 accidents.

In May, Middleton Officers handled 1,868 calls for service, 835 were field initiated, 1,033 were dispatched, issued 326 citations and 320 written warnings, made 31 criminal arrests and investigated 38 accidents.

Significant Events in May:

MI15-3562, Private Apartment, 3100 Creek View Drive, Theft from a Motor Vehicle
On 05-07-15, Middleton Police received a report of a theft of property from a parked motor vehicle that has just occurred. GM's On-Star operator called Middleton Police to report that a covered vehicle was just broken into at this location. Officers arrived on scene and confirmed with the vehicle owner that the car was broken into and that a wallet was taken. The investigation into this incident is still on-going.

MI15-3260, Queensway Laundry, 6232 University Avenue, Theft
On 05-07-15, at 3:45 PM, Middleton Police responded to the report of a theft of a purse at the above location. The victim was in the Laundromat when she saw a carload of young male suspects steal her purse from her vehicle. Days later, the responding officer located a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle in this case. The vehicle was stopped and the victim's property was located in the vehicle. Several suspects have been arrested in this case.

MI15-3622, Cosi Restaurant, 8310 Greenway Boulevard, Theft

On 05-09-15, at 2:30 PM, Middleton Police received the report of a theft of a purse from the Cosi Restaurant. The victim's purse and its contents were stolen from the dining area. No patrons observed the theft and there was no video evidence of the crime. This investigation is still on-going.

MI15-3625, Private Apartment, 6300 Pheasant Lane, Theft

On 05-09-15, at 10:30 PM, Middleton Police took the report of a theft of a backpack, I-Pad and laptop from a vehicle parked in the lot of the Springtree Apartment complex. Utilizing the "track my I-Pad" app, the victim and officers were able to locate one of the missing computers, isolate its whereabouts and are currently interviewing suspects developed from this lead.

MI15-3739, Private Residence, 7200 Block of Century Avenue, Domestic Battery

On 05-13-15, at 7:00 PM, Middleton Officers responded to the report of a physical disturbance in progress at this residence. It was later determined that the adult couple were arguing over the children eating dinner in the living room. The argument eventually became physical with the female receiving minor scrapes and bruises. The male participant was eventually arrested for Domestic Battery and Domestic Disorderly Conduct.

MI15-3893, Middleton High School, 2100 Bristol Street, Uniformed Controlled Substances

On 05-18-15, a 16 year old Middleton High School student was cited and released for possession of marijuana on school grounds.

MI15-3934, Saint Bernard's Church, 7450 University Avenue, Stolen Vehicle

On 05-19-15, at 9:00 PM, Middleton Police took the report of a vehicle being stolen from the parking lot at the above location. The victim stated that he left his vehicle parked in this lot as he was a substitute teacher at the Middleton High School. The victim further stated that he generally leaves his vehicle unlocked and the keys in the center console. An hour and a half after taking this theft report, Middleton Police Officers observed this same stolen vehicle being operated in the 6400 block of University Avenue. The 16 year old male driver of this vehicle was taken into custody without incident. The driver was arrested for theft of a motor vehicle and eventually released to his parents.

MI15-4026, United Parcel Service, 8350 Murphy Drive, Uniform Controlled Substance

On 05-22-15, Middleton Officers responded to the UPS Distribution Center as staff was reporting that they had found a package containing marijuana. The UPS driver noted the strong odor of marijuana coming from one of the packages in his vehicle. The package was addressed to a non-existent address in the City of Madison. The driver eventually opened the package and found that it contained 4 grams of marijuana. The package was turned over to the police who are attempting to locate both the sender and intended recipient.

MI15-4081, Arbor Lakes Apartments, 3600 Napoli Lane, Criminal Damage to Property
On 05-24-15, at 8:00 AM, Middleton Police received a report of several vehicles with their tires slashed in the apartment complex lot. An investigation into the incident revealed that dozens of vehicles had been damaged at this location. Area residents stated that they had heard noises and saw three young males in the lot 12 hours earlier, however, they did not think to call the police at the time.

