

# Middleton Police Department

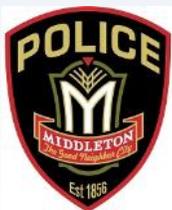
2014

Annual Report



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

INTEGRITY | RESPECT | DIVERSITY | TRUST  
SYNERGY | LEADERSHIP | DEPENDABILITY  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH  
ACCOUNTABILITY | COMPETENCE | COURAGE



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# From The Chief

Mayor Sonnentag, City Administrator Mike Davis, City Council Members, Police Commission Members, Public Safety Committee Members, Police Department Staff, City Staff and Citizens of Middleton,

The photo on the cover of the 2014 Annual Report shows the men and women of the Middleton Police Department. This picture looks significantly different than it would have last year at this time due to an unprecedented change in personnel. 2014 saw the retirement of Chief Brad Keil, Captain Noel Kakuske, Sergeant Barry Reynolds and Officer Jeff Winer. Due to these retirements, the following promotions were made: my promotion to Chief; Steve Britt and Troy Hellenbrand to Captain; Travis Kakuske, Jessica Quamme and Scott Moen to Sergeant; the hiring of six new police officers and two new civilian staffers. I could not be happier with the make-up of the Command Staff and the quality, education levels and breadth of diverse experiences of the new police officers and civilian staff.



Much like last year, the crime rate continues to decrease in Middleton. The overall crime rate decreased by 16% over last year, this is the lowest crime rate in Middleton in over ten years. These figures include a 19% decrease in Assaults, 34% decrease in Burglaries and 65% decrease in Thefts from Auto. Heroin abuse continues to be problematic which has led to an increase in robberies, overdose cases and two overdose deaths. The Police Department continues to work collaboratively with our partners in enforcement, education and prevention efforts.

In early 2014, the Department achieved accreditation through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG). A three day assessment of the Department took place in January and the Board met and determined the Middleton Police Department met the 235 standards necessary to achieve accreditation, a feat only accomplished by 5% of the 393 law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin. We cannot rest on our laurels, this is an ongoing process and while the next assessment does not take place until 2017, Accreditation Manager Captain Troy Hellenbrand continuously works on making certain the Middleton Police Department meets national standards and best practices and has assigned numerous staff members to assist him.

2014 was a challenging year for those of us in the law enforcement profession. I think many of the controversies in 2014 have opened dialogue, which has been necessary and useful as we introspectively examine how we deal with the people we serve in our community. We're not perfect, we have and will make mistakes, but I am genuinely heartened by the community support we receive.

We continue our community outreach programs. Please follow us on our website, Facebook and Twitter or feel free to stop by for a visit or contact us at 824-7300.

Sincerely,  
Charles Foulke  
Chief of Police

# Mission, Vision & Values

## MISSION

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

## VISION

“We will be leaders in our community and among our peers. We will be a model for integrity, service, innovation and excellence.”

## VALUES

As members of the Middleton Police Department, our personal and professional values reflect the core ideology of our organization. These are the deeply held principles to which we are committed and which will not change over time. These values are what our organization lives and breathes, and are reflected in all of our efforts and activities.

**Integrity:** We recognize the complexity of police work and exercise discretion in ways that are beyond reproach and worthy of public trust. We are honest in words and deeds. We demonstrate self-discipline, particularly when no one is watching or listening.

**Respect:** We treat everyone in our community and workplace with courtesy and dignity. We are committed to a work environment that is safe and open. We recognize and foster the individual talents and strengths of our fellow employees, and we celebrate their successes.

**Diversity:** We recognize that respecting the inherent differences in individuals is essential to creating an inclusive organization and community.

**Trust:** We believe in the reliability, truthfulness, ability and strength of those around us, and we strive to be trustworthy in all of our words and actions.

**Synergy:** We work together to accomplish more as a team than we can individually.

**Leadership:** We seek to positively influence others to achieve goals that meet the needs of our organization and community. We accept our responsibility as leaders within the community and strive to be a model among law enforcement agencies.

**Professional Development and Growth:** We recognize that our employees are our most valuable asset and we are dedicated to their mental and physical well-being. We constantly strive to provide opportunities for all of our employees to enhance their personal growth and job satisfaction. We recognize that this is a shared responsibility, and we encourage and support the initiative of all employees to seek out and obtain individual training and education.

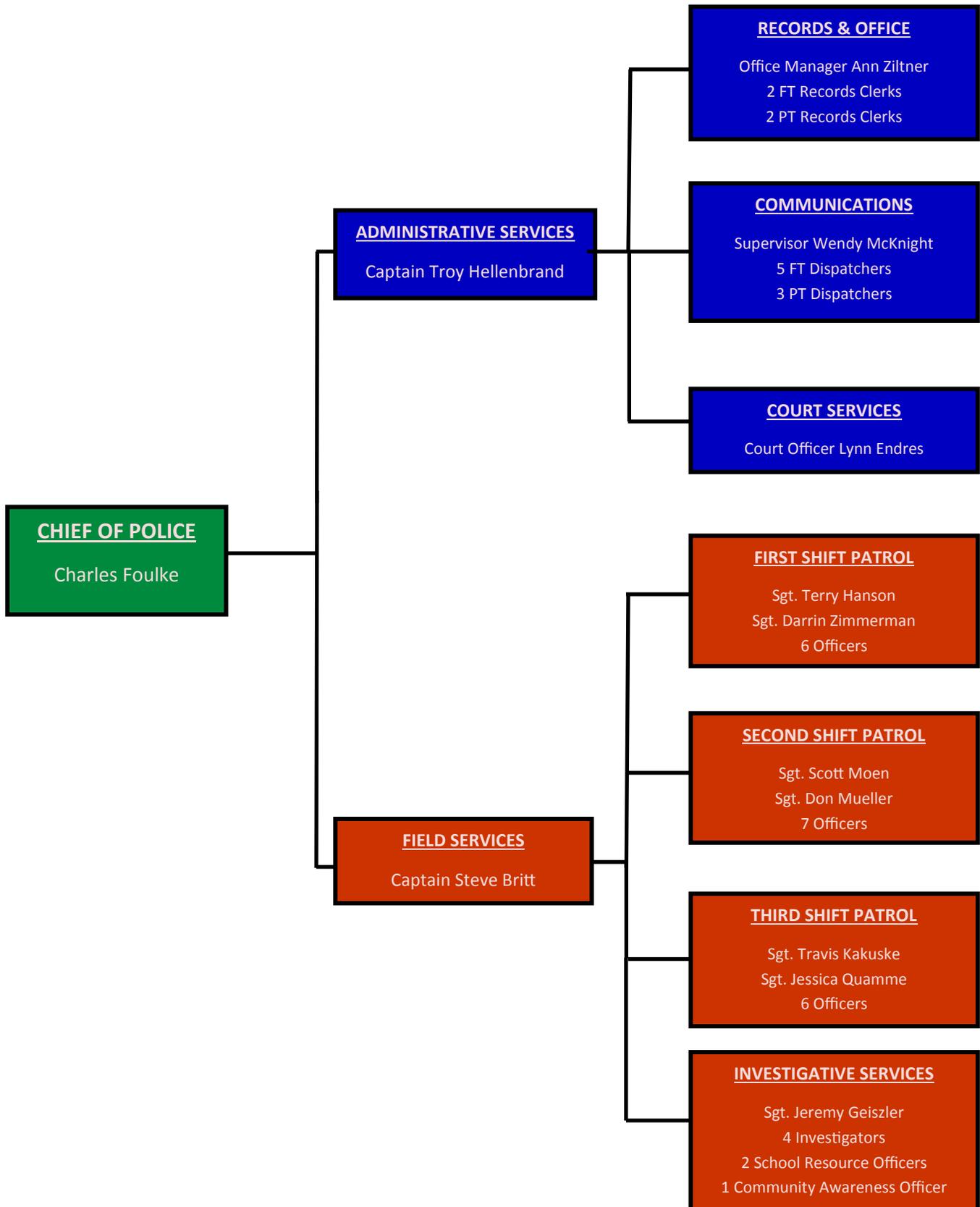
**Dependability:** We consistently and reliably provide quality service to our community, allied organizations, and fellow employees, as partners in the task of policing.

**Accountability:** We are each responsible for the quality of our performance, and for the reputation and morale of the department. We are committed to conducting ourselves in accordance with our Oath of Honor.

**Competence:** We are prudent stewards of the public’s grant of authority and resources. We are knowledgeable and proficient in the use of police strategies and skills, and we meet or exceed contemporary professional standards for service and performance.

**Courage:** We accept our moral responsibility to take action against injustice and wrong-doing. We will exercise fortitude in the face of danger, and stand resolute against actions which compromise our values.

# Organizational Chart



# Personnel

2014 saw an unprecedented turnover in Police Department staff, with Chief Keil, Captain Kakuske, Sergeant Reynolds and Officer Winer retiring, two officers who were not retained because they failed to pass probation, the retirement of Records Clerk Linda Kessenich and the resignation of Dispatcher Sue Buechner.

This led to the promotion of Chuck Foulke to Chief; Steve Britt and Troy Hellenbrand to Captain; Travis Kakuske, Jessica Quamme and Scott Moen to Sergeant; the hiring of Dave Schultz, Ben Enstrom, Howard Statz, Daniel Withee, Matthew Jacobs and Robert Maier as officers; the hiring of Stacie Zwettler as a Records Clerk; and the hiring of Danielle Kimball as a Dispatcher.

## RETIREMENTS

**Chief Brad Keil** was hired as the Middleton Chief of Police in 2004. Prior to that he was the Chief of Police in Monona and he began his law enforcement career in West Bend, WI. Chief Keil retired to take a position as Security Director for WPS Insurance, headquartered in Monona. During his tenure in Middleton, Chief Keil was responsible for the construction of a new state of the art police facility, Law Enforcement Accreditation through The Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group, five year strategic and staffing plans and the City saw the crime rate drop to a ten year low in 2013.



**Noel Kakuske** worked for the Middleton Police Department for 38 years. He was a Police Officer, Corporal, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. Captain Kakuske was assigned as the Project Leader for the Middleton Police Department which successfully received accreditation through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group.

**Barry Reynolds** worked for the Middleton Police Department for 28 years. He was a Police Officer, Patrol Sergeant and Detective Sergeant. Sergeant Reynolds was an instructor for the Leadership in Police Organization training program, an Adjunct Professor at the University of Phoenix, a regular contributor to PoliceOne.com and after his retirement, took a job with the Wisconsin Department of Justice Training and Standards Bureau.



**Jeff Winer** worked for the Middleton Police Department for 32 years. During his career, Officer Winer received two Life Saving Awards and numerous Department Commendations, Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Awards, Letters of Appreciation from allied police agencies and countless thank you letters from citizens. Jeff was also responsible for fleet maintenance for several years.

# Promotions

**Chuck Foulke** was promoted to Police Chief on March 29. Chief Foulke began his career at the Middleton Police Department as an Intern in the summer of 1980 and has been a Police Officer, School Resource Officer, Juvenile Officer, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. Chief Foulke is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and attended the 228<sup>th</sup> session of the FBI National Academy.



**Steve Britt** was promoted to Field Services Captain (Field Services includes Patrol, Investigations and Special Events) on April 18. Captain Britt started his career as a Trooper for the Montana Highway Patrol and has been with the Middleton Police Department since 1993. He has been an Officer, School Resource Officer, Detective, Detective Sergeant and Patrol Sergeant. Captain Britt is a graduate of the 240<sup>th</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy.

**Troy Hellenbrand** was promoted to Administrative Captain (Administrative includes Records, Court Services, Dispatch and Training) on April 18. Captain Hellenbrand has been an Officer, School Resource Officer, Detective, Detective Sergeant and Patrol Sergeant. Captain Hellenbrand is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Staff and Command.



