

City of Middleton
Police Department

Annual Report
2005

"Making a Difference"

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City Administrator Mike Davis,
City Council Members,
Police Commission Members,
Public Safety Committee Members,
Citizens of Middleton

February 2006



On behalf of the members of the Middleton Police Department I am pleased to present you with the department's Annual Report for the year 2005.

2005 was another busy year for our department. As part of our effort to reach out more to the community we held our first *National Night Out* event in many years. The event focused on safety and crime prevention education. We also held our first *Citizen Academy* classes where citizens participated in officer training activities, investigated a mock crime scene and learned more about what it takes to be a police officer. Visitors to our *website* can now click on their neighborhood using a map of the city and find the name and e-mail address of the officer assigned to their neighborhood. Citizens can communicate directly with their neighborhood officer who will help neighborhood issues and any other crime or safety questions that they may have.

We began a *Child Safety Initiative* in 2005 to increase community awareness of child safety issues. This program provides advanced training to department members on responding to reports of missing children, and also distributes crime prevention information and Child ID Fingerprint kits at community events. This program has been very well received by the community and department officers fingerprinted approximately 400 children at 5 different events held in 2005.

Our *School Liaison Officers* are working more closely with school counselors and staff in 2005 to help identify children that are a high risk for drug and alcohol problems in order to steer them in to early intervention programs.

Our overall *Crime Rate* dropped slightly in 2005 from the previous year. Middleton is still well below the national, county and state-wide average in overall crime and although the violent crime rate jumped slightly in 2005 our violent crime rate is still well below the national, state and county average.

We look forward to continuing to meet the challenges of our growing community. We encourage you to visit our website at www.ci.middleton.wi.us/police/ to learn more about the department.

Sincerely,

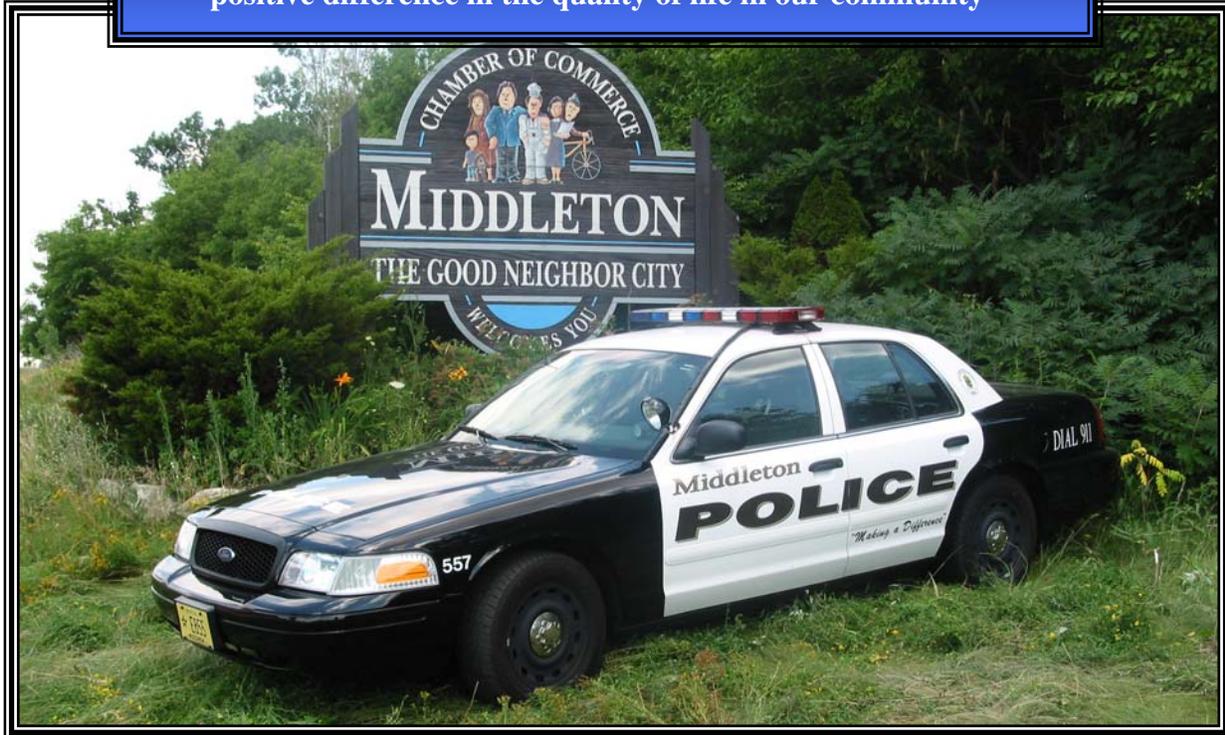


Brad J Keil
Chief of Police



Mission Statement

The mission of the Middleton Police Department is “to make a positive difference in the quality of life in our community”



We will accomplish our mission by:

-Partnering Proactively with stakeholders in our community in order to **Identify and Solve Problems** that are of mutual interest to the police and the community:

-Protecting the Constitutional **Rights** and Personal Freedoms of all citizens;

-Maintaining Order;

-Facilitating the safe movement of persons and vehicles;

-Mediating and Resolving conflicts;

-Aiding those in need;

-Promoting a sense of **Security** and helping citizens to feel safe;

-Enforcing laws and ordinances;

-Apprehending and Assisting in the prosecution of offenders;

-Reducing victimization and the opportunities for Crime;

-Providing emergency Service;

And;

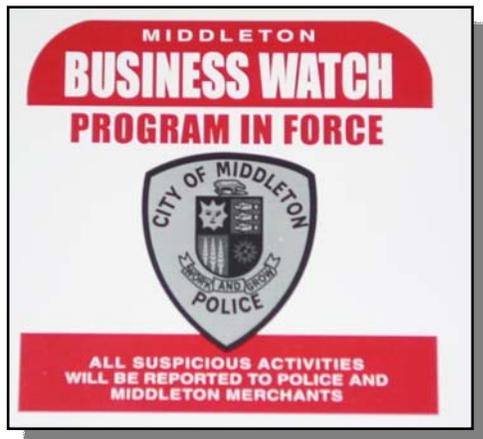
-Constantly Evaluating our Effectiveness in carrying out our mission



Crime Prevention /Community Outreach

Crime prevention and Community Outreach is an important function for the police department and helps us deliver our services in a community policing model. Some examples of crime prevention activities:

Crime Prevention Activities



Middleton Business Watch: In 2004 MIPD began a program to alert local businesses to crimes affecting their business and to provide crime prevention training. The Business Watch program has been very successful since its conception and currently has approximately 210 members, an increase of 350% in the past year. In 2005 the department distributed 36 crime alerts to Business Watch members. The department also held two Business Watch informational seminars for members. The first, held on March 29th, dealt with Forensic Video Surveillance and Small Business Scams. The second, held on October 25th, dealt with current frauds and Worthless Check Investigations. We plan on continuing the Business Watch

seminars in the spring of 2006. We currently have \$1,216.54 in our checking account (which came from donations from local businesses), have been approved as an LLC in the State of Wisconsin and have received tax exempt status as a 501 (c) (3) organization.

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Crime Prevention Notices: Officers complete notices when they observe crime risks while checking businesses and neighborhoods. The notices identify the risk, such as a burned out security light or bushes covering windows, and are left at the business or residence for the owner as a way to provide feedback and help reduce the risk.

