

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



APRIL 2015

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**

Community Events

The 2015 Middleton Police Citizens' Academy started in April. Classes this month were Orientation, Traffic/OWI, Active Shooter, EMS, Traffic Law, Drugs and Gangs.

On April 4, Middleton Police attended the Downtown Middleton Business Association Easter Egg Hunt. Hundreds of kids toured the police car and spent time with McGruff.

On April 23, Middleton Police attended a Career Fair at Windsor Elementary School.

On April 24, Middleton Police participated in mock interviews for students at Globe University.

On April 27, Middleton Police hosted a training for Volunteers in Police Service on Emergency Preparedness.

Also during April, 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

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

Calls for Service

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.

In April, Middleton Officers handled 1,672 calls for service, 680 were field initiated, 992 were dispatched, issued 238 citations and 289 written warnings, made 22 criminal arrests and investigated 26 accidents.

Significant Events in April:

MI15-2427, Home Goods Store, 1661 Deming Way, Theft by Bailee

On 04-02-15, Middleton Police received a report that an employee had been caught stealing cash from the Home Goods Store in Greenway Station. The employee confessed to taking approximately \$1,000.00 from the store through a scheme involving fraudulent returns. The 45 year old female staff member was cited by the Police and then released.

MI15-2461, Private Residence, 2900 block of Waconia Lane, Domestic Disturbance

On 04-01-15, Middleton Police responded to a residential address in reference to a disturbance in progress. As a result of this investigation, a 22 year old female was arrested for Domestic Battery and Disorderly Conduct while Armed.

MI15-2465, Private Residence, 8500 block of Greenway Boulevard, Domestic Disturbance

On 04-02-15, Middleton Police responded to a residential address in reference to a disturbance in progress. As a result of this investigation, a 30 year old female was arrested for Domestic Disorderly Conduct.

MI15-2664, Private Apartment, 2050 Allen Boulevard, Disturbance

On 04-09-15, at 10:00 PM, Middleton Police were dispatched to an apartment at the above location on the report of a disturbance. The caller stated that she wanted her husband removed from the home as he had struck her vehicle with an unknown object. When officers arrived on scene, the husband jumped out a second story window and fled the area. Two days later, the 30 year old male suspect was located and arrested for Criminal Damage to Property and warrants from previous incidents.

MI15-2691, Middleton High School, 2100 Bristol Street, Fight

On 04-10-15, shortly after noon, the Middleton Police School Liaison Officer responded to a call for assistance from the Middleton High School Staff. As a result of the subsequent investigation, two MHS students were cited for Disorderly Conduct.

MI15-2718, Middleton Art and Frame, 6771 University Avenue, Domestic Disturbance

On 04-10-15, Middleton Police responded to the Middleton Art and Frame Shop in reference to a disturbance in progress. As a result of this investigation, a 60 year old male was cited for Domestic Disorderly Conduct.

MI15-2757, Private Residence, 6700 block of Elmwood Avenue, Disturbance

On 04-12-15, at 1:00 AM, Middleton Police responded to the report of a disturbance at a residential duplex on Elmwood Avenue. The caller stated that his neighbor attempted to get into a physical altercation with him and then stated that he was going home to get his gun to shoot the complainant and his family. As a result of this investigation, a 28 year old male was arrested and jailed on a charge of Disorderly Conduct and a Probation Violation.

MI15-2758, Private Apartment Complex, 8500 Greenway Boulevard, Trespassing

On 04-12-15, at 8:40 AM, Middleton Police responded to the report of an unwanted person sleeping in the common area video room of an apartment complex. The 52 year old female suspect was again cited for Trespassing and released.

MI15-2793, Gates Auto Body, 3447 Tribeca Drive, Uniformed Controlled Substance

On 04-13-15, at 1:30 PM, Middleton Police responded to Gates Auto Body as staff there was reporting a female subject appeared to be overdosing in a vehicle in their lot. As a result of this investigation, a 20 year old female was taken into custody for "huffing" or inhaling aerosol can propellants in an attempt to get high.

MI15-2906, Private Apartment, 2000 Allen Boulevard, Fraud

On 04-17-15, Middleton Police responded to the report of a fraud that had occurred at this residence. The investigation revealed that an elderly couple was contacted, via telephone, by an individual who identified himself as a DEA officer. The caller told the couple that their grandson was in custody and that they needed to wire \$9,000.00 to bail

him out. The victims sent the cash as requested a day earlier and were again contacted today asking for additional funds. This case has been forwarded to the Middleton Police Detective Unit for review and follow-up. This type of telephone fraud is a common scheme used to prey on the elderly. We would encourage anyone receiving this type of call to contact our Department prior to sending funds to anyone.

MI15-2916, Private Apartment, 6300 Pheasant Lane, Domestic Disturbance

On 04-17-15, at 5:00 PM, Middleton Police Officers were dispatched to an apartment in the Springtree Complex for the possible theft of prescription medication. This investigation resulted in the arrest of a 27 year old male for Domestic Disorderly Conduct and Bail Jumping.

MI15-2923, Private Apartment, 5100 Torino Court, Domestic Disturbance

On 04-18-15, at 1:30 AM, Middleton Police Officers were dispatched to an apartment in the Arbor Lakes Complex to check the welfare of a subject who was threatening to commit suicide. This investigation resulted in the arrest of a 45 year old male for Domestic Disorderly Conduct.

MI15-2985, Hody Tavern, 1914 Aurora Street, Disturbance

On 04-19-15, at 8:30 PM, Middleton Police Officers were called to the tavern for a fight in progress. This investigation revealed that an intoxicated male patron walked up to a male subject he did not know and began arguing with him about being a Badger fan. Unprovoked, the suspect struck the victim in the head. The suspect was located by area officers and arrested for Disorderly Conduct.

MI15-2986, Private Residence, 2100 block of Gateway North, Fraud

On 04-20-15, at 1:00 PM, Middleton Police took the report of an email fraud. This investigation revealed that the victim was defrauded out of \$25,000.00 after he transferred funds from his personal account to a bank on the east coast. The funds were then immediately transferred to other banks around the world. The fraud case began as an extension of the purchasing of a residential building lot. This case is currently under investigation by Middleton Police Detectives.

MI15-2231, Quaker Steak & Lube, 2259 Deming Way, Fraud

On 04-20-15, it was reported to the Middleton Police that the victim had located and purchased an automobile for \$2,200.00 off of Craigslist. The physical transfer of the vehicle and cash was conducted in the parking lot at Quaker Steak and Lube. The purchaser of the vehicle later found that the title for the car was fraudulent.

MI15-3011, Marshalls, 1700 Deming Way, Retail Theft

On 04-20-15, at 9:20 PM, Middleton Police were called to the Marshalls' Department Store on the report of three female subjects shoplifting. All three subjects were located as they were attempting to leave the store. All three were taken into custody for Retail Theft. All had multiple previous convictions for this crime.

MI15-3146, Private Apartment, 5300 Century Avenue, Domestic Disturbance

On 04-25-15, at 8:00 AM, Middleton Police were dispatched to an apartment in the Overlook Pointe Complex for a disturbance in progress. The caller reported that she had barricaded herself in the bathroom as her roommate had physically attacked her. As a result of this investigation, a 77 year old female was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and taken to an area hospital for evaluation.

MI15-3162, Private Apartment, 6700 Elmwood Avenue, Domestic Disturbance

On 04-25-15, at 8:00 PM, Middleton Police Officers were called to an apartment in the Voss Haus Complex on the report of an altercation that had taken place moments earlier. Upon arrival on scene, the first Middleton Officer was aggressively confronted by the suspect in this case. The suspect refused to comply with the officer's commands and resisted arrest. The suspect fought with multiple officers, was tazed and eventually taken into custody. The suspect was arrested for Domestic Battery and Resisting Arrest.

MI15-3196, Municipal Dog Park, 5209 County Highway Q, Uniformed Controlled Substance

On 04-27-15, at 3:20 AM, Middleton Police Officers located an occupied vehicle in a City of Middleton park after hours. The vehicle occupants were contacted and eventually cited for consuming both alcohol and marijuana.

In our March Monthly Report, the Investigative Service Bureau commander warned citizens of an increasingly common Tax Fraud/Identity Theft scheme. During the month of April, the Middleton Police Department took several dozen reports from citizens who were 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 on 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.

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 nine families this month with installing their car seats. This ensures infants and children are properly secured while traveling in vehicles.

Motorcycle Patrol Officer Jesse Sellek was able to attend the Motorcycle In-service this month which is yearly training. Officer Sellek will begin riding the motorcycle next month and will be focusing on traffic patrol.

Regular directed traffic patrol was performed for about 23 hours in March. Directed traffic patrol also focused on Neighborhood Projects that were assigned to the Neighborhood Officer for traffic complaints. This month's Neighborhood Project included the construction zone on Parmenter Street from Lee Street to University Avenue. The Neighborhood Project focused on vehicles traveling the wrong way in the construction zone. The following is a list of the enforcement actions taken during the directed traffic patrols:

- 16 citations for Speed with 18 warnings
- 1 citation for Insurance violations with 1 warning
- 1 citation for Operating without a Valid Driver's License
- 2 citations for Driver's License violations
- 3 warnings for Registration violations
- 2 citations for Failure to Obey Traffic Signal with 1 warning
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Middleton Officers also made five arrests for Operating While under the Influence. These traffic stops yielded the following citations:

- 5 citations for OWI
- 1 citation for Speed
- 1 citation for Operating while Suspended
- 1 citation for Vehicle Registration violation

In total, Middleton Officers made 412 Traffic Enforcement stops, issuing 227 traffic citations and 288 warnings for the month of April.

