

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



OCTOBER 2008

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Jessica Quamme was offered employment with the Middleton Police Department on October 15. Her starting date is November 5. Her first four days will be orientation with Officer O'Connor and she will be assigned to Officer O'Connor for Phase I.



Jessica grew up in De Forest, WI, and graduated from De Forest High School in 2000. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2004 with a Bachelor's Degree in Legal Studies and a Criminal Justice Certificate. Jessica has been employed by the Shorewood Hills Police Department for the last three years.

Jessica was sworn in as a police officer by Middleton City Clerk Trish Amble on November 6, 2008. Jessica is pictured receiving the Law Enforcement Oath of Honor from Chief Keil.

The Department is now one officer short of the 2008 authorized strength. Background investigations are currently underway to fill this last opening.

Thefts on the rise

Throughout Dane County, the two most prevalent crimes committed are thefts from construction sites and the theft of personal items from parked automobiles. These two criminal activities are committed, on average, several times each evening. Middleton is no exception to this trend. It is because of this situation that Middleton Police Detective Craig Faga is a member of the Dane County Burglary Task Force. This group tracks and investigates burglaries committed within Dane County.

On October 3, 2008, a local resident, who was aware of the theft problems in the area, contacted the Middleton Police Dispatch Center to report a suspicious person in the area of Bennett's Sinclair gas station. Middleton Police Officer Formby was the first to arrive on scene at approximately 12:10 AM. Officer Formby approached the area on foot and was able catch the suspect "red handed" as he was taking junk metal automobile parts from the Sinclair station. Middleton resident, Adam Leonard, was arrested on charges of

Theft and Bail Jumping. At the time of this incident, Leonard was out on bail as he had been arrested, but not yet adjudicated, for similar crimes by other Burglary Task Force member agencies.

Utilizing evidence gathered during this arrest, Middleton Police Detective Faga was able to draft and execute a search warrant of Leonard's apartment. This subsequent investigation resulted in the charging of Leonard with the burglaries of the Middleton CVS Pharmacy, the Middleton PDQ office building and one Madison burglary.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**

Community Events

On Monday, October 6, CAO Kasdorf gave a fingerprint presentation for the Cub Scouts Pack meeting at Saul Trail School.

On Wednesday, October 8, CAO Kasdorf, along with Chief Keil, assisted with the Northside Elementary School "Walk to School" event. The Middleton Police Department safely walked to school with students, parents and staff from the park on Ramsey Road to the school.

CAO Kasdorf and other Middleton Police Officers assisted with traffic control for the Middleton High School Homecoming Parade. The newly resurrected event was well attended by citizens and students from Sauk Trail Elementary School.

On Friday, October 17, CAO Kasdorf gave tours of the Middleton Police Department to four groups of 3rd graders from Northside Elementary School as part of their community field trip.

On Saturday, October 18, CAO Kasdorf and Officer Mike Ash assisted with the Senior Winter Car Care Clinic at Middleton Ford. The event was put on by the Senior Center's Safety and Crime Awareness Network (SCAN). Seniors were able to get their vehicles checked for safety, enjoy treats and win prizes.

On Tuesday, October 28, CAO Kasdorf gave a tour of the Middleton Police Department to a Cub Scout group of second graders.

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.

Middleton Business Watch

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.

Police Citizens' Academy

The 2008 Middleton Police Citizens' Academy continued to meet with classes on Problem Oriented Policing/Drugs/Gangs, EMS, Defense and Arrest Tactics, Fire Department and Firearms. The Citizens' Academy class of 2008 also completed a community service project on Saturday, October 25, by doing fall clean-up for a stroke victim.

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.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

Significant Activities in October

The Operations Division of the Middleton Police Department handled 1,618 calls for service in the month, 711 were field initiated, 907 were dispatched. Officers issued 372 citations, 157 written warnings, made 22 arrests and investigated 31 accidents.

MI 08-3865, 10/01/2008, Theft from Vehicle, Marriott Parking Lot, 1300 Block of John Q Hammons Drive

A guest at the hotel reported his vehicle was broken into and a laptop computer was stolen. The victim subsequently called the police to report that his wife, who resides in Kentucky, received a telephone call from a person who said he had stolen the laptop and that the computer contained images of her husband having an affair with another woman. The caller asked for \$15,000.00 to return the laptop. The case is still under investigation.

MI 08-6385, 10/02/2008, Theft from a Construction Trailer, Caneel Trail

Construction trailer parked in front of a residence under construction was broken into and tools were taken.

MI 08-6480, 10/06/2008, Theft, PDQ Store, 5301 South Ridgeway

A customer left her wallet in the store and an employee took \$225.00 with it. The theft was caught on camera. The employee was terminated and charged with Theft.

MI 08-6530, 10/08/2008, Theft, 2100 Block of Allen Blvd.

Theft of 700 pounds of scrap metal.

MI 08-6586, 10/10/2008, Theft from Auto, 7700 Block of Hillcrest Avenue

Vehicle broken into and briefcase stolen.

MI 08-6607, 10/11/2008, Reckless Endangerment, Middleton High School, 2100 Bristol Street

Middleton officers assigned to work the Homecoming dance were alerted to a reckless driver in the parking lot. Officers located the vehicle, which was occupied and running, but stopped. As officers approached the vehicle in a well lit area, they shone their flashlights on the vehicle, illuminating the interior. The operator of the vehicle accelerated and struck one officer, who went up onto the hood of the car. The operator stopped after hitting the officer and was arrested. The officer received minor injuries and was able to continue working. The driver of the vehicle, an 18 year old Madison resident, was an ex-student and was driving recklessly to impress a girl at the dance. He was intoxicated and drug impaired. He was arrested for 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety and OWI related charges are anticipated, pending return of a blood test. The 17 year old passenger was arrested for Underage Drinking.

MI 08-6630, 10/12/2008, Theft, Gilda's Club, 7900 Block of UW Health Court
Employees of Gilda's Club report that unknown person(s) stole two teak outdoor benches and firewood from the back of the Club. No suspects have been developed.

MI 08-6736, 10/16/2008, Theft, Passementerie, 1900 Block of Mayflower
Male suspect stole money from the petty cash drawer of a business.

MI 08-6824, 10/20/2008, Fraud, Middleton Glen, 6700 Block of Century Avenue
Elderly resident reported receiving a phone call from a person who claimed to be her grandson. The caller said he had been involved in a traffic accident in Canada and needed money. Luckily, in this case, the person receiving the call did not send any money. MIPD has received eight such similar reports in the past several months and have notified potential victims through outreach including Business Watch, Financial Crimes Investigators, Middleton Senior Center, Assisted Living Centers and the media. This scam originates in Canada.

MI 08-6938, 10/24/2008, Damage to Property, Clowin' Around Balloons lot, 6300 Block of University Avenue

A business van and building were spray painted overnight. Thought to be related to a business dispute with a customer.

MI 08-6964, 10/25/2008, Burglary, Bogey's, 3100 Block of Laura Lane
Door to the business was kicked in overnight and items were taken.

MI 08-6972, 10/25/2008, Robbery, 7400 Block of Century Pl
A woman reported she was followed home and upon her arrival, a man approached her and demanded her purse. A credit card from the purse has been used several times.

MI 08-7000, 10/27/2008, Theft, Stagecoach Plumbing, 2200 Block of Parview Road
Business vans broken into and copper pipes taken.

MI 08-7030, 10/28/2008, Theft, Middleton High School, 2100 Bristol Street

Theft of copper grounding bars from US Cellular tower on high school property.

MI 08-7087, 10/31/2008, Assist Other Department, 7900 Forsythia Court

Middleton Police Department was notified of a shooting in Cross Plains where one person was killed and the other was in serious condition. The suspect was seen leaving the area in a gray Silverado pickup truck. A short time later, the vehicle was located by a Middleton detective at a vehicle repair shop on Forsythia Court. The vehicle was unoccupied. Investigation revealed that the suspect, Charles Weitzel, had driven to Middleton and picked up a friend's vehicle which had been at the repair shop, then left the area. Weitzel was arrested one week later in Dodgeville after shooting two more people, one who succumbed to his wounds.

MIPD investigated eight Theft from Vehicle cases in October. The majority of the cases involved vehicles having windows broken out and GPS devices stolen. This trend continues into November, mainly occurring in hotel parking lots. Officers have worked with the local hotels to provide information to their clients warning them of the thefts and advising them to remove all valuables from their vehicles.

MIPD and other local police departments have been receiving reports of people receiving fraudulent Publishers Clearing House checks. The check, accompanied by a letter, proclaims the recipient has won millions of dollars. The check is to cover incidental expenses and usually involves cashing it and sending a portion back in cash or money order. Even though the letter and check appear real, they are not. We are recommending that people simply throw them away. Anytime you receive an unsolicited check and the instructions are to cash it and send some portion back to the sender, it's a scam.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

The motorcycle acquisition program is moving along and should be firmed up in November. Scott Acker of QS&L has agreed to fund most of the initial start up costs. Next month's report should have final agreement figures.

Twelve hours of directed traffic patrols were reported. Hwy 12, Century Avenue, Allen Blvd, N High Point Road, Pleasant View Road, Stonefield Road and Greenway Blvd were targeted. Nine citations were issued for Speed with two warnings; three citations for Stop Sign violations; one each for Suspended Registration, Seat Belt and Traffic Signal violation; in addition to two warnings for Failure to Signal Turn; one each for Expired Registration, No Tail Lamps and Rear View Mirror Obstruction.

November will see our start in the Drunk Driving patrols funded by DOT. Dane County Sheriff will also be part of this program in Dane County.

TRAINING

October 2008 Training Report

Specialized Training

Emergency Preparedness Forum, 16 hours, Keil
Wisconsin National Emergency Number Association (Dispatcher Training), 32 hours, McKnight
Active Shooter Incidents for Public Safety Communicators, 8 hours, Hoeksema
WI Attorney General's Conference, 12 hours, Foulke and Britt
YWCA Racial Justice Conference, 16 hours, Kakuske and Foulke
Criminal Investigations Detective In-Service, 4 hours, Britt, Faga, Faust, Haselow
Technical Crash Investigation II, 40 hours, Wood
Special Event Team Crowd Control Training, 8 hours, SET Team

In-Service Training

The final two sessions of 4th quarter in-service took place on October 3 and 9. This concludes 2008 in-service for the year. Firearms instructors attended their own in-service on October 21, qualifying with their firearms, cleaning and inspecting rifles and attended an ammo demonstration at the range.

Training dates for 2009 have been reserved. Due to scheduling conflicts at the MATC indoor range, 4 hour blocks were reserved in the early evening for the 1st session. MIPD will probably hold our own DAAT sessions in the summer.

Probationary Officers

Officer Stroik completed Phase I with Officer Kakuske and transitioned to Phase II on October 17 with Officer Engelhart.

Officer Formby and Stroik will be attending Intoxilizer school December 9 through 11. Officer Formby will be attending Contingency Training at MATC December 16 and 17.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

During the month of October, 69 case files were sent to the investigative supervisor for review. Of these, ten cases were assigned to patrol officers and 28 new cases were assigned to various members of the ISB team. This represents a significant increase in the level of activity in the area of case assignment from the previous month. These case files include the following incident types:

- 5 - Larceny
- 4 - Uniform Controlled Substances
- 4 - Fraud
- 4 - Burglaries
- 3 - Theft from Autos
- 2 - Death Investigations
- 2 - Domestic Follow-up

- 1 - Assault
- 1 - Abuse of a Child
- 1 - Robbery
- 1 - Hit & Run Accident

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

The month of October kept me pretty busy with a total of 71 calls I was involved in. That included a total of 22 theft complaints. Again, most of these complaints were for thefts of unlocked iPods in the gym locker rooms. I have tried to get the word out to students and parents of the need to lock up their belongings while in gym class. I sent out a message through the parent portal, as well as through the school's daily announcements. In addition, signs have been put up on the door to each of the locker rooms, as well as inside the locker rooms, reminding students to lock up their belongings.

In addition to the theft complaints, there were 12 status offenses in October, seven disturbances, six controlled substance complaints, five found property complaints, four damage to property complaints, three information calls, three traffic complaints, two welfare checks, one lost property complaint, one EMS call, one fight, one threat complaint, one trespass complaint, and one assist other department call.

This call activity resulted in a total of 44 tickets and criminal charges. There were eight citations for truancy, six for possession of drug paraphernalia, four for possession of marijuana, five for disorderly conduct, three for prohibited daytime loitering, three for possession of tobacco by a minor, two for riding illegally on a vehicle, one for driving with illegal riders, one for operating after revocation, one for resisting/obstructing an officer, one for unauthorized presence on school property, and one for theft. I also referred charges to the District Attorney's Office for resisting/obstructing an officer (2), battery, battery to a school district employee, delivery of schedule 2 narcotics, delivery of marijuana, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kromrey Middle School Activities

October was a very busy month. A lot of my time was taken up by teaching. I went into all computer classes at Kromrey and did a presentation on internet safety. I also started the fall keeping safe program. The first elementary school I did was Sauk Trail. I go into each kindergarten through fourth grade class two times to talk about personal safety. With Halloween at the end of the month, I went into several classes at Kromrey, Northside and Sauk Trail to hand out treat bags and give trick or treat safety tips.

October was homecoming. I assisted at the high school for the homecoming activities. One issue that occurred was the lip sync at the high school. Several students put on a program that was deemed inappropriate and the school wanted police action. Seven students ended up getting warnings for disorderly conduct from their actions. A large event for Kromrey during October was the Fun Run. This is where all students run a 5k race at Orchid Heights Park.

During October I was assigned to 18 incidents involving either Kromrey or the High School. These included five check welfares, five disturbances, one damage to property, one theft, one fire alarm, one assist citizen, one special event, one status offense and one check property. Two of the biggest issues this month have been attendance and bullying. I have been working with the school social worker on attendance issues and making several home visits. Three citations were issued from bullying incidents and several warnings.

I also attended weekly BCT meetings, the monthly Dane County School Liaison meeting and Shop With A Cop meetings.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

50 Adults
71 Charges
14 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

4 Juveniles
7 Charges
0 Civil Forfeitures

Municipal Court Citations Issued

350 Citations