

**MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**JUNE 2015**

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

### **Community Events**

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 10, the 2014 Citizens Academy class graduated. Congratulations to everyone that participated.

On June 29, Middleton Police went to Keva to join in the Hero program. A tour of the squad car and a safety presentation were given to children at the camp.

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

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](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 2016 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**

### **Calls for Service**

In May, Middleton Officers handled 1,868 calls for service, 835 were field initiated, 1,033 were dispatched, issued 326 citations and 320 written warnings, made 31 criminal arrests and investigated 38 accidents.

In June, Middleton Officers handled 1,886 calls for service, 809 were field initiated, 1,077 were dispatched, issued 321 citations and 3239 written warnings, made 32 criminal arrests and investigated 37 accidents.

### **Significant Events in June:**

MI15-3562, Clark Street Community School, 2429 Clark Street, Uniform Controlled Substance

On 06-01-15, Middleton Police cited and released a 16 year old male student for possession of drug paraphernalia on school grounds.

MI15-4357, Middleton High School, 2100 Bristol Street, Trespassing

On 06-02-15, Middleton Police cited a 22 year old male for trespassing at the Middleton High School. The suspect is a former student who had been previously warned, several times, to not be on school grounds. The suspect admitted that he was attempting to intimidate staff by his presence.

MI15-4426, Ace Hardware, 2540 Allen Boulevard, Retail Theft

On 06-04-15, at 4:00 PM, Middleton Police responded to the Ace Hardware store on the report of an ongoing problem with the theft of tools. During this particular incident, the suspects stole a hand tool set and fled the store. Staff was able to provide video

surveillance footage and a possible suspect vehicle license plate. Officers are continuing to investigate this incident.

MI15-4427, PDQ Store, 2002 Parmenter Street, Fraud

On 06-04-15, at 5:00 PM, Middleton Police responded to the PDQ store on the report of an ongoing credit card fraud scam. A suspect, who had been in the store periodically over the past several months, was there again and was attempting to make purchases with fraudulent credit cards. This is part of a larger ongoing investigation that should come to a conclusion in the coming weeks.

MI15-4437, Private Residence, 7500 block of East Hampstead Court, Theft

On 06-04-15, at 9:45 PM, Middleton Police took the report of a bicycle being stolen from a residence at this location. The suspect, that was described by neighbors, matched the description of a Madison teen who had been previously arrested for similar crimes. Middleton Officers were able to locate the stolen bicycle near the Tree Lane home of the suspect. The bicycle was recovered and officers are continuing to work on charging a suspect in this case.

MI15-4450, Private Residence, 5700 block of Baskerville Walk, Domestic Disturbance

On 06-05-15, at 12:20 PM, Middleton Officers were called to this home on the report of a domestic disturbance between a mother and her 18 year old daughter. As a result of this investigation, the daughter was arrested for Domestic Disorderly Conduct.

MI15-4509, Private Residence, 7100 block of Elmwood Avenue, Domestic Disturbance

On 06-07-15, at 1:15 PM, Middleton Officers were dispatched to a private residence as the caller stated that she had been involved in an altercation with a boyfriend and that he was now holding her four month old child hostage. Officers were able to locate the suspect and the child was returned to its mother without harm. As a result of this investigation, the 22 year old male suspect was arrested and jailed for Domestic Disorderly Conduct and Intimidation of a Victim.

MI15-4514, Private Residence, 3400 block of John Muir Drive, Burglary

On 06-07-15, Middleton Officers responded to the report of a burglary that had occurred at this home sometime over the previous evening. The victim stated that an unknown suspect entered his garage and stole a \$1,000.00 camera from a vehicle. Officers are continuing to investigate this incident.

MI15-4520, Public Roadway, 1000 block of North Gammon Road, Domestic Disturbance

On 06-07-15, at 9:10 PM, Middleton Police responded to the report of an injured female that had been thrown from a moving vehicle. As result of this of this investigation, a 21 year old male suspect was arrested for Domestic Battery. The female victim was treated for an arm injury and was released from an area hospital later that evening.

MI15-4522, Private Apartment, 6300 block of Pheasant Lane, Burglary

On 06-07-15, at 11:00 PM, Middleton Officers were dispatched to a cold burglary scene at an apartment in the Springtree Complex. The victim reported that, sometime between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM on this date, someone entered his apartment and stole a 60" television, X-Box game and several DVDs. The victim believes that an ex-girlfriend may be responsible for the theft. Middleton Officers are continuing to investigate this incident.