**Travis Kakuske** was promoted to Patrol Sergeant on April 18. Sgt. Kakuske has been with the Middleton Police Department for over eight years. He has a Bachelor's Degree from Upper Iowa University and is working on his Master's Degree from UW Platteville. Sgt. Kakuske has been a Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer and Detective and is assigned to 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Patrol.

**Jessica Quamme** was promoted to Patrol Sergeant on April 18. Sgt. Quamme has been with the Middleton Police Department for over five years. She has a Bachelor's Degree from UW Madison. Sgt. Quamme has been a Patrol Officer and Detective with the Department and will be assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Patrol.



**Scott Moen** was promoted to Sergeant on June 19. Sgt. Moen has been with the Middleton Police Department for over five years. He has a Bachelor's Degree from UW Madison and has been a Patrol Officer and School Resource Officer. Sgt. Moen will be assigned to 3<sup>rd</sup> shift patrol.

# New Hires

The Police Department hired six new officers, a records clerk and a dispatcher in 2014.



**David Schultz** graduated from UW-Platteville with a Degree in Criminal Justice. He worked at the Dane County Sheriff's Department for 18 months prior to joining the Middleton Police Department.



**Ben Enstrom** graduated from UW-Platteville with a Degree in Criminal Justice and completed internships with the Madison and Stoughton Police Departments.



**Howard Statz** graduated from UW-Whitewater with a Degree in Criminal Justice and completed an internship with the Monona Police Department.



**Daniel Withee** has a Bachelor's Degree from Cardinal Stritch College and was a police officer in Greenfield and the Town of Madison prior to joining the Middleton Police Department. Officer Withee is a certified instructor in Emergency Vehicle Operation, Vehicle Contacts and Defense and Arrest Tactics.



**Matthew Jacobs** has a Bachelor's Degree from Upper Iowa University and is currently working on his Master's Degree. He was a Sergeant in the Marine Corps, deployed to Iraq and is currently a Lieutenant in the Wisconsin National Guard.



**Robert Maier** has a Bachelor's Degree from Herzing College. He was a Marine Corps Military Police Officer and worked in the private sector as a graphic design artist prior to joining the Middleton Police Department.



**Stacie Zwettler** was hired as a Records Clerk. Previously she was a 911 Dispatcher for Rock County.



**Danielle Kimball** was hired as a 911 Dispatcher. Prior to moving to Wisconsin, Danielle worked for three different Dispatch Centers in the St. Louis area.

# Field Training Report

The Middleton Police Department Field Training Team has nine Field Training Officers (FTO's) and is supervised by Sergeant Darrin Zimmerman and overseen by Operations Captain Steve Britt.

The Field Training and Evaluation Program is a supplement to the academic and skill requirements of the basic law enforcement recruit training academy. The program incorporates a comprehensive curriculum comprised of Department policy and procedure for handling high frequency tasks/assignments, as well as low frequency, but high risk tasks and assignments.

The Field Training and Evaluation Process consists of five (5) distinctive Training Steps, each representing time spent on different tasks and progressive learning experiences. In this manner, the Field Training Process ensures exposure to the multiple responsibilities required of Middleton Police Officers. Training steps one, two and three are for a minimum of 24 duty days each and involve a rotation of assignments to ensure broad experience.

The Field Training Program is designed to provide a valid, job-related evaluation of the probationary officer's performance. Selected and professionally trained FTO's evaluate and report on probationary officers' performance in a standardized and systematic manner. The program's appraisal system also measures the effectiveness of the Department's selection and training processes.

2014 was an extremely busy year for the Field Training Team with the Department hiring six new police officers. Due to the large number of new officers hired in 2014, many FTO's spent multiple consecutive months field training and evaluating these new officers. This took a great deal of time, patience, skill and experience to get these new officers trained and certified for solo patrol.

Our FTO's vary from different backgrounds, experience and shift assignments:



**Officer Rich O'Connor** – 17 years of experience. Officer O'Connor is a Firearms and Less Lethal Instructor. Officer O'Connor is currently assigned as the Middleton High School Resource Officer.

**Officer Ken Smith** – 22 years of law enforcement experience, 21 years of military experience, 4 years as a FTO. Officer Smith is currently assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> shift patrol.





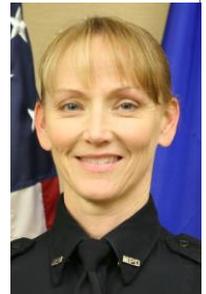
**Officer Jill Tutaj** – 13 years of experience. Officer Tutaj is currently assigned as the Community Awareness Officer.



**Officer Kim Wood** – 8 years of experience. Officer Wood was a detective for three years. Officer Wood became an FTO in 2014.



**Officer Nick Stroik** – 7 years of law enforcement experience and approximately four years of military experience. Officer Stroik recently became a Defense and Arrest Tactics Instructor. Officer Stroik is currently assigned to 3<sup>rd</sup> shift patrol.



**Officer Kathleen Riffenburg** – 10 years of law enforcement experience and approximately four years of military experience. Officer Riffenburg is also a Drug Recognition Expert. Officer Riffenburg is currently assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> shift patrol.



**Officer Jesse Sellek** – 8 years of experience. Officer Sellek is also a Certified Motorcycle Officer. Officer Sellek is currently assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> shift patrol.



**Officer Cesar Salinas** – 3.5 years of experience. Officer Salinas became an FTO in 2014 and immediately began assisting in training the new hires.



**Officer Steve Ziegler** – 3 years of experience. Officer Ziegler became an FTO in 2014 and recently became a Defense and Arrest Tactics Instructor. After completing his FTO training, he immediately began assisting in training the new hires.

# Awards

## Detective Daniel Jones

“We truly would be hard pressed to find an employee who is more dedicated to the department, which includes sacrificing many family activities and functions, in an effort to work or assist the department on any type of case. Detective Jones is a top performer and is often looked upon by other detectives and officers for guidance or assistance with their assigned cases.” This was a direct quote from Detective Jones’ 2013 annual evaluation.

Just one of the numerous cases solved by Detective Jones in the past months was the capturing of a suspect for a string of area bank robberies. Based on information derived from the suspect’s previous robberies, a distinct pattern was developed. Detective Jones and Sgt. Hellenbrand conducted surveillance on an area bank and, within hours, Detective Jones was on the air monitoring a robbery in progress. As the suspect fled the scene of the crime, Detective Jones gave chase and apprehended the suspect within blocks of the bank.

Not only is Detective Jones a strong, independent investigator, he is also both a leader and a team player. Detective Jones collaborated with Court Officer Endres as the two put in countless hours conducting a complete inventory and purge of our evidence system.

Detective Jones also worked with other Department Evidence Technicians to develop a user friendly evidence submittal manual which is now referenced by all Department personnel. This manual includes photographs and clear instructions and descriptions on how to package any type of evidence which may be encountered and collected by our personnel. This manual will be referenced for many years to come and was a great accomplishment.

Detective Jones was awarded the Middleton Police Department’s Outstanding Service Award in recognition of the sustained delivery of a high level of service which demonstrates professional excellence. Detective Jones’ daily work clearly illustrates his awareness of and commitment to departmental philosophy, goals and objectives.



## Retired Captain Noel Kakuske

In May of 2012, the Middleton Police Department committed to the goal of achieving full agency accreditation through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group. Captain Noel Kakuske was assigned to coordinate the accreditation process for the Department. It is generally understood that full agency accreditation, from the ground up, takes between two and three years. Captain Kakuske was tasked to complete this project in just a year and a half.



The accreditation process requires that every Departmental policy and procedure is scrutinized to assure it meets State and National Standards. This process also requires that agencies seeking accreditation prove that their staff understands and meets these standards on a daily basis. The WILEAG 4<sup>th</sup> Edition accreditation process requires that agencies meet 235 standards and that they provide proof of compliance in each of these categories.

Captain Kakuske coordinated the updating of our policies and procedures and providing proof of compliance to each standard. With his amazing computer capabilities, Captain Kakuske was able to complete the entire accreditation process digitally. He was able to develop a seamless process that electronically linked each standard with the police reports, arrest videos or policy that provided proof of compliance.

In January of 2014, the Middleton Police Department underwent its first on-site accreditation evaluation. The evaluation process went flawlessly and the assessment team recommended accreditation of our agency. In documenting their assessment of our agency, the assessors were quoted as saying;

- “Assessment and file review went very smoothly. In fact, this was the smoothest first-time on-site seen by the team leader.”
- “The Middleton Police Department has an outstanding written directive system. Policies are detailed and comprehensive, yet clear and easy to read.”

On February 24, 2014, the WILEAG board unanimously approved the certificate of accreditation for the Middleton Police Department.

Captain Kakuske’s work on this program has established new standards of technical wizardry and professionalism against which others agencies will now be judged. Captain Kakuske was awarded the Middleton Police Department’s Exceptional Performance Award for his initiative, teamwork, attention to detail, and exemplary performance during the accreditation process.

## **Office Manager Ann Ziltner**

Preparing payroll, controlling correspondence, designing file systems, office supply inventory control, supervising clerical functions, drafting purchase orders, maintaining employee records, coordinating hiring processes and tracking budget expenditures are just a few of the daily duties performed by our Office Manager Ann Ziltner.

Ann has served as the Officer Manager for the Middleton Police Department for 15 years. Within this capacity, Ann serves as the glue that holds the operation together. Whether you want to purchase anything from a pencil to \$50,000.00 of recording equipment, you can go see Ann and she will make things happen. Although her filing system is a tab unorthodox, she always manages to document and support even the most obscure requests. Ann is superb at paying attention to the details and making certain we cross our T's and dot our I's.



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Ann Ziltner was awarded the Middleton Police Department's Outstanding Service Award for her sustained high level of service, teamwork, attention to detail, and her exemplary performance during the accreditation process.

# Field Services

Field Services includes uniformed patrol, investigations and specialized units, such as School Resource Officers and Community Awareness. Field Services is commanded by Captain Steve Britt.

## Significant Incidents

### MI14-93, 01/06/14, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Burglary

A suspect entered the business twice and was able to get into a safe. The second time the suspect entered the store, he poured bleach all over the kitchen area in an attempt to destroy DNA evidence. A former employee is suspected of committing this burglary, however, there is insufficient evidence upon which to base and arrest at this time.

### MI14-445, 01/22/14, Industrial Park, Theft of Checks

On at least five occasions, suspects have stolen mail, including outgoing checks, from mailboxes in the Industrial Park. The suspects have then made counterfeit checks and recruited local poverty stricken individuals to cash them at area banks. Multiple victim businesses have been identified in several area communities and thousands of dollars have been lost. These investigations have led to the issuance of an arrest warrant for Dana Hyché, 55, of Fitchburg.



### MI14-984, 02/23/14, Club Tavern, Disturbance



Bo J Penman, 22, of Madison, was involved in a disturbance at the Club Tavern which required police intervention. His mother was also present and was taken to St. Mary's Hospital due to an unrelated injury. Penman was allowed to ride in the ambulance with his mother. He became uncooperative with Paramedics and was arrested by Madison Police for Disorderly Conduct once they arrived at the hospital. Penman was released, but threatened hospital staff. He came back to the hospital after being released, with a shotgun in his vehicle. He was arrested again by the Madison Police Department and held in the Dane County Jail.

### MI14-1180, 03/05/14, Guaranty Bank (inside Cops), Bank Robbery

Area police departments were warned by Madison Police Department Crime Analysts of a serial bank robber in the metro area who was robbing banks located within grocery stores. Suspecting that the robber was a heroin user and analyzing the amount he was obtaining from his robberies, the Crime Analyst provided a list of possible dates and times the suspect may strike again. Two Middleton Detectives were assigned to do surveillance on area banks. They observed a suspicious person enter the bank who matched the description of the suspect. When the suspect exited the bank, he was approached by the detectives. When they identified themselves, the suspect tried to run away, but he was quickly taken into custody. Scottie T. Patterson, of Madison, was taken to the Dane County Jail and charged with multiple bank robberies.



