

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



MARCH 2015

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**

Community Events

On Tuesday, March 17, Middleton Police collected unused Medicine at the Senior Center from citizens.

On Wednesday, March 18, Middleton Police did three Safe Assured IDs for community members.

On Wednesday, March 18, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Police Department to a group of Cub Scouts.

On Wednesday, March 18, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Police Department to a group of Daisy's and also did a Safe Assured ID for each member.

On Sunday, March 23, Middleton Police attended the Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt at Lakeview Park.

Also during March, Middleton Police installed several car seats for members of the community.

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.



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 2015 Middleton Police Citizens' Academy will start in April.

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 February, Middleton Officers handled 1,341 calls for service, 591 were field initiated, 750 were dispatched, issued 317 citations and 227 written warnings, made 29 criminal arrests and investigated 38 accidents.

In March, Middleton Officers handled 1,710 calls for service, 742 were field initiated, 968 were dispatched, issued 312 citations and 294 written warnings, made 34 criminal arrests and investigated 45 accidents.

Significant Events in March:

MI15-1454, Private Residence, 7400 Block of Century Avenue, Burglary

On 03-01-15, at 2:35 AM, Middleton Police received the report of a residential burglary that had occurred between 9:30 PM and 2:30 AM. The complainant stated that she came home from work to find that an unknown person had entered her apartment without her consent, ransacked the home and stole a 32” television, a laptop computer and \$2,000.00 in cash. This case is still under investigation.

MI15-1457, Hody Tavern, 1914 Aurora Street, Property Found

On 03-01-15, a female subject reported to the Middleton Police Department that she had been at the Hody Tavern on the previous evening and accidentally had gone home with the wrong purse. Both parties involved were located and all property was returned to the proper owners without incident.

MI15-1482, Private Residence, Rolling Hill Drive, Sexual Assault

On 03-02-15, Middleton Police and Dane County Human Services took the report of the sexual assault of a juvenile female. The reporting party identified a family member as the

suspect. After further investigation of this matter, Middleton Police Detectives arrested a juvenile male for this crime.

MI15-1477, Private Residence, 2400 Block of Mayflower Drive, Attempted Burglary

On 03-02-15, at 8:10 AM, a white male in his early 20's with blonde hair and a blue coat knocked on the front door of a home in this neighborhood. When the homeowner approached the subject he stated that he was looking for John and then left the area.

MI15-1496, Private Residence, 7300 Block of Hubbard Avenue, Burglary

On 03-02-15, at 6:23 PM, Middleton Police took the report of a burglary to a private apartment. The victim reported that some unknown person entered his unlocked apartment and stole an X-Box, a diamond engagement ring and over \$200.00 dollars in coins. During this investigation, officers received information that a tall, thin white male was seen trying to enter a neighboring garage. The suspect left the area in a gold crossover or SUV. Various items of jewelry from this burglary were later recovered at a Madison area pawn shop.

MI15-1543, Private Residence, 2100 Block of Gateway North, Burglary

On 03-04-15, at 1:40 PM, Middleton Police Officers responded to the report of a residential burglary that had occurred within the past two hours. The victim reported that she returned home to find her front door had been forced open. No items were found to have been missing, however, there were several hundred dollars in damage done to the door.

MI15-1546, Private Residence, 2100 Block of Gateway North, Burglary

On 03-04-15, Middleton Police Officers were conducting a neighborhood canvas after the previous incident was reported. While conducting this canvas, officers found the front door of an adjacent residence had been kicked open. It was later determined that a small television was stolen in this incident. During this investigation officers also found that a neighboring residence had a trail camera set up outside their home. In viewing images from this camera, officers found images of a possible suspect in this case.

MI15-1566, Middleton High School, 2100 Bristol Street, Uniform Controlled Substances

On 03-05-15, a 16 year old male MHS student was cited for possession of Marijuana on school grounds.

MI15-1596, Kromrey Middle School, 7009 Donna Driver, Uniform Controlled Substances

On 03-06-15, a 14 year old male KMS student was cited for possession of Marijuana and a 13 year old female was cited for possession of tobacco on school grounds.

