

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**FEBRUARY 2015**

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

### **Community Events**

On Tuesday, February 17, Middleton Police gave a tour to a Girl Scout Troop and Middleton Police made Safe Assured ID Kits for all individuals that participated.

On Wednesday, February 18, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Police Department to a staff member and student from Kromrey Middle School.

On Thursday, February 19, Middleton Police gave a student a ride to Elm Lawn Elementary School for winning a school contest.

On Saturday, February 21, Middleton Police worked at the Polar Plunge in Madison. The Special Olympics Wisconsin (SOWI) Polar Plunge winter fundraiser is a unique opportunity for brave Wisconsinites to be “Freezin’ for a Reason”! To support Special Olympics athletes, plungers leap into icy bodies of water across the State. Plungers consisted of individuals and teams of students, law enforcement officers, business professionals, and families.

On Monday, February 23, Middleton Police went to Willy Street Co-Op and gave a presentation to employees about retail theft.

On Tuesday, February 24, Middleton Police gave a tour of the Police Department to the Little Red Preschool.

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**



Officer Ryan Roettger is the most recent addition to the Middleton Police Department. He was sworn in on February 6, 2015. Officer Roettger is from Stillwater, Minnesota where his father was a police officer for 29 years. Ryan graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a degree in Resource Management-Law Enforcement. Officer Roettger worked for the Stillwater Police Department as a Community Service Officer before moving to Middleton and beginning work as a Security Officer for the UW-Madison Police Department.

## **Calls for Service**

In January, 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 February, Middleton Officers handled 1,341 calls for service, 591 were field initiated, 750 were dispatched, issued 317 citations and 227 written warnings, made 29 criminal arrests and investigated 38 accidents.

## **Significant Events in February:**

### **MI15-734, PDQ Convenience Store, 6519 Century Avenue, Armed Robbery**

On 02-01-15, at 11:09 PM, Middleton Police received the report of an armed robbery that just occurred at the above location. The victim reported that a black male suspect entered the store with his face masked, pointed a flare gun at her and demanded that she “empty the register.” The suspect fled the store and ran to an awaiting get-a-way car on Branch Street. After a lengthy multi-agency investigation, the suspect in this case, a former Middleton resident, was eventually identified and arrested on numerous felony charges.

### **MI15-783, Keva Sport Center, 8312 Forsythia Street, Theft**

On 02-03-15, Middleton Police took the report of a theft that had occurred at the Keva Sport Center. The victim reported that his wallet and phone were stolen from the men’s locker room at that facility. The investigation into this incident is on-going.

### **MI15-1106, Clark Street School, 2429 Clark Street, Uniformed Controlled Substance**

On 02-16-15, a high school student was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia on school grounds.

### **MI15-1128, Private Residence, 57 Block of Taft Street, Burglary**

On 02-17-15, at 5:17 AM, Middleton Police were dispatched to the above address on the report of a burglary in progress. Upon their arrival, the complainant told police that several male subjects were in his home and that they refused to leave. As the suspects had fled, the complainant was uncooperative with the responding officers and would tell them nothing of what had actually just occurred.

### **MI15-1162, Middleton Ford, 7520 Century Avenue, Uniformed Controlled Substance**

On 02-18-15, Middleton Ford rental staff found crack cocaine in a returned rental vehicle and they turned it over to the police. The investigation into the previous leaseholder of vehicle is continuing.

### **MI15-1198, Keva Sport Center, 8312 Forsythia Street, Theft**

On 02-03-15, Middleton Police took the report of a theft that had occurred at the Keva Sport Center. The victim reported that his I-Pod was stolen from the facility on the previous evening.

**MI15-1210, Private Residence, 3000 Block of Woodland Trail, Underage Alcohol Violation**

On 02-20-15, at 10:25 PM, Middleton Police responded to the report of a possible underage drinking party. The complainant reported that his neighbor was out of town and that he believed their college age son was holding an underage drinking party at this address. As a result of this investigation, 19 individuals were cited for underage possession of alcohol.

**MI15-1454, Private Residence, 7400 Block of Century Avenue, Burglary**

On 02-28-15, at 2:35 AM, Middleton Police responded to the report of a residential burglary which had occurred in the past 17 hours. The suspects forced entry to the apartment's front door, searched the unoccupied home and fled with a small TV, a laptop and currency. The investigation into this incident is on-going.

## **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 one family this month with installing their car seats.

Our Department is also fortunate to have two highly trained Drug Recognition Experts in Sergeant Jessica Quamme and Officer Kathleen Riffenburg. After undergoing an intensive course with hands on training they have provided us and surrounding agencies with this vital skill over the past several years. Drug Recognition Experts are used to determine what category of drugs that a driver may be under the influence of other than alcohol. That helps to indicate the level of intoxication and whether there is multiple drugs affecting the driver. Also if the person refuses the blood test, the DRE's test will indicate what type of drugs may have been present. This program is funded by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Traffic Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Association. This past month, DRE's were called out on one traffic arrest for Operating While under the Influence.