Plan reviews: A Crime Prevention Officer reviews plans submitted to the City for new or expanding businesses and offers suggestions to make them safer.

Vacation Checks: residents are encouraged to notify the Police while they are away on vacation, especially if it is for an extended period of time. It is valuable to know how to reach the homeowner and if anyone locally has keys in case a problem arises. Officers will periodically check the residence for problems.

Community Outreach

National Night Out: The first annual National Night Out event was held at Firemen's Park on Tuesday, August 2, 2005. Detective Patty Faust coordinated the event for the department which included participation of police, fire and EMS personnel, as well as the Med Flight Helicopter, a "Jaws of Life" demonstration, Dane County Sheriffs K-9, and a bike rodeo safety course. There were also booths on various aspects of safety and/or crime prevention from U.W. Health, Springs Window Fashions, Middleton Senior Center/Dane County Elder Abuse, West Madison-Middleton Rotary/MATC Motorcycle Safety Program.



Citizen Police Academy: MIPD held its first Citizens Academy in the spring of 2005. Twelve members of the community attended the 8 week course which consisted of curriculum including firearms training, emergency vehicle operation, defense and arrest tactics, investigations, proactive programs and a session by Middleton EMS and Fire Departments. The first Citizens Academy was very successful and community interest was so great that a second Academy session was held in the fall. Eleven students attended the second Academy and a ceremony for graduates and alumni was held in November. The MIPD Citizens Academy intends to continue with the next class scheduled for the fall of 2006.

Middleton Triad: The Triad program is senior citizens and the Police Department working together to prevent crime against the elderly. Middleton Police and the Middleton Senior Center work closely together in this program. A monthly column by Sergeant Reynolds is included in the Senior Center monthly newsletter. In the past, Triad has sponsored a Senior Car Winterization Program (seniors bring their cars to Middleton Motors where the vehicle is checked over by a mechanic for free) and purchased 1000 File of Life packets (plastic packets with a magnetic backing which go on a refrigerator, the senior's medical records are placed in the packet for easy retrieval by police and paramedics in case of a medical emergency).

Sub for Santa: Police Department employees worked hard to make the holidays brighter for an area family this year, just as they have in the past. For their seventh year the Department participated in Family Service's "Sub for Santa Program". The program matches the Department with a Middleton Family in need. Employees of the department donate gifts to the members of the family which are delivered on Christmas.



Shop with a Cop: Police Department employees volunteer their time to take children from underprivileged families shopping for Christmas gifts for their families for a day with donated funds so that those families can have a nice Christmas.



Holiday Food Drive: Middleton Police Employees help collect donated food goods through donations received at the department and an event called “Stuff the Squad” where patrons of the COPPS food store are invited to put non-perishable items in a squad car.



Safe Community Coalition: The department is an active member of the Dane County Safe Community Coalition. As a coalition member we participate in a number of events throughout the year such as the *Safe Walk to School Day* and *Pedestrian Awareness* campaigns.

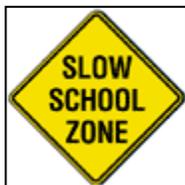
Meals on Wheels: Middleton Police employees take turns delivering lunch to seniors every Tuesday.



Private Tours and Safety Presentations: The department regularly provides department tours and safety presentations for elementary school students. In 2005 we held 4 such events at the police department for approximately 250 students. The department also hosted 11 tour events for private organizations, such as the Cub Scouts and Brownies.



2005 Traffic Safety Report



The department continued with its *directed traffic patrol program* in 2005. A total of 408 hours were spent on these patrols with four hundred twenty-nine citations and one hundred sixty-three warnings issued. The most common violation was Speeding. This program is based on enforcement in locations known to have a high average speed and can also be used in response to neighborhood concerns brought to the attention of the department.

January once again had *Adult School Crossing Guard* recognition week. We treated the guards to a luncheon and they were presented with certificates of appreciation. These school district employees provide an important traffic safety function as they escort our community's children across some of the busiest streets in Middleton.



In May we participated in *Click It or Ticket!* a country wide effort to educate motorists about the value in the use of seatbelts. Officers paid special attention to seat belt use violations, this is a secondary violation in Wisconsin which

means that a motorist cannot be stopped for failure to wear a seat belt, enforcement action can only be done when stopped for another violation.

In July the department assisted Madison Police and Dane County Sheriff Departments with traffic control on CTH M and CTH Q for the annual Rhythm and Booms fireworks celebration. No event related accidents were reported in Middleton.

In August the department provided traffic control for the annual Middleton Good Neighbor Festival parade and mini-parade. There were no parade related accidents this year.

We participated in the annual *Safe Community Coalition of Madison and Dane County Slow Down campaign*. We served as a distribution point for the yard signs that are intended to educate drivers to slow down due to the presence of children in the area.

We also provided traffic control for several smaller events such as a heavily attended motorcycle ride leaving from Fireman's Park, running races and for motorcycle parades in conjunction with Bike Night at the Quaker Steak and Lube restaurant. The Bike Night celebrations held every week during the warm months had up to 1,000 motorcyclists in the area and there was only one accident in the city involving a participant.

The Hwy 12/West Beltline Hwy project was completed this year and immediately we experienced a spate of accidents, some with serious injuries, at the Century Avenue ramp area. Officers were assigned to monitor the intersection for violations and/or signal

malfunctions. It became clear that the problem was not an enforcement nor a malfunction related issue and the department worked closely with the DOT project managers who eventually saw the wisdom in changing the traffic signal sequencing. That solution eliminated the problem.

After a small delay due to the supervising Madison Police captain taking a chief's job out of state the D.E.T.E.R. (Driver Education and Targeted Enforcement Response) grant was approved in December by the Bureau of Transportation Safety. This is the program for the West Beltline Hwy that we will be doing in conjunction with the following jurisdictions: Wisconsin State Patrol, Dane County Sheriff Department, Madison Police Department, Monona Police Department, Town of Madison Police Department, and Cottage Grove Police Department. The total funding for the grant is \$75,000 of which \$25,000 will be for media purposes. The rest of the grant will go to each jurisdiction based on what percentage of the Beltline's miles they have in their jurisdiction. The program will start in February 2006.

A *Middleton Pedestrian Safety Committee* was formed in the fall, comprised of representatives from the public, school district, city government, Department of Public Works and the Police Department. The main discussion so far has been on school and adult school crossing guard related issues.

Sgt. Donald Mueller is a member of the Safe Community Coalition of Madison and Dane County, the Pedestrian Safety Committee and the Dane County Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Committee. As such he keeps the department apprised of current developments and grant opportunities for traffic safety programs. One such program was announced in the late fall and will begin in spring 2006. That program is a two year joint Dane/Jefferson Counties program for *motorcycle safety*. This is the only motorcycle related program funded by federal transportation safety monies in the entire country. The department will be participating in enforcement actions as well as in educational activities specifically targeting the Bike Night participants as that event routinely brings together more motorcyclists than any other event in the counties.

The department continues to monitor the *Pedestrian Flags Over Dane County* program in Middleton where orange flags are used by pedestrians at chosen intersections in the city in an effort to make motorists more aware of pedestrian rights.

Operations Division



In July of 2005, the Middleton Police Department realized a longtime goal of increasing the Command Staff of the Department by adding a new Lieutenant and Sergeant position.

The addition of a second Lieutenant enabled the

department to split the supervision of Operations (patrol, investigations, training and shift scheduling) and Administration (dispatch, records, court services, information systems and special events planning). By having two Lieutenants and adding a sixth Sergeant position, we were able to take away many of the administrative assignments that we had given to our Sergeants over the years and allow them to supervise officers in the field.