MI15-1650, Private Residence, 6200 Block of Countryside Lane, Attempted Burglary

On 03-08-15, at 8:15 AM, a tall, thin white male came to the front door of this residence and stated that he was there to perform a service call for Dish Network. When confronted by the homeowner, the suspect left the area in a gold SUV.

MI15-1653, Private Residence, 6600 Block of Wood Circle East, Burglary

On 03-08-15, at 8:45 AM, the homeowner observed a gold Lexus SUV pull into his driveway. Moments later the resident found a tall, slender white male looking through items in his open garage. When confronted, the suspect stated that he was simply looking for his keys.

MI15-1654, Private Residence, 2400 Block of Mayflower Drive, Attempted Burglary

As Middleton Police Officers were taking the call initial report on incident #15-1653, a similar call was reported on Mayflower Drive. On 03-08-15, at 8:59 AM, a witness saw a gold SUV back into the driveway of a neighbor's home on Mayflower Drive. The witness saw a white male wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt exit his SUV, walk to the front door at 2411 Mayflower, knock on the door, wait for a minute or so, and then attempted to open the front door. Due to the timely reporting of this incident, officers were able to locate the suspect vehicle in the area. The 26 year old white male driver was found to have blonde hair, stood 6'3" tall, had a very thin build and was the sole occupant of this vehicle. A thorough investigation led officers to search the suspect vehicle and his apartment. Items from several area burglaries were recovered and the suspect was jailed on multiple felony burglary charges. This single individual was eventually linked to ten separate cases that occurred between March 2 and March 8.

MI15-1655, Private Residence, 1600 Block of Parmenter Street, Attempted Burglary

On 03-08-15, at 8:00 AM, the resident of this home heard his doorbell ring several times, however, he chose to ignore it. Seconds later he heard someone enter his home through the same front door. When confronted, the white male who had entered the home stated that he was looking for Zoe and then left. The suspect was observed leaving the area in a gold SUV.

MI15-1657, Private Residence, 7400 Block of Hunters Court, Attempted Burglary

On 03-08-15, at 7:30 AM, residents at this address had an unknown male subject knock on their front door. When contacted, the suspect stated that he worked for Dish Network and was there to perform a service call. The residents stated that the suspect was a tall, thin, white male wearing dark pants and a sweat shirt. The suspect left the area in a light brown hatchback or station wagon.

MI15-1659, Private Residence, 7400 Block of Hunters Court, Attempted Burglary

On 03-08-15, at 8:00 AM, residents at this address had an unknown male subject ring their doorbell and was observed peering in the front window. When contacted, the suspect stated that he worked for e Dish Network and was there to perform a service call. The residents stated that the suspect was a tall, thin, white male with light colored hair. The suspect left the area in a brown or gold SUV.

MI15-1686, Private Residence, 2100 Block of Gateway North, Burglary

On 03-09-15, at 2:13 PM, Middleton Police were dispatched to the above address when the homeowner returned to his residence to find his front door had been kicked in. Once again there was significant damage to the home, however, nothing was found to be missing.

MI15-1714, Private Residence, 2400 Block of Mayflower Drive, Burglary

On 03-09-15, Middleton Police Officers contacted the homeowners at this address and informed them that they had recovered jewelry that was believed to have been stolen from their home. It was eventually determined that the home was burglarized a week prior and the homeowners were unaware of the event. It was not until officers came to their home to have them identify a stolen class/team ring that the homeowners were aware of their loss.

MI15-1770, Apartment, 6400 University Avenue, Burglary

On 03-11-15, Middleton Police received information from an area probation agent that identified the burglary suspect found on the trail camera in case MI15-1546. Middleton Officers took the suspect, who was out on probation from previous burglary convictions, into custody and seized evidence from his apartment. Detectives continued the investigation by executing a search warrant on the suspect's vehicle, matching his shoe tread pattern to one of the previous crime scenes and by locating some of the stolen loot at the home of the suspect's friend. It was eventually determined that this suspect was responsible for at least three previously reported burglaries and several suspicious incidents.

