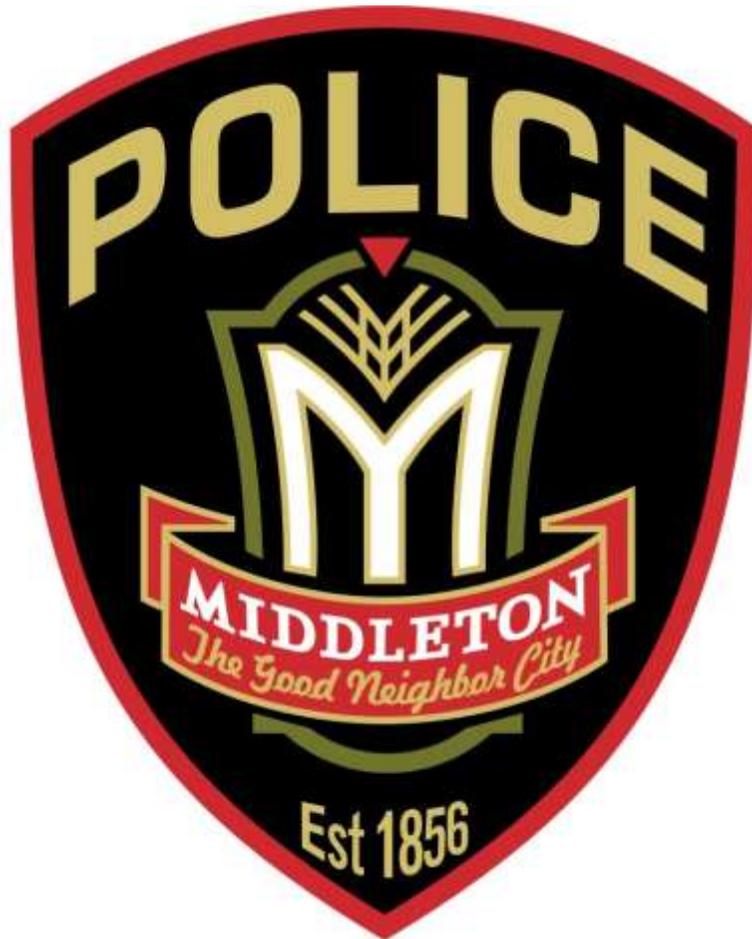


**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



FEBRUARY 2014

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

Many of us have likely had thoughts or dreams of what it would be like to be financially secure and to suddenly come into a large sum of money. Taking care of the financial worries and debt of our children, spouses or other close relatives and making expensive purchases without a financial worry is a pretty exciting and intriguing thought. However, criminals are aware of these dreams of being financially secure and use this to their advantage to scam many members of our community. The Publisher's Clearinghouse or Prize scam is just one of many tricks currently circulating in hopes of conning many of us. Regrettably the elderly population is frequently targeted and fall prey at a higher proportion to these criminal scams.

The ways criminals attempt to scam us grows and changes daily as technology evolves and as public awareness and education reduces a scam's effectiveness. However, even with public education and the efforts of law enforcement agencies throughout the country, a great number of individuals continue to be victimized as a result of this criminal behavior. Regrettably a large number of these scams originate outside of the United States and are difficult, if not impossible, to investigate and solve.

Some of the more recent scams being seen locally and in surrounding jurisdictions include:

- Madison Gas and Electric Company Scam
Emails or telephone calls from individuals representing MG&E or another electric company and informing the victim they need to pay an overdue bill. Many times the suspect requests the victim to purchase a Green card from a local store to send as a form of payment.
- IRS Scam
Criminals indicate they are an agent of the IRS and the victim has an overdue fee which needs to be addressed immediately.
- Grandparents Scam
Suspect poses as a grandson/granddaughter of the victim and indicate they are in jail and are in need of financial assistance to be released from custody.
- Publisher's Clearinghouse/Prize Scam
Victim receives numerous letters, emails and telephone calls indicating they are the recipient of a large prize. However, prior to claiming their prize they must pay taxes or other related fees. Victims are requested to purchase money cards or wire funds to a location outside of the United States prior to receiving the "grand prize".
- Jury Duty Scam
Victim is contacted by a suspect who advises the victim failed to show for jury duty and a warrant has been issued for the victim. To resolve this matter the victim is requested to send financial funds to satisfy the outstanding warrant.

The list of scams is much more extensive than what is listed above; however, to list all of them would include a very long list. Additionally, it is likely a new scam will emerge tomorrow with a new victim being swindled out of a significant amount of money.

Some good advice to keep in mind when dealing with a suspicious email, telephone call or letter is if it sounds too good to be true it's likely a scam. Additionally, verify some of the information which the criminal is presenting such as checking with a grandchild to see if they are out of state, contacting a local organization or business to see if you have an outstanding balance or if they're soliciting funds for a specific cause. Lastly, don't hesitate to contact your local police department to ask for advice or guidance, to see if similar scams have been reported or to make a report if you become a victim.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**

Community Events

On Wednesday, February 5, Middleton Police made Safe Assured ID Kits for two individuals.

