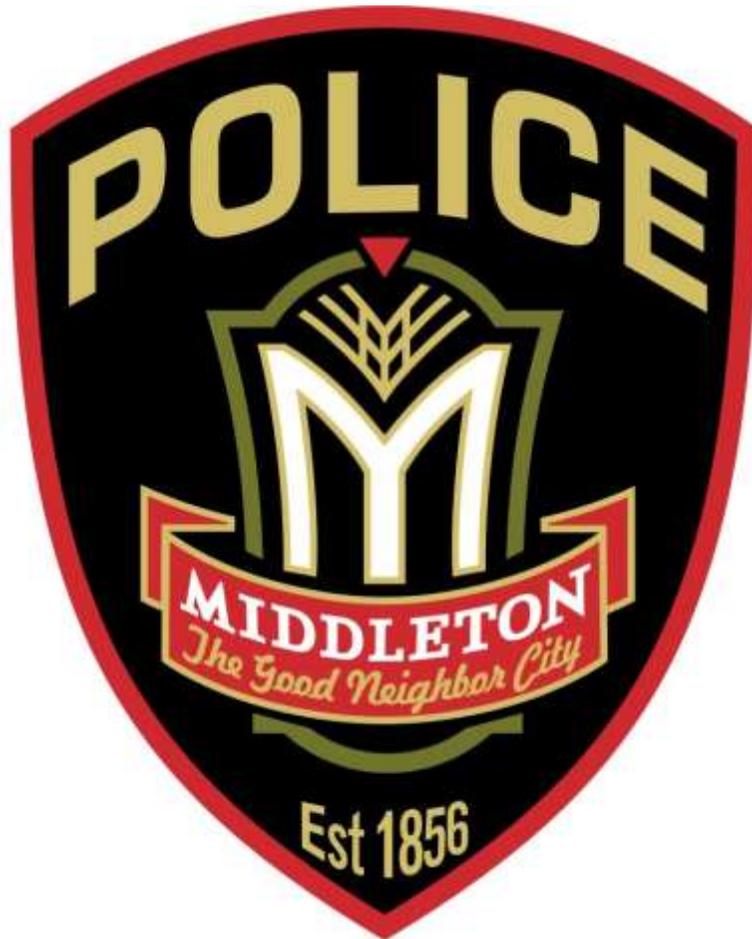


**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



SEPTEMBER 2014

ITEMS OF INTEREST

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Community Events

On Saturday, September 13, Middleton Police along with West Bend Mutual Insurance, Middleton EMS and Middleton Fire Department sponsored their annual Safety Day for families at the Fire Department and EMS. At the event, the Middleton Police Department had a sign up for the Safe Assured ID Program and several kids are now signed up for October to have a Safe Assured ID done.

On Tuesday, September 30, Middleton Police gave a presentation on safety to The Little Red Preschool. Also Middleton Police read a story to the kids and gave a tour of a police car.

During the month of September, Middleton Police helped to install several car seats for individuals that came into the Police Department.

Also during September, several kids came into the Middleton Police Department to have a Safe Assured ID completed.

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 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



Officer Daniel Withee joined the Middleton Police Department ranks in September. Officer Withee graduated from Stoughton High School, was a NAIA Division II All American College basketball player and graduated from Cardinal Stritch University with a degree in Sociology. Prior to coming to Middleton, Officer Withee served as a patrol officer with the UW Whitewater Police, the Town of Madison and the Greenfield Police

Departments for 17 years. While with the Town of Madison and Greenfield Police Departments, Officer Withee received two lifesaving awards.

Calls for Service

In August, Middleton Officers handled 1,462 calls for service, 466 were field initiated, 996 were dispatched, issued 296 citations and 83 written warnings, made 16 criminal arrests and investigated 36 accidents.

In September, Middleton Officers handled 1,391 calls for service, 415 were field initiated, 976 were dispatched, issued 282 citations and 57 written warnings, made 14 criminal arrests and investigated 35 accidents.

Significant Events in September:

MI14-723, Neil's Liquor, 2415 Allen Blvd, Retail Theft

On 09-04-14, at 3:45 PM, Middleton Police received a report of a retail theft at Neil's Liquor. The clerk reported that, approximately two and a half hours earlier, a female suspect had stolen a bottle of vodka and fled the store. The clerk was able to provide officers with a license plate for the suspect vehicle and store video footage of the theft. Further investigation resulted in the arrest of a 30 year old Village of Dane woman for retail theft.

MI14-4749, Village Apartments, 7500 Hubbard Avenue, Damage to Property

At 7:55 PM, on 09-05-14, Middleton Police were dispatched to a damage to property complaint. The victim stated that she had confronted a male subject who had parked in her assigned spot. There was a verbal exchange between the two and the victim then left the area. The victim returned later to find that her vehicle was covered in a white creamy substance. Further investigation resulted in a 28 year old Madison man being cited for Disorderly Conduct.