MI15-1943, Public Roadway, 6500 Elmwood Avenue, Uniform Controlled Substances

On 03-17-15, at 12:59 AM, Middleton Police Officers responded to this area on the report of a male subject passed out behind the wheel. Upon arrival, officers arrested the 24 year old Verona male for multiple offenses, including unlawful possession of Schedule Four narcotics.

MI15-2195, Middleton High School, 2100 Bristol Street, Disturbance

On 03-24-15, Middleton Police Officers responded to a disturbance between several female students at the Middleton High School. This disturbance resulted in a MHS student being cited for disorderly conduct. Later that afternoon, a second related disturbance broke out on a school bus as one of the earlier participants was confronted by a bus driver who was a family member of another involved party.

March burglary incidents.

The month of March saw a dramatic increase in the number of residential burglaries and attempted burglaries. Thanks to attentive neighbors and astute police work, two individuals have been arrested for more than a dozen offenses. One of these suspects has confessed to committing these crimes to support his heroin addiction. Both suspects, although completely unrelated, used the common tactic of knocking on front doors to see if anyone was home prior to breaking in. If someone answered the door they would

either ask for a fictitious person or claim to be some type of repair person at the wrong home.

Please be on the lookout for unknown persons in your neighborhood and call the Middleton Police Department immediately if you see anyone suspicious. All legal door to door solicitors must have permits to operate in the City of Middleton. We would much rather respond to check out a dozen suspicious person calls than take a single call for a burglarized home.

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.

Sgt. Jessica Quamme attended the quarterly Dane County Traffic Safety Commission meeting on March 3rd. This meeting brings Wisconsin Department of Transportation employees together with law enforcement and Safe Communities to highlight problem roadways in Dane County and try to find solutions to those problems.

Motorcycle Patrol Officer Jesse Sellek was able to attend the Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officer's Annual Training Conference in Wisconsin Dells this month. The traffic safety conference focused on OWI updates, Pedestrian/Bike Safety and Tactics in Traffic.

Regular directed traffic patrol was performed for about 26 hours in March. Directed traffic patrol also focused on Neighborhood Projects that were assigned to the Neighborhood Officer for traffic complaints. The following is a list of the enforcement actions taken during the directed traffic patrols:

- 29 citations for Speed with 23 warnings
- 4 citations for Insurance violations with three warnings
- 1 citation for Operating without a Valid Driver's License
- 6 citations for Violation of a Traffic Control Signal with one warning
- 1 citation for Registration violations with one warning
- 1 warning for an Equipment violation

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

- 7 citations for OWI
- 3 citations for Speed
- 1 citation for Operating after Revocation
- 2 citations for Failure to Obey Sign violations
- 2 citations for Moving violations
- 2 citations for Equipment violations
- 1 citation for Possession of Controlled Substance

In total, Middleton Officers issued 286 traffic citations and 238 warnings for the month of March.

There were 44 reportable accidents during March, of which 11 were in parking lots. This is compared to 52 reportable accidents in March 2014, of which ten were in parking lots.

TRAINING

Specialized Training – February 2015:

2015 WACOP Conference – 16 hours (Tutaj)
2015 Wisconsin Chief's Winter Conference – 20 hours (Foulke/Hellenbrand)
Instructor Development – 32 hours (Sellek/Loether)
Taser Instructor Course – 20 hours (Loether/Ziegler)
Taser Instructor Recertification – 16 hours (Withee)
CVMIC Employee Law Training – 16 hours (Zimmerman)
CVMIC Supervisor Resources – 16 hours (Zimmerman)
Diagnosing Problem Shooters – 8 hours (Dixon)

Specialized Training – March 2015:

Intoximeter Instructor Training – 24 hours (Schultz/Enstrom/Statz)
Instructor Development – 40 hours (Stroik/Ziegler)
Major Case Investigative Teams – 20 hours (Jones)
Anatomy of Force Incidents – 8 hours (Quamme)
WI Traffic Conference – 20 hours (Sellek)
WI Women's WAWP Conference – 16 hours (Faust)
2nd Annual Alzheimer's Workshop – 3.5 hours (Tutaj)

2015 2nd Quarter In-Service Training:

March 16th, 25th, April 7th and 15th – Dane County Law Enforcement Training Center

Morning session will consist of a legal update and Heroin trend training from the Dane County Narcotics Unit.