MI15-4563, Middleton High School, 2100 Bristol Street, Battery

On 06-09-15, the School Resource Officer arrested a 15 year old male student for Battery. Unprovoked, this student struck another student in the face several times. Due to this suspect's history and the nature of this offense, he was arrested and taken to the Dane County Juvenile Detention Facility.

MI15-4584, Private Apartment, 6300 block of Pheasant Lane, Damage to Property

On 06-09-15, at 8:30 PM, Middleton Officers responded to the Springtree Apartment Complex on the report of damage to personal property. The caller reported that he and his ex-girlfriend were beginning to move out of their shared apartment. He stated that while he was at work today she cut up and spray painted some of his clothing. Both parties have filed a number of complaints against one another in the last month. As a result of this incident, the 28 year old female suspect was cited for Criminal Damage to Property.

MI5-4640, Private Residence, 3100 block of Baskerville Avenue, Burglary

On 06-11-15, at 2:00 PM, Middleton Officers were dispatched to a cold burglary scene at a home on Baskerville Avenue. The victim reported that, sometime between 1:00 PM and 3:10 PM on this date, someone entered his home through an unlock door and stole jewelry valued at several thousand dollars. Middleton Police Detectives are continuing to investigate this crime.

MI15-4641, Private Apartment, 5200 block of Brindisi Court, Battery

On 06-11-15, Middleton Police were called to Saint Mary's Hospital to take a battery complaint. The complainant, a 21 year old male, called to report a battery that had occurred several days ago. The victim was attacked by a 21 year old brother of his girlfriend as he snuck out of their family home. The victim received significant injuries as a result of this incident. The suspect has since fled the area and is believed to be living in northern Wisconsin. Middleton Police Detectives continue to try and locate the suspect in this incident.

MI15-4771, The Club Tavern, 1915 Branch Street, Battery

On 06-16-15, at 12:50 AM, Middleton Officers were called to The Club Tavern as Middleton Police Dispatch received a call from a tavern manager stating "get the police here now." The investigation of this incident revealed that a 39 year old suspect got angry when an intoxicated female's friend would not allow him to take her home with him. The suspect pushed the friend to the ground and took several swings at other patrons in the tavern parking lot. The suspect fled the tavern before police arrived on scene. Officers were able to eventually identify and cite the suspect for Battery.

MI15-4792, Bauman Aquatic Center, 2400 Park Lawn Place, Theft

On 06-16-15, at 6:45 PM, Middleton Police responded to the report of a theft that had occurred at the City of Middleton outdoor swimming pool. The victim reported that his wallet and cellular phone were stolen from a chair in the main swimming pool area.

MI15-4790, Private Residence, 7400 block of Elmwood Avenue, Theft by Fraud

On 06-17-15, Middleton Police Officers responded to the report of a fraud that occurred over the past several months. The victim reported that her 35 year old son had scammed her, and other family members, out of approximately \$240,000.00. Middleton Police Detectives continue to investigate this Theft by Deception incident.

MI15-4849, Falbo's Pizza Parking Lot, 3301 Parmenter Street, Theft

On 06-18-15, at 7:20 PM, Middleton Police Officers responded to the report of a strong-arm robbery that had just occurred in the parking lot outside of Falbo's Pizzeria. The victim originally informed officers that two male subjects drove up next to him in the lot and forcibly took \$90.00 in cash from his hands. The suspects immediately fled the area, but were located by Middleton Police Department officers a short distance from the scene. Further investigation of this incident revealed that the victim actually knew his assailants and that they had taken the cash from his hand as he owed them money from a previous sale/purchase of marijuana. The two 20 year old suspects were cited for Theft and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

MI15-4928, Private Residence, 3400 block of Valley Creek Circle, Burglary

On 06-21-15, at 6:30 AM, Middleton Police were called to the above home on the report of a burglary to an occupied home which had occurred approximately 30 minutes earlier. The victims awoke to see two young male suspects taking items from the bedroom in which they were sleeping. Startling the suspects, the frightened victims yelled and the suspects fled the home. Police Officers collected evidence, searched for DNA and canvased area businesses and homes. Detectives continue to follow-up on leads in this significant case.

MI15-4970, Papa Murphy's Pizzeria, 1005 North Gammon Road, Armed Robbery

On 06-22-15, at 8:00 PM, Middleton Police Officers responded to the report of an armed robbery at the Papa Murphy's Pizzeria. The suspect entered the store and demanded all of the cash from the registers and safe. During the robbery, the suspect brandished a large knife. The suspect was identified by one of the Papa Murphy employees as a former co-worker. This individual was also the suspect in several Madison and Monona robberies. Working with Madison and Monona Police Departments, Middleton Detectives assisted in the serving of a search warrant of the suspect's home on 06-24-15. During the execution of this warrant, detectives seized clothing and a knife that matched those that were used in the Middleton robbery. The 24 year old male suspect has been charged with multiple counts of armed robbery and is currently being held in the Dane County Jail awaiting trial.

