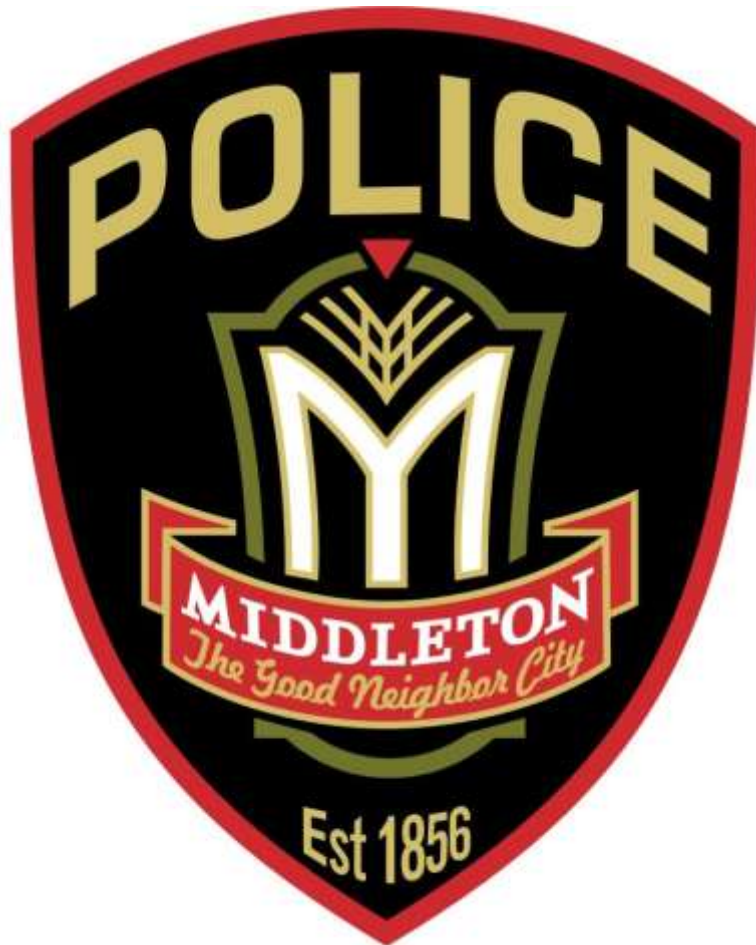


**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**OCTOBER 2014**

## **CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS** **ACTIVITIES**

### **Community Events**

On Friday, October 3, Middleton Police went to the Justice for a Cure event in Madison.

On Saturday, October 4, Middleton Police, along with the Middleton Senior Center and Middleton Ford, came together to provide a great community service for senior residents by preparing their vehicles for Wisconsin's winter. The event was held at Middleton Ford and was dedicated to ensuring that vehicles were in good operating condition and letting the owners know of any potential problems their vehicle might have.

On Tuesday, October 7, Middleton Police gave several tours of the Police Department to students from Sauk Trail Elementary.

On Saturday, October 18, Middleton Police hosted the first annual bowling event to raise money for the Community Awareness Fund which supports all community awareness programs.

On Wednesday, October 22, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Police Department to the MOMS club of Middleton organization.

On Friday, October 31, Middleton Police participated in the Middleton Downtown Trick or Treat event.

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](mailto:jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us).



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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us).

## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**



Officer Robert Maier joined the Middleton Police Department ranks this month. Following graduation from Baraboo High School in 2003, Officer Maier enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he served as a Military Policeman until 2007. After being honorably discharged, Officer Maier attended Herzing University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Graphic Design. Missing the excitement of law enforcement, Officer Maier then enrolled in Madison College's 126<sup>th</sup> Law Enforcement

Academy. Prior to coming to Middleton, Officer Maier served as a patrol officer for the Lake Delton Police Department.

### **Calls for Service**

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.

In October, Middleton Officers handled 1,475 calls for service, 505 were field initiated, 970 were dispatched, issued 270 citations and 104 written warnings, made 11 criminal arrests and investigated 47 accidents.

### **Significant Events in October:**

MI14-5117, Skateboard Park, 7701 Terrace Avenue, Graffiti

On 09-24-14, at 6:15 PM, Middleton Police Officers were dispatched to the Skateboard Park as Middleton Parks staff was reporting fresh graffiti in the park. No suspect information is available at this time. The park closed for several days until the damage could be repaired.

MI14-5241, Parisi Park, 2405 Park Street, Weapons Violation

On 10-02-14, Middleton Police received the report of a juvenile male subject in the park who had displayed a knife and had threatened to kill two middle school students. The suspect was known to the victims and was located at his residence where he was arrested by officers. The suspect was later released to the custody of his parents.

MI14-5256, Private Resident, 4000 block of Valley Ridge Road, Animal Bite

On 10-03-14, Middleton Police Officers took the report of a pet guinea pig biting its owner. The animal was checked for rabies by an area veterinarian. The owners were warned for the violation. The guinea pig was returned to the owners.

MI14-5273, Private Apartment, 3500 block of Salerno Court, Burglary

On 10-04-14, at 12:45 PM, Middleton Police Officers were dispatched to an apartment on Salerno Court for a residential burglary that had just occurred. The suspects kicked in the front door of the apartment and stole several items. One of the items taken was a floor safe. Middleton Detectives have developed a suspect in the case and are actively looking for the individual at this time.

MI14-5422, Middleton High School, 2100 Bristol Street, Theft

On 10-12-14, the MHS School Resource Officer received the report of four cellular telephones being stolen from a men's locker room during a single class period. A subsequent review of school hallway video recordings and a detailed investigation into the matter resulted in the citing of a MHS student for all of these thefts.

MI14-5448, Private Apartment, 2800 block of Pleasant View Road, Theft of Motor Vehicle

On 10-14-14, at 9:50 AM, the victim in this case reported to the Middleton Police Department that someone had stolen his 1997 Toyota Corolla. The tan vehicle has tinted windows and a black hood. The vehicle was valued at \$1,800.00 and its stereo was valued at \$1,200.00. The victim has no known suspects. As of the date of this report, the vehicle has yet to be recovered.

MI14-5449, Middleton High School, 2100 Bristol Street, Uniformed Controlled Substances

On 10-14-14, the MHS School Resource Officer arrested a 16 year old MHS student for possession of marijuana with the intent to deliver.

MI14-5486, 6700 block of Elmwood Avenue, Fatality Motor Vehicle Accident

On 10-16-14, at 1:55 AM, Middleton Police Officers responded to a motorcycle verses parked car accident at this location. Upon arrival, an officer found that the motorcycle driver was deceased. The accident investigation revealed that the motorcycle was traveling, at a high rate of speed, eastbound on Elmwood Avenue when it drifted into the oncoming traffic lane. The motorcyclist, again traveling eastbound, drove head on into a legally parked car that was facing westbound. The owner of this parked car was in the vehicle at the time of the accident as she had stepped outside to smoke a cigarette and was doing so in her vehicle due to the cold weather. The owner/occupant of the parked vehicle received minor injuries as a result of this incident. Toxicology results on the motorcyclist have not yet been received.

MI14-5487, Passementerie, 1916 Mayflower Drive, Burglary

On 10-16-14, Middleton Police Officers were called to the scene of a commercial burglary. Sometime during the overnight hours, a person(s) smashed out the glass front door to this business and made entry. The suspects stole jewelry and other items from the establishment. The investigation into this incident is still on-going.

MI14-5558, Cenex Gas Station, 7515 University Avenue, Robbery

On 10-19-14, at 8:09 AM, Middleton Police Officers responded to the report of a robbery at the Cenex convenience store. Images of the suspect in this case were provided to local media and were placed on the Middleton Police Department Facebook page. Within hours, the Middleton Police Department received information on two possible suspects. The investigation of this incident resulted in the arrest of a 27 year old male Deforest resident for Strong Arm Robbery. The suspect, a heroin addict, eventually confessed to committing the robbery stating that he robbed the store to support his heroin addiction.

MI14-5627, Private Residence, 7100 North Avenue, Fraud

On 10-22-14, a Middleton resident reported that he had attempted to purchase a motor vehicle from a Craigslist advertisement. The victim reported that he had sent \$3,000.00 to an unknown individual before he realized that this was a fraudulent scheme. Due to the type and manner of payments made, there is no evidence upon which to base further investigation into this matter.

MI14-5651, Harbor Athletic Club, 2529 Allen Blvd, Theft

On 10-23-14, two reports of theft of wallets from the men's locker room at Harbor Athletic Club were reported to this Department. A review of Club surveillance videos, and videos from establishments where the stolen financial cards were later used, has resulted in suspects being identified. Detectives are currently attempting to locate and arrest the suspects.

MI14-5830, Veterinary Emergency Services, Theft of Controlled Substances

On 10-30-14, the Vet Clinic staff reported the theft of a controlled substance used to treat animals. Middleton Police Detectives are currently investigating the matter.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

During the month of October there were 45 reportable accidents of which ten were in parking lots. This compares with 2013's 42 with nine in parking lots.

There were no traffic patrols under grant activity for this month and the Department has not received any grants for such patrols for the next fiscal year.

Neighborhood project patrols included monitoring for speeding on Cooper Avenue and U-turn violations at the stop sign on Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd. The Cooper Avenue patrol was performed three times with Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd. being addressed twice.

Seven hours of directed traffic patrol was performed with 13 citations for Speeding with one warning and two Insurance citations being issued.

Traffic control was performed by two officers for the Annual Middleton Hills Halloween Parade.

## **TRAINING**

### **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

### **Specialized Training – October 2014:**

Tactical Medical Training – 3 hours – Quamme/Withee/Maier  
Taser Master Instructor – 40 hours – Dixon  
SET Annual Training – 16 hours – Zimmerman/Moen/O'Connor/Sellek/Stroik/Ziegler

Open Meetings and Public Records – 3 hours – Hellenbrand  
Field Training Officer Instruction – 40 hours – Salinas/Ziegler  
Unified Instructor Rifle Transition Course – 4 hours –  
Hellenbrand/Geiszler/Dixon/Kasdorf  
Taser Instructor Recertification – 8 hours – Kasdorf  
2014 Badger Tracs User Conference – 8 hours - Hanson

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

During the month of October, the Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) reviewed 70 cases and 16 of those were assigned to detectives for follow up. The assigned cases consisted of sexual assaults, death investigations, thefts, drug investigations, robbery and burglary.

One of the most significant cases investigated this month was a robbery which occurred at a gas station convenience store in the 7500 block of University Avenue on October 19<sup>th</sup>. A quick patrol response and investigation led to the release of surveillance photos very quickly. The photos were sent out over social media and in a press release. Local news stations put up the photos and we started receiving tips almost immediately. With the help of these tips, the suspect was quickly identified, arrested and jailed the following day. This case highlights the benefits of working with the media and the public to solve crimes.

Another substantial call that detectives were involved in was a death investigation on the north side of the City where a male in his early 30's was found. Detectives involved in the preliminary on scene investigation found evidence consistent with an accidental heroin overdose, but the investigation continues pending toxicology reports. Heroin continues to be a substantial problem throughout the Dane county area and beyond. For additional information on heroin and its concerns, please visit the National Institute on Drug Abuse webpage at <http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/heroin>.

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

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

In October, there were 45 calls for service requiring reports and/or investigations between Middleton High School and Clark Street Community School. Some of those calls included thefts from the locker rooms, one fight, 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 15 items turned in to him, all of those items have been returned to their owners.

October was the month for Homecoming activities at MHS. Officer O'Connor was able to participate in the Homecoming Parade, Spirit Night, the school pep assembly, the Homecoming Football game and the Homecoming dance.



Officer O'Connor was a guest speaker in two Law and Justice classes, and also led a staff meeting on locker room safety. He also helped students make class videos about fighting and reporting drug use in school. Officer O'Connor also helped to update the School District Safety Plan Video this month and gave a two hour presentation to all school staff on how to respond to an active shooter.

**Kromrey Middle School  
Officer Tom Wilson**

October was a busy month of activity at Kromrey Middle School. All of the students transitioned from the old section of Kromrey and started having classes in the brand new school. I spent a lot of the month teaching the GREAT Program to all of the 6th grade students, and started my coordination with the elementary schools to teach K-4th grade students the Keeping Safe Program.

I attended numerous meetings during the month including several coordination meetings for the District wide in-service training. I then assisted in training school staff at Sauk Trail and Kromrey about how to respond to an active shooter situation.

During the month, I also handled several calls for service. These included a sexual misconduct investigation, several theft reports, a weapon violation, a parent disturbance, and a school bus accident.

**COURT ACTIVITY**

**Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals**

17 Adults  
24 Criminal Counts  
3 Civil Forfeitures

**Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals**

5 Juveniles  
5 Criminal Counts  
0 Civil Forfeitures