MI14-1408, 03/15/14, 5301 South Ridge Way, Robbery

A 16 year old male, from Middleton, arranged to sell marijuana to Alex Griffin, of Madison, near the PDQ Store on South Ridge Way. Instead of buying the marijuana, Griffin pulled a gun on the juvenile and robbed him of his drugs. Griffin was subsequently arrested for Armed Robbery and the juvenile was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance With the Intent to Manufacture, Distribute or Deliver.



MI14-1464, 03/18/14, Private Residence, 1300 Block Stratford Court, Heroin Overdose

At 0147 hours, Middleton Police and EMS were sent to a private residence on the report of a possible drug overdose. The parents of the 23 year old suspect found their son unconscious and unresponsive on their basement floor. Middleton paramedics administered Narcan to counteract the effects of the heroin ingested. The suspect was later charged with possession of Heroin.

MI14-2253, 04/28/14, Private Residence, 7500 Block of Rohlich Court, Heroin Overdose

At 2244 hours, Middleton Police and EMS were sent to a private residence on the report of an individual having a seizure. Upon arrival, it was determined that the suspect had actually overdosed on Heroin. Middleton paramedics administered Narcan to counteract the effects of the heroin ingested. The 25 year old male suspect was later charged with possession of Heroin.

MI14-2301, 05/02/14, Private Residence, 2600 Block of Amherst Road, Heroin Overdose

At 1416 hours, Middleton Police and EMS were sent to a private residence on the report of a possible prescription medication overdose. Madison paramedics administered Narcan to counteract the effects of the supposed opiate based medications. It was later determined that the 29 year old female suspect, and her 34 year old boyfriend, had both ingested heroin at the residence. Both the male and female suspect were later charged with possession of Heroin and Child Neglect as their eight month old infant was left unattended as they were using heroin in the same apartment.

M14-2539, 05/15/14, Public sidewalk, 7000 Hubbard Avenue, Assault

At approximately 0445 hours, a 37 year old male subject reported being repeatedly stabbed in the upper torso by an unknown person or persons. The victim stated that he was walking home from the Hody Tavern when he was attacked. After being stabbed, the victim walked home and his mother called the police several hours later. The victim was highly intoxicated and could provide very little information on his actions that evening, the location of incident or possible suspect(s).

MI14-2790, 05/26/14, Railroad Crossing, 1900 Deming Way, Injury Accident

Shortly after 10:40 PM, Middleton Police received a report of a motor vehicle verses train accident. The suspect vehicle operator and passenger received minor injuries. After recently smoking marijuana, the driver of the suspect vehicle drove around the warning lights and was struck by the approaching train. The suspect vehicle operator was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance.

MI14-3052, 06/07/14, Private Apartment, 7400 Block Century Avenue, Burglary

A victim came home to find an ex-boyfriend burglarizing her apartment. The suspect fled the scene prior to police being contacted. While fleeing, the suspect struck another vehicle in the apartment parking lot. Blocks away from the residence, the suspect hit another vehicle in the roadway and disabled his own truck. The suspect fled the second accident scene on foot. Officers located the suspect hiding outside of a neighboring residence. The suspect failed to comply with officers' commands and was Tasered. Epifano Perez, 43, of Middleton, was taken into custody for OWI, Burglary and Disorderly Conduct, without further incident.



MI14-3581, 07/06/14, Private Apartment, 6300 block of Pheasant Lane, Stabbing/Disturbance

At 5:44 PM, Middleton Officers were dispatched to a physical disturbance at an apartment within the Spring Tree Apartment complex. Based on the preliminary investigation, officers determined that a male suspect forcibly entered an apartment and confronted a female companion along with a number of residents who were inside this dwelling. During this disturbance, the suspect physically battered a number of the occupants resulting in one of them losing consciousness. After the initial encounter, the suspect returned to his vehicle where he armed himself with a machete. The suspect returned to the apartment and caused property damage with the machete. The suspect was eventually stabbed by one of the apartment occupants. Injuries to all of the parties involved in this disturbance were non-life threatening. Brandon Green, 27, of Fitchburg, was booked into the Dane County Jail and charged with Burglary, Disorderly Conduct While Armed, Battery, Damage to Property and Substantial Battery.



MI14-4797, 09/08/14, Courtyard by Marriott, 2266 Deming Way, Uniform Controlled Substance

At 1:39 PM, Middleton Police officers were sent to the Marriott Hotel as staff had found two naked male subjects unconscious in a room and were unable to wake them. The investigation into this incident revealed that these two subjects had purchased methamphetamine in Madison and returned to the hotel. After nearly 24 hours of "partying" and consuming all of the drugs available, the two subjects simply passed out. Quinn Vanderbosch, 24, and Michael Murla, 48, of Chicago, Illinois were cited and eventually released.

MI14-4961, 09/17/14, Century Avenue at Amherst Road, Injury Accident

At 12:25 PM, Middleton Police, Fire and EMS all responded to a two vehicle injury accident at this location. The accident investigation revealed that the driver of the westbound Chevrolet Suburban realized at the last minute that the vehicles in front of him were coming to a stop. This driver swerved into the oncoming lane of travel and struck an eastbound Lexus SUV. The driver of the SUV received non-life threatening injuries and was transported to a local hospital by EMS. As a result of this investigation, Micah Tysk, the 19 year old operator of the Suburban, was cited for Operating Left of the Centerline, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

MI14-5486, 10/16/14, 6700 block of Elmwood Avenue, Fatality Motor Vehicle Accident

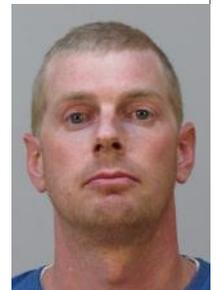
At 1:55 AM, Middleton Police Officers responded to a motorcycle verses parked car accident at this location. Upon arrival, an officer found that the motorcycle driver was deceased. The accident investigation revealed that the motorcycle was traveling, at a high rate of speed, eastbound on Elmwood Avenue when it drifted into the oncoming traffic lane. The motorcyclist, again traveling eastbound, drove head on into a legally parked car that was facing westbound. The owner of this parked car was in the vehicle at the time of the accident as she had stepped outside to smoke a cigarette and was doing so in her vehicle due to the cold weather. The owner/occupant of the parked vehicle received minor injuries as a result of this incident. Toxicology results revealed that the motorcyclist, a 28 year old Madison resident, was under the influence of both alcohol and marijuana at the time of the crash.

MI14-5306, 10/06/14, Private Residence, 5600 Cedar Ridge Road, Heroin Overdose Death

At 10:07 AM, Middleton Police and EMS were dispatched to the report of a pulseless non-breathing 33 year old male who was found lying on the floor by his mother. This individual was pronounced dead at the scene. It was later determined that the suspect had been released from the Dane County Jail, just two days earlier, after serving time on drug charges. After his release from jail, the suspect purchased and ingested the heroin that lead to his death.

MI14-5558, 10/19/14, Cenex Gas Station, 7515 University Avenue, Robbery

At 8:09 AM, Middleton Police Officers responded to the report of a robbery at the Cenex convenience store. Images of the suspect in this case were provided to local media and were placed on the Middleton Police Department's Facebook page. Within hours, the Middleton Police Department received information on two possible suspects. The investigation of this incident resulted in the arrest of Kyle Herbst, 27, of Deforest, for Strong Arm Robbery. Herbst, a heroin addict, eventually confessed to committing the robbery stating that he robbed the store to support his heroin addiction.



MI14-5935, 11/04/14, PDQ Store, 5301 South Ridge Way, Armed Robbery

At 10:59 PM, Middleton Police Officers were dispatched to the PDQ convenience store on the report of an armed robbery that had just occurred. The store clerk reported that an unknown white male suspect, in his early twenties, entered the store with his sweatshirt hood pulled up on his head and demanded all of the store's money. When the clerk attempted to step away, the suspect struck him with a hammer and then fled the store. As a result of this incident, the clerk received several stiches in his head at an area hospital. On 11-18-14, Middleton Police Detectives arrested William Christian, 28, of Madison, for this crime. Christian eventually admitted that he had committed the robbery to support his heroin addiction.



MI14-6108, 11/04/14, PDQ Store, 7508 Century Avenue, Robbery

At 11:27 PM, Middleton Police Officers were dispatched to the PDQ convenience store on a report of an armed robbery that had just occurred. The store clerk reported that an unknown white male suspect in his 40's, wearing a stocking cap and sunglasses, entered the store and demanded all of store's money. The clerk refused and the suspect fled the building. No weapon was observed. As of this date, no arrests in this matter have been made, however, Middleton Police Detectives are continuing to follow-up on several leads in the case.

MI14-6133, 11/14/14, Spectrum Brands, 3001 Deming Way, Theft

Middleton Police Officers responded to the report of an employee theft at this commercial establishment. It is believed that a former employee stole several hundred thousand dollars from the company during his tenure there. This investigation is ongoing at this time.

MI14-6183, 11/16/14, Tobacco Outlet, 6621 University Avenue, Robbery

At 7:12 PM, Middleton Police Officers were dispatched to the Tobacco Outlet on a report of a robbery that had just occurred. The clerk stated that she was ordered to the ground by a white male suspect who had displayed a knife. The suspect then stole all of the currency from the cash register and fled the area. After a lengthy investigation, Middleton Police Detectives arrested Matthew Roach, 28, of Madison, for Armed Robbery along with Joshua Kahl, 29, of Madison, and Anne Christian, 28, of Mount Horeb, for Party to the Crime of Armed Robbery. The suspects in this case eventually admitted that they had committed the robbery to support their heroin addictions.



MI14-6203, 11/17/14, Harrington Tree Service, 1630 North High Point Road, Stolen Vehicle

Middleton Police Officers were called to the above address to take the report of a stolen 1991 Chevrolet station wagon. As of the date of this report, the vehicle has not been located and no suspects have been identified.

MI14-6261, 11/17/14, Harrington Tree Service, 1630 North High Point Road, Theft of Tools

Middleton Police Officers took the report of a stolen chain saw from this establishment. Upon further investigation, Middleton Police Officers identified numerous power tools that were stolen from this business and sold at area pawn shops. Middleton Officers are continuing to investigate the case and identify additional suspects.

MI14-6401, 11/26/14, Klinke Cleaners, 1003 North Gammon Road, Armed Robbery

At 5:45 PM, Middleton Police Officers were dispatched to the above address on the report of an armed robbery that had just occurred. The clerk reported that a black male entered the store, displayed a silver handgun and ordered her to give him all of the store's money.



The clerk complied and the suspect fled the store. While taking this initial complaint, Middleton Officers were contact by Madison Police Detectives who were tracking a vehicle they believed was involved in several of their area robberies. This vehicle was located and stopped in the City of Madison. Within this vehicle, officers found a firearm and the loot taken from the Klinke Cleaners robbery. The two 28 year old Madison men, Ifeanyichukwu and Chukwuemeka Ikegwuonu, were arrested for this crime. The twin brother suspects admitted that they had committed this robbery to support their heroin addiction.



MI14-6429, 11/28/14, Harrington Tree Service, 1630 North High Point Road, Stolen Vehicle



Middleton Police Officers were called to above address to take a report of a stolen 1994 Ford pickup truck. This vehicle was eventually located on the east side of Madison and its occupants were arrested. One of the vehicle occupants was a former employee of Harrington Tree Service. The suspects, Troy and Cassie Larson, a homeless married couple in their 30's, stated that they have been living in the vehicle.



