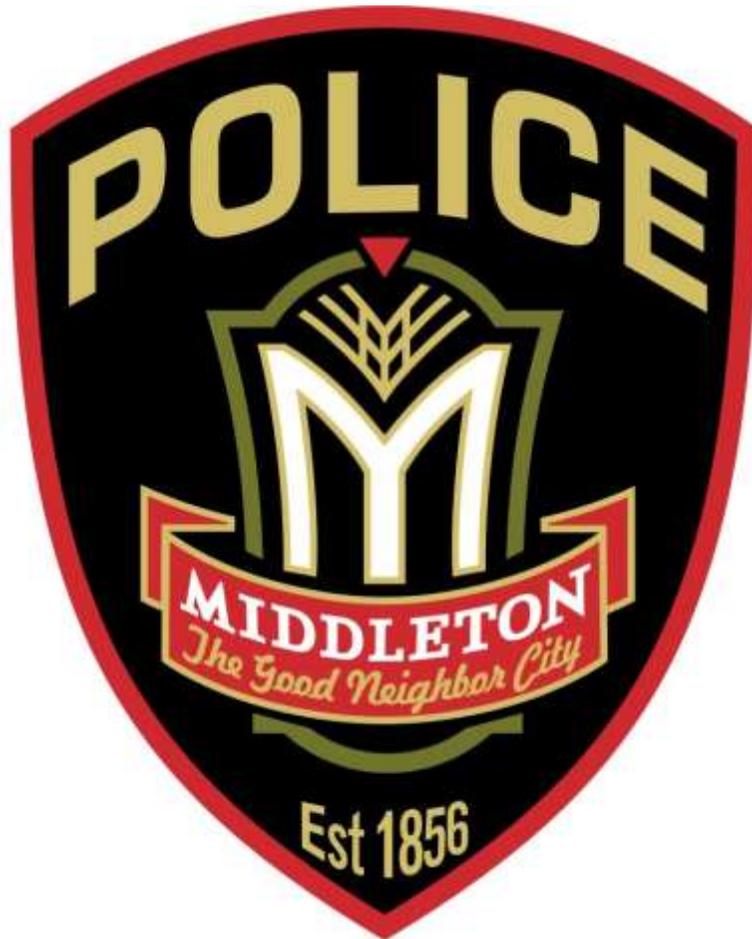
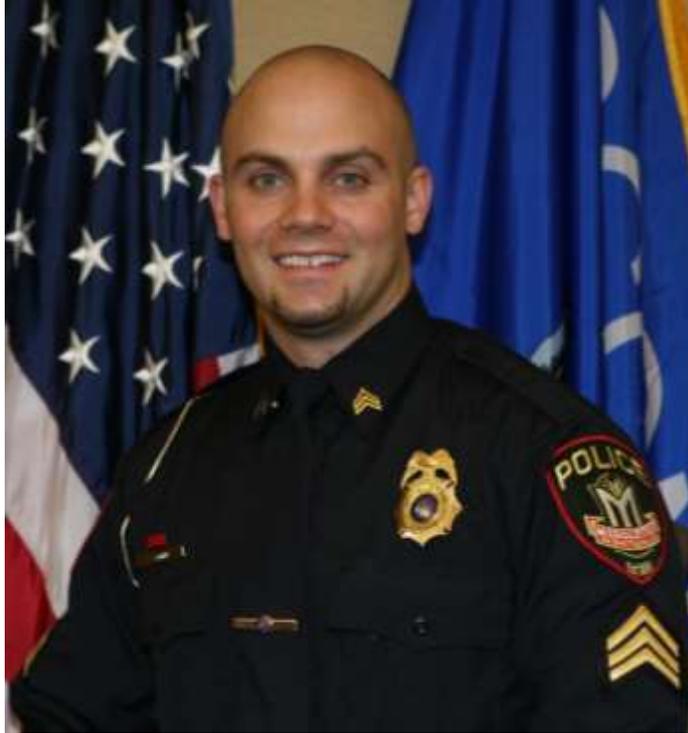


**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**



JUNE 2014

ITEMS OF INTEREST



After the retirement of Sergeant Barry Reynolds, Officer Scott Moen was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on June 19, 2014.

