

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**

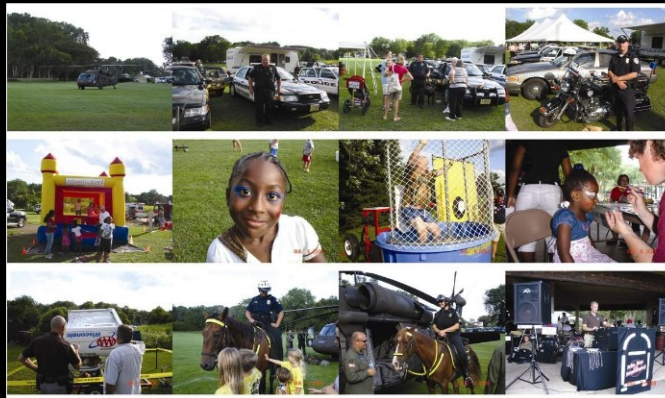


**AUGUST 2008**

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

On Wednesday, August 6, the Middleton Police Department held its own National Night Out celebration at Lakeview Park. There were numerous safety displays, local Police agencies, Blackhawk helicopter, good food, kids' games, DJ and door prizes. The event was a huge success. A special thanks to Springs Window Fashions, The Middleton Senior Center, Rick's Café, Detective Patty Faust, Business Watch President Marilyn Burke and all of the volunteers and participants.

*Thank You!!*



**National Night Out**

**2008**

**MIDDLETON**

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

### **Community events:**

On Sunday, August 3, Community Awareness Officer Kasdorf and Middleton Business Watch President Marilyn Burke attended Fitchburg Police Department's National Night Out.

On Thursday, August 7, Community Awareness Officer Kasdorf and Middleton Business Watch President Marilyn Burke attended Sun Prairie's National Night Out.

On Thursday, August 14, the Middleton Police Department helped host a Town Hall Meeting at the Middleton High School PAC to raise awareness about drunk driving. Several civilians participated in a controlled alcohol consumption exercise and tested their driving ability, performed field sobriety tests and tested an ignition interlock device.

On Friday, August 22 through Sunday, August 24, the City of Middleton had its annual Good Neighbor Fest. There was a carnival, song and dance performances, food and drink, craft fair and parade.

The Department has many upcoming events in 2008, such as the Second Annual NSI/West Bend Mutual Family Safety Day on Saturday, September 6, at the Wisconsin Trade Center; Costco International Safety Week on September 15; and Walgreen's Child ID Event on September 13. 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 David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Middleton Business Watch**

The Middleton Business Watch Fall Seminar will be the Dane County Emergency Management's "Ready Your Business Workshop" on Wednesday, September 24, at the Alliant Center. Disaster and Continuity training for businesses and communities will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Citizen's Academy**

The Middleton Police Department's annual Academy is tentatively scheduled to start Wednesday, September 3, through Wednesday, November 5. Participants will learn about police operations and have a chance to drive police cars and shoot weapons at the MATC indoor range. Participants will also attend sessions at the new EMS and Fire Department facilities. If interested in attending the 2009 Academy, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

## OPERATIONS DIVISION

On August 28, 2008, Nicholas Stroik graduated from the Fox Valley Technical College 13 week Police Academy in Appleton. The Middleton Police Department is proud to announce that Officer Stroik finished as the top academic achiever in his class and a close second as the best shooter in the class. Chief Keil and Lt. Kakuske attended the graduation ceremony representing the Department. Officer Stroik was also joined by family members. Pictured below are Officer Stroik and Chief Keil.



Officer Stroik began field training on Monday, September 1, 2008, with four days of orientation and will then begin Phase 1 training on the 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM shift. Field Training typically takes at least four months to complete.

### Significant Events in August

In August, Middleton officers handled 1,701 calls for service, 695 were field/officer initiated and 1006 were dispatched. Officers issued 594 citations, made 37 arrests and investigated 24 motor vehicle accidents. Middleton officers investigated 44 noise disturbances, 20 domestic disputes, 10 theft from auto reports, 9 bicycle thefts and 8 burglaries. Officers also responded to 52 alarms.

#### **08/5/2008, 11:42 AM, Bomb Threat, Middleton Ford, 7520 Century Avenue**

A man drove into a service bay at Middleton Ford, took a duffel bag out of his car and announced there was a bomb in it. Police were notified and began evacuating the business while other officers approached the suspect. In speaking to the subject, it became clear that he was suffering from a mental illness. He was taken into protective custody and the bag was searched with negative results. The man was turned over to mental health professionals.