Promotions / New Assignments

Chuck Foulke was promoted to Lieutenant, in charge of the Operations Division. The Operations Division has the responsibility for the day to day operations of the department to include patrol and investigations. The operations lieutenant oversees a patrol unit consisting of five Sergeants and 17 patrol officers and an investigative services bureau consisting of one Sergeant, four detectives and two police school liaison officers.



Troy Hellenbrand and Terry Hanson were promoted to Sergeant.



Barry Reynolds was appointed to be the Sergeant in command of the Investigative Services Bureau, in charge of investigations, police school liaison officers and proactive programs.



The Middleton Police Department has two police school liaison officers, one assigned to Middleton High School, one to Kromrey Middle School. Darrin Zimmerman was the high school liaison officer, he was appointed to the position of detective and Officer Jerry Raffel was chosen to replace him. Officer Patty Faust was the middle school liaison officer until her appointment to detective. Jill Tutaj was chosen to replace her.



Police Officer Michael Wood successfully completed his probationary period and was appointed as a permanent member of the department in September of 2005.

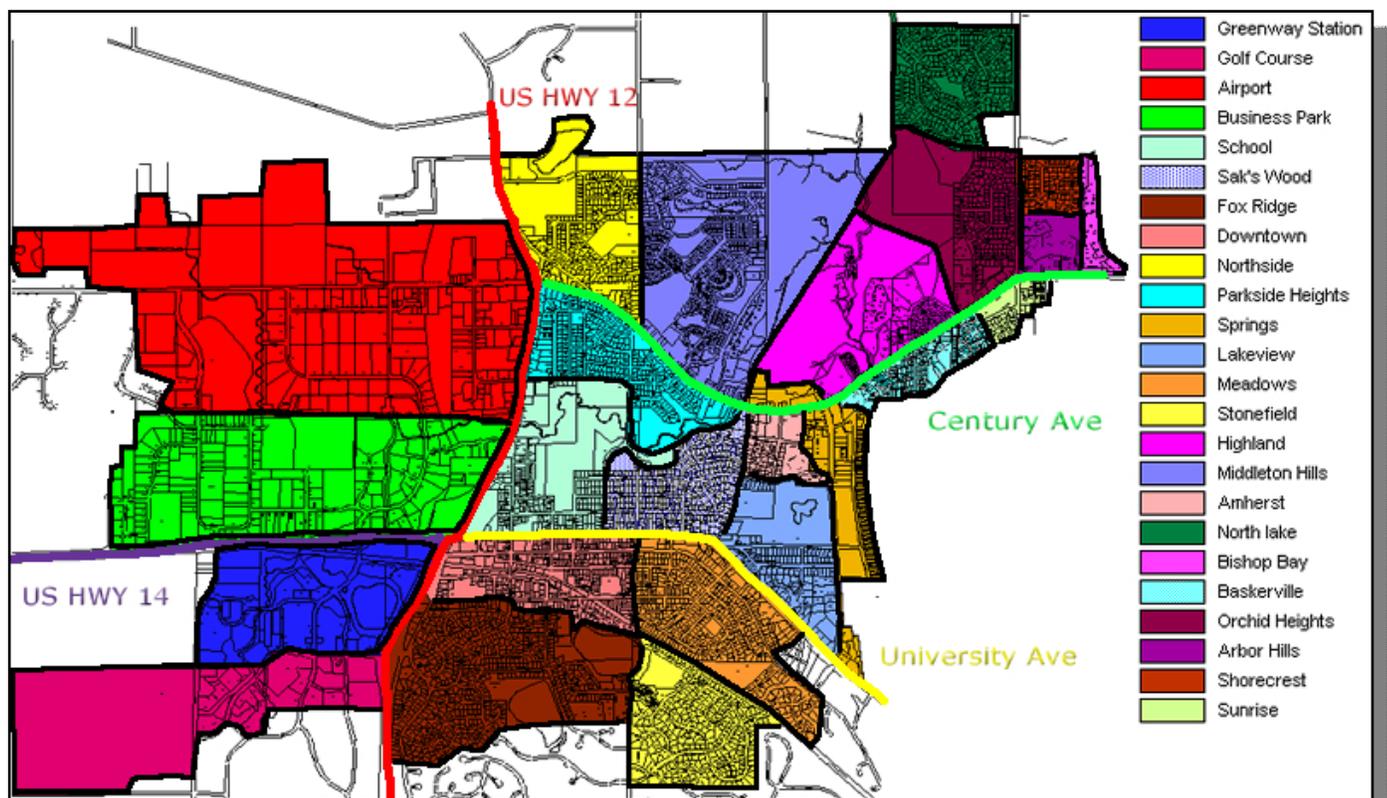




Neighborhood Districts

Middleton Police Officers are assigned to 1 of 3 patrol district(s) each of which encompass about a third of the City. They respond to emergency and routine calls within their patrol district with assistance from other officers. Within their patrol districts, officers are assigned specific neighborhoods to which they give special attention and services as the Neighborhood Officer, to the extent that activity levels permit. Citizens who need urgent or routine police services, should not seek to contact specific Neighborhood Officers, but should contact the Police Department directly (9-1-1 for emergencies and 827-1000 for other matters). However, on-going non-urgent neighborhood problems are appropriately referred to the Neighborhood Officer.

Neighborhood Officers are expected to know what is happening, who the people, elected officials, businesses, organizations and bad actors are, and to provide special attention and services. Neighborhood Officers strive to open communications, build trust, exchange information, and collaborate in problem solving. The objectives of the Neighborhood Officers go beyond crime control to include objectives of fear reduction, order maintenance, problem solving, and the quality of life in the neighborhood. Neighborhood Officers are the go to person for the neighborhood, police department and City when it comes to on-going neighborhood problems. The residents of the neighborhood also have a duty to be involved as partners in the task of policing and problem solving in their neighborhood.





New Officers

The department hired three new officers in 2005 (to replace the two officers who left and the position created by the additional Sergeant position). One hundred seventy (170) people applied for the position of police officer with the Middleton Police Department. As the applications came into the department, members of the screening committee “graded” the individual applications, using criteria approved by the Police Commission. Scoring criteria consisted of educational background, work experience, qualification statement, volunteer work, foreign language ability, etc. The applicants were required to take the State

of Wisconsin entry level law enforcement examination which was offered in several locations throughout the state. The scores from the screening committee were combined with the test scores for a collective overall score. The top eighteen candidates were invited for an interview. Ten candidates were certified as eligible for employment by the Middleton Police Commission. Middleton detectives then conducted a thorough background investigation. Once a tentative offer of employment is made, the prospective employees still have to pass a physical, drug screen and psychological evaluation.



Rick Wipperfurth was hired in May of 2005. Rick was a 2005 graduate from UW Platteville. Rick was an Intern for the department in the summer of 2004. Rick has completed field training and is working solo patrol.



Travis Kakuske was hired in August of 2005. Travis is a graduate of MATC in Police Science and worked at the Shorewood Hills Police Department prior to employment with MIPD. Travis has completed field training and is on solo patrol.



William Becker was hired in November of 2005. Bill is a graduate of Upper Iowa University and is currently working on his Masters Degree from UW Platteville. Bill is still in the field training program. All officers are on probation for at least 18 months after date of hire.