MI15-5000, Private Apartment, 2000 block of Allen Blvd, Domestic Disturbance

On 06-23-15, at 1:00 PM, Middleton Police Officers responded to the belated report of a domestic disturbance at an apartment within the Forest Harbor complex. The caller stated that, on the previous day, she and her boyfriend got into an argument and that he pulled her off the bed and onto the floor and then threatened her with a knife. As a result of this investigation, the 23 year old male suspect was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Recklessly Endangering Safety and Violation of the 72 hour No Contact Provision.

MI15-5027, The Bruce Company, 2830 Parmenter Street, Theft

During the overnight hours of 06-23-15, unknown suspects stole several hundred dollars of lawn furniture from the display area in front of the Bruce Company.

MI15-4542, Private Residence, 5300 block of South Ridge Way, Uniform Controlled Substance

On June 25, 2015, Middleton Police Detectives executed a search warrant at the above address. During the execution of this warrant, police located marijuana, hashish oil, psilocybin laced candies and drug paraphernalia within this duplex home. One of the residents stated that the marijuana and paraphernalia belonged to boyfriend, however, she admitted that both had previously engaged in the trafficking of controlled substance from and within this residence. A second resident admitted to possessing the controlled substances found in the residence, however, made no admission about the sale of these items from the residence. Two of the adult residents have been charged with Possession of THC with Intent to Deliver, Maintaining a Drug Dwelling and Child Neglect. A third resident was cited for Possession of THC.

MI15-5108, Chalmer's Jewelers, 6202 University Avenue, Fraud

On 06-26-15, a complainant reported that he was defrauded out of \$39,500.00 in an on-line scam. The complainant wire transferred the funds to an out of state bank and never received the vehicle that he believed he was purchasing. Middleton Police Detectives are continuing to investigate this incident.

MI15-5254, Public Roadway, 2800 block of Parmenter Street, Uniformed Controlled Substance

On 06-30-15, at 11:30 PM, Middleton Police were dispatched to the area of Parmenter Street and Donna Drive on the report of a disabled vehicle in the roadway. As officers were responding to this location, they were informed that a female had just run up to the car, pulled a bag from it and then fled in another vehicle. The female was located and it was determined that she was the girlfriend of the owner of the disabled vehicle. The bag she had removed from the vehicle was found to contain a substantial amount of marijuana. The vehicle owner was found a short time later walking back to his car with a can of gas. Both subjects have been charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana.

## **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 four families this month with installing their car seats. This ensures infants and children are properly secured while traveling in vehicles.

Motorcycle Patrol Officer Jesse Sellek was able to conduct motorcycle patrol five days this month for a total of about 32 hours. Officer Sellek also assisted with Bike Night at Quaker Steak & Lube on three Wednesday nights this month. The following is a list of the enforcement actions taken by Officer Sellek while on Motorcycle Patrol:

- 9 citations for Speed with 7 warnings
- 2 citations for License Restrictions
- 2 citations for Insurance Violations
- 1 citation for Moving Violations with 4 warnings
- 1 warning for Registration Violations
- 3 warnings for Moving Violations
- 1 warning for Equipment Violations
- 1 Municipal citation for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Regular directed traffic patrol was performed for about 28 hours in March. The following is a list of the enforcement actions taken during the directed traffic patrols:

- 1 arrest for Operating While Intoxicated with a passenger < 16yo
- 1 Municipal citation for Possession of Controlled Substance
- 25 citations for Speed with 28 warnings
- 3 citations for Insurance violations with 4 warnings
- 3 citations for Driver's License violations with 1 warning
- 1 citation for Violating a Traffic Control Signal with 1 warning
- 1 warning for Registration violations
- 1 warning for an Equipment violation

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

- 7 citations for OWI
- 2 citations for Speed
- 1 citation for Registration Violation
- 2 citations for Moving Violations
- 1 citation for Open Intoxicants in Motor Vehicle
- 1 citation for Operating After Revocation
- 1 citation for Failure to Yield for an Emergency Vehicle
- 1 Municipal citation for Possession of Controlled Substance

In total, Middleton Officers made 492 traffic enforcement stops, issuing 295 traffic citations and 324 warnings for the month of June.

There were 38 reportable accidents during June, of which six were in parking lots. This is compared to 39 reportable accidents in June 2014, of which 12 were in parking lots.

## **TRAINING**

### **Specialized Training – May 2015:**

Reid Basic Interview School – 24 hours (Carbon)  
The BulletProof Mind – 8 hours (Geiszler/Zimmerman)  
Statement Analysis – 8 hours (Kasdorf)  
ICS 300 – 16 hours (Moen)  
FBINAA 2015 Retrainer – 20 hours (Foulke/Britt/Geiszler)  
Heroin Overdose Investigations – 8 hours (Riffenburg/Loether)  
Force Transition Course – 8 hours (Zimmerman/O'Connor)  
Radar Training – 24 hours (Gama/Groh/Roettger)

### **Specialized Training – June 2015:**

SRO Training Conference – 20 hours (O'Connor)  
SWAT Basic Training – 40 hours (Ziegler)  
CIVMIC Coaching Employees – 14 hours (Hanson/Quamme/Kakuske/Ziltner/Geiszler)  
G.R.E.A.T Training – 60 hours (Salinas)  
Conference for Women – 8 hours (Endres)  
CIT Mental Health Training – 40 hours (Kasdorf/Tutaj/K. Wood)  
Equity Institute Training – 20 hours (O'Connor)  
Identity Theft Training – 8 hours (Jones)

### **2015 3rd Quarter In-Service Training:**

July 23, 29, August 10 and 19 – Dane County Law Enforcement Training Center

Morning session will consist of firearms training and more specifically the annual qualification courses.

Afternoon session will be a presentation on domestic violence by a member of the Dane County District Attorney's Office.

## **INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORT**

During the month of June, the Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) was busier than previous months and reviewed a total of 98 cases with 24 assigned to detectives for follow up. The assigned cases included drug investigations, thefts, frauds, burglaries, sexual assaults, robberies and a death investigation.

One of the most significant cases investigated by detectives this month was a robbery reported at the BP service station at 6504 University Avenue. The clerk, who was the victim in this incident, was very observant and ended up obtaining the license plate of the suspect vehicle as it fled. His description led to dayshift patrol officers locating the vehicle and engaging in a pursuit. The suspect fled on foot after crashing into a parked car. After a search of the area that included the use of the Middleton Fire District's search and rescue drone, the suspect was located and taken into custody without incident. A detective assisted by interviewing the suspect as well and processing the vehicle, which had been stolen from Madison, for evidence. He also assisted with follow up investigation. The suspect was charged with robbery and knowingly fleeing an officer.

Another significant case worked on by a detective was an additional armed robbery at the Papa Murphy's restaurant at 1005 N. Gammon Road on the evening of June 22, 2015. During that incident, the suspect entered the restaurant and demanded all of the money while displaying a large kitchen style knife. The victim complied and provided the money to the suspect who then fled the area. The detective assigned to this case was able to identify a possible suspect and worked with the Madison and Monona Police Departments who had identified the same suspect in additional armed robberies in their communities. Middleton detectives assisted in the execution of a search warrant at the suspect's residence where he was taken into custody. Based on the investigation, a recommended charge of armed robbery for his involvement in our case was forwarded to the Dane County District Attorney's Office.

## **SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER REPORT**

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

There were only ten days of school in June, but there were 17 calls for service requiring investigations and reports at the Middleton High School and Clark Street Community School. Some of those included Possession of a Controlled Substance, Trespassing, depressed and suicidal students, Annoying Phone Calls, Thefts, Battery and a Hit & Run Crash. Officer O'Connor also drove to the nature preserve with the school nurse to assist a student on a field trip who needed medical attention.

The students finished the last week of school with a shortened schedule for final exams and the seniors were celebrated at the graduation ceremony on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Alliant Energy Center.

During the summer break, Officer O'Connor will be assigned various administrative and investigative tasks with the Police Department. He will attend a Statewide School Resource Officer Conference in Appleton, WI. Officer O'Connor will also attend five days of Equity Institute Training with 70 staff members from the Middleton Cross Plains Area School District.

### **Kromrey Middle School**

## **Officer Tom Wilson**

During the month of June, the students had only eight days of school. I attended the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Governor Nelson State Park and then assisted with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade promotion ceremony and subsequent year end dance.

The last day of school concluded my assignment as Kromrey Middle School Resource Officer. I really enjoyed my time in this assignment working with School District staff, students and parents. I have since returned back to regular police patrol duties and starting in the fall, Officer Cesar Salinas will be taking over as the new Kromrey Middle School Resource Officer.

## **COURT ACTIVITY**

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

22 Adults  
36 Criminal Counts  
2 Civil Forfeitures

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

1 Juveniles  
1 Criminal Counts  
0 Civil Forfeitures