On Thursday, February 6, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Police Department and Municipal Court to a group of students.

On Saturday, February 8, Middleton Police worked at the Polar Plunge in Madison. The Special Olympics Wisconsin (SOWI) Polar Plunge winter fundraiser is a unique opportunity for brave Wisconsinites to be "Freezin' for a Reason"! To support Special Olympics athletes, plungers leaped into icy bodies of water across the state. Plungers consisted of individuals and teams of students, law enforcement officers, business professionals, and families.

On Wednesday, February 12, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Police Department and Municipal Court to a group of boy scouts.

On Wednesday, February 12, Middleton Police attend a career fair at the Sheraton, Madison.

On Thursday, February 20, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Police Department and Municipal Court to a group of boy scouts.

On Tuesday, February 25, Middleton Police participated in a lock down drill at Elm Lawn Elementary.

On Wednesday, February 27, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Police Department and Municipal Court to a group of boy scouts.

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 2014 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 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

In January, Middleton Officers handled 1,435 calls for service, 482 were field initiated, 953 were dispatched, issued 345 citations and 86 written warnings, made 10 criminal arrests and investigated 74 accidents.

In February, Middleton Officers handled 1,226 calls for service, 395 were field initiated, 831 were dispatched, issued 283 citations and 56 written warnings, made 11 criminal arrests and investigated 43 accidents.

Significant Events in February:

MI14-677, 02/05/14, 1300 block Falcon Court, Burglary

A residence in foreclosure was recently purchased by a firm. Shortly after the purchase, unknown person(s) entered the residence and took the major appliances.

MI14-984, 02/23/14, Club Tavern, Disturbance

Bo J Penman, 22, of Madison, was involved in a disturbance at the Club Tavern which required police intervention. His mother was also present and was taken to St. Mary's Hospital due to an unrelated injury. Penman was allowed to ride in the ambulance with his mother. He became uncooperative with Paramedics and was arrested by Madison Police for Disorderly Conduct once they arrived at the hospital. Penman was released, but threatened hospital staff. He came back to the hospital after being released, with a shotgun in his vehicle. He was arrested again by the Madison Police Department and held in the Dane County Jail.

MI14-1069, 02/27/14, Harbor Athletic Club, Theft

A watch valued at \$10,000.00 was left in an unlocked locker and stolen. The watch has been recovered at an area pawn shop and a suspect has been developed. The case is still under investigation.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

During the month, there were 42 reportable accidents with three of them being in parking lots, compared to 2013 which had 51 with 13 in parking lots.

The OWI grant patrol was on Thursday the 6th and involved three officers for a total of 12 hours of patrol time. Nineteen enforcement actions were taken: Five Insurance citations, five Equipment warnings, two Failure to Obey Sign citations, one citation each for Speeding, Operating After Suspension, Registration, and Parking in Roadway, with one warning each for Speeding, Failure to Yield and Lane Deviation.

Regular directed traffic patrols were performed for about 12 hours during the month. Thirty-four enforcement actions were taken: 17 citations for Speeding with one warning, six citations for Insurance, one citation and two warnings for Failure to Obey Sign, four Equipment warnings and three Registration warnings.

TRAINING

Specialized Training

Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association Mid-winter Conference, 20 hours, Keil

In-Service Training

January 23, February 4, 7, 10 and 14. Firearms, Less Lethal and Taser recertification, Defense and Arrest Tactics and scenario training.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School Officer Scott Moen

February was a relatively quiet month for police call activity at the Middleton High School (MHS) and the Clark Street Community School (CSCS). There were only 19 school days this month. There were 34 calls for service at MHS and only one call for service at CSCS. Some of those calls included: disturbances, thefts, and controlled substance calls. From those incidents, there were municipal tickets issued and charges of theft referred to the Dane County District Attorney's Office.

Officer Moen was involved in other activities in February as well, such as attending multiple meetings with MHS administration and attending a meeting for the Middleton Coalition to end underage drinking. Several of those activities were focused on district wide safety. Officer Moen helped finish a district wide safety video that describes all the different emergency response actions. The video included members of the Middleton Police Department, Dane County Sheriff's Office, and Cross Plains Police Department. In February, different schools around the district began their safety tabletops for emergency situations. This month, Officer Moen was able to help facilitate two of those table tops as well as participate in one.

Kromrey Middle School Officer Tom Wilson

During the month of February, I started teaching the "Keeping Safe" program to all of the K-4th grade students at Northside Elementary School. I also assisted in leading table top safety exercises with staff at Elm Lawn, Kromrey and the Middleton High School.

I also helped Elm Lawn Elementary with their lockdown drill and attended numerous meetings during the month. These included the monthly County SRO Meeting, Middleton Coalition Alcohol Meeting, and State SRO Conference Planning Committee Meeting.

During the month, I also handled several calls for service including two disturbances and one sexual assault investigation.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

22 Adults
42 Criminal Counts

6 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

2 Juveniles

4 Criminal Counts

0 Civil Forfeitures