

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



JANUARY 2008

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Sgt. Dave Kromm Retires

On January 5, 2008, Sergeant Dave Kromm retired from the Middleton Police Department after 23 years of service. Sgt. Kromm joined the department on November 2, 1984 as a part time Dispatcher. He became a Middleton Police Officer on September 9, 1985 and was promoted to Sergeant on December 15, 1990. Sgt. Kromm was a certified trainer in numerous law enforcement areas, was the lead trainer for the Middleton Police training team and worked for the MATC Police Academy for over 20 years, training new officers attending the police academy.

Although it will be difficult to replace Sgt. Kromm's experience and dedication, members of the department wish him well. The department is currently in the process of promoting an officer to replace Sgt. Kromm.

Sgt. Kromm is pictured below training a member of the Citizen's Academy how to properly handle an AR-15 rifle.



NEW OFFICER JOINS MIDDLETON POLICE



Officer Christopher Formby joined the Middleton Police Department on January 3, 2008.

Chris grew up in Dallas, Texas and graduated from the University of Texas, Austin in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. Chris then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served as an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle pilot for four years while stationed at 29 Palms, California. Upon completing his Marine Corps obligation, Chris joined the Los Angeles Police Department, where he worked for five years, assigned to the San Fernando Valley, Hollywood and Watts Divisions.

Chris and his wife Heather, also a former Los Angeles Police officer, moved to the Middleton area to be closer to family and to raise their 21 month old daughter, Catriona.

Chris will be in field training for four months and will be on probation for 18 months.

On January 9, 2008, Chris was formally sworn in by City of Middleton Clerk Trish Amble as his wife, daughter, family, friends and co-workers looked on. Pictured above is Chief Keil giving Chris a plaque containing the Law Enforcement Oath of Honor.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Middleton Business Watch: The Middleton Business Watch Board of Directors concluded another very successful year in 2007 in which the total membership of the partnership grew to over 350 members. In January the Board of Directors elected new officers for 2008:

President	Marilyn Burke
Vice President	Brad Keil
Secretary	Barry Reynolds
Treasurer	Carol Maki

The MBW Board is currently planning the Spring 2008 Seminar, which is scheduled for April 10, 2008 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Wisconsin Trade Center – Mendota Conference Room. The program for the seminar will be Workplace Violence and other Hair Raising Employment Tales by the Bald Guy, a presentation on workplace violence, hiring, and other employment issues by Attorney Bob Gregg. Further information on the seminar will be distributed in early March. For more details or to join MBW call Sgt. Barry Reynolds at 827-1017.

Community Events: January was a slow month in terms of community and proactive programs. There was only one department tour scheduled for the month, scheduled for January 15th. Unfortunately, this tour had to be cancelled due to emergency call activity. Although the department makes every effort to honor all tour requests, tours are usually conducted by on-duty, uniformed officers, and occasionally some tours need to be re-scheduled due to call activity.

The department also began scheduling community events for 2008, such as the National Night Out which is scheduled for August, and the second annual NSI/ West Bend Mutual Family Safety Day, which is scheduled for September.

Citizens Police Academy: The Middleton Police Department completed the fourth session of the Citizens Police Academy in November. This program has been very popular and there is currently a waiting list for future academy sessions. The Citizens Academy is intended to give Middleton residents, or people who work in Middleton, a chance to learn about police practices in general and specific information about the Middleton Police Department. Topics covered during the 8 week course include: traffic stops, OWI enforcement, radar/laser speed devices, investigations/crime scene processing, emergency vehicle operation (participants will drive police cars at the 151 Speedway), firearms (participants will have a chance to fire weapons at the MATC indoor shooting range and will participate in shoot/no shoot scenarios), defense and arrest tactics, learn about MIPD proactive and crime prevention programs and will have a session at the Middleton Fire Department and EMS. If interested in attending a future academy, contact Sgt. Barry Reynolds at 827-1017.

Middleton SCAN: SCAN is the Middleton **S**afety and **C**rime **A**wareness **N**etwork, an initiative of the Middleton Police Department and the Middleton Senior Center. The goal of **SCAN** is to develop a communication network within the Middleton Community which can be used by the police department and citizens to share information on crime and crime prevention. **SCAN** will form partnerships with local residents, neighborhood groups, Middleton Outreach Ministry and church organizations, local businesses, and the local media, among others, to develop a fast and efficient means of communication to disseminate information. Following the success of the Middleton Business Watch partnership, **SCAN** will follow a similar model to keep residents more aware of crime and safety events within their community. For more information on **SCAN**, watch our website at www.middletonpd.com



OPERATIONS DIVISION

Winter of 2007/2008

When we reviewed our 2007 numbers, we were pleased that although our calls for service increased substantially over previous years, our arrests also increased and our crime rate declined. One area that did increase though, was our accidents in 2007. In 2006, Middleton officers investigated 695 accidents, in 2007, we investigated 758 accidents, even though one of our yearly goals was to decrease accidents by enforcement and by working with traffic engineers to devise safer roads. We are still looking at the data to determine the reason for the increase.

It will be easy to determine the reason for accidents increasing in the winter of 2008, the snow. In January of 2007, we investigated 27 traffic accidents. During the same time period in 2008, we investigated 48 traffic accidents. Luckily, none of these accidents resulted in death or serious bodily injury, but the snow is affecting the way we do business also and we too are counting the days until spring.

Significant Events in October:

08-00039 01/03/08 2100 Block of West Greenview Drive – Fraud

Eagle Optics reported being defrauded by customers ordering their product through Ebay, then paying with it through fraudulent credit cards.

08-00207 01/12/08 4:12 AM 1000 Block of North Gammon Road – Multiple Commercial Burglaries

Middleton Police Department received an alarm at District Liquors at 4:12 AM. Upon arrival they discovered that multiple businesses in the strip mall had their front windows or glass doors broken and items stolen. A person delivering newspapers provided a vehicle description. This was relayed to area law enforcement agencies. Madison police officers spotted the vehicle, attempted to stop it and got into a high speed chase. Two suspects were arrested at the time and had items stolen from the Middleton burglaries. Investigation has revealed the identity of the other suspects and charges are pending.

08-00254 01/14/08 8600 Block of Fairway Place – Theft

The employees of a business reported that a trailer was stolen over the weekend.

08-00270 01/15/08 Mathews Road – Sexual Assault

Middleton Police detectives investigated sexual contact between a 20 year old man and a 15 year old woman. The man was charged with sexual assault.

08-00301 01/16/08 2050 Allen Boulevard – Drug Search Warrant

Middleton Police detectives and officers served a search warrant at 2050 Allen Boulevard. Drugs and paraphernalia were located and a woman was taken into custody.

08-00411 01/25/08 5:00 AM 3513 Roma Lane #8 – Drug Search Warrant

Middleton Police detectives developed information that drugs were being sold from an apartment at 3513 Roma Lane. Furthermore, that the two male residents of the apartment had possession of several firearms. Based on this information, a search warrant was issued and Middleton Police requested the assistance of the Dane County Sheriff's Department Emergency Response Team. At 5:00 AM, members of the Emergency Response Team made a dynamic entry into the apartment, which included the use of distraction devices (flash bangs). The subjects were taken into custody without incident and the scene turned over to the Middleton Police officers. Drugs, paraphernalia and weapons were located in the apartment and two males were arrested and taken to jail.

08-00444 01/25/08 7600 Terrace Avenue – Multiple Commercial Burglaries

On Friday morning, the Middleton Police Department investigated at least 12 commercial burglaries which occurred at the Middleton Centre, in the 7600 block of Terrace Avenue and the 7500 block of Hubbard Avenue. Multiple businesses were broken in and the offices ransacked.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

During the month of January directed patrols were performed on High Road, Airport Road, N High Point Road, Century Avenue, CTH Q, Stonefield Road, Park Street, University Avenue, Hwy 12, Elmwood Avenue, Maywood Avenue and the intersections of University Ave/Branch Street, Franklin Avenue/Bristol Street, Amherst Road/Pheasant Lane, Hedden Road/Century Avenue, Century Avenue/Allen Blvd.

A total of twenty-eight hours were spent on the directed traffic patrols.

There were a total of fifty-three enforcement actions taken. These were: Nineteen citations for Speed and seven warnings, nine citations for Registration violations and three warnings, two citations for Operating After Revocation, one citation each for Display of Unauthorized Plate, Expired Driver's License, Failure to Fasten Seat Belt and Stop Sign violation, one warning for Unsafe Lane Deviation and eight warnings for various Equipment violations.

Snow and ice on the roadways has made driving hazardous in this record setting winter so far. This has also made it more difficult to perform the directed patrols, both from being able to find the time due to officers being occupied with accidents and other weather related incidents and from a safety standpoint for the officers doing the patrols as snow limits visibility and slippery roads make rapid merging into traffic to pursue violators much less safe for the officers and other vehicles on the roadways.

TRAINING

Wisconsin Law Enforcement Executive Conference, 20 hours, Sgt. Reynolds Boomers, Gen X'ers and the Y Generation, 8 hours, Chief Keil, Lt. Foulke and Sgt. Britt Street Cop Spanish, 16 hours, 8 patrol officers

The department also began 2008 in-service. The first quarter is being held at Madison Area Technical College. The topics are firearms, less lethal (Taser and bean bag shotgun) recertification and defense and arrest tactics.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

In January the Investigative Services Bureau investigated 10 newly assigned cases. The number of newly assigned cases typically decreases during the winter months, and this year has been no exception. Among the new cases that we saw this month were 1 Sexual Assault, 3 fraud cases, 2 Burglaries and 1 Motor Vehicle Theft and 1 Shoplifting.

There has been increased activity involving thefts from vehicles over the past several weeks. The majority of these incidents are occurring during the overnight hours and involve vehicles parked outside or in underground parking lots. It is believed that more than one group of suspects is likely responsible for this string of crimes. Residents are

reminded to park their vehicles in a secure garage, if at all possible; always lock your vehicle at night; and remove any valuables or hide them from sight. Middleton officers are currently working with several local apartment complexes to help decrease the potential opportunities for these crimes.

The department has also seen an increase in the number of nighttime commercial burglaries in December and January. This increase matches a trend that has been seen for nearly all Dane County communities during that same time span. The burglars are typically targeting small businesses or strip malls, causing damage when entering the businesses, and taking small amounts of cash or other small valuables. Middleton detectives are coordinating the investigation into these crimes with other local agencies.

The level of activity in January decreased from the previous month, and the total caseload for the detectives also decreased slightly as detectives were able to close more cases. Currently the detective bureau has 132 active cases, including the following:

Arson	2
Burglary	13
Damage to Property	7
Death Investigation	4
Drugs	7
Fraud	32
Larceny	24
Motor Vehicle Theft	3
Sex Offense	3

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER REPORTS

Officer Jill Tutaj **Kromrey Middle School**

Meetings

Weekly BCT
2 IEP Meeting
2 Gang presentations with DCSO
Safety Presentation to After School Club
Operation Teddy Bear- North Side
Gang Identification walk through
MLK field trip

Calls

Damage to property
Sexual Assault High School
Theft from Kromrey
2 Disturbances at Kromrey
Monthly Reading to Kindergarten classes
Theft from North side

Citations

3 Littering
3 Damage to Property
3 Warnings for DC
1 warning for Theft

Officer Jerry Raffel Middleton High School

Meetings - Classroom

Alternative High School
School Resource Officers of Dane County
DAC w/ Chief and Superintendent on future of School Resource officer
High School House Meetings
Taught in 3 Health Classes

Monthly Activity

1-**Accident- Hit and Run**- Was able to track the suspect to see where he had been prior to striking the car. Id'd suspect and solved the Accident.

3-**Uniform controlled substance arrests**. 2 for marijuana possession and 1 for distribution of Aderrall (Prescription Medication).

1-**4th Degree Sexual Assault**. (Did not happen at the high school) Student came to SRO to report an incident that had happened at her work.

5-Truancy Arrests

1- **Assist Citizen** in finding his lost I-Pod in the school. Was able to find where his I-Pod was picked up off the floor by an asst. dean and turned into the greeter station. I-Pod was returned.

1- **Assist other dept. Baraboo PD** requested SRO to view surveillance of 2 suspects that damaged their school during a wrestling tournament. SRO was able to ID suspects and interview 1 of the students who did go to MHS. Confession was obtained and report forwarded to Baraboo PD.

1- **Disturbance**- 2 students were in each others faces yelling. Both were warned for DC.

2- **Thefts from girls' locker room**. Both Items were "UGG" boots. Unable to identify a suspect.

Court Activity

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

63 Adults
97 Charges
13 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

1 Juvenile
1 Charge
1 Civil Forfeitures

Municipal Court Citations Issued

326 Citations

Communications Center January 2008						
Activity & Tasks						
28-Day Period	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07
Shift Hours Staffed	672.00	672.00	672.00	672.00	672.00	672.00
Activity Total	19,244	17,361	19,339	21,735	23,661	23,351
9-1-1 Calls	265	216	233	242	272	227
Non-Emergency Phone Calls	2,967	3,014	3,299	3,494	3,472	3,659
Counter Service	173	200	152	225	257	267
Citizen Assist - Dispatcher	88	65	63	86	136	120
Tagged Freedom Files	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warrant Preparation	1	0	0	0	1	2
Warrant Entry/Cancellation	6	5	2	3	7	3
Other Crime Bureau Processing	614	740	596	668	639	765
Business Watch File	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAD File Update/Entry	62	25	19	58	7	5
Pawn Record Entries	123	0	22	90	15	47
Alibis	1	0	0	0	0	0
License/Permit History Check	8	17	6	14	10	18

Special Searches - Special Details	106	152	186	199	208	64
Parking Tickets Entered	239	146	35	82	71	72
RMS Reports Entered	0	0	0	0	0	0
Receive Payment, Bail, or Fee	19	0	5	26	15	8
Hours & Activity Reporting	40	36	41	37	37	31
Training Hours	0	38	0	6	5	0
Validations	35	44	11	19	44	18
Web Page Update Hours	5	0	0	0	0	0
QA Hours & Scheduling Hours	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Incidents	503	569	653	725	715	855
Number of Calls for Service	1,399	1,209	1,402	1,576	1,775	1,719
CAD Transactions	12,590	10,884	12,615	14,182	15,974	15,470
Activity Rate per Hour =	29	26	29	32	35	35

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Communication Center Activities by Month