MI14-6481, 12/01/14, Chalmers Jewelers, 6202 University Avenue, Burglary



At 4:51 AM, a nearby resident reported three male suspects attempting to break into Chalmers Jewelers. Middleton officers responded to the call and established a perimeter around the business. As officers arrived on scene, the suspects were already fleeing the building. Responding officers engaged in foot pursuits and captured two of the suspects. James Thompson, 26, and Dewayne Williams, 29, of Madison, have been charged with this burglary and several others throughout Dane County. The investigation into this crime spree is still on-going.



MI14-6605, 12/06/14, Harrington Tree Service, 1630 North High Point Road, Stolen Vehicle 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. Troy and Cassie Larson, a homeless married couple in their 30's, were located and again arrested.

MI14-6747, 12/12/15, Private Residence, 4800 Parmenter Street, Heroin Overdose Death

At 7:58 PM, Middleton Police and EMS were dispatched to the report of a pulseless non-breathing 32 year old male who was found by his girlfriend. This individual was later pronounced dead. Further investigation revealed that the victim and his girlfriend had purchased heroin from a 29 year old Middleton man earlier that day. The two ingested the heroin at their Parmenter Street apartment shortly thereafter. Both the 30 year old girlfriend and the 29 year old male were arrested for Delivery of Heroin.

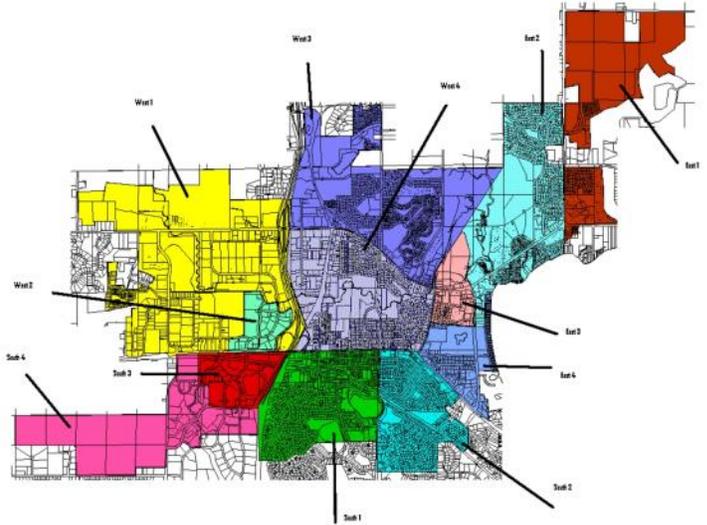
Drugs continue to play a significant role in most major criminal incidents in the City of Middleton. As you can see from the case synopses listed above, the vast majority of these cases are a direct result of the use of controlled substances. Of the 28 cases discussed above, half can be directly related to the use of Heroin. As is the case for every community in our area, Heroin continues to be a factor in both petty property crimes and serious robbery and homicide investigations. The Middleton Police Department will continue to concentrate its efforts on deterring petty crimes while prosecuting the more serious drug offenses to the full extent of the law.

# Neighborhood Officer Program

For over ten years, the Middleton Police Department, as part of our community policing philosophy, has maintained a Neighborhood Officer Program. Such a program allows the Police Department to maintain a strong partnership with the community by working together to identify and quickly solve problems.

The Middleton Police Department's Neighborhood Officer Program divides the city into 12 neighborhoods, with an officer assigned to each area. Those officers are responsible for monitoring their individual neighborhoods, which includes getting to know the residents, stakeholders and any bad actors in their area. They are also tasked with identifying ongoing problems and chronic quality of life issues. If a problem is identified, a neighborhood project is created and the assigned officer directs resources to solve it as quickly as possible. Such measures may include extra patrols, meeting with affected residents, or partnering with other city departments who may be of assistance.

Although the majority of neighborhood projects in 2014 involved traffic safety issues, such as frequent speeders on a particular street or vehicles failing to yield to pedestrians, other problems were targeted as well.



Starting in mid-2014, two Middleton officers were designated as mental health liaisons and were assigned to neighborhood projects involving those in the community suffering from symptoms of acute mental illness and who were generating an inordinate amount of police activity. In several cases throughout the year, these officers were able to partner with the families of these individuals, as well as local mental health professionals, to resolve ongoing issues. The result has been very positive, with those in need getting the help they require, while at the same time freeing up police resources. In 2014, the Middleton Police Department identified and addressed a total of 28 neighborhood projects throughout the city, a 55% increase from the previous year. The increase in neighborhood projects was the result of streamlining the process of identifying problems in the community and getting neighborhood officers assigned quickly. We also continued the practice of assigning 3<sup>rd</sup> shift officers to bars rather than neighborhoods, which allows us to identify and stay on top of any bar-related issues. Further, we have also continued to make the neighborhood officer assignments available on our website ([www.middletonpd.com](http://www.middletonpd.com)) so that residents can easily locate and contact their neighborhood officer.

One example of our program's effectiveness came in the fall of 2014 when a local restaurant was identified as having 14 separate false intrusion alarms throughout the year. The alarms were typically overnight when food deliveries were being made at the rear door. In each case, two officers were dispatched to investigate, thus the false alarms became a drain on police resources. A neighborhood project was created to address the problem and the assigned officer made contact with the restaurant's manager, who was unaware of the number of alarms. The manager made contact with the delivery service and was quickly able to solve the problem, which has resulted in no further false alarms at this location since. There have been many other success stories and we look forward to more in 2015!

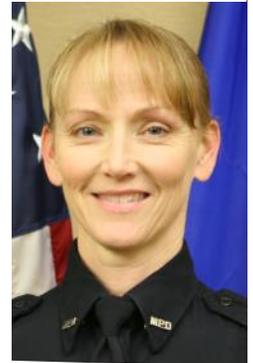
# Traffic Report

Traffic safety continues to be one of the top concerns for citizens in the City of Middleton. As such, the Middleton Police Department devotes considerable time and effort into the areas of traffic enforcement and traffic safety. The Department applies for traffic enforcement grants in order to place more officers on the road and to obtain additional traffic safety equipment. Officers are sent to traffic related training seminars as part of their ongoing training in order to enhance their abilities and knowledge in this important area.



The use of heroin and other drug abuse in Dane County is still on the rise. One of the results of that increase is an increase in the number of drugged drivers and accidents caused by them. Our Department is fortunate to have two highly trained officers in Officer Kathleen Riffenburg and Sergeant Jessica Quamme, both of whom are certified Drug Recognition Experts (DRE). Their expertise is used not only by our Department, but by other departments around the County who do not have such a valuable resource at their disposal. Their skill is needed in order for officers to identify the type of drug the driver is under the influence of. They can also ascertain whether impairment may be medically related rather than drug related so

that the driver can get the medical help he/she may need. The DRE program was founded by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Traffic Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Association. Officer Riffenburg and Sergeant Quamme performed eight DRE evaluations for Middleton and Dane County Sheriff's Department OWI arrests.



We are also fortunate to have two motorcycle officers in Officer Mike Wood and Officer Jesse Sellek.



Both of these officers underwent a rigorous training regimen prior to being allowed to operate the Department motorcycle which was donated by Quaker Steak and Lube several years ago. They also partake in a yearly in-service training in order to keep up their skill level. Officer Wood and Officer Sellek were not able to use our motorcycle as often as in past years due to staffing issues. Our motorcycle officers accounted for 30 enforcement actions during the month of May. Officer Sellek performed escort duty for the Safe Harbor Ride, the MDA Ride, the Ride for Kids Motorcycle event which benefits the Pediatric Brain Tumor foundation and he helped escort busloads of children from the Milwaukee airport to the

Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) Children's Camp which is held for the children of slain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Officer Sellek also participated in our Department's National Night Out and led the Good Neighbor Festival Parade down University Avenue.





Our Department is fortunate to have two officers qualified as Child Passenger Safety Technicians with Officer Jill Tutaj and Officer Julie Carbon being certified. Officer Tutaj and Officer Carbon checked and installed 34 car seats this year to make sure infants and young children were safely fastened. Find out more about Child Passenger Safety Inspection program at [http://www.middletonpd.com/child\\_passenger\\_safety.htm](http://www.middletonpd.com/child_passenger_safety.htm)

Sgt. Jessica Quamme and Officer Jill Tutaj attended the 40th Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Highway Safety. They were updated on all the latest traffic law changes and other traffic safety related issues.

Sgt. Jessica Quamme and Sgt. Don Mueller also attended the periodic meetings of the Dane County Traffic Safety Commission. The Traffic Safety Commission discusses various aspects of traffic safety and includes representatives from County highway divisions, judicial, district attorney, DOT and private safety organizations.

Sgt. Mueller was recognized in March of this year by the Safe Communities of Madison and Dane County for his years of dedication to traffic safety. Safe Communities is our partner who hosts the annual Slow Down for Kids and Stop on Red campaigns, amongst others. This year's Slow Down for Kids campaign was held in Middleton at Northside Elementary School.



Photo credit: Jeff Martin



Community Service Manager Mark Walther attended the periodic regional Traffic Incident Management meetings. Several practical applications of emergency control and scene management were gone over in detail. This type of training is invaluable for him to be able to provide us with the best and safest means to do so. Videos of actual accidents involving highway workers and law enforcement officers were viewed and discussed. CSO Mark Walther obtained a new work truck and is able to assist our Department and others in the area with accident scene control and scene management.

The speed awareness trailer was deployed around the City on numerous occasions in order to gather data on speeders and to notify drivers of their speed in an educational effort to reduce speeding.

Officers performed traffic safety functions such as traffic direction and control at numerous events around the City during the year. These ranged from the Good Neighbor Festival parades, Haunted Hustle, Ride for Kids, Gilda's Club Run and neighborhood children's Halloween parades. Officers provided traffic control and public relation activities for three neighborhood parades on July 4<sup>th</sup> in the Stonefield, Middleton Hills and Northlake neighborhoods.

There were 522 reportable accidents in 2014, compared to 496 in 2013, a 5% increase. Unfortunately, there was one fatality accident in 2014. In October, a motorcycle rider was involved in a two vehicle accident in the 6700 block of Elmwood Avenue. Speed and alcohol were a factor in the accident.

OWI and Click It or Ticket grants were part of our enforcement package during 2014. Grants allow us to have the financial resources to assign additional officers to areas of traffic safety concerns. Grants provided the Department with an additional 132 hours of enforcement during 2014. One hundred sixty-seven traffic enforcement actions were taken by grant funded officers.

In addition to the grant patrols, officers devoted 179 hours of effort in directed traffic patrols to address areas of particular concern, frequently in response to citizen concerns voiced to the Department. The Department started to create Neighborhood Projects for traffic complaints this year and have been focusing on those areas of concerns. Three hundred sixty-four traffic enforcement actions were taken during directed patrols.

In total, officers issued 3,092 traffic citations and 932 warnings in 2014. This included 118 Operating While Intoxicated arrests and three arrests for Operating with a Controlled Substance.

# School Resource Officers

## Middleton High School Officer Rich O'Connor



In 2014, the second half of the 2013-2014 school year was finished up by Officer Scott Moen before he was promoted to Sergeant in the Summer of 2014. During his final six months as School Resource Officer, Officer Moen continued his focus on crisis response and safety planning. He spoke with School District bus drivers on the topics of crisis response and bus safety. Officer Moen also was able to speak to the District Wide Administration about different responses to school shooters. Officer Moen helped finish a District Wide safety video that describes all of the different emergency response actions and ran two different table top exercises for school staff to practice these options.

I took over the position of School Resource Officer for the Middleton High School and Clark Street Community School in August of 2014. I have been with the Middleton Police Department since 1998 and really looked forward to officially starting my new role on September 2. In an effort to get to know the staff and students right away, I attended an all school staff meeting, Freshman Orientation, and had meetings with the Middleton High School Deans, Social Workers and Special Education staff. I also made an introduction video with the Middleton High School Media Department.

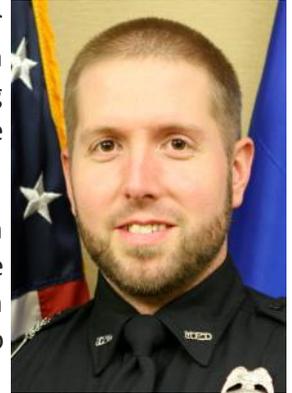
In 2014, there were 443 calls for service at the Middleton High School and 25 calls for service at the Clark Street Community School. These calls resulted in 55 municipal citations and 11 criminal arrests. The majority of calls generated were for disturbances and lost/stolen property. My main focus was to build positive relationships with the students and to be someone they could trust, learn from and come to if they needed help. To help accomplish that, I spend the majority of my free time walking the halls and being in the lunch room during the multiple lunch times. I also went to several home and away football games to be with the students. I was able to attend all of the Homecoming activities including the parade, dance and football game. I also held an informal question/answer at the Clark Street Community School to give all students a chance to get to know me and ask whatever they wanted.

I also wanted to continue the great focus on school safety that Officer Moen worked hard on. I helped to update the School District's Safety Plan video for response to different crisis. I gave a two hour presentation to all Middleton High School and Clark Street Community School staff on how to respond to an active shooter. I am continuing to work with Middleton High School administration during the second half of the school year to develop and conduct safety drills for staff and students. In December, I organized a K9 sniff of the Middleton High School, Clark Street Community School and Kromrey Middle School. There were five K9s from surrounding agencies that participated.

I also spent a lot of time talking to students in the classroom and through PSA videos. I spoke to seven health classes about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. I talked to two law classes and have had informal Q&As in several classes. I made PSA videos about locker room safety and also the dangers of sexting. My first four months as SRO have been fantastic. It has been a welcome challenge and change from patrol work and I have learned a lot. I look forward to what the rest of the school year will bring.

## Kromrey Middle School Officer Tom Wilson

2014 was another busy year for me as the Kromrey Middle School Resource Officer (SRO.) I finished up my second year as the SRO and started my third year in this position in the fall. The Kromrey Middle School position includes Kromrey Middle School along with the three elementary schools in the City of Middleton. It also includes assisting the Middleton High School SRO as well.



Besides handling calls for service at the schools and making positive connections with staff, students, and parents, teaching students was one of my primary roles. In the spring, I again worked with the social workers from the three elementary schools to teach the Keeping Safe Program to all of the kindergarten through fourth grade students. I also taught fifth graders internet/social media safety as well as the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana.



In the fall, I taught the G.R.E.A.T. program to all of the sixth grade students. G.R.E.A.T. stands for Gang Resistance Education and Training and is a school-based, law enforcement officer instructed classroom curriculum. With prevention as its primary objective, the program is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. The goal of the G.R.E.A.T. program is to help youth develop positive life skills that will help them avoid gang involvement and violent behavior. G.R.E.A.T. uses a

community-wide approach to combat the risk factors associated with youth involvement in gang related behaviors. The lessons included in each curriculum are interactive and designed to allow students to practice positive behaviors that will remain with them during the remainder of their development years.

G.R.E.A.T. is a 13-week program and after completing the program, all of the students were invited back to a completion ceremony held at Kromrey Middle School. Food and refreshments were provided and all of the students received a completion certificate. The G.R.E.A.T. program was again very successful and the completion ceremony was attended by more than 275 students and family members!

School safety continued to be a top priority in 2014. I continued to work with the School District in many aspects of school safety. I attended a two day ALICE Active Shooter Response training program over the summer with several other school district employees. This training allowed us to train all school district employees on the ALICE program.

Lastly, 2014 continued to be an exciting time for staff and students at Kromrey Middle School. The start of the new school year in September brought many changes. Several sections of the new Kromrey Middle School were open, and for the first several months, students transitioned between the old and new sections of the school. The entire school then moved into the new building in early November. Besides a new building, the other big change was the addition of fifth grade students to the middle school roster. All school construction should be completed by the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

# Community Awareness Programs

## Polar Plunge



In February, 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!" Plungers consisted of individuals and teams of students, law enforcement officers, business professionals, and families.



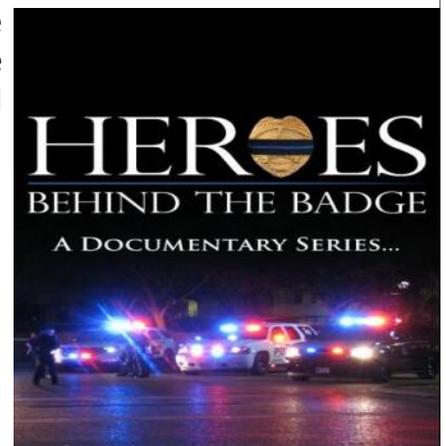
## Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt

In March, Middleton Police participated in the Jaycee's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Lakeview Park. This was a fun event for all involved and the kids got a tour of a police car and were able to search for hundreds of eggs.

## Heroes Behind the Badge



In May, Dispatcher Keith Cleasby, Officer Jill Tutaj and Lori Hellenbrand raised funds for Concerns of Police Survivors, COPS, by hosting a showing of Heroes behind the Badge: Sacrifice & Survival. This film features stories not only of the fallen officers, but also focuses on the incredibly inspiring stories of those who have been critically injured in the line of duty and have survived against all odds.



## 2014 Citizens Academy



In the Spring of 2014, the Middleton Police Department hosted a Citizens Academy. The purpose of the Citizens Academy is to familiarize members of the community with the Middleton Police Department in ten weeks of instruction in many of the same areas where officers receive training.



Students of the Citizens Academy received training in traffic law, crime scene investigation, defensive and arrest tactics, emergency vehicle operation, emergency medical response, firearms, fire department response, and gang and drug enforcement and other basic police procedures.



## Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics



In June, Middleton Police Officers participated in the final leg of the Special Olympics Torch Run. Law enforcement carried the Flame of Hope and raised money for the Special Olympics. Pictured left to right are Chief Charles Foulke, Officer Jill Tutaj, Captain Troy Hellenbrand, Sergeant Jeremy Geiszler, Officer Steve Ziegler, Captain Steve Britt and Dispatcher Tim Hoeksema.

## EAA Pancake Breakfast

In July Middleton Police attended the annual fundraiser at the Morey Field Airport.



## Mascot Day at the Middleton Pool



In August, several Mascots, including McGruff the Crime Dog, visited the Middleton pool for Mascot Day.

## Department Tours



Middleton Police provided tours for several groups throughout the year. Pictured at left is a group of elementary students with Chief Chuck Foulke and Officer Jill Tutaj. Also, below is Detective Dave Haselow teaching fingerprinting to a group of students.



## Hero Summer Camp

In July, Middleton Police went to KEVA for their Hero Summer Camp. The afternoon was spent with children of the camp playing games and giving a tour of the police car.



## Charity Softball Game

In August, the Middleton Police Department played against the Middleton Fire Department in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Battle of the Badges charity softball game. Emergency responders honored Blake Rickert this year and raised funds in the Battle of the Badges for him, as well as the Badger Childhood Cancer Network. To find out about the 2015 event, go to [battleofthebadgesmiddleton.com](http://battleofthebadgesmiddleton.com)



## Strike Out Crime Fundraiser

In October, Middleton Community Police Partnership held the fundraiser this year at the Middleton Sport Bowl. All proceeds help to support the Middleton Police Department's Community Awareness programs.



## Ride for Kids



In August, Motorcycle Officer Sellek assisted on the Ride for Kids that benefits the [Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation](http://www.rideforkids.org).



## National Night Out

In August, the Middleton Police Department, Spring Window Fashions and members of Middleton Fire Company #1, hosted the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out at Lakeview Park. Hundreds of people came to this event and enjoyed dinner, prizes, games and contact with public safety workers.



## Middleton United Way Day of Caring

Court Officer Lynn Endres from the Middleton Police Department, along with Officers, volunteered at the United Day of Caring in August. The kids who came out for United Way's Day of Caring got to play some sports, go fishing, do a little bit of reading and take part in arts and crafts.

## Family Safety Day



In September, the Middleton Police Department, Middleton Fire Department and West bend Mutual Insurance sponsored the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Safety Day at the Middleton Fire and EMS Stations. Families were able to get their car seats checked and watch several safety presentations by local companies.



## Halloween

In October, Middleton Police Department officers attended Middleton's Downtown Business Association's Annual Trick or Treat event. Below, Officer Dixon and Sgt. Zimmerman joined a junior officer that came out to help them protect the streets at the annual event.

## Business Watch Meeting

In October, Officer Rich Oconnor gave a presentation to Middleton Business Watch members on how Police Departments respond to active shooter incidents.



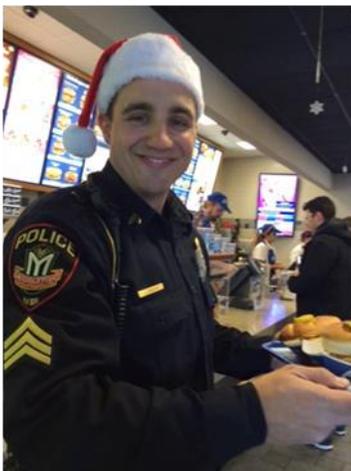
## Senior Car Care Clinic

On Saturday, October 4, Middleton Police, along with the Middleton Senior Center and Middleton Ford, came together by helping senior residents prepare their vehicles for Wisconsin's winter.

## Justice for a Cure

In October, Middleton Police participated with hundreds of other local public safety officials in "[Justice for a Cure](#)" at the State Capitol. Justice for a Cure is the Law Enforcement Family, consisting of Police, Firefighters, EMS, 911 Centers, City, County, State and Federal Government, and Businesses working together to serve and protect in the fight against breast cancer by:

- Bringing Awareness
- Educating
- Fundraising for Research to Find a Cure
- Supporting Cancer Survivors, and Those Going Through Their Cancer Journey
- Supporting Local Cancer Organizations to Help Our Own



## Fundraiser at Culver's

In November, Middleton Police Officers delivered food to customers at Culver's. Culver's donated a portion of the sales of the day to the Community Awareness Fund, which supports our community programs, such as GREAT, Speed Watch, National Night Out, Citizen's Academy, Bike Safety Day, NSI Family Safety Day and Shop with a Cop. To find out more about how you can support our Community Awareness Fund, go to [http://middletonpd.com/community\\_awareness.htm](http://middletonpd.com/community_awareness.htm)

## Shop with a Cop



In December, the Middleton Police Department, along with several other Dane County agencies, donated their time to take nine Middleton kids shopping for their families. This event was held at Target East. This event was made possible by donated funds to the Community Awareness Fund. To find out more about this annual event, go to [ShopWithaCopDaneCounty.org](http://ShopWithaCopDaneCounty.org)



## Middleton Police Department Becomes Dementia Friendly



Also in December, the Middleton Police Department became the first Dementia Friendly Police Department in Dane County by the Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin. The majority of our officers and staff have all received training to increase their awareness about dementia, to look for the warning signs and find ways to better communicate and approach a person who may have dementia.

## G.R.E.A.T. Graduation

In December, School Resource Officer Tom Wilson held the Annual 6<sup>th</sup> grade Gang Resistance Education and Training graduation party at E.G. Kromrey Middleton School. VIPS helped out at the event serving pizza, soda and cookies.



## VIPS Volunteers in Police Service



The Middleton Police Department has over 40 active volunteers. The Volunteers assist the Middleton Police Department with fundraising, special events, parades, Safe Assured ID and more. Members of the VIPS serve on the Middleton Community Police Partnership (MICOPP) board.

## Crime Prevention Notices

To help promote safety in the Middleton community, the Middleton Police Department will issue crime prevention notices to a residence or business to inform them of crime risks. Officers will also do this for vehicles. Middleton Police have a bright orange report card that will be placed on a vehicle grading it on a pass/fail scale on whether the vehicle is locked and if valuables are left in plain view.