Afternoon session will consist of firearms training.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

During the month of March the Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) reviewed 51 cases and 19 of those were assigned to detectives for follow up. Those cases included sexual assaults, damage to property, death investigations, drug cases, child abuse, domestic disturbances, and burglaries.

Over several days in early March the Middleton Police Department received complaints of suspicious activity where a subject would knock on the door to determine if somebody was home. When confronted by the homeowner the subject would ask for an individual who did not live there and leave. If nobody answered he would then enter the residence and commit a burglary. The suspect was located by our dayshift patrol officers who were responding to additional suspicious activity reports. After speaking with the subject he was subsequently arrested for trespass to a dwelling since they did not have probable cause to arrest for any burglaries at the time. Additional investigation by a patrol officer and a detective led to the arrest of a subject for four counts of burglary, felony theft, criminal trespass to a dwelling, possession of burglary tools, and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Around the same time these burglaries were taking place there were three additional forced entry burglaries on Gateway Street North. A person of interest was captured on a trail camera in the back yard of a nearby residence on the same day two of the burglaries occurred. This person was subsequently identified by way of this photo and it was discovered he lived near where the burglaries were taking place. A lengthy investigation by two detectives followed and the suspect was arrested on two counts of burglary. As always, if you see anything in your neighborhood that you think is suspicious, please contact the Middleton Police Department as soon as possible.

The Middleton Police Department would also like to warn you of a trend that we are seeing at the Police Department. Recently we have had multiple citizens who are reporting fraudulent use of their identities to file tax returns to get the refunds. In most of these cases the victims are being contacted by the IRS who advises them to contact the local police department. If you are a victim it is important that you complete several steps:

1. File a report with your local police department.
2. Contact the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 1-800-908-4490 to report the incident. You also need to fill out the IRS Identity Theft Affidavit which can be located at their website or by following this link <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f14039.pdf>.
3. Report the incident to the Federal Trade Commission at <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft> or 1-877-438-4338.
4. Contact the fraud departments of the three major credit bureaus:
 - a. Equifax – www.equifax.com or 1-800-525-6285
 - b. Experian – www.experian.com or 1-888-397-3742
 - c. TransUnion – www.transunion.com or 1-800-680-7289

Please contact the Middleton Police Department at 608-824-7300 if you have any additional questions about this.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School
Officer Rich O'Connor

March was shortened by a few days this year for ACT testing in the beginning of the month, and Spring Break at the end. There were still 42 calls for service between Middleton High School and Clark Street Community School that required reports, investigations or citations. Some of those calls included two fights, a few stolen and lost items, possession of marijuana and also EMS calls. Officer O'Connor also checked the welfare of a student who was reported to be very depressed and had run into the nature preserve. That student was found and turned over to parents.

Officer O'Connor gave nine, 90 minute presentations to health classes about alcohol and other drugs. He also attended a district wide safety meeting and a meeting with school social workers about sexual assault reporting. Officer O'Connor also spoke with two classes about current events relating to officer involved shootings.

Officer O'Connor worked with one of the Deans to plan a school lockdown drill and also talked with many staff members ahead of time to help them plan for the event. Staff was given ideas of ways to make their students safer in the event of an emergency. Officer O'Connor then helped complete the drill and evaluate the school's response.

Officer O'Connor also worked at a basketball game and began the Middleton High School softball season in March, where he coaches the JV team.

Kromrey Middle School
Officer Tom Wilson

During the month of March, Kromrey Middle School held their annual Spirit Night. This event was attended by over 650 kids and no problems were reported. Besides helping out with this event, I also continued to teach the Keeping Safe program to elementary school kids. I also talked to all of the 5th grade students about the dangers of tobacco, marijuana, and alcohol and also spoke to several 8th grade classes about numerous drug topics.

At the three elementary schools, I assisted staff with several safety drills. I also attended numerous meetings during the month, including the District's Safety Team Meeting.

During the month, I also handled several calls for service. Some of these calls included two sexual conduct investigations, two drug related incidents, several student disturbances, and a trespassing complaint.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

17 Adults

25 Criminal Counts
4 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

4 Juveniles
6 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures