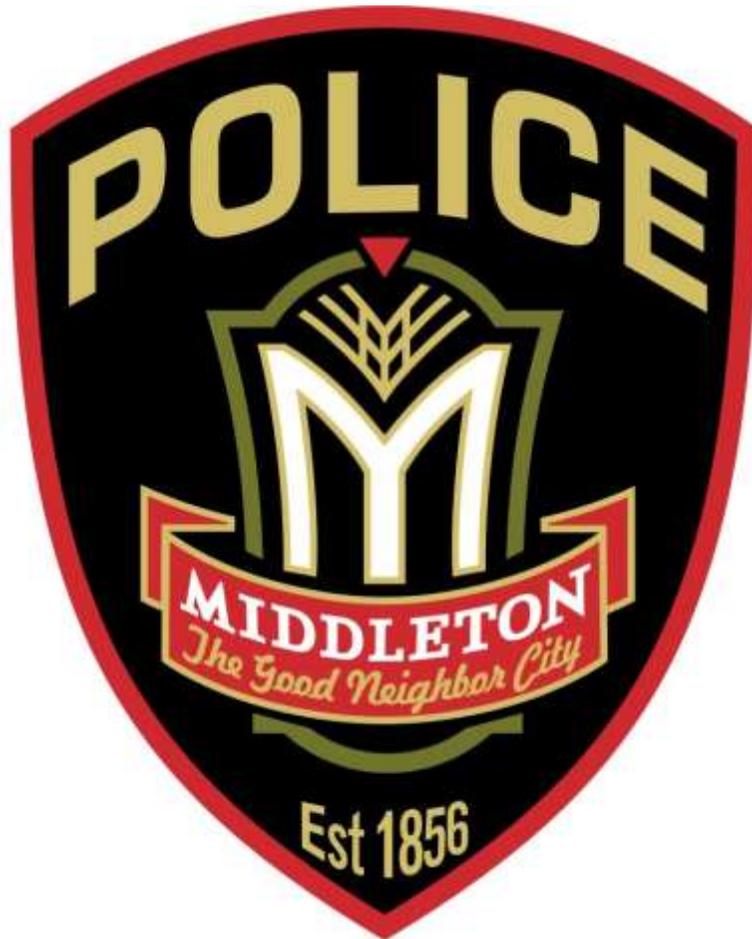


**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**AUGUST 2014**

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

On Saturday, August 9, Middleton Police joined Middleton Fire & EMS members in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Battle of the Badges charity event for childhood cancer. This year's honoree was four-year old Blake Rickert from Fitchburg. With help from Capitol View Events and Endurance House of Middleton, we added a 5K fun run/walk to this year's event. The run was held prior to the usual police vs fire softball game and there were over 50 participants in the run/walk. While the Fire Fighters put up more runs than the Police Department in the softball game this year, the event drew attention of local media, raised awareness of local families affected by childhood cancer and brought local first responders together with the community for a good time and a great cause. We added some fun new games, played some old games, gave away lots of prizes and involved our kids in the game this year. The event raised almost \$2,000 for the Rickert family and the annual event has raised almost \$10,000 over the past three years. **Save the date for next year: Saturday, August 8, 2015 and watch for details at [www.battleofthebadgesmiddleton.com](http://www.battleofthebadgesmiddleton.com).**





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

### **Community Events**

On Wednesday, August 6, Middleton Police, Springs Window Fashions and the Members of Middleton Fire Company #1, hosted the 10th Annual National Night Out at Lakeview Park in Middleton. There were over 1,000 people in attendance!

On August 7, Middleton Police attended “Get Moving Middleton” and presented community awareness programs.

August 12, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Police Department to a group of kids.

On August 13, Middleton Police offered Safe Assured ID Kits to the students at Northside Elementary at the fall registration.

On Monday, August 18, Middleton Police participated in a photo shoot for Reach a Child. Reach-A-Child’s mission is to collect and provide books to help First Responders comfort children they meet in the course of their daily work.

On Friday, August 22, Middleton Police participated in the United Way Day of Caring at Lakeview Park.

During August, Middleton Police gave five presentations at the Little Gym to several students that attended the day camp. Middleton Police gave a tour of a squad car and talked about personal safety.

Also during August, several kids came into the Middleton Police Department to have a Safe Assured ID completed and several car seat installations were performed.

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](mailto:jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us).

