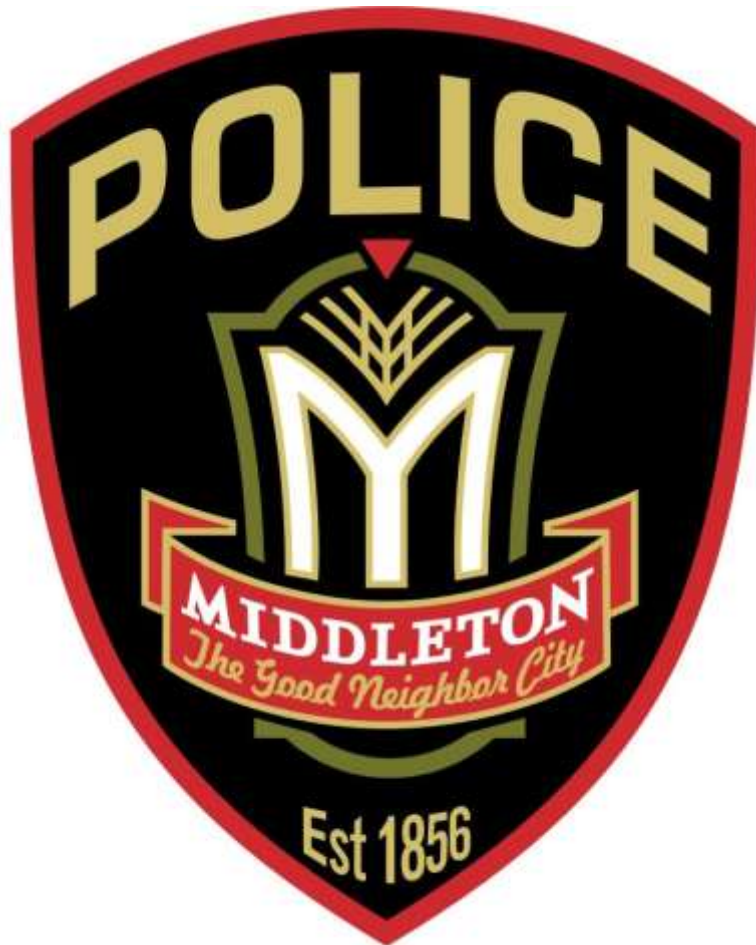


**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**DECEMBER 2014**

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

### **Community Events**

On Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Middleton Police Department participated in Operation Toy Drive.

On Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Middleton Police took nine local children shopping at Target East for the Shop with a Cop Program with donated funds so they could buy Christmas presents for their families. The presents were wrapped at the Lake Street VFW where everyone enjoyed pizza, pop and cookies.



On Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Middleton Police assisted SRO Tom Wilson with the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) graduation at EG Kromrey Middle School.

On Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, Middleton Police honored the VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) with their annual appreciation dinner at the Craftsman restaurant in Middleton. A huge thank you to all the VIPS and the work they do for the Police Department.

On Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, Middleton Police participated in "Reality Day" with Middleton High School students at the Hilton Garden Inn.

On Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, the Middleton Police Department was recognized for becoming the first dementia friendly Police Department in Dane County.

On Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Police Department to a local Boy Scout Troop.

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).



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**

In November, Middleton Officers handled 1,409 calls for service, 465 were field initiated, 944 were dispatched, issued 236 citations and 78 written warnings, made 33 criminal arrests and investigated 49 accidents.

In December, Middleton Officers handled 1,374 calls for service, 422 were field initiated, 952 were dispatched, issued 188 citations and 57 written warnings, made 19 criminal arrests and investigated 36 accidents.

### **Significant Events in December:**

#### **MI14-6481, Chalmers Jewelers, 6202 University Avenue, Burglary**

On 12-01-14, at 4:51 AM, a nearby resident reported three male suspects attempting to break into Chalmers Jewelry Store. Middleton officers responded to the call and established a perimeter around the establishment. As officers arrived on scene, the suspects were already fleeing the building. Responding officers engaged in foot pursuits and captured two of the suspects. Both suspects have been charged with this burglary and several others throughout Dane County. The investigation into this crime spree is still on-going.

#### **MI14-6490, Milio's Sandwiches, 6234 University Avenue, Theft**

On 12-01-14, at 3:20 PM, a suspect entered the sandwich shop and stole a UW Children's Hospital donation jar full of currency. The unidentified suspect was described as a black female in her late 30's to early 40's, 5'6" tall, average build and was wearing a camouflaged jacket. Store surveillance videos, investigative interviews and a photo line-up have assisted the investigating officer in identifying the suspect in this theft. Theft charges are forthcoming.