MI15-4143, Private Residence, 7100 Block of University Avenue, Domestic Disturbance
On 05-25-15, at 10:30 PM, Middleton Officers responded to a physical domestic disturbance call at the above address. As a result of this investigation, the female participant was arrested for Domestic Battery and the male was arrested for Bail Jumping.

MI15-4164, Private Apartment, 7100 Belle Fontaine Boulevard, Domestic Disturbance
On 05-26-15, at 10:00 PM, Middleton Officers responded to a physical domestic disturbance call at the above address. As a result of this investigation, the male participant was arrested on charges of Domestic Disorderly Conduct and Physical Abuse of a Child.

MI15-4255, Middleton High School, 2100 Bristol Street, Alcohol Violation
On 05-29-15, a 16 year old Middleton High School student was cited and released to parents after being under the influence of alcohol on school grounds.

MI15-4295, Private Residence, 6900 Block of South Avenue, Domestic Disturbance
On 05-30-15, at 10:00 PM, Middleton Officers responded to a domestic disturbance call at the above address. As a result of this investigation, the male participant was arrested for Domestic Disorderly Conduct.

MI15-4309, BP Gas Station, 6504 University Avenue, Robbery
On 05-31-15, at 2:00 PM, Middleton Officers responded to the report of an Armed Robbery at the BP Gas Station. The suspect entered the store, told the clerk that he had a gun and demanded all of the cash from the register. The suspect fled with the cash from the store, however, the observant clerk was able to note the suspect's vehicle description and license plate number. A check of the vehicle's registration revealed that the car was stolen out of the City of Madison. Middleton Officers were able to locate the suspect vehicle a short distance from the store. After a brief motor vehicle pursuit, the suspect crashed into a parked car near Tiedemann's Park. The suspect then fled the accident scene on foot. Officers from multiple agencies set up a perimeter to contain the suspect and began searching on foot and with a K-9. Eventually the Middleton Fire Department brought out their drone and began searching the area of Tiedeman's Pond via the air. The suspect was located by the drone's camera as he lay partially submerged in water and surrounded by tall weeds at the edge of the pond. The 21 year old male suspect was located by officers and taken into custody without further incident.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

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 nine families this month with installing their car seats. This ensures infants and children are properly secured while traveling in vehicles.

Motorcycle Patrol Officer Jesse Sellek was scheduled to conduct motorcycle patrol one day this month but because of maintenance issues, he was not able to get the motorcycle out this month for traffic patrol. Officer Sellek was able to get the motorcycle up and running again and will start traffic patrol in June.

Regular directed traffic patrol was performed for about 36 hours in March. The following is a list of the enforcement actions taken during the directed traffic patrols:

- 32 citations for Speed with 42 warnings
- 1 citation for Insurance violations with 2 warnings
- 2 citations for Driver's License violations
- 2 citations for Registration violations with 4 warnings
- 1 citation for Violating a Traffic Control Signal with 1 warning
- 1 warning for an Equipment violation

Middleton Officers also made nine arrests for Operating While under the Influence. These traffic stops yielded the following citations:

- 9 citations for OWI
- 4 citations for Registration violations
- 1 citation for Operating without a License
- 1 citation for an Underage Person Transporting Intoxicants
- 1 citation for Failure to Yield Right of Way
- 2 citations for Possession of Controlled Substances
- 1 citation for Open Intoxicants in a Motor Vehicle
- 2 citations for Failure to Obey Sign
- 1 Warrant Arrest
- 1 Municipal citation for Disorderly Conduct

In total, Middleton Officers made 506 Traffic Enforcement stops, issuing 294 traffic citations and 317 warnings for the month of May.

There were 35 reportable accidents during May, of which eight were in parking lots. This is compared to 34 reportable accidents in May 2014, of which five were in parking lots.