**MIDDLETON  
BUSINESS WATCH  
PROGRAM IN FORCE**



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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jtutaj@ci.middleton.wi.us).

## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**



Officer Benjamin Enstrom joined the Middleton Police Department ranks in August. Officer Enstrom grew up in the Madison area, graduating from Madison Memorial High School. Officer Enstrom also graduated from the University of Wisconsin Platteville with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. Officer Enstrom completed internships with both the Madison and Stoughton Police Departments. Officer Enstrom attended the Blackhawk Technical College's Police Academy where he was the recipient of the Terry Fell Leadership award.



Officer Howard Statz also joined the Middleton Police Department ranks in August. Officer Statz grew up in the Madison area, graduating from Madison West High School. Officer Statz graduated from the University of Wisconsin Whitewater, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. Officer Statz completed an internship with the Monona Police Department and graduated from the Madison College Police Academy.

### **Calls for Service**

In July, Middleton Officers handled 1,605 calls for service, 494 were field initiated, 1,111 were dispatched, issued 328 citations and 86 written warnings, made 20 criminal arrests and investigated 49 accidents.

In August, Middleton Officers handled 1,462 calls for service, 466 were field initiated, 996 were dispatched, issued 296 citations and 83 written warnings, made 16 criminal arrests and investigated 36 accidents.

### **Significant Events in August:**

MI14-4138, Skateboard Park, 7701 Terrace Avenue, Graffiti

As of yet, unidentified persons spray painted derogatory graffiti on the park facility.

MI14-4237, Hody Tavern, 1914 Aurora Street, Battery

Officers received a report that, shortly after 2:30 AM, two male subjects got into a physical altercation outside of the tavern. Upon arrival, officers interviewed witnesses, participants and examined video evidence. Both parties involved in this altercation were cited for Disorderly Conduct and released.

MI14-4244, Tiedeman's Pond, 1400 North Gammon Road, Fire

Shortly after 6:00 PM, officers were dispatched to a fireworks complaint at this park. The fireworks incident developed into a small grass fire in the area. Officers were able to locate and cite two individuals for Negligent Handling of Burning Materials.

MI14-4261, 7100 block of Fortune Drive, Theft of a Motor Vehicle

Officers responded to the report of a theft of a Dodge sedan from a private residence. It was eventually determined that the victim's unlicensed minor child had taken the vehicle without consent. The 15 year old was located, cited for the offense and released to family.

In addition to these incidents, the Middleton Police Department investigated three separate cases involving the possible sexual assault of a child. One of these cases was proven to have been a false report, while the other two are still under investigation.

The month of August again saw a significant number of theft from automobile cases. In every incident the thieves entered unlocked vehicles or garages and stole currency, small electronics, bicycles and, in two incidents, vehicles that had their keys left in them.

Please, lock your vehicles at night and make certain that your home is secured every evening.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Patrol Officers provided traffic control and public relation activities for the Kiddie Parade during the Good Neighbor Festival through the school neighborhood on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and also for the Good Neighbor Festival Parade down University Ave. on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Motorcycle Patrol Officer Jesse Sellek provided escort and traffic control duties for the Ride for Kids Motorcycle event on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, which benefits the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Officer Sellek also led the Good Neighbor Festival Parade in Middleton on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Community Awareness Officer Jill Tutaj, Sergeant Jessica Quamme and Community Service Officer Mark Walther were able to attend the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Conference on Highway Safety on the 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Officer Tutaj focused on Child Passenger Safety. Our Department is fortunate enough to have two officers qualified in Child Passenger Safety with both Officer Tutaj and Officer Julie Normann being certified. Our CPS certified officers assisted one family this month in installing a car seat.

Our OWI grant patrols were on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. On the 15<sup>th</sup>, we had three officers patrolling for four hours each and had 17 enforcement actions. We had four speeding citations, two Operating with Suspended Registration citations with one warning, one Operating after Suspension citation, one Graduated Driver's License Restriction citation, one Registration citation with two warnings, one Operating without Valid Driver's License citation and four Equipment Violation Warnings.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we had two officers patrolling for four hours each and had 12 enforcement actions. We had three Operating with Suspended Registrations citations, two Operating without a Valid Driver's License citations, two Insurance Violation citations with one warning, two Registration warnings and two Equipment Violations.

On the 30<sup>th</sup>, we had three officers patrolling for four hours each and had 15 enforcement actions. We had two Speeding citations with one warning, two Insurance Violation citations, one Operating without a Valid Driver's License citation, one Registration warning, four Equipment violation warnings and four municipal citations for curfew.

Regular directed traffic patrol was performed for about 15 hours in August. Eighteen Speeding citations with two warnings, six Insurance citations, four Registration citations with two warnings, three Operating after Suspension citations and one Operating without a Valid Driver's License citation were issued.

There were 36 reportable accidents during August of which nine were in parking lots. August of 2013 had 44 accidents of which 12 were in parking lots.

## **TRAINING**

### **Specialized Training – July 2014:**

CIVMIC – Risk Management Training – Foulke/Britt/Hellenbrand/Geiszler – 12 hours  
Search Warrant Training – Geiszler/Faust/Haselow/Jones/Loether – 4 hours  
Force Science – Geiszler/Jones – 40 hours  
Property and Evidence Training – Endres – 16 hours

### **Specialized Training – August 2014:**

ALICE Instructor Course – 16 hours – Geiszler/Wilson  
WPLF Summer Conference – 24 hours – Foulke  
Basic School ERO School – 40 hours – O’Connor  
WI 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor’s Conference on Hwy Safety – 24 hours – Tutaj/Quamme

### **In-Service Training:**

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter In-Service commences on September 8<sup>th</sup> and runs through October 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**

August kept the Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) busy as 81 cases were reviewed and 27 were assigned to detectives for follow up. Some of the most significant cases involved the property crime of burglary. Some of these burglaries are preventable with simple steps taken by homeowners. Many times the suspects committing these burglaries are taking advantage of opportunities they see while passing through a neighborhood. For instance, an open garage door, which is a common oversight, provides ample opportunity for someone to quickly enter your residence and take easily movable items. Please be sure to close your garage doors every night. If you see a neighbor’s garage door open, please take the time to notify them.

Another tip to prevent becoming a victim is to be sure your vehicles are locked, even when they are in the driveway or garage. We have seen some cases where suspects will enter unsecured vehicles and take possession of the garage door opener. This allows them access to at least the garage, but many times people will leave their door to the house unsecure as well. If someone is able to get into the garage, that gives them access to the whole house.

While burglary is classified as a property crime, it frequently has a significant impact on a citizen’s sense of security. Since a person’s residence is their “castle,” it is understandable to feel very vulnerable when that security is breached. We encourage you

to engage in some simple crime prevention strategies to help you prevent becoming a victim. Additionally, the Middleton Police Department offers security surveys of both businesses and residences. If you are interested in having one completed, please contact the Police Department dispatch at 608/824-7300 and ask for Community Awareness Officer Jill Tutaj.

Additionally, during the summer months as well as at the start of school, we tend to see an increase in the number of stolen bicycles. However, it may come as a surprise to learn we take custody of far more abandoned bicycles than those which are reported stolen. In most cases we are unable to identify an owner of the recovered bikes. In an effort to be able to return more of these abandoned or stolen bikes, we encourage you to register your bike through our Department. This is a free service and can easily be completed online at <http://middletonpd.com/forms.htm>.

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

### **Middleton High School Officer Richard O'Connor**

Officer O'Connor took over the position of School Resource Officer for the Middleton High School in August of 2014 after Scott Moen was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Officer O'Connor has been with the Middleton Police Department for 16 years and is looking forward to officially starting his new position on September 2.

Officer O'Connor was able to attend an all school staff meeting in August to be introduced to all of his new coworkers. He also attended Freshman orientation night where he spoke to all of the parents about his role there.

During August, Officer O'Connor was assigned to work patrol, but was also the main point of contact for activity at the Middleton High School. There were two cases of damage to property reported in August. Officer O'Connor was able to identify everyone involved and refer them to the school for discipline.

### **Kromrey Middle School Officer Tom Wilson**

My name is Tom Wilson and I will again be the School Resource Officer at Kromrey Middle School this upcoming school year. This will be my third year in this position.

During the summer, construction continued on the new Kromrey Middle School. Come the first day of school, 5th grade students will also attend Kromrey Middle School in the new section. The main office, student services, and cafeteria will also all be located in the new section of the building as well.

I'm looking forward to this school year and all of the exciting new changes taking place at Kromrey Middle School.

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

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

21 Adults  
45 Criminal Counts  
2 Civil Forfeitures

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

3 Juveniles  
3 Criminal Counts  
0 Civil Forfeitures