Investigative Services Bureau Report

The authorized strength of the Middleton Police Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) is a detective sergeant, four detectives and two Police School Liaison Officers (PSLO). The four detectives are: Craig Faga, Patty Faust, David Haselow and Darrin Zimmerman. The two Police School Liaison Officers are Jerry Raffel at the Middleton High School, and Jill Tutaj at Kromrey Middleton School.

2005 was a busy and challenging year for ISB, with the assignment of two new detectives and a new ISB supervisor, Sgt. Barry Reynolds.

Along with normal criminal investigations (the detective sergeant reviews crime reports and by using an investigative model, makes the determination if the case has solvability factors or is of significant public seriousness to merit assignment to an investigator; many cases are not assigned); we also investigate worthless check complaints, all death investigations; coordinate the department's proactive programs, such as the Citizen's Academy, and conduct background investigations for prospective hires.

Significant Cases Investigated by MIPD in 2005

03/14/05 05-1192 & 1193 Burglaries – 6629 University Avenue

The owners of two local businesses, located in the same building, notified the police that their business had been broken in to. Cash was taken from each business. One of these businesses had been burglarized earlier in the month.

03/29/05 05-1438 Robbery – 2600 Block of Branch Street

An employee of a local tavern reported that as he was cleaning up the business at approximately 8:25 AM, he was confronted by a masked man with a gun. He was forced to lie on the floor and was bound. The employee was able to get out of his bindings and run out of the business, summoning the police. It appears

as though the suspect left immediately thereafter, without taking anything.

04/04/05 05-1543 3:10 AM 2400 Block of Parmenter Street – Burglary

Patrol officers discovered a tavern had been broken into. The tavern had previously been broken into on 03/25/05 and the point of entry had been boarded up with plywood. It appears as though the suspects entered the building via the same location, by removing the plywood. Inside the business vending machines were attacked, although entry to the machines was not gained and no money was lost.

04/06/05 05-1592 2400 Block of Amherst Road – Sexual Assault of a Child

Middleton Police were notified of a seven year old female who had been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease. Medical examination as well as a Safe Harbor interview indicated that the girl had been the victim of a sexual assault. She named a family acquaintance who was taken into custody. Detectives conducted a search warrant and the suspect was charged with numerous counts of First Degree Sexual Assault of a Child.

04/15/05 05-1753 6200 Block of University Avenue – Theft

Employees of a jewelry store reported that a cheap ring had been exchanged for a very expensive ring. Employees and a detective reviewed security tapes and determined that a woman was responsible for making the switch. The woman was a former employee of the business who had come in, ostensibly to have a ring appraised. The woman, who lived in LaCrosse, was questioned by the detective. She was charged with felony theft.

04/22/05 05-1877 11:30 PM 1300 Block of John Q Hammons Drive – Underage Alcohol Party

Police were called to the Marriott Hotel on a report of a large underage drinking party in the convention center as well as in one room. Numerous underage people were contacted and arrested for Underage Drinking. A number of fights also broke out. Numerous Middleton, Madison, Dane County and Shorewood Police Officers were called to handle this disturbance. The case was assigned to a detective for follow up to see who authorized the party and who rented the rooms.

05-2226 05/12/05 Fraud 3200 Block of West Beltline Highway

A bank reported that a woman was making deposits at an ATM, but fraudulently filling out the deposit form. Actually, she was putting nothing in the deposit envelope. The woman was subsequently making withdrawals based on her reported deposits. 24 year old Sara R. Madison was arrested and charged with Uttering a Forged Document.

06/04/05 05-2701 1260 Deming Way – Theft from Auto

Complainant reported forced entry to vehicle and a car stereo was taken. There were numerous other similar complaints in this area during this week. All reports were assigned to a detective for follow-up investigation. A description of the suspects has been developed in cooperation with the Madison Police Department, and it is believed the suspects have attacked numerous areas on the west side of Madison and Middleton.

06/13/05 05-2724 3310 West beltline Hwy – Fraud

Zimbrick's of Middleton reported that a subject had purchased a vehicle worth approximately \$28,000.00 with a worthless check. The suspect was located and the vehicle returned to the dealership. The suspect has been charged in this case and numerous other worthless check cases as well.

08/22/05 05-4021 2510 Allen Blvd – Robbery

Suspect entered a pharmacy and approached the pharmacist demanding pain killing medication. Suspect took drugs and fled from the business. There have been several similar robberies at other Dane County pharmacies; this case is still under investigation.

10/25/05 05-5138 8510 Greenway Blvd – Burglary

Numerous vehicles were entered in the underground parking garage of several apartment buildings. Property was taken from several of these vehicles, including CD's, cash, and car stereos. Suspect descriptions have been developed and potential suspects have been identified. It is possible these suspects are responsible for several other similar incidents in Madison.

10/20/05 05-5028 3304 Hedden Road – Drug Information

Detectives received information that a resident had drug involvement. Detectives made contact at this residence and subsequently made a significant drug arrest. Prosecution of this case is still pending.

11/26/05 05-5667 5301 South Ridge Way – Weapons Violation

A customer of the PDQ reported that he had seen another customer display a handgun in the parking lot. Suspect and vehicle description was provided. Middleton detectives investigated and learned the identity of the suspect, who was wanted on several warrants. The suspect was located and taken into custody, and charges submitted to the District Attorneys Office.

11/28/05 05-5682 2237 Deming Way – Burglary

Officers took a report of copper wire and tubing stolen from a construction site. There have been numerous such reports to the department, and additional reports in Madison as well. Detectives are investigating these crimes, and crime prevention notices have been distributed to all local construction sites.

12/22/05 05-6093 1468 N. High Point Road - Burglary

An office building containing several businesses was entered and forced entry was made to the businesses inside. Suspects took several items from these businesses, including a handgun. A Middleton officer discovered another burglary in progress approximately two weeks later and arrested one subject. *This arrest and investigation by Middleton detectives has led to additional charges from approximately 50 burglaries in Middleton and Madison.*



Police School Liason Officers

MIPD has two PSLO's, one assigned to Middleton High School (Jerry Raffel) and one assigned to Kromrey Middle School (Jill Tutaj).

Officer Tutaj not only spends time at the Middle School, but also works in the elementary schools and in the neighborhood adjacent to the high school. Officer Tutaj makes many classroom presentations, including bullying prevention, sexual harassment, alcohol awareness, computer safety and attends pupil services meetings. Officer Tutaj presents drug prevention and protective behavior classes in the elementary school.

Detective Darrin Zimmerman was the High School Liaison officer for the past year, but

was transferred to the detective bureau in June of 2005, at the completion of the 2004/05 school year. Officer Jerry Raffel trained with Detective Zimmerman at the beginning of the 2005/06 school year upon assuming the duties as the new High School PSLO.

Officer Raffel conducts many classroom presentations, including Social Studies classes, Health classes, AODA issues, Sexual Assault Awareness and Drivers Education classes. Officer Raffel is also heavily involved in order maintenance issues within the school.

Both officers serve an invaluable function in the schools and their presence is appreciated by the administrators, principals, teachers, students and parents.