MI14-4797, Courtyard by Marriott, 2266 Deming Way, Uniform Controlled Substance

On 09-08-14, at 1:39 PM, Middleton Police officers were sent to the Marriott Hotel as staff had found two naked male subjects unconscious in a room and they were unable to awaken them. The investigation into this incident revealed that these two subjects had purchased methamphetamine in Madison and returned to the hotel. After nearly 24 hours of "partying" and consuming all of the drugs available, the two subjects simply passed out. The two 20 plus year old male suspects were from Chicago, Illinois. Both were cited and eventually released.

MI14-4811, Middleton High School, 2100 Bristol Street, Disturbance

On 09-09-14, two juvenile females were cited for Disorderly Conduct and released after they were involved in a physical altercation in the school lunch room.

MI14-4845, Lakeview Village Apartments, 6300 Maywood Avenue, Damage to Property

On 09-11-14, Middleton Officers were dispatched to a private residence at the Lakeview Village apartment complex for the report that a vehicle had been damaged at this location. Upon their arrival, officers observed that a resident's vehicle had been damaged by unknown persons throwing cans of vegetables at it. Further investigation revealed that this damage was likely due to an ongoing family feud, however, no arrests have been made at this time.

MI14-4860, Private Residence, 1300 block of North High Point Road, Accident

On 09-12-14, Middleton Police Dispatch received the report of a vehicle verses mailbox hit and run accident. Further investigation into this matter resulted in a 26 year old Madison man being cited for hit and run.

MI14-4913, Private Residence, 7400 block of Elmwood Avenue, Theft

On 09-14-14, Middleton Police Officers took a report of a theft of jewelry from a private home. The victim stated that she believed that her son had stolen several thousand dollars worth of jewelry from her home. Further investigation revealed that, in the past two months, the suspect had pawned nearly six thousand dollars of items at Pawn America. The 34 year old male suspect was eventually arrested and jailed for Felony Theft.

MI14-4961, Century Avenue at Amherst Road, Injury Accident

On 09-17-14, at 12:25 PM, Middleton Police, Fire and EMS all responded to a two vehicle injury accident at this location. The accident investigation revealed that the driver of the westbound Chevrolet Suburban realized at the last minute that the vehicles in front of him were coming to a stop. This driver swerved into the oncoming lane of travel and struck an eastbound Lexus SUV. The driver of the SUV received non-life threatening injuries and was transported to a local hospital by EMS. As a result of this investigation, the 19 year old operator of the Suburban was cited for operating left of the centerline, for possession of marijuana and for possession of drug paraphernalia.

MI14-5010, Lakeview Village Apartments, 6300 Maywood Avenue, Disturbance

On 09-20-14, at 11:48 AM, officers were dispatched to a report of a physical altercation between two women taking place in the parking lot of this complex. Upon the officers' arrival, there was no disturbance taking place and no residents were willing to speak to the officers about what they had observed. Further investigation revealed that the previous disturbance was likely between the two feuding families previously identified in case #MI14-4845. Due to uncooperative victims, witnesses and suspects, no arrests have been made in this case.

MI14-5103, Neil's Liquor, 2415 Allen Blvd, Retail Theft

On 09-24-14, at 4:43 PM, Middleton officers were dispatched to Neil's Liquor for the report of a retail theft. The store clerk stated that a large white male subject in his mid-50's entered the established, picked up a bottle of Scotch and attempted to return it for a cash refund. The clerk refused and the suspect left the building with the stolen alcohol. Store video of the incident confirmed the clerk's observations and helped officers identify

the suspect. Officers are currently looking for the 56 year old Madison male suspect, who it appears may have committed similar crimes in several area communities.

MI14-5106, Skateboard Park, 7701 Terrace Avenue, Underage Alcohol

On 09-24-14, at 6:15 PM, Middleton Police Officers were dispatched to the Skateboard Park as a witness had observed what appeared to be a 15 year old female carrying a case of beer into the park. Upon arrival and further investigation, officers cited a 24 year old Madison man for Providing Alcohol to a Minor, a 17 year old Madison female for Underage Possession of Alcohol and two 20 year old Madison males for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Sergeant Don Mueller and Sergeant Jessica Quamme were able to attend the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting on September 9th. This meeting brings Wisconsin Department of Transportation employees together with law enforcement to highlight problem roadways in Dane County and try to find solutions to those problems.

Our Department is fortunate enough to have two officers qualified in Child Passenger Safety with both Officer Jill Tutaj and Officer Julie Normann being certified. Our CPS certified officers assisted six families this month installing car seats.