#### **MI14-6499, Bristled Boar Saloon, 2611 Branch Street, Theft**

On 12-01-14, at 10:23 PM, a female victim reported that unknown persons stole money from her wallet. Upon their arrival, officers found that the theft had occurred on the previous evening and the suspects were captured on the tavern's security cameras. The suspects were described as a white couple in their mid-thirties. No arrests have yet been made in this case.

#### **MI14-6347, Private Residence, 1300 Block North High Point Road, Animal Bite**

On 12-03-14, at 8:05 AM, Middleton Officers were dispatch to a dog bite call which had occurred outside of a private residence. The victim, a 58 year old Middleton resident, was walking by the home when two dogs came charging at him. The victim received a significant bite wound to his leg. The animal and its owners were later identified by Middleton Officers. It was confirmed that this animal had bitten humans on two occasions. The animal was quarantined for ten days and, after the dog was officially declared a "Dangerous Animal", the owners met with police officials to develop a safety plan that must be followed or the dog would be seized.

**MI14-6605, Harrington Tree Service, 1630 North High Point Road, Stolen Vehicle**

On 12-06-14, Middleton Police Officers were called to the above address to take a report of a stolen 1994 Ford pickup truck. Officers immediately confirmed that this was the same vehicle that was stolen and returned less than a month ago. Witness statements and retail security video confirmed that the same two suspects who had stolen the truck last month, had taken it this time. The two suspects, a homeless married couple in their 30's, were located and arrested.

**MI14-6674, Bristled Boar Saloon, 2611 Branch Street, Theft**

Two suspects used a fraudulent credit card to run up a \$120.00 tab at the tavern. Once confronted about the card not processing, the suspects fled the establishment. The suspects in this case have been identified and officers are continuing attempts to locate and charge these individuals.

**MI14-6707, Harbor Athletic Club, 2529 Allen Boulevard, Theft**

On 12-10-14, at 9:36 PM, a male victim reported that his wallet and cash were stolen from an unlocked locker in the club's locker room. No suspects have been located.

**MI14-6789, PDQ Store, 6519 Century Avenue, Theft**

On 12-15-14, at 9:25 PM, the store clerk reported to police that a larger black male entered the store and stole a donation jar for the VFW Memorial Fund. The suspect was described as being 6'2" tall, 250-300 pounds and was wearing a black sweater and white undershirt. As of this date, no suspects have been identified.

**MI14-6809, Public Roadway, 1000 Block North Gammon Road, Weapons Violation**

On 12-15-14, at 11:39 PM, an off duty Dane County Deputy reported to the Middleton Police Department that he witnessed the occupants of two dark colored sedans fire several gunshots at one another. No suspects or victims have been identified at this time.

During the month of December, several Middleton neighborhoods saw significant increases in petty crime. Residents of the Arbor Lakes Apartment complex reported eight incidents of vandalized vehicles in December. The downtown and Stonefield neighborhoods reported seven incidents of damaged or stolen exterior holiday lights. There were eight thefts from unlocked automobile calls for service in the Fortune Road and Sweeney Drive neighborhood during the final week of December.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Our Department is fortunate enough to have two officers qualified in Child Passenger Safety with both Officer Jill Tutaj and Officer Julie Carbon being certified. Our CPS certified officers assisted three families this month with installing their car seats.

Regular directed traffic patrol focused on Neighborhood Projects that were assigned to the Neighborhood Officer for traffic complaints. The Neighborhood Project worked on

this month was a report of the green light duration being too short at Century Avenue and Hedden Road.

Middleton Officers also made three arrests for Operating While under the Influence. These traffic stops yielded the following citations:

- 3 citations for OWI
- 2 citations for Prohibited Alcohol Content
- 1 citation for No Insurance
- 1 citation for Moving Violation
- 1 citation for Open Intoxicants

In total, Middleton officers issued 154 traffic citations and 57 warnings for the month of December.

There were 34 reportable accidents during December, of which ten were in parking lots. This is compared to 43 reportable accidents in December 2013, of which nine were in parking lots.

## **TRAINING**

### **Specialized Training – November 2014:**

Restorative Practices Training – 8 hours – Hanson/O’Connor/Salinas/K. Wood  
WI C.O.P.S Survivor’s Conference – 3 hours – Cleasby/Tutaj  
Supervisor Development Course – 80 hours – Quamme  
Public Safety Technology Show – 8 hours – Tallman/Hanson

### **Specialized Training – December 2014:**

Tactical Response Instructor Update – 8 hours – Geiszler/Kasdorf/O’Connor  
DAAT Instructor Transition Course – 8 hours –  
Zimmerman/Quamme/Withee/Hellenbrand  
Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Training – 8 hours – Tutaj  
Field Training Officer Instruction – 40 hours – K. Wood

### **2015 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter In-Service Training:**

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> – Madison PD Training Center

Morning session will consist of Firearms, Defense and Arrest Tactics and TI Simulator.  
Afternoon session will consist of less lethal and Electronic Control Devices.



## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

The month of October was a relatively busy one for the Investigative Services Bureau (ISB). We reviewed 89 cases and 19 of those were assigned to detectives for follow up. The assigned cases consisted of burglaries, sexual assaults, thefts, frauds, threats, and death investigations. The detectives also finished up the remaining background investigations on potential new officers.

One of the more substantial crimes investigated was a burglary to Chalmer's Jewelers in the 6200 block of University Avenue in the early morning hours of December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to an observant citizen calling to report the burglary, third shift officers were able to respond quickly and set up a perimeter. After a short foot pursuit, those officers were able to take two of the three suspects into custody immediately. Subsequent work, completed by a detective, involved search warrants and several interviews. The lengthy investigation led to burglary charges on two individuals for their involvement in the Chalmer's incident as well as another commercial burglary that took place on November 30<sup>th</sup> in Middleton. Madison Police were also involved as there was a confession to a commercial burglary on November 30<sup>th</sup> in their city as well. The investigation is still ongoing as the search for the third involved party continues.

Another significant call involving ISB in December was a death investigation in the 4800 block of Parmenter Street. The initial call was for a possible pulseless non-breathing 32 year old male. Upon arrival, resuscitation efforts began and the subject was transported to the hospital where he later died. Subsequent investigation led to the discovery that he had just ingested heroin prior to experiencing this medical emergency. As the investigation continued, detectives made an arrest of the subject who had allegedly provided the fatal dose of heroin. This investigation continues as numerous interviews and search warrants have been conducted. Detectives are awaiting the toxicology report for the deceased individual and may have additional criminal charges in the future.

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

**Middleton High School  
Officer Rich O'Connor**

December was a very short month at the Middleton High School as students had the last two weeks off for winter break. There were 27 calls for service requiring reports and/or investigations between the Middleton High School and the Clark Street Community School. Some of those calls included a theft from the nature preserve; 911 hang ups; threats being made over Facebook; fights; criminal damage; annoying phone calls; and several lost and stolen cell phones.

Officer O'Connor gave a 90 minute presentation to seven different health classes about drugs and alcohol. Topics of the presentation included several types of commonly abused drugs, their dangers and legal/school consequences. Officer O'Connor spoke in a classroom about the dangers of sexting and answered lots of questions from the students.

He also held an informal question/answer at the Clark Street Community High School to give the students a chance to get to know him and ask whatever they wanted. It was voluntary and was attended by about 40 students.

Officer O'Connor made a public service announcement video about the dangers of sexting that was viewed by all students. He also made a training video on school response to active shooters that will be shown to all district staff.

Officer O'Connor also organized a K9 sniff of hallway lockers and parking lots at the Middleton High School, the Clark Street Community School, and the Kromrey Middle School. There were five K9s from surrounding agencies that participated. There were no drugs found at the Middleton High School.

**Kromrey Middle School  
Officer Tom Wilson**

In December, I finished teaching the GREAT Program to the 6th grade students. During the last week of class, all of the students presented their final projects. Some of these included a variety of fundraisers for MOM and the Dane County Humane Society. Another was a school wide toy drive. Then, on the evening of December 10, about 275 students and parents attended the GREAT completion ceremony where the students were presented with their certificates and got to have pizza and refreshments while they were recognized for their accomplishments in the program.



During the month, I also assisted in our school lockdown drill, school K9 drill/search, and assisted with the All School Dance. I also handled several calls for service during the month including several disturbances and thefts.

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

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

27 Adults  
40 Criminal Counts  
2 Civil Forfeitures

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

5 Juveniles  
5 Criminal Counts  
1 Civil Forfeitures