There were 23 reportable accidents during April, of which six were in parking lots. This is compared to 27 reportable accidents in April 2014, of which six were in parking lots.

TRAINING

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)

Specialized Training – April 2015:

Less Lethal Instructor – 8 hours (Stroik)
ALEERT Training – 16 hours (Moen/Sellek)
Motorcycle In-service – 24 hours (Sellek)
Evidence Technician School – 40 hours (Faust)
CIVMIC – Use of Volunteers – 8 hours (Tutaj)
Homicide Training Conference – 22 hours (Haselow/Jones)
Counterterrorism Conference – 12 hours (Zimmerman)
TiPPS Parking Refresher – 6.5 hours (Ziltner)
Pedestrian and Bike Enforcement – 16 hours (Wilson)
SET Refresher Training – 16 hours (Zimmerman/Moen/O'Connor/Sellek/Ziegler)

2015 3rd Quarter In-Service Training:

July 23rd, 29th, August 10th and 19th – Dane County Law Enforcement Training Center

Morning session will consist of firearms training and more specifically the annual qualification courses.

Afternoon session will be a presentation on domestic violence by a member of the Dane County District Attorney's Office.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

The Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) was busier in April than the last couple of months. ISB reviewed 91 cases and 13 of those were assigned for follow up. The assigned cases consisted of drug offenses, sexual assaults, thefts, frauds and a recovered stolen vehicle.

One of the most commonly reviewed cases at the Middleton Police Department is a fraud. For example, in the month of April there was one victim who was convinced her grandson was in trouble and sent \$9,000.00 out of state through the mail. Unfortunately, given the fact that these cases almost always cross state lines and involve people who the victims have never met or seen, they are extremely difficult to solve.

The suspects in this type of crime will frequently prey on the vulnerable populations and also take advantage of people during times of crisis, such as natural disasters, when many organizations are soliciting donations. Before sending money to anyone, make sure you have done your research. If someone on the phone is saying they are a relative and they

need money, verify they are who they say they are. Ask them questions only that relative would know the answer to. Also determine if it is reasonable to believe they are in the location where they say they are. You could also ask them for a phone number to call them back and try to call that relative or another family member who should have details of their whereabouts. A small amount of research up front could save you a lot of heartache in the long run.

The same applies for businesses soliciting money on the phone or in person at your door. Make sure you do research on the company by searching them online. Any legitimate business will be okay with you saying you will call back after looking into their reputation. Those people who are aggressive and try to pressure you into immediate donations are unlikely to belong to legitimate businesses. Any research you do may lead to information which could convince you that doing business with them is not the best idea.

Below you will find some links with information on some of the most common fraud schemes as well as some ways to avoid becoming a victim. When in doubt, please remember it is best to err on the side of caution.

Federal Trade Commission

<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0060-10-ways-avoid-fraud>

FBI Common Fraud Schemes

<http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/fraud>

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Middleton High School

Officer Rich O'Connor

April was shortened by a few days as the students finished up the last week of spring break. Officer O'Connor spent his spring break coaching the JV softball team. There was practice during the day and team building activities in the evening.

There were 18 calls for service in April at Middleton High School and Clark Street Community School. Those calls included found drugs, lost property, annoying phone calls, a fight, and two cases of suspicious people on or near school property.

Officer O'Connor gave a 90 minute presentation on alcohol and drugs to nine different Health classes. He also participated in a table top exercise on active shooters with about 25 employees of the School District, Police Department and Fire Department. Officer O'Connor helped plan and execute a school wide tornado drill in April as part of Tornado Awareness Month. He also attended two days of Special Events Training to help keep his tactical skills sharp.

**Kromrey Middle School
Officer Tom Wilson**

During the month of April, I continued teaching the Keeping Safe Program to the Elm Lawn Elementary School. I also started planning with two parent groups for upcoming school bike events taking place at Northside and Elm Lawn Elementary Schools in May.

I also attended several meetings during the month. Some of these included a meeting on attendance and a school security camera meeting. I also assisted in several severe weather drills.

I handled several calls for service during the month. These included several disturbances and two drug incidents.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

24 Adults
24 Criminal Counts
1 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

0 Juveniles
0 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures