

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



MAY 2008

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Middleton Police Receive a Grant from the Office of Justice Assistance

On May 16, 2008, the Middleton Police Department was notified that it had been awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,068.00 by the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance. The money will be used for equipment to be used in the digital recording of custodial interrogations in the police department holding rooms.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

Community Events:

On May 20th Sergeant Barry Reynolds and EMS Director Steve Wunsch gave a presentation at the Middleton Senior Center on “**When to call 911.**” Director Wunsch spoke to the audience about EMS calls and the type of medical emergencies that would require an emergency response. Sgt. Reynolds spoke about the various other types of 911 calls that the Middleton 911 Center receives. Sgt. Reynolds also gave the audience some information on the proper use of 911, the type of questions an emergency dispatcher will ask when you call 911, and what to do if you call 911 by accident.

On May 13th Sgt. Steve Britt gave a tour of the Middleton Police Department to a local cub scouts group from Sunset Ridge School. Sgt. Britt showed the group the communications center, arrest processing area, and gave a tour of a Middleton PD squad car.

On Saturday, May 10th Officer Tom Wilson conducted the annual **Bike Rodeo for Kids** hosted by the Optimists Club. This event, held at the Middleton High School, is always a popular event at the beginning of the summer season.

On Saturday, May 3rd, Sgt. Don Mueller attended the annual **Kid’s Day at Lakeview Park**, hosted by the Middleton Kiwanis. Sgt. Mueller attended this event for the department, greeted the kids, and provided tours of a marked squad car.

On May 28th Sgt. Reynolds spoke at the Middleton Optimists Club breakfast at the Village Green. Sgt. Reynolds gave details on the **Middleton Police Department’s Child Safety Initiative**, and the development of the department’s Missing Child Response team. Sgt. Reynolds also spoke about the Wisconsin AMBER Alert program and the Middleton AMBER Alert case from July, 2007.

The department has begun scheduling many of the community events for 2008, such as the National Night Out which is scheduled for August 6th, and the second annual NSI/ West Bend Mutual Family Safety Day, which is scheduled for September. If you would

like more information or would like to involve the department in a community presentation or event, contact Sgt. Barry Reynolds at 827-1017.

Middleton Business Watch: The Middleton Business Watch hosted the Spring 2008 Seminar on April 10 at the Wisconsin Trade Center – Mendota Conference Room. The program for the seminar was 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. Despite the rainy weather, the seminar was well attended. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the presentation on DVD, contact Sgt. Barry Reynolds at 827-1017 or breynolds@ci.middleton.wi.us.

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

On May 16, 2008 Raymond Parent graduated from the Blackhawk Technical College 520 hour Police Academy. The ceremony was attended by Ray's wife, parents, friends and Lt. Kakuske, Lt. Foulke and Sgt. Hanson. Ray begins 4 months of field training.

On May 18, 2008, Officer Chris Formby completed Field Training and began solo patrol. Chris is currently assigned to 3rd shift (11:00 PM to 7:00 AM).

On May 28, 2008 Nicholas Stroik joined the Middleton Police Department. Nick grew up in Cudahy, WI and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 2003 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Chris joined the United States Marine Corp and served in Iraq in 2004 and 2005. Upon completing his Marine Corp obligation, Nick began employment as an IT consultant with Kerry Ingredients in Beloit, WI and worked there until his employment with Middleton PD. Nick currently lives in Janesville with his wife Kelly who is a teacher and his 1 year old son Carter.

Nick will be attending the 13 week Police Academy at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, WI, then will begin the approximately 4 month Field Training Program.

Nick is pictured below with City Clerk Trish Amble being sworn in as a Middleton Police Officer. Nick also recited the Police Officer Oath of Honor and received an Oath of Honor plaque from Chief Keil. The ceremony was attended by Nick's wife, son, parents, relatives, police employees, city employees and elected officials.



Significant Events in May:

08-2593 05/01/08 7700 Block of Terrace Avenue – Employee Theft

A business reported that an employee had stolen money over a several month period of time. The suspect was interviewed and arrested.

08-2609 05/01/08 2200 Block of Deming Way – Theft

Employees at Quaker Steak & Lube reported that four empty kegs of beer were stolen from the dock area. Middleton Police have investigated numerous incidents of this type at area restaurants. A suspect has been identified and is currently in jail on these and other charges.

08-2687 05/05/08 11:52 PM 6300 Lakeview Blvd – Arson Fire

Trash dumpsters were set on fire.

08-2721 05/07/08 2:36 PM 6300 University Avenue – Bank Robbery

The State Bank of Cross Plains was robbed by a man who presented the teller with a note demanding money. This is the same suspect who robbed another branch of the State Bank of Cross Plains in Middleton in April as well as another bank in Madison in March.

08-2810 05/11/08 12:13 PM 1200 Block of Sweeney Drive – Robbery

A woman reported that the father of her child jumped on her, threw her to the ground and then stole money from her. Eighteen year old Kelvin Sutton of Middleton was arrested for domestic related offenses as well as robbery.

08-2850 05/13/08 4:41 AM Lakeview Park – Arson Fire

Trash barrels were lit on fire which spread to the roof of the park shelter. Extensive damage occurred. Investigation revealed that this was an intentionally set fire. No suspects have been developed at this time.

08-3042 05/20/08 1600 Deming Way – Theft

The manager of a business reported that his company was broken into over night and money removed from the safe. Suspects have been developed in this case and charged.

08-3125 05/23/08 6300 Block of Pheasant Lane – Burglary

Residents returned home to find their apartment had been broken into and numerous items stolen.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

May was a fairly busy month for traffic safety in Middleton. It started out on May 6th with Sgt. Mueller attending a meeting with representatives of all the jurisdictions along the Hwy 12 corridor from Middleton to Cottage Grove. *The second annual SMART campaign was planned.* This is an intensive effort aimed at drunk driving along Hwy 12, where all jurisdictions work in tandem during a specified time period. This effort is a great show of force for traffic safety and got a lot of press last year and should again this year.

A motorcycle trip of around 100 motorcycles left Quaker Steak and Lube on the 17th and was escorted by Middleton officers to the city limits so that it could get underway in a safe manner.

On the 14th Middleton, along with Madison, Shorewood Hills, Capital Police Departments and the Wisconsin State Patrol participated in *Operation Lifesaver*, a railroad grade crossing safety initiative. Officers from each of the jurisdictions road on the engine of the train from the east side of Madison to the western Middleton city limits. Officers on the train radioed to officers on the street so stops for violations could be

made. A total of 8 citations and 2 warnings were issued. One violation was observed in Middleton but an officer was not stationed at that particular crossing so no stop was made. The effort was especially useful in showing that pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists take chances by crossing in front of oncoming trains. The engineers say it is a common everyday occurrence and this effort showed that it is.

On May 19th the annual ***Click It or Ticket program*** began and ran through June 3rd. This year Middleton was not a recipient of grant monies to perform overtime patrols. Officers took part during their regular shift time in this effort. Seventy-eight traffic stops were made with sixty-eight citations and thirty-nine warnings issued. Thirty-four citations were for Speeding, nine for Registration violations, eight for Safety Belt, five for Operating After Revocation/Suspension, three for Signal/Stop Sign violations, two for OWI, one for Open Intoxicants and six for other violations. Our effort places MIPD in a drawing for grants to purchase traffic safety related equipment.

Directed traffic patrols covered about forty-one hours during the month of May. Sixty-two enforcement actions were taken and one warrant was served on a driver. Twenty-six citations and fourteen warnings were for Speed, five citations for Operating After Revocation or Suspension, six citations and three warnings for Registration violations, three citations and one warning for Stop Sign violations, two citations for Seat Belt violations, one warning each for Equipment and Failure to Obey Sign. Hwys 12, M, Q, Allen Blvd, Branch St, Century Ave, Pheasant Branch Rd, Maywood Ave, Frank Lloyd Wright at Pheasant Branch Rd, Parmenter Street Roundabout, Park St, N High Point Rd and school zones were targeted.

TRAINING

In-service

3rd quarter in-service, May 21 and 27. Firearms (rifle, and 2 pistol courses) at DCLETC and EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operators Course)/vehicle contacts (emphasizing stop stick deployment and simmunitions scenarios) at the Columbus 151 Speedway. Dixon and Hellenbrand instructors for firearms, Faga and Britt instructors for EVOC/vehicle contacts. Other sessions are June 2 and June 5.

May Specialized Training

Basic Drug Investigations, 32 hours, Wilson and Wipperfurth
Investigating Domestic Abuse, 8 hours, Britt, Hellenbrand, Hanson and Formby
Northwestern University Supervision of Police Personnel, 80 hours, Zimmerman and McKnight
Conducting Law Enforcement Background Investigations, 16 hours, Britt
Calibre Press Street Survival, 16 hours, Sherry and Olson
Protecting Lives, Saving Futures (OWI Enforcement for newer officers), 20 hours, Wilson and Olson
Social Networking Sites as Networking Tools, 8 hours, Haselow and Geiszler

Autism and Law Enforcement, 8 hours, Wipperfurth, Sherry, Hamilton, Ash, Smith,
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Canon EOS 5D camera training, 3 hours, Faga, Kasdorf, Dixon Jones and Faust
FBI NA Re-trainer, 16 hours, Keil

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

In May the Investigative Services Bureau investigated 12 newly assigned cases, a decrease from the previous month. Among the new cases that we saw this month were 1 bank robbery, 1 commercial burglary, 1 arson, 3 fraud cases, and 2 assaults.

The major cases from May included a bank robbery which was reported on May 7th. Middleton police dispatch received a 911 call from a bank employee reporting the robbery, followed quickly thereafter by an alarm coming from the bank.

Initial investigation indicates the suspect entered the bank, presented a note to the teller which indicated he was robbing the bank and that he had a gun. No weapon was displayed. The suspect was given an undisclosed amount of money and fled the bank on foot, running in a westerly direction. No one was injured.

The suspect was described as a male, white, early 20's medium height, slim, wearing a dark knit hat with a brim, sun glasses, long sleeve shirt, jeans and brown shoes.

Detectives investigating the latest robbery believe that the suspect may also be responsible for the robbery of the State Bank of Cross Plains located at 8301 University Ave. Middleton, WI on April 11, 2008 and the Amcore Bank on Odana Road in Madison, WI on March 19, 2008.

On May 13th Middleton police and arson investigators responded to a report of a fire at the Lakeview Park Shelter at 6300 Lakeview Blvd. Investigators determined that the fire was deliberately set. The fire resulted in significant damage to the Lakeview Park shelter. Police detectives are continuing to investigate this incident.

On May 31st Middleton officer took a report of a stolen vehicle at 2070 Allen Blvd. This vehicle was later recovered by the Madison Police Department after it was found on a roadway, and was returned to the owner.

The level of activity in May increased from the previous month, currently the detective bureau has 125 active cases, including the following:

Assault	4
Burglary	18
Child Abuse	2
Damage to Property	7
Death Investigation	6
Disturbance	11

Fraud	26
Larceny	21
Robbery	3
Sex Offense	4

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

45 Adults
77 Charges
2 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

5 Juveniles
5 Charges
0 Civil Forfeitures

Municipal Court Citations Issued

374 Citations