Sergeant Scott Moen has been in law enforcement for eight years and has served the City of Middleton Police Department for five of those years. Sergeant Moen worked for the City of Whitewater Police Department before coming to Middleton.

As an officer for the City of Middleton, Sergeant Moen has previously served as a patrol officer, a field training officer and recently completed a two year assignment as the Middleton High School Resource Officer. Sergeant Moen is also an assistant leader of the Middleton Special Events Team, an instructor for Emergency Vehicle Operations and Control, Vehicle Contacts, and Active Shooter Response.

Sergeant Moen is originally from La Crosse, WI, but moved to the Madison area after attending and graduating from UW-Madison with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. Sergeant Moen enjoys spending his time off with his wife, daughter, and two dogs.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS **ACTIVITIES**

Community Events

On June 4, the 2014 Citizens Academy class graduated. Congratulations to everyone that participated.

On June 4, Middleton Police went to Northside Elementary School to teach bike safety to the students.

On June 5, Middleton Police Officers participated in the Torch Run for the Special Olympics. Law enforcement carried the torch, representing the Flame of Hope.

On June 5, Middleton Police Officers helped served lunch at Sauk Trail Elementary School.

On June 25, Middleton Police installed two car seats. Officer Julie Normann and Officer Jill Tutaj are certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians by the National Child Passenger Certification Training Program.

On June 26, Middleton Police did a presentation to TDS employees on active shooter response.

Also during June, Middleton Police did Safe Assured ID's for kids in the community.

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 Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us.



If you would like to join the Middleton Business Watch or need to update your contact information, please contact Community Awareness Officer Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us.

Citizens can subscribe to receive Middleton Business Watch email alerts and other informational emails on the Police Department's website at middletonpd.com.



Citizens' Academy

The next academy will start in April of 2015 and class size is limited to 12 students.

If you live or work in Middleton and are interested in attending a future academy, please contact Community Awareness Officer Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us.



VIPS assist the Middleton Police Department by performing tasks which free up officers to work on more important police matters. VIPS help at events like GNF (Good Neighbor Festival), National Night Out and Family Safety Day and with programs like Speed Watch and Safe Assured IDs.

Junior VIPS are teens age 14 to 17 years old. We also have an Associate VIPS program where family members of VIPS and civic groups can assist VIPS with events without having to become individual VIPS members.

If you are interested in the Middleton Police Department VIPS program, please contact Community Awareness Officer Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us.



Safe Assured ID Kits

Middleton Police will take reservations for having kits made. Kits are free for Middleton residents or MCPASD students.

If you would like to register, have the ID system at an event or if you would like to donate money for the purchase of more kits, please contact Community Awareness Officer Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us.

Community Awareness Fund

Middleton Community Awareness Programs such as GREAT, Speed Watch, National Night Out, Citizens' Academy, Bike Safety Day, NSI Family Safety Day and Shop with a Cop are funded almost entirely from community donations. **We need your help!**

If you would like to donate money to the Community Awareness Fund please send a check or money order to “**Middleton Community Police Partnership Inc.**” or “**MICOPP Inc.**”, 7341 Donna Drive, Middleton, WI, 53562.

Together we can make a difference. If you have any questions about donations or programs please contact CAO Jill Tutaj at 824-7323 or jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

Calls for Service

In May, Middleton Officers handled 1,428 calls for service, 479 were field initiated, 949 were dispatched, issued 292 citations and 80 written warnings, made 34 criminal arrests and investigated 34 accidents.

In June, Middleton Officers handled 1,523 calls for service, 502 were field initiated, 1,021 were dispatched, issued 305 citations and 83 written warnings, made 7 criminal arrests and investigated 39 accidents.

Significant Events in June:

Theft from automobile calls for service were once again on the rise in June. Again thieves searched area neighborhoods for unlocked vehicles and stole valuables from within these vehicles during the overnight hours. The vast majority of theft from automobile cases are crimes of opportunity where thieves steal only from unlocked vehicles. The Middleton Police Department urges everyone to be certain that their vehicles are locked whenever they are left unattended.

MI14-2901 Private Apartment, 6300 Block Lakeview Blvd, Residential Burglary
A victim reported that someone kicked in her apartment door and stole her 40” flat screen television. The victim believes that a former friend committed the crime.

MI14-3019 BP Gas Station, 6504 University Avenue, Theft
During overnight hours, suspects forcibly entered an outside soda machine. Approximately \$50.00 in coins was stolen and hundreds of dollars of damage was done to the soda machine.

MI14-3027 Ace Hardware, 2540 Allen Blvd, Retail Theft

Two male suspects have repeatedly stolen power tools from area Ace Hardware stores. The suspects were captured on camera concealing items. The police were called after the suspects left with merchandise. One of the suspects was later identified and arrested.

MI14-3052 Private Apartment, 7400 Block Century Avenue, Residential Burglary

A victim came home to find an ex-boyfriend burglarizing her apartment. The suspect fled the scene prior to police being contacted. While fleeing, the suspect struck another vehicle in the apartment parking lot. Blocks away from the residence, the suspect hit another vehicle in the roadway and disabled his own truck. The suspect fled the second accident scene on foot. Officers located the suspect hiding outside of a neighboring residence. The suspect failed to comply with officers' commands and was tasered. The suspect was taken into custody for OWI, Burglary and Disorderly Conduct, without further incident.

MI14-3196 Private Residence, 1200 Block Boundary Road, Residential Burglary

Victims inadvertently left their overhead garage door and walk door into their home unlocked overnight. Unknown persons entered the occupied home during the overnight hours and stole electronics and cash.

MI14-3262 Wisconsin Trade Center, 8401 Greenway Blvd, Storm Damage

During the severe storms on 06-18-14, numerous calls for service were received for area flooding, trees down in roadways, and power lines down. Officers also responded to the Trade Center where strong winds tore several stories of siding off the northwest façade of the building.

MI14-3334 Harrington Tree Service, 1630 North High Point Road, Theft of Automobile

The business owner reported the theft of a company truck and wood chipper from the establishment. The vehicle was later located and an employee of the tree service company was cited for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

MI14-3359 Walgreens, 2010 Branch Street, Retail Theft

Walgreens reported that two suspects stole a number of DVD's from the store. Staff provided a complete description of the suspects and their vehicle. The suspects were later located and were cited for a number of violations.

MI14-3464 Hody Tavern, 1914 Aurora Street, Battery

A victim reported to police that, around 11:30 PM, she was battered outside of the Hody Tavern. The female victim reported that an unidentified subject struck her and poured water on her. The victim then went home, waited three hours and called the police.

MI14-3448 Club Tavern, 1915 Branch Street, Battery

At 11:45 PM, Middleton Police were called to the Club Tavern for the report of a fight. Officers responded and found that a male victim was struck in the face by another tavern

patron. The victim received a significant laceration to the face. Utilizing witness statements and tavern security footage, officers continue to investigate the incident.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Sgt. Mueller attended the quarterly Dane County Traffic Safety Commission meeting on the 10th. The attendance at these meetings has grown dramatically over the past couple of years as more and more departments pay more attention to traffic safety concerns. Statewide motor vehicle crash deaths are down compared to the first quarter last year although deaths involving motorcyclists and pedestrians are up. He briefed those in attendance on the road construction projects ongoing in Middleton as they have a major impact on traffic flow around the city. One topic of interest brought up by DOT and Dane County Highway was that it appears the speed limit for Highway 12 from Highway K to Sauk City will be raised to 65 MPH in the near future. Sgt. Mueller suspects that change will have the effect of raising the speeds of vehicles entering Middleton on Highway 12 from the north. Vehicle speeds on Highway 12 going through Middleton are already a continuing concern and this change will certainly make it more so.

New Sergeant Jessica Quamme has been informed that she will be taking over the traffic safety and grant duties from Sgt. Mueller when he retires early next year. She will undergo training on how to write the grants and be introduced to the various traffic safety personnel from other agencies and Department of Transportation prior to assuming those duties.

There were 38 reportable accidents this month with 12 of those in parking lots compared to 29 last year with ten in parking lots.

OWI grant high visibility patrol was performed for 16 hours this month. Twenty-two enforcement actions were taken: two citations for Speeding with nine warnings; four citations for Seatbelt; three citations for Insurance; two citations for Operating After Suspension; and two warnings for Equipment. In addition, one officer assisted at the scene of a fallen tree blocking the roadway.

Due to staffing limitations, no motorcycle patrols were performed during the month.

Directed traffic patrols were performed for approximately 18 hours during the month. Forty-one enforcement actions were taken: 31 citations for Speeding with four warnings; two citations for Insurance; and two warnings each for Failure to Obey Sign and Speeding in School Zone. Roads targeted were Century Avenue, Stonefield Road, N Gammon Road, N High Point Road, High Road, Pleasant View Road, and Hwy Q.

Mark Walther posted the informational signs by the road construction areas prior to construction commencing which helped with traffic control once the roads were closed off. In addition, directed patrols were performed at the road construction zones on Branch Street and Terrace Avenue to warn drivers that the road is only open for local traffic going to and from businesses or residences in the construction zone.

TRAINING

Specialized Training – May 2014:

Nark II Test Instructor Course – Tutaj/Jones – 3.5 hours
Taser Recertification – Dixon – 16 hours
Instructor Update – Zimmerman - 8 hours
FBI NA Training – Foulke/Britt/Geiszler – 12 hours

Specialized Training – June 2014:

Wisconsin DRE Re-Certification – Quamme/Riffenburg – 8 hours
School Resource Officer Conference – Wilson – 20 hours
LESB Records Management Systems Training – Ziltner/Hellenbrand – 4 hours
FBI – Ft. Hood Shooting - Foulke/Britt/Geiszler/Faust/Haselow/Jones – 1.5 hours

In-Service Training:

4th Quarter In-Service commences on September 8th and runs through October 14th. The current plan for this in-service session includes:

Morning session - annual handgun and rifle qualification which is mandated by the State of Wisconsin Training and Standards Bureau.

Afternoon session – Training on the topic of mental health issues and emergency detentions.

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT

The Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) had another steady month in June. The Detectives stayed busy investigating their assigned cases while also completing multiple background investigations on potential officer candidates at the same time. These background investigations take a significant amount of time to complete, but are incredibly important to make sure we get the best officers.

The Bureau is also one Detective short at this time due to the fact that Detective Tyler Loether is currently assigned to the Dane County Narcotics Task Force. Detective Loether has been assigned to the Task Force since coming to ISB in the middle of April. He has been learning valuable investigative techniques and skills that we are excited for him to bring back to Middleton. Detective Loether will be back with us in Middleton in the middle of July.

During the month of June we took a report of a residential burglary of an occupied home. This type of crime is particularly concerning because of how vulnerable it can make

someone feel even while inside their own residence. The investigation into this particular incident is still ongoing.

Luckily this type of crime is rare in Middleton. That said, there are a few steps the citizens can take to try to prevent becoming a victim. One thing you can do is make sure your residence is secure, especially when you go to bed. It is very easy, especially during the summer months, to forget to secure your garage doors before turning in for the night. Keep in mind that many of these incidents are crimes of opportunity. When someone sees a garage door is open, they take advantage of the vulnerability and commit the crime. If you are able to limit the opportunities, you are less likely to become a victim. We also recommend that you secure all doors that provide access to your home, including the door from the garage. Many people like to leave these doors open, but adding another barrier making it more difficult for criminals may make them think twice.

If you see anything suspicious, please do not hesitate to call or text the Police Department at 608/824-7300, or in the case of an emergency, dial 911. Many times people are reluctant to call the police because they do not want to be an inconvenience. However, we would much rather come and investigate before a crime is committed. Keep in mind that the people who know the neighborhood best are those who live in it. You are more likely than an officer to know if someone or something is out of place.

COURT ACTIVITY

Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals

18 Adults
33 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures

Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals

3 Juveniles
5 Criminal Counts
0 Civil Forfeitures