

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



FEBRUARY 2008

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Detective Zimmerman Promoted to Sergeant



On February 8, 2008, Chief Brad Keil announced the promotion of Darrin Zimmerman to Sergeant. Sergeant Zimmerman will replace Dave Kromm, who retired after 22 years of service to the residents of Middleton.

Officers applying for the position of Sergeant participated in an internal promotional rating, written test, oral interview and assessment center. The Middleton Police Commission certified three officers and Chief Keil appointed Sgt. Zimmerman.

Sgt. Zimmerman is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. He has been with the department for eight years, as a patrol officer, DARE officer, police school liaison officer and detective. Sgt. Zimmerman and his wife, Janelle, also a police department employee, live in Middleton with their two children.

Sgt. Zimmerman will be assigned to split shift, 7:00 PM to 3:00 AM and 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM.

Raymond Parent joins the Middleton Police Force



Raymond Parent is Middleton's newest police officer. Ray grew up in Indiana and moved to Wisconsin as a teenager. Ray graduated from Marquette University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and Law Studies. Ray and his wife, Kristine, a nurse at the University of Wisconsin, live in the Madison area. Ray begins the 13 week Police Academy at Blackhawk Tech in Janesville on Monday, February 18.

Ray was sworn in as a police officer Friday afternoon, February 15. Pictured are City Clerk Trish Amble and Police Chief Brad Keil officially welcoming Ray as a Middleton Officer. Also attending the ceremony were Ray's wife, family, friends, Middleton Officers and elected officials.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**

Community Events: February was a slow month in terms of community and proactive programs. We conducted only one department tour in February.

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

Middleton Business Watch: 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.

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 eight 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

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

08-0594, 02/01/08, 12:25 PM, 2622 Allen Boulevard, Burglary in Progress

An employee of a business in a strip mall on Allen Boulevard reported that four suspects were attempting to break in to an unoccupied business. Police officers responded and took the four into custody. They were breaking in to a business and stole a number of cell phones.

08-0627, 02/02/08, 6600 Block of University Avenue, Stalking

A business reported that a red spray painted message was painted on the side of their business. Investigation revealed that an employee in the business had been the victim of harassment by a former boyfriend. He was arrested and charged with stalking based on this incident as well as several similar incidents which occurred in the City of Madison.

08-0729, 02/09/08, 1:15 AM, Club Tavern, Fight

Middleton Police officers responded to a fight in progress at the Club Tavern, both inside and the parking lot. Responding officers requested assistance from additional agencies due to the large number of people involved. A number of arrests were made and order was restored.

08-0827, 02/15/08, 12:37 AM, 6300 Block of Pheasant Lane, Stabbing

Middleton Police received a 911 call of a person who was stabbed when he answered his door. Investigation revealed that Ryan A. Schardt of Madison, stabbed the 17 year old victim due to a dispute over the purchase of alcohol. The victim received non-life threatening injuries and was released from the hospital. The suspect was taken into custody at his attorney's office where he surrendered to the police.

08-0829, 02/15/08, 3200 Block of Parmenter Street, Theft

Employees of Middleton Power Center reported that a trailer, go cart and snowblower were stolen from their lot.

08-0962, 02/22/08, 8300 Block of Greenway Boulevard, Theft

An area business reported that \$3,500.00 worth of gift cards had been stolen over the past several weeks, with many of them cashed at area stores.

Middleton officers responded to 53 traffic accidents in February of 2008, up from 34 during the same time period of 2007.

Middleton officers responded to 14 thefts from autos. These occurred throughout the City, however the majority were in open parking lots in apartment complexes. In a majority of the cases, the suspects broke out a window of the vehicle and stole electronics from inside.

Middleton officers responded to 11 domestic disturbances in the month of February.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

During the month of February, Sgt. Mueller provided training to two relief crossing guard volunteers at Northside School. This will help take the pressure off of officers and the Code Enforcement Manager to act as substitutes when the regular guard is out sick.

Sgt. Mueller also attended the annual Safe Communities membership breakfast meeting at the Sheraton Hotel in Madison where he met with other traffic safety officials to discuss traffic safety issues. The next major Safe Communities activity will be the Slow Down campaign in April.

Directed traffic patrols were once again performed during the month for a total of 23.5 hours. A total of 26 enforcement actions were taken during the month. These included eight warnings and one citation for Speeding, one citation for No Driver's License, five Stop Sign violation citations, one Traffic Signal Violation citation, two citations and four warnings for Registration, three Equipment warnings and one Failure to Yield to Pedestrian warning.

In addition, numerous parking citations were written in the area of the Capital Brewery during the annual Bock Fest celebration there. Traffic was difficult on Terrace Avenue due to the heavy snowfalls prior to the event which narrowed the road. Eventually the road was shut at one end with a squad and Terrace Avenue effectively became a one way street for the duration of the event. This solution has been suggested to administration for any future Bock Fests.

TRAINING

Instructor Development Class, 32 hours, Geiszler and O'Connor
Street Cop Spanish, 16 hours, Smith, Ash, Sherry, Wipperfurth, Raffel and Faust
Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Mid-Winter Conference, 20 hours, Keil, Kakuske and Foulke

On February 18, Ray Parent began the 520 hour Police Recruit Academy at Blackhawk Tech in Janesville.

1st quarter in-service training continues. The February 6 class was cancelled due to snow and re-scheduled for March 6. Planning is underway for 2nd quarter in-service, to be held in March and April. 2nd quarter in-service will be firearms at the Dane County Law Enforcement Training Center and traffic/OWI related legal update will be held at MIPD

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

In February, the Investigative Services Bureau investigated 16 newly assigned cases. An increase from the previous month. 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 two residential burglaries, three fraud cases, four theft cases, one motor vehicle theft and one death investigation.

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 since December. 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 February increased from the previous month, and the total caseload for the detectives decreased slightly as detectives were able to close more cases. Currently the detective bureau has 119 active cases, including the following:

Arson	2
Burglary	16
Damage to Property	7
Death Investigation	3
Drugs	4
Fraud	30
Larceny	19
Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Sex Offense	4

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

**Officer Jill Tutaj
School Resource Officer
Kromrey Middle School**

Meetings

Weekly BCT
SRO Meeting
Faculty Meeting
Gang Presentation
In-service
IEP Meeting
School Dance

Teaching

24 Hours of Keeping SAFE

Calls

2 Disturbance-Kromrey
Child Abuse- Kromrey
Threat- Elm Lawn
Theft – Elm Lawn

Warnings

1 Theft
1 For threats
1 Loitering

Citations

1 Disorderly Conduct
3 Physical abuse of a child

**Officer Jerry Raffel
School Resource Officer
Middleton High School**

Meetings - Classroom

Monthly- School Resource officers of Dane County
Dane County Youth Trends
Gang Task force meeting
Dean's meeting

Monthly Activity

2- property lost
2-Thefts
4- Disturbance/fights Arrest's
3-Uniform controlled substance Arrest's
1-Battery Arrest
2-Fire Alarms
1-911 hang up
1-EMS
1-Suspicious Activity with threats to a state official and family
1-Missing Juvenile-Autistic child walked away from school (located at library)
5-Truancy arrests
2-Prohibited Daytime Loitering Arrests

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

32 Adults
48 Charges
6 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

2 Juveniles
3 Charge
0 Civil Forfeitures

Municipal Court Citations Issued

248 Citations