#### **08/12/2008, Fraud, 6700 Block of Century Avenue**

An elderly woman living in an Assisted Living community was contacted by phone. The caller said he was her nephew, was in Canada and had been in a car accident and broke

his nose. He asked her to wire him money, which she did. This is a frequent scam, originating in Canada. MIPD has learned of at least one other similar fraud at the same location in Middleton as well as several other incidents in Dane County. The case was turned over to Canadian authorities and crime prevention outreach was done with the Assisted Living location.

**08/12/2008, 7:59 PM, Animal Complaint, Middleton Dog Park, 5209 Cty Hwy Q**

The Middleton Police Department was notified of a dog attacking another dog in the Middleton Dog Park located off Hwy. Q. The attacking dog was determined to be a Bull Mastiff, weighing approximately 135 pounds. He attacked a much smaller dog. The smaller dog was taken to an emergency vet clinic, but was eventually euthanized due to the severity of its injuries. Police located the owner of the Bull Mastiff and impounded the dog. Due to a long history of attacks against people and dogs, and the violation of a previous agreement to keep the dog leashed and muzzled while it was off its property, the City Attorney's Office has begun legal proceedings to euthanize the dog. The owner was also cited for a dangerous dog violation.

**08/14/2008, 10:14 AM, Robbery, State Bank of Cross Plains, 6300 University Avenue**

Middleton Police received a 911 call from the bank indicating it had just been robbed. The suspect presented a note indicating he had a gun and demanding money. The suspect fled the bank and area on foot and has not been located. Detectives believe this is the same suspect responsible for two other bank robberies in Middleton, one in Madison and one in Monona. The State Bank of Cross Plains and the Wisconsin Bankers Association have offered a \$10,000.00 reward for the arrest and conviction of the suspect. He is described as a male, white, early 20's, 5' 7", thin build, wearing a dark knit hat with a brim and sunglasses. The suspect is pictured below. Additional pictures are available from Sgt. Steve Britt at: [sbritt@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:sbritt@ci.middleton.wi.us)



*Note: This subject was recently apprehended following a bank robbery in Madison and has confessed to all of the Bank Robberies in Middleton.*

**08/18/2008, Theft, 2401 Park Street**

A resident reported that his electric golf cart was stolen from his yard the previous evening. The golf cart was located several days later down an embankment into Pheasant Branch Creek off of the nature trail between Park Street and Century Avenue.

**08/19/2008, 2:30 AM, Burglary, Fitzgerald's Restaurant, 3112 Parmenter Street**

Employees opening the restaurant noticed that the drive up window had been smashed out and the business was broken into and money taken. The M.O. of the burglary indicated that the suspect was familiar with the business. Evidence was collected, including video and blood (the suspect cut himself while climbing through the broken window). A former employee was identified as a possible suspect, interviewed and DNA samples obtained. The suspect admitted his involvement and is being charged with burglary.

**08/19/2008, Construction Sight Theft, 2185 Deming Way**

Theft of copper pipes from a construction sight. Construction sight burglaries have increased in frequency in the area due to increased construction and the downturn in the economy.

**08/22/2008 – 08/24/2008, Middleton Good Neighbor Festival**

The Good Neighbor Festival was held on the weekend on August 22 through 24. The police noted very few problems, just three arrests on the festival grounds and many people viewing the parade on a lovely late August summer day.

**08/25/2008, 6:23 PM, Assault/Battery, 1200 Block of Sweeney Drive**

Victim reported that her ex-boyfriend kicked down the door to gain entry to her apartment, physically assaulted her, threatened her with a knife and took her cell phone and car keys. He fled the scene prior to police arrival. The suspect was located the following day and jailed on numerous domestic related charges.

**08/28/2008, Sexual Assault of a Child**

A woman reported that her four year old son had been sexually assaulted by his father. Medical tests, a forensic child interview and interviews with the suspect have been completed. The investigation continues.

**08/29/2008, 2:36 AM, Burglary and Thefts, Northlake Neighborhood**

Middleton Police responded to a report of suspicious persons afoot in the Northlake Neighborhood. As officers approached, they noted several parked vehicles with dome lights on, open garage doors, and subjects fleeing on bicycles. Middleton Police apprehended two subjects, while Waunakee Police apprehended a third on nearby CTH Q. Investigation determined that up to ten vehicles, several garages and one occupied dwelling had been entered. Officers recovered loot valued at over \$1,100.00. Three young men were charged with burglary and theft.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

The Department is well on its way to getting a motorcycle next year for traffic enforcement purposes. Staff members and Chief Keil have met with Scott Acker, owner of Quaker Steak and Lube, who has offered to supply and outfit the motorcycle as well as two officers as a community service project for the business. Negotiations are still ongoing but all looks good so far. Two officers will be trained to ride the motorcycle for patrol purposes in a rigorous course conducted by Northwestern University.