<p><b>Middleton Police Department</b> 824-7300</p> <p>Vehicle Security <b>REPORT CARD</b> This is NOT a ticket.</p>  <hr/> Vehicle License Plate <hr/> Officer	<p>The Middleton Police Department is concerned about your safety and the safety of your property.</p> <p>Theft from vehicles is an all too frequent property crime, yet it is very easy to prevent.</p> <p>We have completed this courtesy form to help you safeguard your property.</p> <p>Your Vehicle Has: <b>PASSED    FAILED</b></p> <p>If your vehicle failed the inspection it was because of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Door(s) unlocked.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Valuables in plain view.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Window(s) open.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li></ul> <p><i>Thanks for making a difference!</i></p>
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## Speed Watch



Volunteers in Police Service members are trained in the use of portable radar units. VIPS monitor traffic at numerous locations in the city, recording vehicle speeds.

## Middleton Business Watch Partnership

The Middleton Business Watch has over 300 members. The Middleton Business Watch is used to alert local businesses about criminal activity which could potentially affect your business.

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**BUSINESS WATCH**

**PROGRAM IN FORCE**



## Pedestrian Flag Crossings

The Middleton Police Department has partnered with Safe Communities to provide orange pedestrian flags at dangerous street crossings. These flags are tools that pedestrians can use to signal motorists of their intention to cross the street.

## Crime Prevention Surveys

The Middleton Police Department takes requests for crime prevention surveys for businesses and residents. A police officer will conduct a physical survey on request and will make suggestions and provide a report on how to minimize criminal opportunity.

## Safe Assured ID

The Middleton Police Department has a digital identification system that was purchased with funds donated from American Girl and the Mattel Toy Store. This system can be used for children, adults and seniors. The Middleton Police Department will take reservations for having kits made. Kits are free for Middleton residents or MCPASD students. Families will receive a full color photo data card and a Parents' Guidebook with prevention tips. It records a digital record of picture, video, and audio all on a secure mini cd.

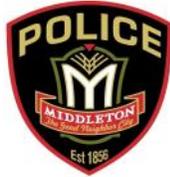


## **Other Events**

The Middleton Police gave several presentations throughout the community, including TDS, Driver's Education, child care centers and more. The Police Department participated in events at The Little Gym "Who's You're Hero Camp"; Service Appreciation Day; Operation Toy Drive; Good Neighbor Fest; Brat Fest, the VIPS appreciation dinner and more.

# Administration

The Administration Division of the Police Department includes Dispatch, Records, Court Services and Training and is commanded by Captain Troy Hellenbrand.



## ACCREDITATION



In early 2014, the [Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group](#) (WILEAG) conducted a comprehensive review of the Middleton Police Department's policies, procedures, facilities and overall operations to determine if our agency met State of Wisconsin law enforcement professional standards.

Acquiring WILEAG accreditation is a significant undertaking and a great deal of time and effort was put forth by members of the Department in hopes of achieving this highly acclaimed recognition. Based on the hard work of the members of the Police Department, the goal of receiving full accreditation was accomplished in 2014 and the Middleton Police Department is now one of only 24 law enforcement agencies in the State of Wisconsin who meet full accreditation standards.

Even though accreditation was achieved in 2014, the efforts and work of the Police Department is far from over. In early 2017, assessors will again return and complete another comprehensive review of the Department's operations to make sure best practices are still being followed and the Department is meeting all established professional principles. If the Police Department fails to provide documentation and proof of professional standards, the Department will not be considered for reaccreditation.

To ensure the Department is prepared for the review in 2017, continuous work is being completed by members of the Department in preparation of this upcoming evaluation. All Department policies are required to be reviewed and updated within this three year time frame, each year the Department must provide proof that all 235 professional standards are being followed, and updates to newly adopted WILEAG professional standards must be implemented and followed by the Department.

Retaining WILEAG accreditation will be a major focus of the Department as we move forward to ensure our organization is providing the best possible service to the residents of the City of Middleton.

# Training

The Police Department recognizes the importance of providing relevant and professional training for all members of the Department. Each year the goal is to provide each member of the Department, in addition to the annual 32 hours of in-service training provided to all sworn police officers, an opportunity to attend at least one specialized training course. This goal is set to keep the Police Department staff well informed of new tactics, case law updates, provide a knowledgeable and professional department, and to provide succession planning for future changes within the organization. Some of the highlights of specialized courses attended by members of the Department in 2014 include: Homicide Investigations; Active Shooter Events; Search Warrant Training; Internal Investigation Education; Open Meetings and Public Record Laws; Field Training Officer Instruction; Death Investigation Training; Ground Defense for Law Enforcement; and Property and Evidence Management. In 2014, members of the Middleton Police Department attended over 1,000 hours of specialized training. As we focus on the future, an emphasis will be placed on locating and providing specialized supervisory training for members of the Department who were promoted to command level positions in 2014.



In addition to specialized courses, which are normally taught by state or national instructors, each sworn member of the Police Department attended 32 hours of in-service instruction throughout the year. Topics such as firearms training; defense and arrest tactics; Taser; tactical medical care; emergency vehicle operations; and mental health training were some of the topics covered throughout the year.



One of the major changes with in-service training in 2014 was all sworn police officers were required to pass, for the first time in the State's history, a mandated firearms qualification course which was developed and required by the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Knowing that

this mandate was forthcoming, the Police Department has been preparing and conducting the necessary training and instruction over the past couple of years properly preparing all staff members on these new requirements. Each year, all sworn Department staff members will need to demonstrate firearms proficiency and pass the minimum qualifications set by the Wisconsin Department of Justice or risk losing their law enforcement certification.

Lastly, during the latter part of 2014, the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District and the Middleton Police Department began to plan for a joint training exercise focused on new tactics and recommendations for active shooter incidents. The goal is to conduct tabletop and functional exercises in 2015, with a goal of a full scale exercise occurring in the summer of 2016. This is a major undertaking,

but the importance of being able to respond and work together in a crisis situation of an active shooter incident cannot be underestimated.



# Communication Center



The Middleton Police Department has a fully functional, state-of-the-art E911 Communication Center. The Communication Center is supervised by Wendy McKnight and is staffed by Dispatchers Barb Van de Loo, Tim Hoeksema, Brian Lary, Keith Cleasby, Danielle Kimball, Tom Adler, Gwen Ruppert, Joe Hack and Sue Buechner.

2014 Communication Center Phone Stats	
Total Phone Calls	33,494
Incoming Non-emergency	21,443
Incoming 911 & Wireless 911	3,028
Incoming Tie Line	2,676
All outgoing calls	6,347
Busiest Day	January 10 210 calls
Slowest Day	March 23 31 calls
Busiest Hour of the Day	3:00pm
Slowest Hour of the Day	4:00am
Busiest Day of the Week	Monday
Monthly Averages	
Landline 9-1-1 Calls	116
Wireless 9-1-1 Calls	137
Non-Emergency Line	1,787
Tie Line	223
Ave. Monthly Total (inc. outgoing)	2,791
Ave. Monthly CFS	1,420
Ratio of Phone Calls to CFS	2.0

In 2014, the Middleton Police Department Communication Center received 3,028 landline and wireless 9-1-1 calls.

- 89% were answered within 10 seconds
- 98% were answered within 20 seconds
- 99% were answered within 30 seconds

The Middleton Police Department Communication Center is comprised of five full time dispatchers, four part-time dispatchers, and one full time Communication Center Supervisor. Dispatchers are responsible for a multitude of tasks and often serve as the first point of contact for those contacting the Department for help or for information. In early October, the Department hired a new dispatcher to fill a vacancy. Danielle Kimball came to us from the St. Louis, MO area, bringing several years of dispatch experience with her. She is currently assigned the late cover/3<sup>rd</sup> shift rotation and has quickly become a valued member of our team.

# Social Media

In 2014, the Middleton Police Department continued to expand our community outreach efforts and work to enhance communication between our Department and the public we serve by continuing to build our social media presence.

Our website, [MiddletonPD.com](http://MiddletonPD.com), continues to see about 30,000 visitors annually, while our active presence on popular social media sites, such as [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) provides for open communication between the public and the Department.

Since our initial social media launch in the summer of 2010, the Department has grown to 2,181 followers on Facebook and 1,899 followers on Twitter. That is a 101% increase in Facebook followers and 46% increase in Twitter followers over last year.

## Now taking your texts!

Go ahead, give it a try:

(608) 824-7300



While verbal communication with the police is and always will be the preferred method of communicating with a dispatcher; we understand the reality that sometimes citizens are not able to talk because of a disability or inability to safely do so, such as an intruder or domestic abuse incident, just to name a few. Some benefits of being able to send text messages to the Police Department dispatchers are:



Our newest social media communication tool is our text message service, powered by [Zipwhip](#). The Police Department has been able to receive and send text messages on our non-emergency line, 608-824-7300, since September 2013.

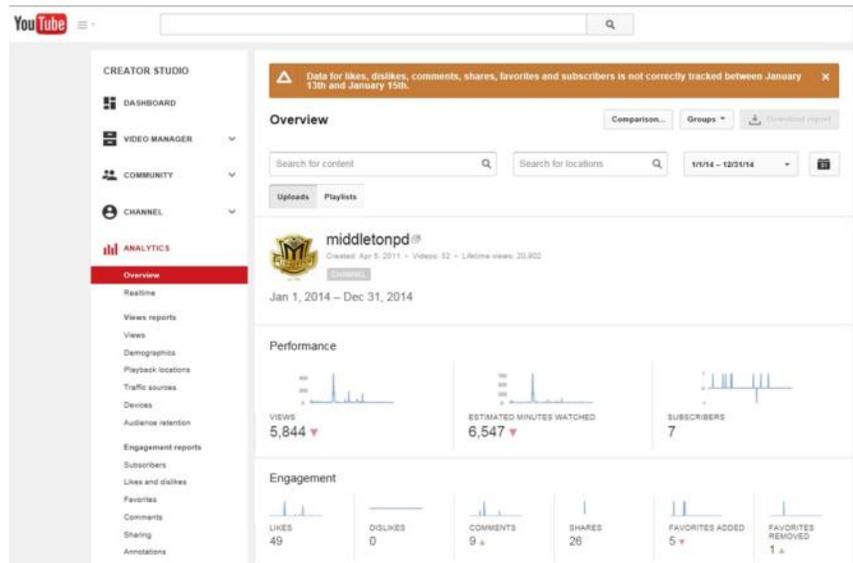
Since initially launching the program in 2013, we have received and sent 2,436 text messages; an average of five or six per day, with 1,864 of them being in 2014 alone. One of the most notable uses of the system was in April 2014, when one of our dispatchers answered a text message from a teenager who was afraid their parent was having a medical emergency. After exchanging several text messages with the teen, the dispatcher was able to determine that the emergency was actually occurring in Tennessee and she was able to coordinate the response with authorities in Tennessee.

- Fewer phone calls for questions (ie, power outages, parade times, ordinance questions, etc.)
- Shorter on-hold time for callers
- Increased citizen engagement
- Safe, silent way for citizens to report suspicious activities
- Ability to quickly send group messages to Department staff in the event of a major incident

Our YouTube channel has been used to share surveillance videos from unsolved crimes, traffic safety tips and other public service announcements, as well as media videos related to our area and videos of other local public safety agencies. The videos posted to our YouTube channel have been viewed 20,989 times over the past year; a 84% increase over last year. Our videos have reached viewers in the United States, Canada and United Kingdom and more than 75 other countries.



**Public Service Announcement:**



Our smart phone app, [MIPD Mobile](#), launched in 2012, provides mobile device users quick access to submit crime tips, view crime reports, download forms and more. Over the past year, our mobile app has been used 12,711 times by 3,677 mobile users in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and eight other countries. This is a 147% increase in use over last year.