TRAINING

Specialized Training – April 2015:

Less Lethal Instructor – 8 hours (Stroik)
ALEERT Training – 16 hours (Moen/Sellek)
Motorcycle In-service – 24 hours (Sellek)
Evidence Technician School – 40 hours (Faust)
CIVMIC – Use of Volunteers – 8 hours (Tutaj)
Homicide Training Conference – 22 hours (Haselow/Jones)
Counterterrorism Conference – 12 hours (Zimmerman)
TiPPS Parking Refresher – 6.5 hours (Ziltner)
Pedestrian and Bike Enforcement – 16 hours (Wilson)
SET Refresher Training – 16 hours (Zimmerman/Moen/O'Connor/Sellek/Ziegler)

Specialized Training – May 2015:

Reid Basic Interview School – 24 hours (Carbon)
The BulletProof Mind – 8 hours (Geiszler/Zimmerman)
Statement Analysis – 8 hours (Kasdorf)
ICS 300 – 16 hours (Moen)
FBINAA 2015 Retrainer – 20 hours (Foulke/Britt/Geiszler)
Heroin Overdose Investigations – 8 hours (Riffenburg/Loether)
Force Transition Course – 8 hours (Zimmerman/O'Connor)
Radar Training – 24 hours (Gama/Groh/Roettger)

2015 3rd Quarter In-Service Training:

July 23rd, 29th, August 10th and 19th – Dane County Law Enforcement Training Center

Morning session will consist of firearms training and more specifically the annual qualification courses.

Afternoon session will be a presentation on domestic violence by a member of the Dane County District Attorney's Office.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

During the month of May, the Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) reviewed a total of 50 cases. Eleven of those cases were assigned to detectives for follow up. Those cases included several frauds, a sexual assault, disturbances, a missing juvenile, drug cases, and worthless check cases.

Along with the warmer weather, the Middleton Police Department has also been getting more reports of thefts from vehicles. Generally speaking, this type of incident is a crime of opportunity. The suspect(s) in these incidents will frequently walk around the area

looking for vehicles with unsecured doors. Finding a vehicle with unlocked doors is much easier and quieter than forcing entry into a vehicle.

We at the Police Department would like to give you a few easy tips in an effort to make sure you do not become a victim.

- Make sure you lock your doors. As stated above, most of these incidents are crimes of opportunity. If you make it more difficult for the suspect(s), it is likely they will continue on their way. Make sure to lock your doors even if you are parked in your driveway. Many people leave garage door openers in their cars which would allow easy access to your garage and/or house if they can get in your vehicle.
- Make sure you do not have any valuables in plain view. On top of checking for unsecured doors, suspect(s) in these incidents usually look into vehicles to see if there is anything of value visible. Concealing all of your valuables will make your vehicle look less appealing to criminals. If possible, place valuable items in your trunk, preferably before you park your car. GPS units left mounted on windshields and dashboards are favorites in these incidents.
- If you have a garage, make sure it is secure. That means making sure your garage door as well as any service doors are locked.
- Report anything suspicious you see. You and your neighbors know what is normal in your area. If you see anything odd or out of place, please notify the Middleton Police Department at 824-7300 by dialing 911 in the case of an emergency.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

**Middleton High School
Officer Rich O'Connor**

In May, there were 16 calls for service which required reports and investigations at the Middleton High School and Clark Street Community School. Some of those included Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Fire Alarm, Lost and Stolen Property, Annoying Phone Calls, depressed and suicidal students, and an Underage Alcohol Violation.

Officer O'Connor also sent three students from the Middleton High School to Truancy Court because of poor attendance.

In May, Officer O'Connor gave a 90 minute Drug and Alcohol Presentation to five different Health classes. He also attended a District Safety Meeting and a meeting with the IT Department about new cameras in the school. Officer O'Connor was also able to attend the last County Wide School Resource Officer meeting of the school year.

Officer O'Connor was asked by Middleton High School Administrators to help with a bag check for several hundred students who went on a field trip to Great America. There was no contraband found.

**Kromrey Middle School
Officer Tom Wilson**

During the month of May, I continued teaching Internet Safety to all of the 5th grade students. I also attended several meetings including the monthly Dane County SRO Meeting, District Safety Team Meeting, and several Attendance Meetings.

I also trained Officer Cesar Salinas at the school during the month. Officer Salinas will be taking over as the Kromrey Middle School Resource Officer in the fall.

During the month, I also handled several calls for service. Some of these included several thefts, several disturbances, and a suspicious letter case.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

22 Adults
39 Criminal Counts
1 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

3 Juveniles
4 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures