

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**NOVEMBER 2008**

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

The 2008 Middleton Police Citizens' Academy held its graduation ceremony and dinner on Wednesday, November 5, at the Middleton Senior Center. Everyone enjoyed a potluck dinner, video presentation and awards and certificates were handed out.

Due to numerous fall scheduling conflicts, the next Citizens' Academy will be held in the spring of 2009.

If you are interested in attending a future academy, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

### **Police Motorcycle Program**

Plans for the police motorcycle have been finalized and the motorcycle was ordered on November 18 for delivery in April 2009. Scott Acker, of Quaker Steak and Lube, has agreed to pay for the three year lease of a 2009 Harley Davidson Electra Glide, it's outfitting with emergency equipment and computer, outfitting three officers, along with the training costs for two officers. The Department is going to have three officers attend training so the cost of this program will only be the training cost for one officer. Mr. Acker is working on getting some of the clothing and officer safety items donated by vendors of the QS&L Bike Nights so the clothing costs are not included in the \$16,764 cost figure that Mr. Acker is donating to our Department.

The motorcycle has to be stored during the non-riding months of winter. Mr. Acker has offered to store it on display at his restaurant. This will mean that the motorcycle will be stored in a climate controlled location, something it would not be if stored at a city facility. The motorcycle will be better off for it and the Department will have a visible reminder of its traffic safety efforts in front of the public all 12 months of the year.

Mr. Acker is to be commended for his dedication to traffic safety and motorcycle safety in particular. The police motorcycle will be used almost exclusively for traffic patrol.

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

### **Community Events**

On Thursday, November 6, CAO Kasdorf gave a Crime Prevention presentation to a Cub Scout Den at Northside School.

On Thursday, November 12, CAO Kasdorf, Sgt. Steve Britt, Officer Kim Olson and Officer Jill Tutaj served customers at Culvers Restaurant to raise money for "Shop with a Cop". Culvers donated a percentage of their sales that day to the program.

On Wednesday, November 19, CAO Kasdorf gave a Workplace Violence presentation for a meeting of the State Public Defender's Office at the Holiday Inn West.

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**

On Thursday, November 6, CAO Kasdorf, on behalf of Middleton Business Watch, gave a brief presentation on Business Continuity at the Chamber of Commerce "Get Moving Middleton" meeting.

If you would like to join the Middleton Business Watch or need to update your contact information, please contact Community Awareness Officer David Kasdorf at 827-7457 or [dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:dkasdorf@ci.middleton.wi.us).

## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

Middleton's long standing alternate side parking ordinance is in effect from November 15 to March 15. Between November 1 and November 15, the department issued approximately 1500 warnings throughout the City to prepare residents and visitors. The purpose of the ordinance is to facilitate snow removal and street maintenance. If it is necessary for you to leave a vehicle on the street between 1:00 AM and 7:00 AM, park on the even numbered side of the street on even numbered calendar days and likewise, park on the odd numbered side of the street on odd numbered days. You should anticipate the midnight date change.

If signs prohibit parking on one side of the street, alternate parking does not apply. If the addresses on your street are all even or all odd numbered, the alternate side parking regulation still applies. In effect, there is no on street parking every other night. To do otherwise would mean that one side of the street could not be plowed.

For a schedule of this winter's parking please click [here](#).

If you wish to read the City of Middleton Ordinance that contains parking restrictions, please [click here](#).

Additional information on Alternate Side Parking:

- Alternate side or seasonal parking regulations are common in Wisconsin. A notice is posted at entrances to the City. It is the responsibility of hosts to notify guests of the alternate side parking restriction.

- Often officers do have more important things to do than write parking tickets and on those occasions citations may not be issued. However, most alternate side parking tickets are written during the time of day when the fewest crimes, accidents, and calls for service occur.
- There is no parking ticket quota. Officers are not judged by the number of parking tickets they write, but rather by the degree of voluntary compliance in their patrol districts. Consistent enforcement, especially early in the season, typically results in voluntary compliance and fewer parking tickets.
- The Police Department budget is set. The Department does not receive any money from parking tickets or traffic citations. All fines go to the City's general fund.
- Alternate side parking enforcement is not contingent on an impending snow storm. It is not our objective to write parking tickets when it snows, but rather to get people into the habit of consistently complying with the ordinance. Writing tickets to illegally parked cars during or after a snow storm does not help in the snow removal operation. Voluntary compliance, precipitated by consistent enforcement, results in a significantly more effective and efficient plowing operation.

On November 25, several members of the Middleton Police Department went to Monona to celebrate the retirement of Lt. Rich O'Connor. Lt. O'Connor spent over 40 years in law enforcement, nine years with the Chicago Police Department, four years as the Chief in Monticello, WI, and 27 years with the Monona Police Department. Rich is pictured below with his son, Rich O'Connor Jr., a Middleton Police officer for ten years (only 30 more years to go, Rich).



In November, Middleton officers handled 1,529 calls for service, 702 were self initiated, 827 were dispatched. Officers issued 450 citations, 156 written warnings, made 29 criminal arrests and investigated 36 traffic accidents.

### **Significant calls in November**

#### **MI 08-7110, 11/01/08, 1:16 PM, Shoplifting, Costco**

Costco employees observed a subject put six bottles of Hennessey Cognac, valued at \$186.51, in his briefcase and leave the store without paying. He was confronted by store

employees and fled the area on foot. An officer found him running nearby and arrested him. A 40 year old Middleton man was charged with Retail Theft.

**MI 08-7135, 11/02/08, Burglary, 1200 Sweeney Drive**

Victim reported that she left her apartment unlocked when she walked her dog. Upon return found \$160.00 missing from her wallet.

**MI 08-7185, 11/04/08, 3:05 PM, Bomb Threat, Middleton High School**

On Presidential Election day, a bomb threat was phoned into the Middleton High School, which was also being used as an election polling place. Due to specificity in the call and the fact that the school was an open environment due to the election, the decision was made to evacuate the school and move the poll to the Middleton Fire Station. Using information from students, computer records and video surveillance, a student was arrested within hours of the call. The student was charged with Making a Bomb Threat as well as Interfering with a Presidential Election.

**MI 08-7208, 11/05/08, Burglary, 3100 Deming Way**

A construction trailer was forcibly entered and tools removed.

**MI 08-7385, 11/12/08, Theft, McDonald's Classic**

A "shortchange artist" was able to scam \$50.00 from a cashier.

**MI 08-7217, 11/14/08, 5:30 AM, High Risk Search Warrant, 6600 block of Century Avenue**

Middleton detectives developed information of a drug dwelling and wanted persons at a duplex in the 6600 block of Century Avenue. Because of the nature of the information and previous violent history of the occupants, the Dane County Tactical Response Team was activated to make entry. The dynamic entry was successfully carried out with no one being injured. Middleton detectives and officers then performed the search warrant. One subject was arrested on a warrant alleging repeated sexual assault of a child. The drug investigation continues.

**MI 08-7508, 11/18/08, Burglary, 2100 block of Mayflower**

Victims reported that while they were on vacation, someone entered their house via the sliding glass patio door and stole a TV.

**MI 08-7526, 11/18/08, Theft, Starbuck's**

A "shortchange artist" was able to scam \$50.00 from a cashier.

**MI 08-7570, 11/20/08, Theft, World Market**

An employee admitted embezzling money from the business after being confronted by video evidence showing him make at least 40 fraudulent cash refunds to himself.

**MI 08-7571, 11/20/08, Death Investigation, 5100 block of Brindisi Court**

Middleton Police were called to an apartment to investigate the suspected heroin overdose death of a 25 year old man. Investigation continues.

The police department continues to investigate a number of thefts from vehicles, particularly in hotel parking lots targeting GPS units. Officers have reached out to various hotels in the target areas asking hotel staff to inform guests to remove the GPS units from sight.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Due to staffing issues, only seven and one half hours were spent on directed traffic patrols in November. Ten citations for Speeding, one for OAS, one for Permit Violation and one for Improper Colored Lights were issued along with three warnings for Equipment Violations, one for Registration and one for Failure to Notify of Address Change.

November was the first month of the Department's participation in the **OWI patrol grant**. Two officers were assigned on each of two dates. Citations were: two OWI, six OAR/OAS, three Speeding, one Sign/Signal, two Open Intoxicants, and two Registration Violations. Seventeen warnings were issued. There was a total of 27 stops.

## **TRAINING**

### **November 2008 Specialized Training**

Integrity Leadership Seminar, 16 hours, Kakuske  
International Association of Chief's of Police 2008 Conference, 40 hours, Keil  
Northwestern University School of Staff and Command, 400 hours, Hellenbrand

### **Sgt Hellenbrand graduates from Staff and Command School**

On November 14, 2008, Sergeant Troy Hellenbrand graduated from Northwestern University's 270th class of Police Staff and Command. The ten week school was held in Janesville, WI. The class consisted of 30 students from 26 departments from south central Wisconsin. The School of Police Staff and Command is an intensive ten-week program that prepares law enforcement managers for senior positions by uniquely combining academic principles with practical applications. Sergeant Hellenbrand's staff study research paper was on the feasibility of setting up a traffic enforcement team for Middleton Police.

Graduation ceremonies were held at the Janesville Holiday Inn conference center and included a luncheon and key note address by Madison Police Department Chief Noble Wray. Attending the ceremony from the Middleton Police Department were Chief Keil and Lieutenants Kakuske and Foulke. Also in attendance was Troy's wife, Lori, and son, Jordan.

Troy will now come back to work as the 2nd detail shift commander.

Pictured in the attachment from left to right: Chief Keil, Lt. Kakuske, Sgt. Hellenbrand and Lt. Foulke.



### **2009 In-service Plans**

Session 1: 5P to 9P at MATC. Firearms, including low light, less lethal (bean bag shotgun) recertification, Electronic Control Device (Taser) recertification and OC (pepper spray) recertification.

Session II: Dane County Law Enforcement Training Center (DCLETC), 8A to 4P. Half the day will be firearms; the other half will be using the MILO training simulator, which creates scenarios with different levels of use of force.

Session III: DCLETC, 8A to 4P. AM firearms, PM legal update with Dave Perlman, 2 hours TBD.

Session IV, DCLETC, noon to 9P: first half will be annual qualification, 2<sup>nd</sup> half will be rapid response at Sauk Trail Elementary School.

Also under consideration: summer session of Defense and Arrest Tactics and Global records management system training. Need to re-cert in PPD/AED.

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

On 11/18/08, at approximately 10:03AM, Madison Police Detectives contacted the Middleton Police Department in reference to an ongoing suicide/homicide investigation being conducted by that department.

The Dane County 911 Communications Center received a cellular telephone call at approximately 0911 hours on this date. The male caller informed the dispatch center that police should be sent to the intersection of Tree Lane and High Point Road in the City of Madison as there was a dead individual in a motor vehicle at that location. The caller then hung up on the dispatcher before providing any other additional information.

Madison Officers responded to the scene and located one adult male subject and a juvenile male subject both in a vehicle at that location. Both individuals had a gunshot wound. The vehicle in question was a black Jeep registered to Ryan T. Dutter and Christine A. Gabron of Middleton.

Madison Detectives requested that Middleton Detectives respond to the Dutter address to check the welfare of Gabron. Madison Detectives indicated that they were concerned that there may be another victim either injured or deceased at this address.

Middleton Detectives assisted Madison Detectives in contacting the resident at this address, securing the apartment, conducting interviews, conducting a residential search and completing the follow-up investigation of this incident. This investigation revealed that the distraught father of a 12 year old autistic son took his son's life before committing his own suicide.

On 11-20-08, at 3:58 PM, Middleton Police officers were dispatched to 5160 Brindisi Court Apt. 4 in the city of Middleton for a 25 year old male subject, later identified as Jason Swanson, who was pulseless and not breathing. Middleton Police Officers and Middleton Paramedics were unable to revive Swanson.

It was later determined by the Dane County Coroner's Office that Swanson died as the result of a Heroin overdose. Middleton Police Detectives are currently conducting an ongoing investigation into who provided Swanson with the Opiates that lead to his death.

During the month of October, 91 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, ten cases were assigned to patrol officers and 43 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. This represents nearly double the level of activity in the area of case assignment from the previous month. These case files include the following incident types:

- 1 - Bomb Threat
- 2 - Burglaries
- 4 - Death Investigations
- 6 - Domestic Follow-up
- 11 - Fraud
- 1 - Harassment
- 8 - Larceny
- 1 - Sexual Assault
- 5 - Uniform Controlled Substances
- 2 - Missing Persons
- 1 - Criminal Damage to Property
- 1 - Found Property

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

PLSO Jeremy Geiszler

November was another busy month in the school. I attended several deans' meetings as well as the Dane County SRO meeting. In addition, I finished up doing presentations on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Amendments in several social studies classes. I also attended a parent support group presentation done by Det. Joel Wagner from the Dane County Sheriff's Office. This was a presentation for a group of Spanish speakers. The following day, Det. Wagner was in the school to work on developing a list of students with possible gang ties.

In addition to classes, November 4 was the presidential election day and the school was a polling place. The biggest call of the month came in on this day. Dean of Students Rocky Falcone received a call at approximately 3:00 PM reporting a bomb in the school set to go off at 3:15 PM. With the help of numerous other officers and poll workers, the school and polling place were safely evacuated. A student/witness then came forward and provided Detective Dave Haselow and I with suspect information. He was taken into custody before 7:00 PM that same night.

I was assigned a total of 36 calls for service for the month. That consisted of 12 thefts, eight status offenses, two 911 disconnects, two disturbances, two found properties, two lost property, and one each of battery, bomb threat, damage to property, fight, follow up, information, traffic complaint, and controlled substance.

There were a total of 15 citations issued along with five criminal charges referred to the juvenile courts. There were six citations for truancy, four for disorderly conduct, three for prohibited daytime loitering, and one each for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of tobacco by a minor. The criminal charges consisted of two for theft, two for party to a crime of theft, and one for obstructing an officer. These charges were filed against two girls for going into a locker room during the school day and taking at least two cell phones. One of the students was a suspect in two prior theft cases, and the other has already been cited for theft earlier in the school year.

### **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT-KROMREY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

During November I was busy at Northside Elementary School doing Keeping Safe. Northside is the biggest elementary school with 25 classes and I went into each classroom two times to teach protective behaviors.

When I was not teaching Keeping Safe, Kromrey was also busy. One of the calls that took lots of time was dealing with a situation where an individual took a cell phone into the girls' locker room and took a video of girls changing. The video was then sent to several kids at school. This case resulted in two citations for disorderly conduct. Several

hours were spent tracking down individuals who had the video on their phones and trying to make sure the video had been erased.

Also there was an issue this month of people stealing glue from the tech education room and sniffing it to get high. The glue was found and one individual was cited for theft. After meeting with staff, new policies were set on storage of glue in classrooms. From this incident, I learned about several 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls cutting themselves. Several referrals were made to the school counselor from this incident and they are dealing with a group now of eight to ten girls that were harming themselves. This has become a new thing at Kromrey this year and I am continuing to receive these types of reports.

There were nine documented calls for service this month which included a bomb threat at the high school that I assisted with, a 911 disconnect, one information call, one theft, one disturbance, one check welfare, one threats complaint and one warrant service. These resulted in three citations for disorderly conduct and one for theft.

I also attended the monthly school resource officers' meeting, weekly BCT meeting and several attendance meetings.

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

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

42 Adults  
63 Charges  
6 Civil Forfeitures

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

3 Juveniles  
4 Charges  
0 Civil Forfeitures

### **Municipal Court Citations Issued**

407 Citations