Regular directed traffic patrol was performed for about 12 hours in September. This included work on Neighborhood Projects that were assigned to the Neighborhood Officer for traffic complaints. The Neighborhood Projects focused on the stop sign at Elmwood Avenue and Maple Street and red light violations at the traffic light at University Avenue and Bristol Street. The following is a list of the enforcement actions taken during the directed traffic patrols:

- 2 citations for Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign
- 2 citations for Violating a Traffic Control Signal
- 10 citations for Speed with 1 warning
- 1 citation for Operating After Suspension
- 3 citations for Insurance violations with 3 warnings
- 3 warnings for Defective Headlights

In total, Middleton Officers issued 184 traffic citations and 57 warnings for the month of September.

There were 26 reportable accidents during September, of which eight were in parking lots. This is compared to 30 reportable accidents in September 2013, of which six were in parking lots.

TRAINING

Specialized Training – August 2014:

ALICE Instructor Course – 16 hours - Geiszler/Wilson
WPLF Summer Conference – 24 hours – Foulke
Basic School ERO School – 40 hours – O’Connor
WI 40th Annual Governor’s Conference on Hwy Safety – 24 hours – Tutaj/Quamme

Specialized Training – September 2014:

IACP Law Enforcement Leadership Institute – 24 hours – Foulke
DCI Death Investigation School – 80 hours – Geiszler
CVMIC – Supervisor Resources and tools – 12 hours –
Ziltner/McKnight/Quamme/Hellenbrand
Dane County/WI State Triad – 8 hours – Tutaj
Ground Defense for Law Enforcement – 16 hours - Ziegler

In-Service Training:

4th Quarter In-Service training started on September 8th and runs through October 14th.

Morning session - Annual handgun and rifle qualification which is mandated by the State of Wisconsin Training and Standards Bureau.

Afternoon session – Mental health training including a discussion on Emergency Detentions.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

During the month of September, the Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) reviewed 77 cases and 17 of those were assigned to detectives for follow up. The assigned cases consisted of sexual assaults, death investigations, thefts, fraud, drug investigations, and burglary.

The Stonefield neighborhood was struck by an attempted theft from a vehicle as well as the theft of a rather expensive and unique bike in the last days of August and these cases were assigned to a detective in the beginning of September. Thanks to an alert victim who immediately contacted the Police Department when she observed someone enter her vehicle, along with a quick response by the patrol officers, they were able to locate one of the three suspects and he was immediately apprehended. Subsequent investigation conducted in cooperation with the City of Madison Police Department led to the arrest of three subjects for two burglaries in the city of Madison as well as attempted theft charges in Middleton.

The bicycle theft occurred at an address on Clovernook Road. An observant victim located the bike on Craigslist and detectives set up a meeting to recover it. The seller showed up at the meeting and the bike was recovered. The investigation into this incident continues as the assigned detective is trying to determine who was responsible for the actual theft.

These incidents further prove that a successful police department needs to be a partner with the community it serves as well as other police agencies in the area. With the help of the citizens, we were able to accomplish much more in these cases. If you are looking for any tips on crime prevention, or if you would like a security survey of your house or business, please contact the Middleton Police Department at 608/824-7300 and ask for Community Awareness Officer Tutaj.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School Officer Rich O'Connor

September was Officer O'Connor's first full month of school at the Middleton High School and the Clark Street Community School. There were 34 calls for service requiring reports and/or investigations between the two schools. Some of those calls included thefts, fights, drug possession and students with disruptive behavior. Officer O'Connor also spent a significant amount of time tracking down owners of lost property that had been turned in to him. He is happy to report that of the roughly 20 items turned in to him, 19 of those items have been returned to their owners.

Officer O'Connor was able to attend an all staff meeting, as well as meeting with the Deans, Special Education Staff, and Social Workers to get a better understanding of day to day operations at the schools.

In an effort to get to know the students and staff at the Middleton High School, Officer O'Connor spends the majority of his time walking the halls and being in the lunchroom during the multiple lunch times. Officer O'Connor gave one presentation in a classroom in September. He was also able to attend Freshman Orientation to meet new students and parents. Officer O'Connor made an introduction video with the media department, and went to several home and away football games to be with the students.

Kromrey Middle School Officer Tom Wilson

My name is Tom Wilson and I am the Kromrey Middle School Resource Officer. This will be my third year in this position and I have been with the Middleton Police Department for 11 years.

In this position, I teach a program called G.R.E.A.T. to all of the 6th grade students. G.R.E.A.T. stands for Gang Resistance Education and Training and is a school based, law enforcement officer instructed classroom curriculum. The goal of the G.R.E.A.T. program is to help youth develop positive life skills that will help them avoid gang involvement and violent behavior. It is a 13 week class, and in order to reach all of the 6th grade students, I teach ten different classes a week.

Besides Kromrey, my responsibilities also include assisting at the Middleton High School as well as working with the staff at all three elementary schools located in the City of Middleton.

During the month of September, I handled several calls for service including several disturbances. I also attended several school related safety meetings and gave several presentations. I stayed busy working with students and staff getting acclimated to the new Kromrey Middle School and look forward to fully moving out of the old section of the school in October.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

14 Adults
20 Criminal Counts
1 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

4 Juveniles
5 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures