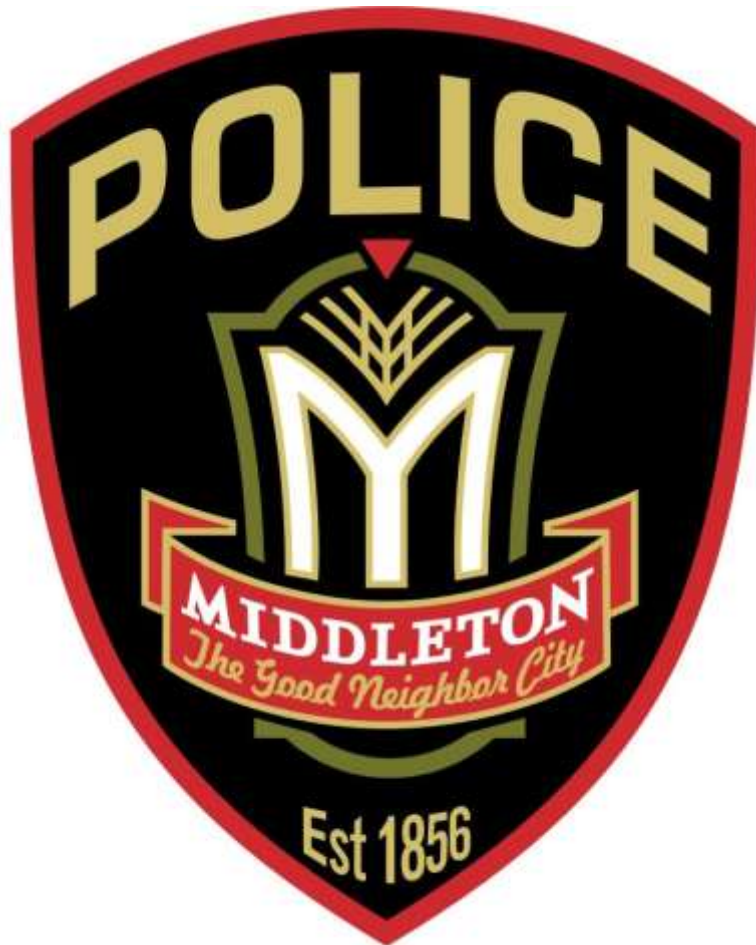


**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**JANUARY 2015**

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

### **Community Events**

On Wednesday, January 18, Middleton Police gave several Boy Scouts a tour of the Police Department. The Scouts got to check out a squad car and try on some of the officers' vests while touring the Police Department.

Middleton Police also attended Dementia Friendly Middleton meetings. In December, Middleton Police became the first dementia friendly Police Department in Dane County by the Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin. The majority of our officers and staff have all received training to increase their awareness about dementia and to look for the warning signs and find ways to better communicate and approach a person who may have dementia.

Middleton Police have also been busy helping to plan for this year's Polar Plunge that will be held on February 21 at Willow Island at the Alliant Energy Center. This event helps to raise funds for Wisconsin's Special Olympics.

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**

### **Staffing**



Officer Jesus Gama joined the Middleton Police Department ranks this month. Officer Gama was born in Mexico where he spent the first five years of his life. Officer Gama and his family then moved to Beloit, Wisconsin where he grew up and attended Beloit Memorial High School. Following graduation, Officer Gama moved to Milwaukee where he attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. Pursuing his long life dream of becoming a law enforcement officer, Gama enrolled at Blackhawk Technical College where he completed the Basic Law Enforcement Academy. Officer Gama is passionate about helping others and looks forward to working with the community of Middleton.



Officer John Groh joined the Middleton Police Department ranks in January. Officer Groh grew up in the Milwaukee area, where he graduated from Muskego High School. Officer Groh chose the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater for his Bachelors in Business Administration, getting his degree in Finance. Officer Groh gained experience in scuba diving in the Milwaukee area, eventually becoming a dive instructor himself. Officer Groh attended the 88<sup>th</sup> recruit class at Milwaukee Area Technical College before being hired by the Middleton Police Department.

### **Calls for Service**

In December, Middleton Officers handled 1,374 calls for service, 422 were field initiated, 952 were dispatched, issued 188 citations and 57 written warnings, made 19 criminal arrests and investigated 36 accidents.

In January, Middleton Officers handled 1,409 calls for service, 465 were field initiated, 944 were dispatched, issued 236 citations and 78 written warnings, made 33 criminal arrests and investigated 49 accidents.

### **Significant Events in January:**

#### **MI15-123, Private Residence, 6700 Block of Century Avenue, Weapons Violation**

On 01-06-15, at 11:30 PM, Middleton Police received the report of an individual who created a disturbance and threatened several residents with a knife at this private duplex. Officers eventually arrested 35 year old Michael Campbell for Disorderly Conduct While Armed.

#### **MI15-158, Clark Street Community School, 2429 Clark Street, Uniformed Controlled Substance**

A high school student was cited for possession of marijuana in the school building.

**MI15-242, Harbor Athletic Club, 2529 Allen Blvd, Theft**

On 01-11-15, at 9:53 PM, Middleton Police responded to a theft of cash from a locker in the men's locker room at Harbor Athletic Club.

**MI15-279, Mead & Hunt, 2440 Deming Way, Computer Crimes**

On 01-13-15, Middleton Police responded to this firm to take the report of a cyber-security attack. It was reported that a former employee had hacked into the company's computer network deleting and disabling programs. Thousands of dollars in damage was done and detectives are continuing to investigate.

**MI15-297, Staybridge Hotel, 7790 Elmwood Avenue, Theft**

On 01-14-15, Middleton Police took the report of a theft of \$27,400.00 in jewelry and a flat screen television from a storage room at the motel. The victims in this incident have resided at the hotel for more than two years and were on a two week cruise when the property was taken. Officers are continuing to investigate this incident.

**MI15-324, Kromrey Middle School, 7009 Donna Drive, Uniformed Controlled Substance**

An eighth grade student was cited for possession of marijuana in the school building.

**MI15-431, Private Residence, 6700 Block of Century Avenue, Sexual Assault**

On 01-06-15, at 11:30 PM, Middleton Police received the report of a sexual assault which occurred at this location on the previous evening. The juvenile victim reported being assaulted while attending a party at this address. Detectives continue to investigate this incident.

**MI15-511, Middleton High School, 2100 Bristol Street, Uniformed Controlled Substance**

On 01-23-15, a high school student was cited for possession of marijuana.

## **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 four families this month with installing their car seats.

Regular directed traffic patrol was performed for about 14 hours in January. Directed traffic patrol also focused on Neighborhood Projects that were assigned to the Neighborhood Officer for traffic complaints. The Neighborhood Project worked on this month was traffic signal violations at University Avenue at Bristol Street. The following is a list of the enforcement actions taken during the directed traffic patrols:

- 7 citations for Speed with 2 warnings
- 4 citations for Insurance violations with 1 warning
- 2 citations for Failure to Obey Sign with 7 warnings

- 2 warnings for Registration violations

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

- 9 citations for OWI
- 1 citation for No Insurance
- 2 citations for Speed
- 1 citation for Registration violation
- 1 citation for Hit & Run
- 1 citation for Failure to Report an Accident
- 3 citations for Operating after Revocation
- 1 citation for Moving violation
- 2 citations for Underage Alcohol Consumption
- 1 Warrant arrest

In total, Middleton officers issued 289 traffic citations and 119 warnings for the month of January.

There were 65 reportable accidents during January, of which 12 were in parking lots. This is compared to 71 reportable accidents in January 2014, of which ten were in parking lots.

## **TRAINING**

### **Specialized Training – December 2014:**

Tactical Response Instructor Update – 8 hours – Geiszler/Kasdorf/O’Connor  
DAAT Instructor Transition Course – 8 hours –  
Zimmerman/Quamme/Withee/Hellenbrand  
Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Training – 8 hours – Tutaj  
Field Training Officer Instruction – 40 hours – K. Wood

### **Specialized Training – January 2015:**

Alert Civilian Response to Active Shooters – 4 hours (Geiszler/O’Connor/Moen)  
Tactical Response Instructor Update – 8 hours (Dixon/Withee)  
DAAT Instructor Update – 8 hours (Dixon)  
Incident Command ICS 300 – 16 hours (Quamme/M. Wood)  
Radar/Laser Training – 24 hours (Schultz/Statz/Jacobs)

### **2015 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter In-Service Training:**

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> – Madison PD Training Center

Morning session will consist of Firearms, Defense and Arrest Tactics and TI Simulator.

Afternoon session will consist of Less Lethal, Electronic Control Devices, and Defense and Arrest Tactics.

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

The month of January was slightly slower for the Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) than the last few months. We reviewed 52 cases and nine of those were assigned to detectives for follow up. Those cases included domestic disturbances, frauds, drug cases, sexual assaults, and a weapon violation.

Throughout recent months, the Middleton Police Department has taken numerous fraud reports involving prepaid debit cards. The circumstances in these types of fraudulent transactions vary but are most frequently encountered during purchases initiated over the internet. The seller will sometimes ask for a partial payment in the form of "Green Dot" prepaid debit cards and then ask that you send the card numbers and PINs by email or text message. Chances are that you will never see the product you requested.

Another scam with prepaid debit cards is when someone will send you a check for services you have agreed to, but the check will be in excess of your agreed upon charge. The scammer will come up with some reason for this and ask that you send the excess back in the form of these prepaid debit cards. After the check is cashed and appears to be in your account, you then send the prepaid debit cards to them and subsequently find out the check was fraudulent. You will then be responsible for the funds the bank has credited you and you are out the cost of the debit cards.

Keep in mind that most legitimate business transactions do not take place using prepaid debit cards. Also, if it sounds too good to be true, it almost certainly is. Ask yourself why someone would send you a check in excess of the amount you had agreed upon. If you find yourself in this type of situation, please think carefully about whether or not you want to proceed. These types of fraudulent incidents are very difficult to solve since they are conducted over the internet and frequently involve suspects who are out of state or even out of the country. The best advice is to use common sense and be aware of who you are dealing with.

In addition to working their assigned cases this month, detectives also conducted alcohol compliance checks at numerous establishments in the city. In December, businesses with a liquor license through the City of Middleton were sent a letter indicating our intention of conducting these checks in the following months. We then solicited assistance from a 19 year old volunteer who entered these establishments under the supervision of detectives. He would then attempt to purchase alcohol from the business, and if he was asked for his identification, he would provide his actual license. A Wisconsin license for an individual under 21 years of age is printed vertically and has writing on it indicating "UNDER 21 UNTIL..." The volunteer was sent in to a total of 35 businesses and nine of them sold alcohol to him. Of those nine, five of the servers asked for identification, looked at it, and still sold to him. Four of the business did not even ask him for identification. All nine of these servers were cited for selling to an underage person. The



establishments who sold to our underage volunteer were: The Hody Bar and Grill; South Ridge Way PDQ; Good Neighbor Liquor; University Avenue Cenex; The Free House; Craftsman Table and Tap; Cocina Real; Fitzgerald's; and The Club Tavern. Additional compliance checks will be conducted in the future.

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

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

The New Year started off with a quiet month at the Middleton High School. January seemed a little shorter because of the extended winter break and end of semester exams. There were 25 calls for service requiring investigations or reports between Middleton High School and Clark Street Community School.

Those calls included thefts, a fight, annoying phone calls, possession of a controlled substance, a fire alarm and two EMS calls. Some of those calls resulted in municipal citations. There were also six students sent to Truancy Court in January for missing too many classes. Students are given a chance by the Judge to meet a list of required improvements. If they meet them all, the Judge can waive the fine that goes along with the Truancy citation.

Officer O'Connor worked at a basketball game in January and was able to attend two wrestling meets to cheer on the students.

Officer O'Connor has received complaints about congestion with parents dropping off students in the morning and is working with the school on a solution.

### **Kromrey Middle School Officer Tom Wilson**

During the month of January, I worked on scheduling the Keeping Safe program at Elm Lawn and Northside Elementary Schools. I also coordinated with the 5th grade teachers on coming into their classrooms to talk about drugs and alcohol along with Internet safety. I attended several meetings during the month including the monthly Dane County School Resource Officer Meeting.

During the month, I also handled several calls for service. These included a drug investigation and a sexual misconduct case. Both of these investigations led to referred charges for the incidents.

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

### **Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals**

16 Adults

37 Criminal Counts  
12 Civil Forfeitures

**Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals**

1 Juveniles  
1 Criminal Counts  
0 Civil Forfeitures