Regular directed traffic patrol was performed for about 19 hours in February. Directed traffic patrol also focused on Neighborhood Projects that were assigned to the Neighborhood Officer for traffic complaints. The Neighborhood Project worked on this month was traffic signal violations at University Avenue at Bristol Street. The following is a list of the enforcement actions taken during the directed traffic patrols:

- 15 citations for Speed with ten warnings
- 3 citations for Insurance violations with two warnings
- 1 citation for Failure to Obey Sign
- 10 citations for Violation a Traffic Control Signal with one warning

- 1 warning for Registration violations

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

- 9 citations for OWI
- 1 citation for No Insurance
- 2 citation for Registration Violation
- 1 citation for Failure to Report an Accident
- 2 citations for Operating after Revocation
- 1 citation for Operating after Suspension
- 1 citation for Moving violation
- 2 citations for Equipment Violations
- 1 citation for Possession of Controlled Substance
- 2 citations for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- 1 citation for Resisting Arrest

In total, Middleton officers issued 270 traffic citations and 227 warnings for the month of February.

There were 33 reportable accidents during February, of which four were in parking lots. This is compared to 33 reportable accidents in January 2014, of which nine were in parking lots.

## **TRAINING**

### **Specialized Training – January 2015:**

Alert Civilian Response to Active Shooters – 4 hours (Geiszler/O'Connor/Moen)  
Tactical Response Instructor Update – 8 hours (Dixon/Withee)  
DAAT Instructor Update – 8 hours (Dixon)  
Incident Command ICS 300 – 16 hours (Quamme/M. Wood)  
Radar/Laser Training – 24 hours (Schultz/Statz/Jacobs)

### **Specialized Training – February 2015:**

2015 WACOP Conference – 16 hours (Tutaj)  
2015 Wisconsin Chief's Winter Conference – 20 hours (Foulke/Hellenbrand)  
Instructor Development – 32 hours (Sellek/Loether)  
Taser Instructor Course – 20 hours (Loether/Ziegler)  
Taser Instructor Recertification – 16 hours (Withee)  
CVMIC Employee Law Training – 16 hours (Zimmerman)  
Diagnosing Problem Shooters – 8 hours (Dixon)

### **2015 2nd Quarter In-Service Training:**

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> – Dane County Law Enforcement Training Center

Morning session will consist of a legal update and DCNAG training.  
Afternoon session will consist of firearms training.

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

During the month of February, the Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) reviewed 58 cases and six were assigned to detectives for follow up. Those cases included two sexual assaults, a drug case, a fraud and a robbery.

One of the most substantial cases investigated was a robbery at the PDQ at 6519 Century Avenue on February 1, at approximately 10:59 PM. The suspect approached the counter, displayed a weapon and demanded the money. The clerk complied and the suspect fled to a vehicle. An alert witness was able to give arriving officers information that provided an investigative lead and the suspect vehicle was located a short time later. After a significant investigation, it was determined that our suspect was likely also involved in multiple incidents in Fitchburg and Madison. After extensive coordination with both of those departments, the suspect was taken into custody. He remains jailed as detectives from all three departments are putting together their cases for prosecution.

Another significant incident that occurred during the month of February was a case of a missing and endangered adult. The patrol officers assigned to the case conducted the initial investigation and were concerned for the welfare of the subject. Due to the frigid temperatures at the time, the supervisor working then contacted the Middleton Fire District and requested they perform a search of the area near where the subject was last seen. After a short search, several firefighters located the subject who was subsequently transported to the hospital for care. A detective conducted a follow up interview and determined that the subject had been attempting suicide. The actions of the Police Department likely saved this person's life.

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

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

February was the quietest month of the school year with only 18 calls for service requiring reports and/or investigations at the Middleton High School and Clark Street Community School. Some of those calls involved lost and stolen property, threats made off campus, disturbances and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Officer O'Connor attended a county wide School Resource Officer meeting where he met with SROs from several other schools and shared information about trending topics and safety issues.

Officer O'Connor was invited into a Law and Justice class for a one hour Q & A with students about all topics. It was a great chance to get to meet some new students and answer their questions.

Officer O'Connor participated in recording one of the daily video announcements for all staff and students to see. He also helped make a PSA video for a student project about buying, selling and using illegal drugs. Officer O'Connor took part in a shelter drill to help the school prepare for a dangerous situation outside of the school. Two students also interviewed Officer O'Connor for a class report on influential members of our city.

Outside of school hours, Officer O'Connor worked at two basketball games and the school's Sadie Hawkins dance.

**Kromrey Middle School  
Officer Tom Wilson**

During the month of February, I started teaching the "Keeping Safe" program to the students at Elm Lawn Elementary School. I was also a guest at Elm Lawn during lunch and got to serve food to all of the students. I also started talking to all of the 5th graders at Kromrey Middle School about the dangers of smoking, alcohol and marijuana.

During the month, I attended several meetings including the monthly Dane County School Resource Officer Meeting. I also handled several calls for service during the month. Some of these included a check welfare incident and a student fight.

**COURT ACTIVITY**

**Dane County Adult Criminal Referrals**

23 Adults  
38 Criminal Counts  
2 Civil Forfeitures

**Dane County Juvenile Criminal Referrals**

1 Juveniles  
1 Criminal Counts  
0 Civil Forfeitures