2005 Training

The total number of training hours for 2005 was 4,182 (an increase from 3,214 in 2004). The training classes and number of employees attending each class is as follows:

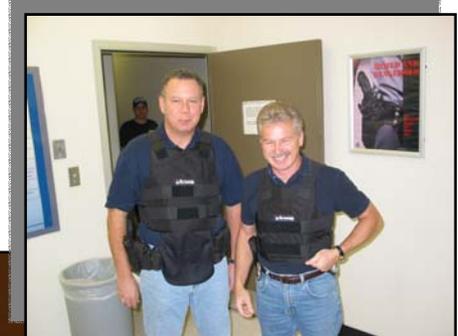
<u>CLASS</u>	<u># OF EMPLOYEES ATTENDING</u>
Workplace Spanish	15
Anger Management with Children and Parents	1
Resource Management	1
Unified Tactical Recertification	6
WCPA Mid Winter Training	1
Deadly Force/Police Involved Shooting	1
Firearms Possession	1
GITA Seminar	1
Voice over Internet Protocols for 911 Professionals	1
Aircraft Crash Rescue	1
Diversion of Oxycontin	2
Gun Crimes: Prosecution	3
Interface Agency User Group	1
Child Predators	1
Shoulder Fired Weapons Instructor	3
Managing Use of Force	1
Youth Subcultures in Dane County	2
Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference	1
Assessment Center Training	3
Street Survival	3
EMD Refresher Course	2
Eyewitness Identification	1
Global Administrator Training	4
Grantmanship	1
Pre-employment screening:	3
Sibling Sexual Abuse	3
Special Events Team Training	7
Traffic and Impaired Driving	2
Writing Effective Grant Proposals	1
Community Crime Prevention	1
Excel XP	3
Global Records Management Training	35
Emergency Mental Commitment	9
FBI NA Re-Trainer	1
Badger Tracs	1
Dane County Arson Training	1

Less Lethal Impact Munitions	8
Responding to Missing and Abducted Children	1
School Resource Officer Leadership	2
Traffic Crash Homicide Seminar	2
Dreamweaver level I and II (Web Site Training)	1
Gypsy Scams and Crimes	1
Elder Abuse	1
Managing the Criminal Investigative Unit	1
Reid Method of Interviews and Interrogation	3
WCPA Summer Training	1
911 Supervision	1
Chemical Munitions	1
Evidence Association Fall Meeting	1
IACP International Conference	1
Investigating Internet Crime	1
Law Enforcement Officers Training Conference	1
Northwestern University Death Investigation	2
Radar Operation	1
Shaken Baby Cases	1
Supervisor In-service Training	7
Vehicle Fire Seminar	1
Criminal Street Gangs	3
Critical Incident Response to School Violence	1
Crowd Control Tactics	5
Criminal Justice Conference	2
Field Training Officer Basic	1
Methamphetamine/DEC Training	2
Homeland Security	1
Police Artist	1
School Crisis Preparedness Conference	2
Supervision of Police Personnel	2
WAHI Homicide Seminar	1
Cyber incident Response Planning	1
Dispatcher Hostage Negotiations	1
Dispatcher Suicide Intervention	1
Gang Update	5
Intoximeter EC/IR Recertification	26
National Institute for Truth Verification	2
Financial Management Training	1
Word 2003	1
Advanced Time Certification	1
Domestic Violence Training	4
Fire Dynamics Seminar	1
National Incident Management System	39
Workshop on Electronic Recording	2



Inservice Training

Middleton Police participates in in-service training with Sun Prairie and Fitchburg Police Departments. In 2005, each officer received 40 hour of in-service training, well exceeding the 24 hours mandated by the State. In-service topics included firearms, defensive and arrest tactics, emergency vehicle operation, vehicle contacts, legal update and critical incident/incident command system.





Communications Center



- The Wireless 9-1-1 Phase II implementation process was initiated in December and will take up to six months to complete. This project will allow our dispatchers to help pinpoint the location of a cellular caller when a 911 call comes in to our communications center.
- A procedure for consistently handling 9-1-1 calls and 9-1-1 call transfers to Dane County Public Safety Communications Center was developed.
- A quality assurance system to insure the proper and consistent handling of calls, especially 9-1-1 calls, was put into action.
- A dispatcher activity reporting system was implemented. Quarterly dispatcher training meetings were put into practice.
- The physical layout of the Communications Center was modified to improve workflow and organization.
- Dispatchers began entering selected police reports into the records management system and pawn records into an independent database.
- The Communication Center initiated an interactive web page for Dispatchers. The web page permits dispatchers to easily post messages, schedules, photos, documents, reference material, other files (audio, video, PDF), or list events on a calendar. It is intended to be a central but informal location for Dispatchers to reference current Com Center information. The web page is only available to Dispatchers, requires proper user and password sign-in, and does not contain sensitive information.
- Work was completed on the Neighborhood Officer section and map on the police department web page. Patrol Districts and Neighborhood Officers are explained. Readers can go to a map of the City, click on one of 24 color coded areas or neighborhoods on the map. This opens a window which describes the geographic location of the neighborhood, identifies the Neighborhood Officer, the officer's work hours and how to call, email, or leave a voice message for that officer. Although this was designed for public use, police employees have also found it very useful to identify officers who should receive neighborhood information or referrals. Please check it out.
<http://www.ci.middleton.wi.us/police/>

Dane County requested that all 9-1-1 emergency medical (EMD) calls be transferred directly to the Dane County Public Safety Communications Center, resulting in a 90-day trial period. A study of the trial period found that the EMD call transfer procedure added 46 seconds to the dispatching process. The City Council voted to permanently install transfer procedure.



Department Awards / News

Annual Department Awards

The Middleton police department recognized the contributions of several of its staff and community members. Award recipients from left to right are Officer Keith Benson (longevity Award), Court Officer Lynn Endres (Longevity Award), Officer Ken Smith (Longevity Award), Sgt Don Mueller (Longevity & Life Saving Awards), Officer Mark Walther (Life Saving Award), Sgt Steve Britt (Life Saving Award), Officer Jill Tutaj (Outstanding Service Award), Dispatcher Drew Montour (Outstanding Service Award) and Citizen Marilyn Burke (Good Neighbor Award).



Middleton Officer Honored By FBI

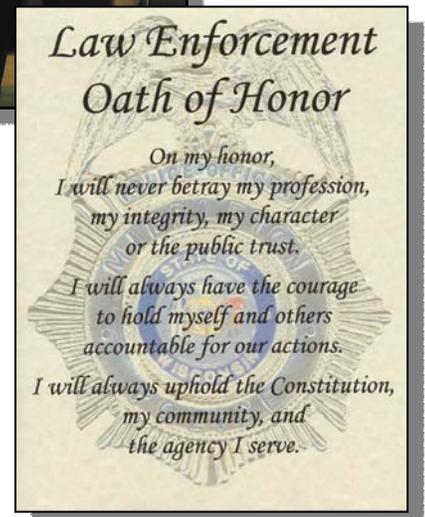
On January 10, 2005, members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation, presented Middleton Police Detective Troy Hellenbrand with a plaque, signed by FBI Director Robert Mueller, recognizing him for his efforts in the Danforth Jewelry robbery, while he was working for the Shorewood Hills Police Department. In 1998, Danforth reported that 1.5 million dollars worth of jewelry was taken from his store in a robbery. In 2004, Danforth was convicted in Federal Court for Insurance Fraud and much of the jewelry has been recovered.



Pictured are Supervisory Special Agent Thomas Trier and Special Agent Steve Marshall, presenting the plaque to Det. Hellenbrand. Both praised Detective Hellenbrand's efforts in investigating the case and working with Federal and State law enforcement.

Law Enforcement Oath of Honor

Officers and staff members renew their commitment to the City of Middleton and its residents by taking the Law Enforcement Oath of Honor.



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They're not the boxy AMC Matadors driven in vintage television shows such as "Adam 12," but the striking color scheme is the same.

For a growing number of police departments in Wisconsin, the black-and-white squad car is making a comeback, pushing out the decal-decorated solid color cars that have been the standard for several decades.

Police say they just like the retro look, but black-and-whites also have practical advantages. They are more visible, making them a deterrent to crime, and residents seem to like them and want to talk about them,

giving officers opportunities to get to know the people they protect.

"I like the style," said Shorewood Hills Police Chief Dennis Pine. "Everybody's got these stripe packages and that's old news. We get a lot of good compliments."

Pine's village of about 1,800 people on the south shore of Lake Mendota was at the forefront of the retro trend when it added a black-and-white patrol car in 2000.

But others are now following suit. This year Middleton, Verona and DeForest began adding black-and-white cruisers to their fleets to replace older vehicles.

The cars are definitely distinctive.

When Middleton took delivery on a black-and-white Crown Victoria this spring, Pine got a few calls from residents upset that the village was patrolling in the Good Neighbor City.

Green Bay, Fond du Lac, Brookfield and Sheboygan are among the other Wisconsin cities with the retro patrol cars.

Monroe police, in southern Green County, had black-and-white Ford Crown Victorias about five years ago. Before long, the department switched back to solid white. But the black-and-white style returned

this year when the city bought four new Chevy Impalas.

"It is very visible to the community. It's a traditional police color," said Chief Fred Kelley.

In most cases black and whites cost \$500 to \$1,200 more than other police cars, depending on the make of the vehicle.

"I think just the response you get from the people, that's worth it right there," Pine said of the added cost for the paint job. "People like seeing that car around. It's sharp."

The Madison Police Department hasn't used black-and-whites since about 1971 and has no plans to change from its current color scheme, said Assistant Chief Chuck Cole.

"We think the vehicles are adequately marked and identifiable," Cole said of the department's white cars trimmed with blue decals. "I don't think visibility is an issue."

The retro look is only on the surface. In Middleton, with the exception of the color, everything else on the new vehicle is state of the art, including the light bars on the roof.

"We don't want to go for the big bubble (light) in the middle of the roof. That would be too much," said Middleton Officer Greg Dixon.

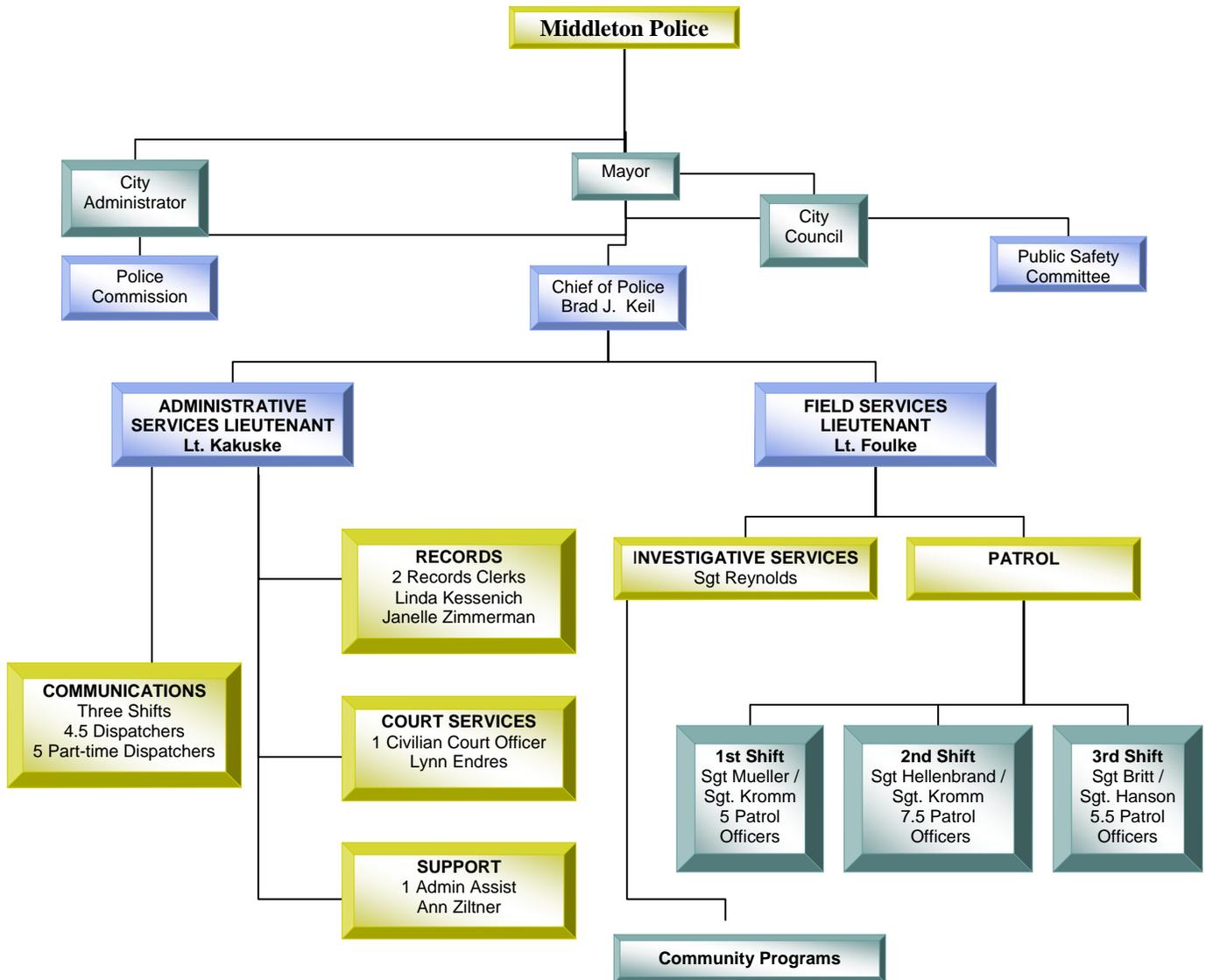
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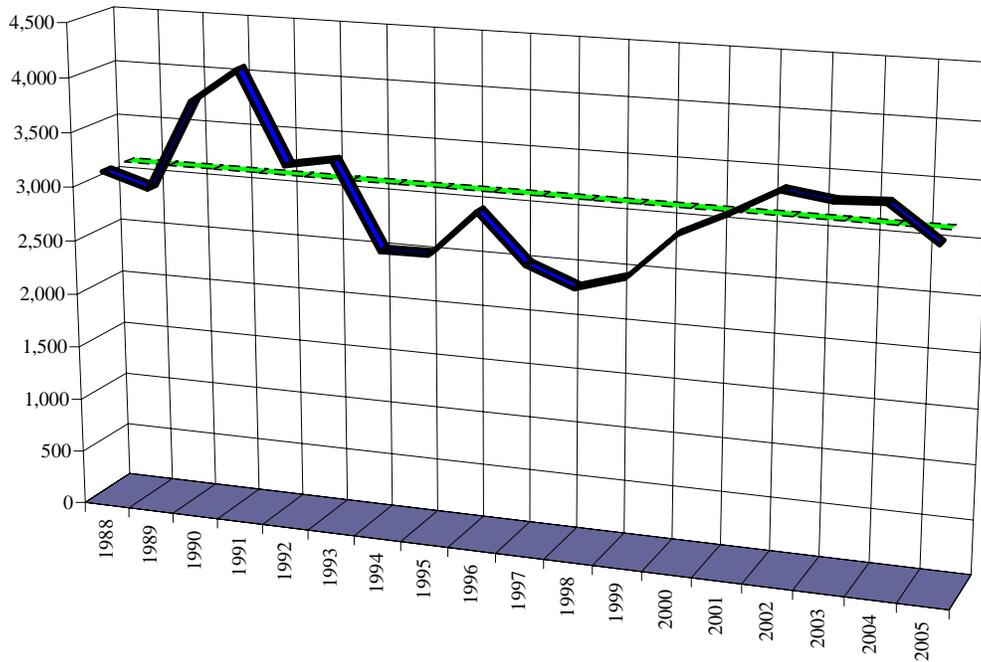
2005 Organizational Chart