Sgt. Mueller attended the three day Governor's Safety Conference held at Ho Chunk Convention Center in Baraboo. Several of the seminars were timely and informative, especially the one about Use of Motorcycles in Traffic Enforcement.

SMART on Hwy 12 was again done with 24 hours expended on it. Thirty-three enforcement actions were taken. Municipal ordinance citations were issued for Possession of Marijuana and Obstructing. Traffic enforcement actions were: Speeding - 11 citations; OAR/OAS - six citations; OWI - two citations; Open Intoxicant - one citation; No Driver's License - one citation; six warnings for Equipment violations; four Lane Deviation warnings and one Registration warning.

Eleven and one half hours were spent on directed traffic patrols. Eleven citations were issued for Speed and two warnings; one citation each for OAR, Registration, Failure to Obey Sign and Failure to Fasten Safety Belt.

## **TRAINING**

### **Specialized Training**

Governors Conference on Highway Safety, 16 hours, Mueller  
Using the Internet as an Investigative Tool, 16 hours, Faga and Faust  
CEDAP Mobile Camera Training, 8 hours, Hanson: *Middleton PD received a federal grant in the amount of \$11,500.00 for a portable digital video camera. The camera is designed to be easily moved and set-up, either inside or out, in areas where crimes are occurring.* In August, Sgt. Terry Hanson was sent to Raleigh, North Carolina, to receive training on how to use the camera (part of the grant award). The Department has now received the camera and we are field testing it. The Police Department is working closely with the Parks Department in obtaining wireless digital video cameras in City park shelters.

### **In-Service Training**

The training team is working with their counterparts from Sun Prairie and Fitchburg to plan 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in-service, scheduled for September and October. This quarter's topics will be firearms qualification and scenario based training using Simmunition ammunition.

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

The focus for the Investigative Services Bureau during the next several months will be to examine each detective's backload of cases and make a concerted effort to resolve as many of these case files as possible.

During the months of July and August, Middleton Police Detectives were able to resolve twelve of these cold case files. The most significant of these incidents was a gang related shooting that occurred in 2006. The following is an account of this incident.

On Sunday, 07-23-06, at approximately 7:48 PM, a group of male individuals believed to be members or associates of a street gang entered PDQ, 5301 South Ridge Way in the City of Middleton. A member of a rival street gang entered the store while others were still inside.

The groups had an argument inside the store, appeared to be posturing for a physical fight and then went out to the parking lot. After a brief confrontation in the PDQ parking lot, members of both groups left the area in attempt to gather additional persons to continue the conflict.

At approximately 8:00 PM on 07-23-06, members of these same two street gangs converged in an apartment parking lot in the 3400 block of Marino Court.

Four members of one street gang drove to Marino Court and approached waiting members of the second gang. As they approached the waiting group, members of the first gang fired two rounds from a semi-automatic hand gun at members of the second gang. One bullet struck the knee of an opposing gang member while the second round was lodged in a parked motor vehicle.

On 08-26-08, Middleton Police Officers charged criminal gang members Jose Marquez, Pablo Elizondo, Miguel Miranda-Lopez and Victor Cervantes for First Degree Reckless Endangerment, Use of A Dangerous Weapon, PTAC and Discharging a Firearm from a vehicle, PTAC.

Officers have also charged three additional gang members with Disorderly Conduct for their role in the original disturbance.

Elizondo, Miranda Lopez and Marquez are currently in custody for their roles in this incident. The Middleton Police Department is currently searching for Victor Cervantes. Cervantes is believed to have fled the area and is currently residing in Texas.

During the month of August, 33 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. This represents a 33% increase in assigned cases from the previous month. These case files include the following incident types:

- 13 - Domestic Follow-up
- 4 - Fraud
- 7 - Larceny
- 1 - Death Investigations
- 4 - Burglaries
- 3 - Uniform Controlled Substances
- 1 - Sexual Assault

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

On August 27, the two Police School Liaison officers returned to school for the 2008-2009 school year. Officer Jeremy Geiszler began his tenure at the Middleton High School and Officer Jill Tutaj returned to Kromrey Middle School for her final year. The first few days consisted of school and district meetings discussing the upcoming year, with no students present. Officers Tutaj and Geiszler were then able to set up their respective offices in preparation for the first day of school on September 2. Both Geiszler and Tutaj are excited to begin working with the students and staff this upcoming year.

### **COURT ACTIVITY**

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

79 Adults  
115 Charges  
7 Civil Forfeitures

#### **Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals**

1 Juvenile  
1 Charge  
0 Civil Forfeitures

#### **Municipal Court Citations Issued**

361 Citations