2005 Crime & Arrest Data

Category	2005	Average	2004	2003	2002	2001
Total Crimes	581	603	622	620	621	569
Personal Crimes	78	74	81	71	75	63
Property Crimes	503	529	541	549	546	506
Sexual Assault	6	3	2	3	1	2
Robbery	5	4	4	4	4	3
Assault/Battery	67	67	74	64	70	58
Burglary	94	70	95	54	63	44
Theft	392	437	418	475	469	432
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	22	28	20	14	30
Clearance Rate	22.0%	27.6%	29.4%	25.6%	27.0%	34.2%
Stolen Property Value	\$365,952	\$446,655	\$375,948	\$387,201	\$337,575	\$766,599
Recovered Value	\$142,922	\$190,054	\$91,203	\$108,493	\$93,555	\$514,098
Recovery Rate	39%	37%	24%	28%	28%	67%
Calls	15,654	15,095	15,637	15,843	14,017	14,326
Accidents	821	752	825	705	696	712
Traffic Complaints	434	365	367	293	-	-
Traffic Stops	2,691	3,189	2,957	3,654	3,149	3,496
Total Traffic Citations & W-Warn	2,560	2,435	2,430	2,589	2,360	2,237
Speeding Citations	835	852	797	966	985	678
OWI Arrests	191	195	217	222	150	195
Total UCR Arrests	1,329	1,340	1,403	1,330	1,279	1,359
Drug Arrests	91	106	125	143	104	69
Disorderly Conduct Arrest	232	249	274	260	274	207
Resisting Officer Arrests	68	71	72	65	63	85
Possession of Tobacco	31	59	50	63	79	74
Alcohol Citations	215	212	190	222	235	196
Noise Citations	41	18	24	11	9	4

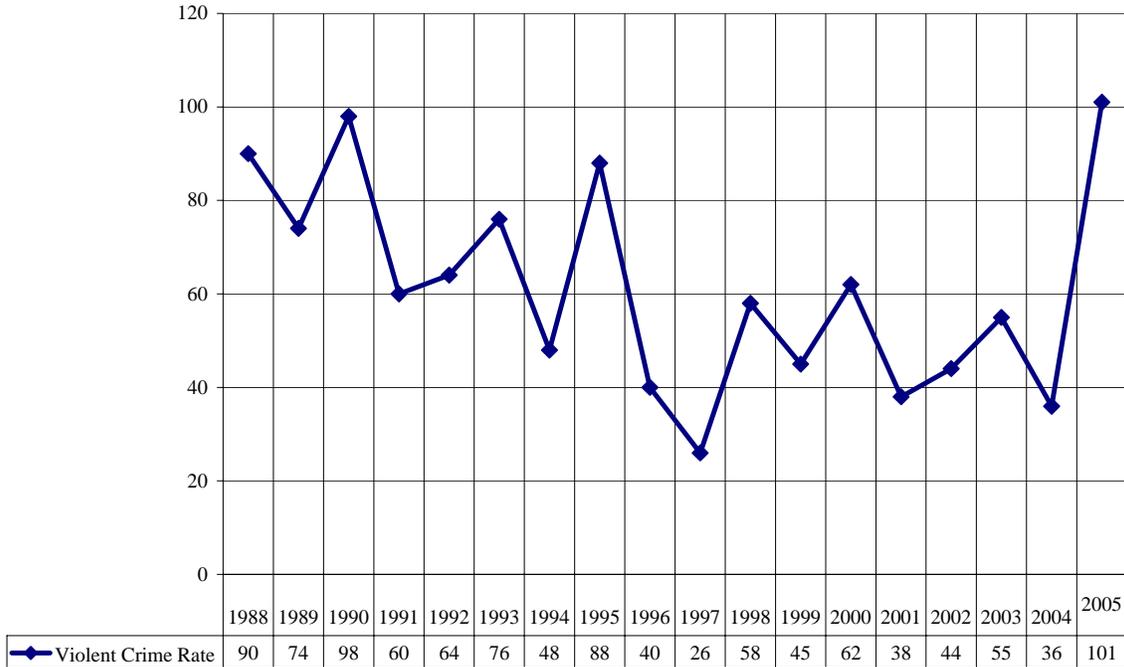
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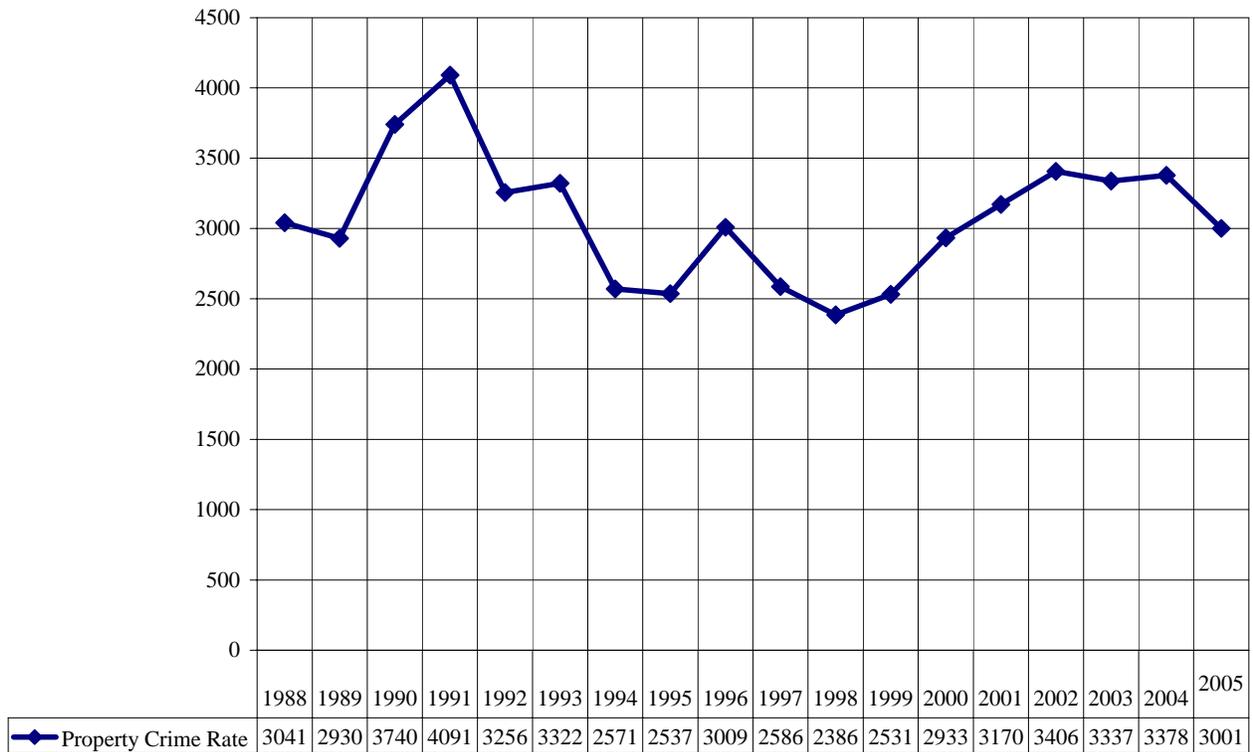
CRIMES PER 100,000 POPULATION					
Type & Jurisdiction	2001	2002	2003	2004	Average
<i>Violent Crimes - Middleton</i>	38	44	55	36	43
Violent Crimes - All of Dane County	227	221	230	254	233
Violent Crimes - Madison	331	354	358	386	357
<i>Property Crimes - Middleton</i>	3,170	3,406	3,337	3,378	3,323
Property Crimes - All of Dane County	3,141	2,942	2,927	2,929	2,985
Property Crimes - Madison	3,639	3,801	3,720	3,265	3,606

Note: 2005 Statistics were not available for other Dane Co. communities

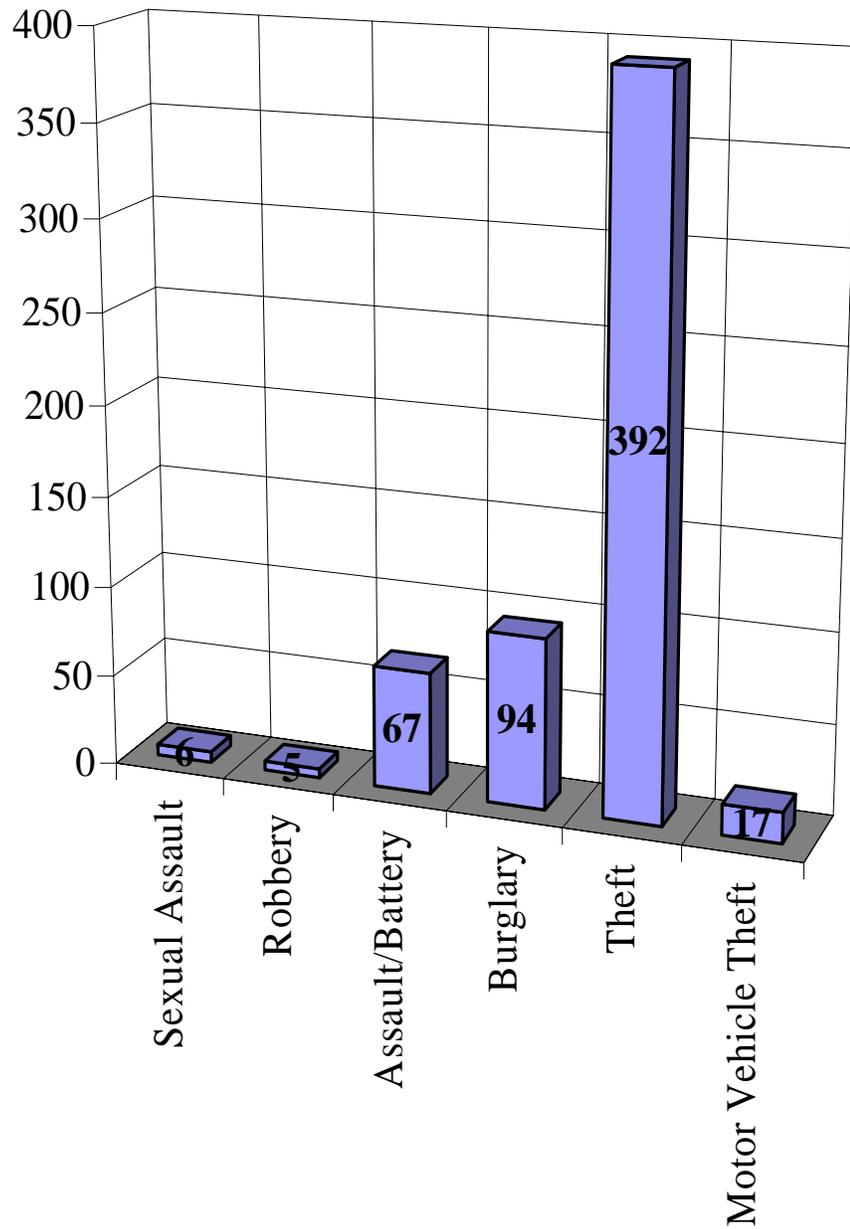
Middleton Violent Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population



Middleton Property Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population

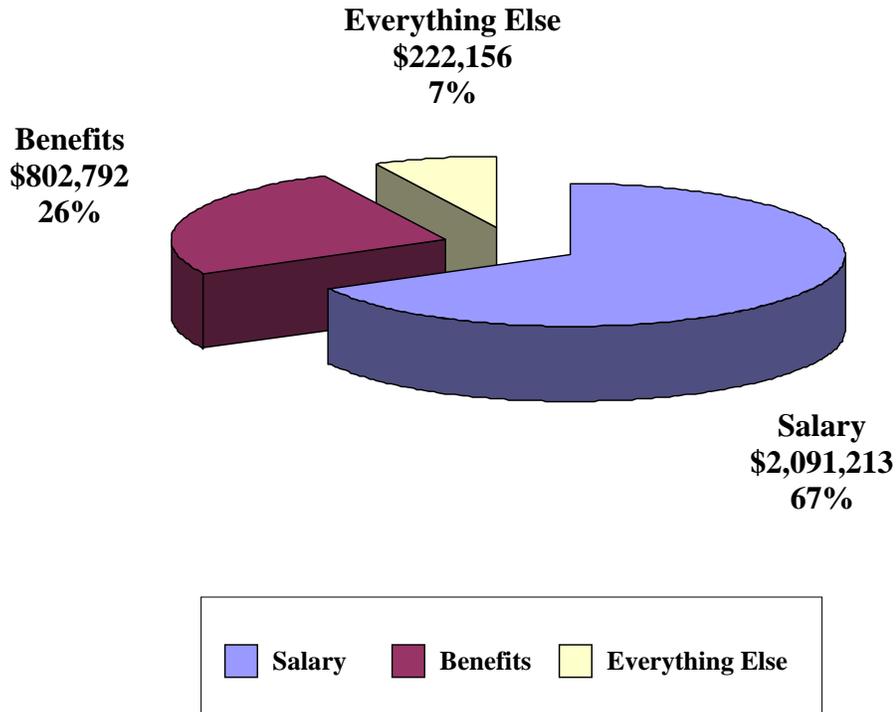


Middleton 2005 Crimes



2005 Police Department Operating Budget

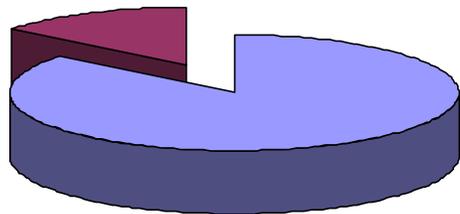
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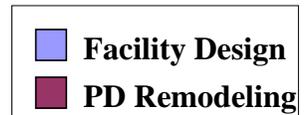
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2005 Capital Budget

**Police Department
Remodeling
\$50,000**



**Facility Design
\$300,000**



Middleton Police Department 2005 Budget