On June 27, 2014, we joined law enforcement agencies across the world in the third worldwide police



Tweet-a-Thon (#poltwt). This was the fourth time we had done this type of “virtual ride-along” and our goal was to increase awareness of our use of social media and give citizens a behind-the-scenes look at daily activity of the Police Department.

During our eight hour tweet-along from 3:00PM to 11:00PM, we sent out 30 tweets/posts on Twitter and Facebook each, which reached

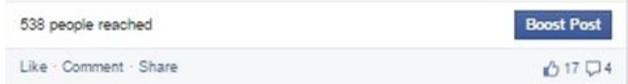
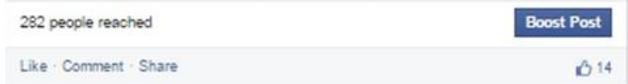
20,295 people and engaged 1,840 people by means of likes, comments, shares and re-tweets, which is an increase of 142% over last year. During this tweet-along, we increased our Twitter followers by 87 and Facebook followers by 66, a 5% increase.

Our Department also coordinated a couple of social media campaigns; one was a “Trick or Tweet” photo contest, which encouraged followers to submit photos of their trick-or-treaters for a chance to win a ride to school in a police car or lunch with a police officer.



The other was a “Slow Down Selfie” photo contest, done in conjunction with Safe Communities of Madison & Dane County. This campaign is designed to help make our streets safer by posting "SLOW DOWN" yard signs, stepping up speed enforcement, staffing

speed boards and organizing other neighborhood and community activities to reduce speeding. Followers were encouraged to submit “selfies” with their signs for a chance to win some more great prizes.



Through continued positive interactions with community members, such as offering text messaging and Tweet-Alongs a couple times a year, our social media program has increased awareness of what the Police Department does and what services we offer. Social media has also allowed us to continue to expand globally, as evidenced by the statistics above showing who we have reached across numerous cities, states and countries around the world.

**Middleton Police Department**  
July 14, 2014

Officer Jill Tutaj having fun with a couple winners of the #SlowDownSelfie contest, hosted by Safe Communities Madison-Dane County & American Family Insurance. If you're interested in getting a "SLOW DOWN WATCH FOR KIDS" sign, you can pick them up for FREE at our police department any time. (5 photos)



1,192 people reached

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**Middleton Police Department**  
November 2, 2014

TRICK OR TWEET photo contest entries are in & it's time to VOTE! Scroll through the (10) pics & click LIKE on your FAVORITE(S) to help us pick a winner by Friday 11/7. One winner will get a ride to school in a police car OR lunch with a police officer. This contest is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with Facebook. (10 photos)



2,898 people reached

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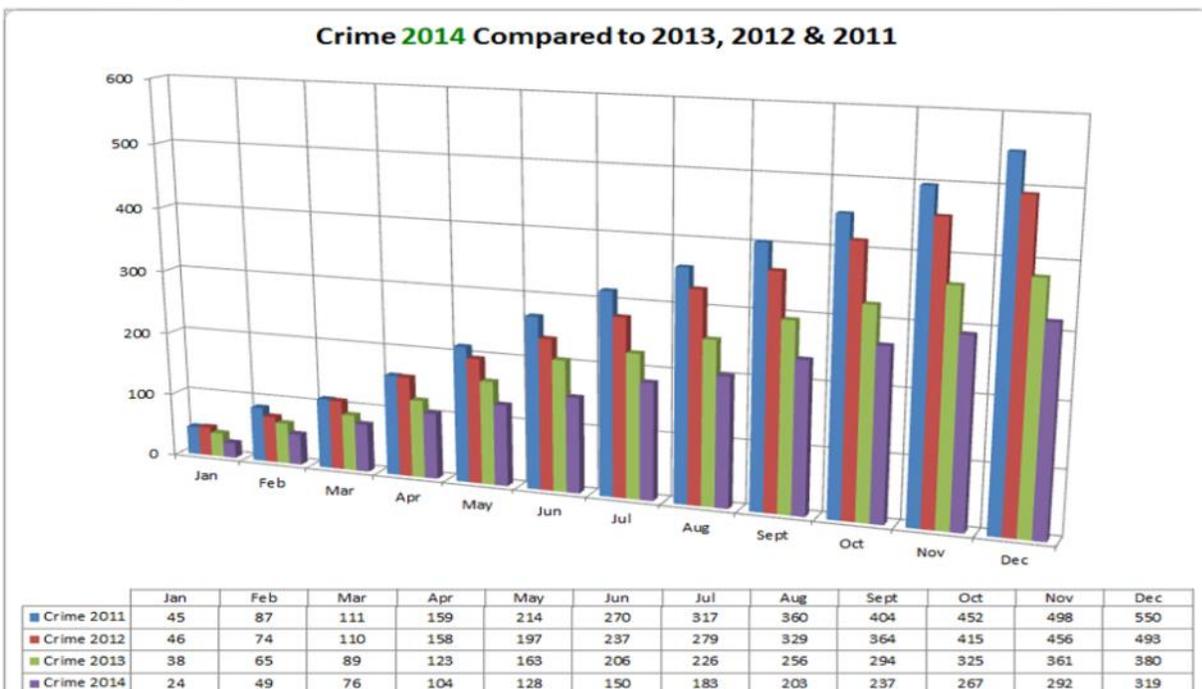
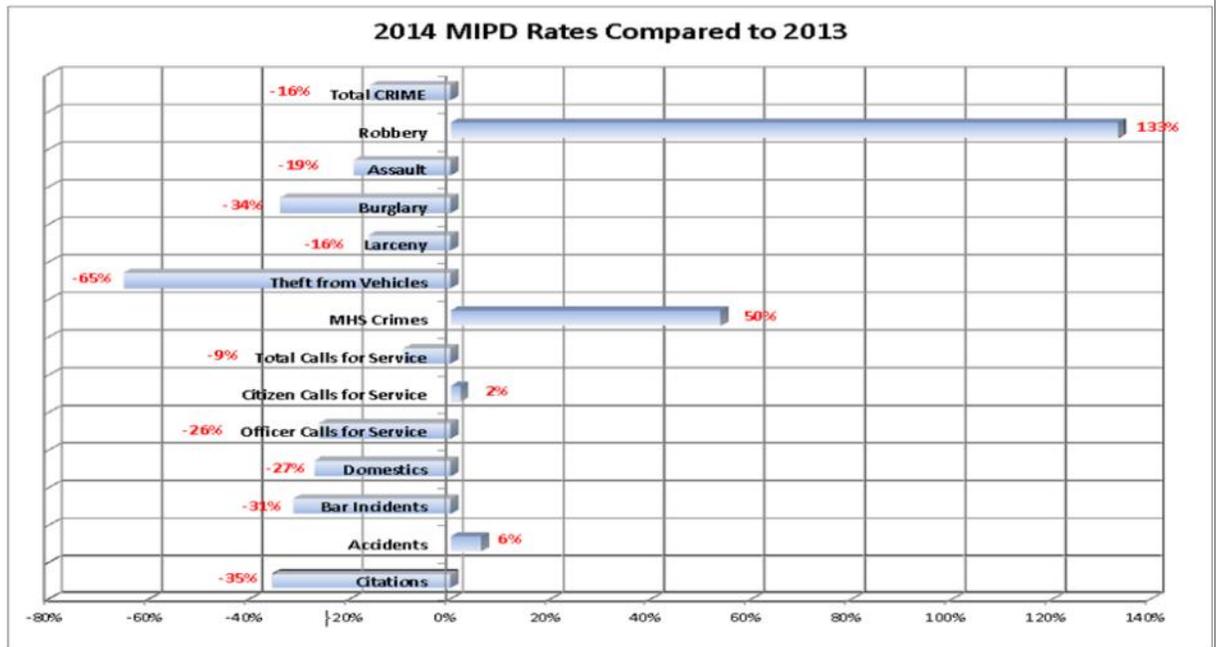
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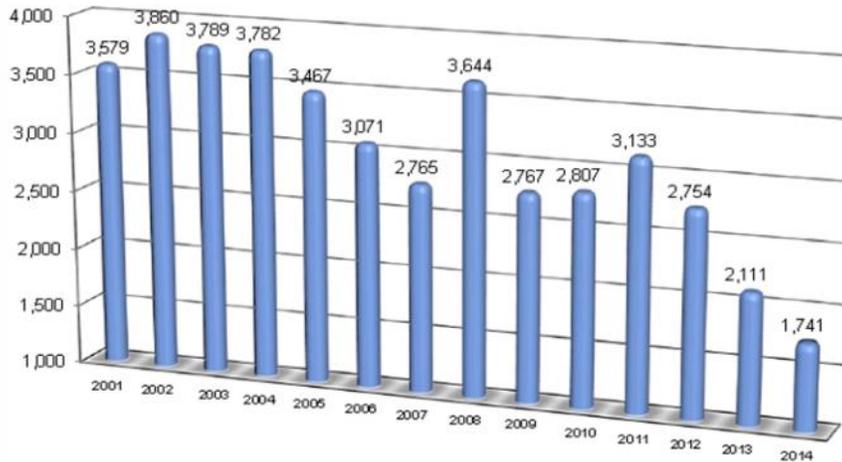

# Department Statistics

In 2014, the City of Middleton saw the overall crime rate decrease 16% when compared to 2013 crime rates. The decline in the overall crime rate has been a trend for the City of Middleton for the past couple of years and is an indication of the partnership the Police Department has developed with various members of our community to address ongoing and concerning community issues. One example is the significant reduction in theft from vehicle incidents which occurred in 2014 and the 65% reduction in this crime throughout the year. Due to the efforts of the Police Department and members of the community, the Police Department experienced approximately 100 less theft from vehicle incidents in 2014 compared to 2011 statistics.



# Crime Statistics

**Crimes by Year Per 100K Population**

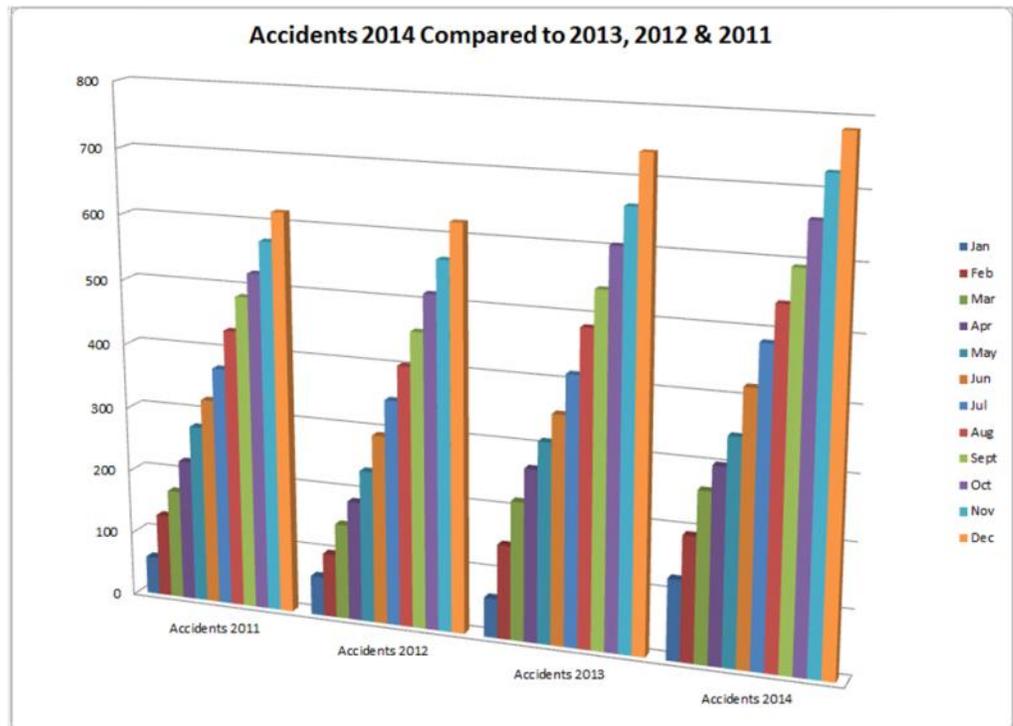
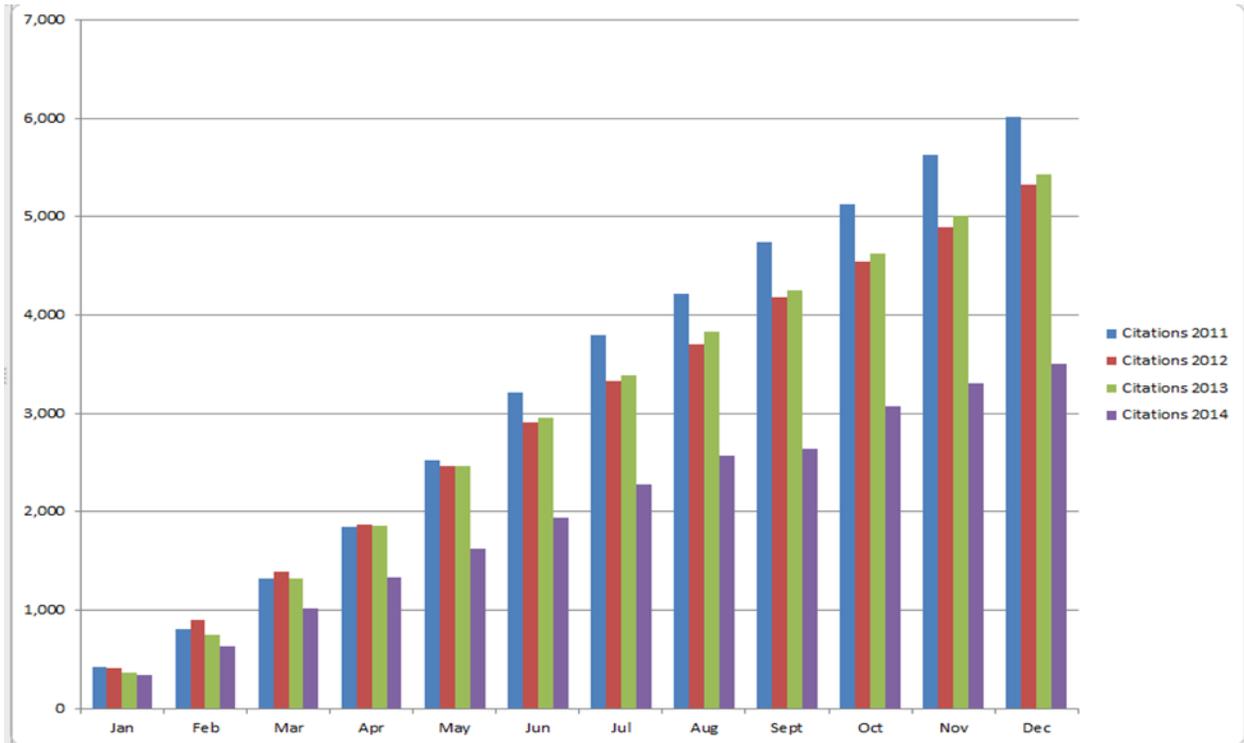


## ANNUAL COMPARISONS

Category	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Crimes	319	380	493	550	482	471	618	469
Personal Crimes	33	36	69	85	63	94	82	36
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	1	2	3	2	3	3	3	1
Robbery	7	3	8	6	10	8	4	4
Assault	25	31	58	77	51	83	75	31
Property Crimes	288	344	424	465	419	377	536	433
Burglary	33	50	86	73	60	59	89	49
Larceny/Theft	243	287	330	381	347	308	431	327
Motor Vehicle Theft	12	7	8	11	11	10	16	17
Clearance Rate	44%	28%	36%	33%	36%	38%	32%	29%
Value of Property Stolen	\$349,980	\$374,801	\$512,652	\$519,309	\$331,776	\$286,780	\$338,875	\$361,436
Value of Property Recovered	\$86,456	\$110,601	\$85,182	\$81,931	\$124,108	\$105,694	\$150,759	\$151,337
% of Property Recovered	25%	30%	17%	16%	37%	37%	44%	42%
Incidents	7,063	8,554	8,514	8,835	9,244	9,455	8,455	8,584
Calls for Service	17,038	18,803	18,281	19,229	19,226	20,404	19,195	18,502
Accidents (TRACS)	524	498	416	383	375	391	473	427
Warnings	936	1,161	1,151	1,878	2,022	1,872	1,771	1,748
Citations	3,519	5,428	5,235	6,001	5,879	6,154	4,820	5,440
Criminal Arrests & Charges	360	465	622	619	640	736	700	607

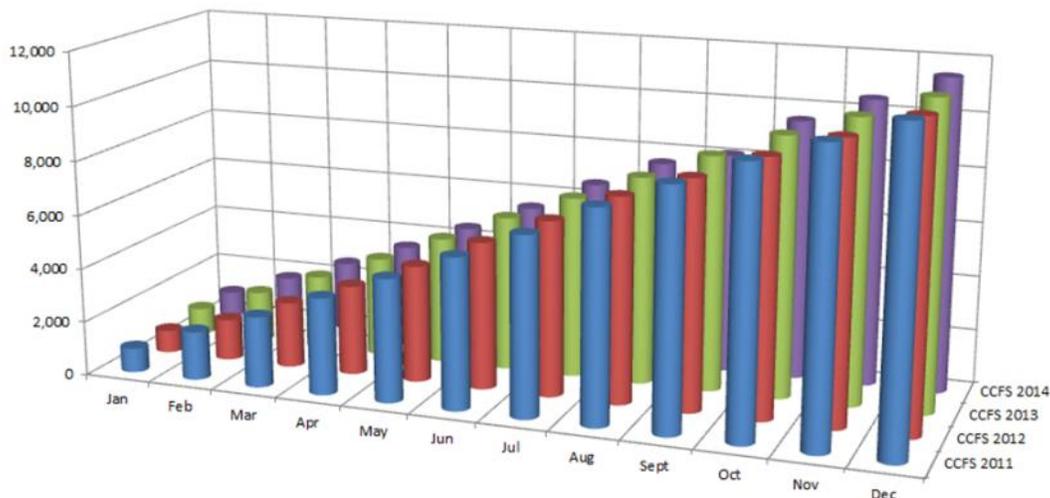
# Citation & Crash Statistics

In 2014, Middleton Police Department Officers issued 3,519 citations; 936 warnings; filed 360 criminal charges; and wrote 7,063 police reports, all stemming from 17,038 calls for service. Accidents and citizens calls for service in 2014 were slightly elevated compared to 2013 rates; however, theft from vehicle incidents and reported burglaries saw significant decreases.

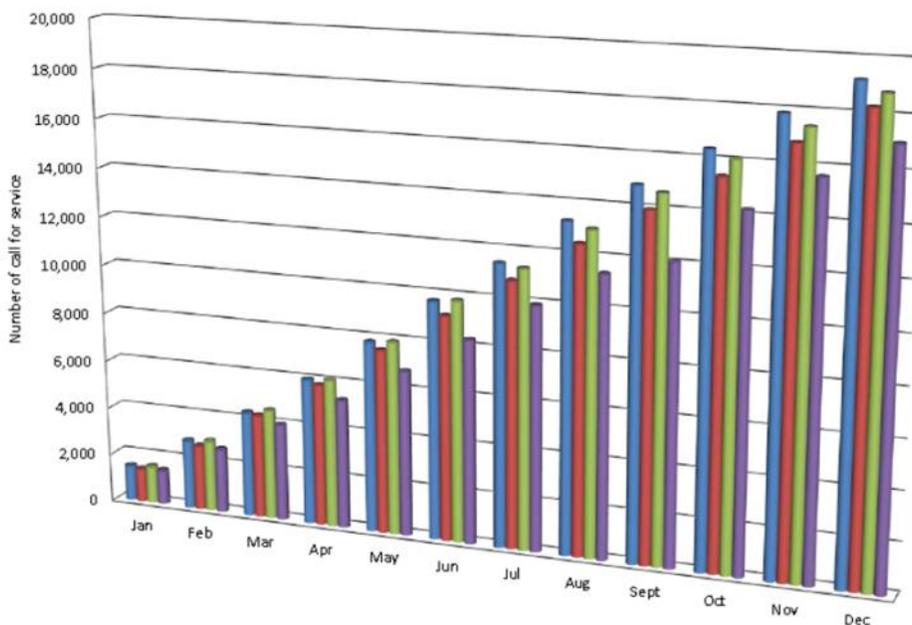


# Call For Service (CFS) Statistics

**Citizen CFS 2014 Compared to 2013, 2012 & 2011**

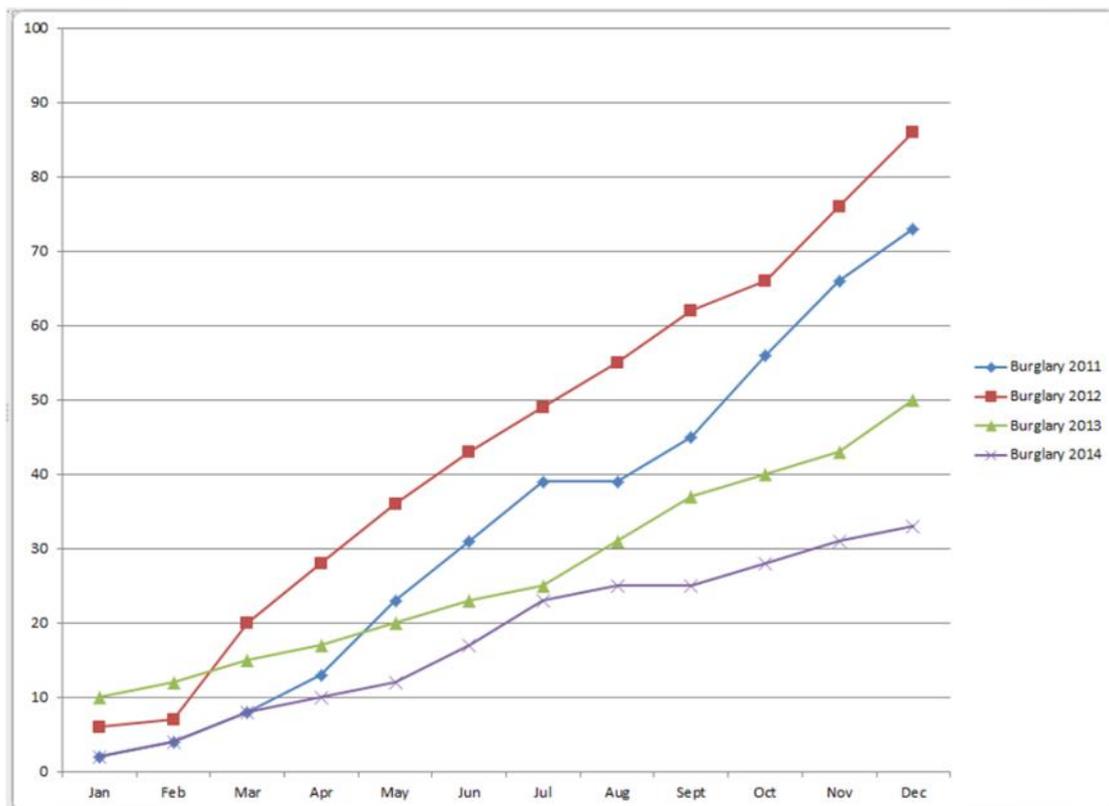
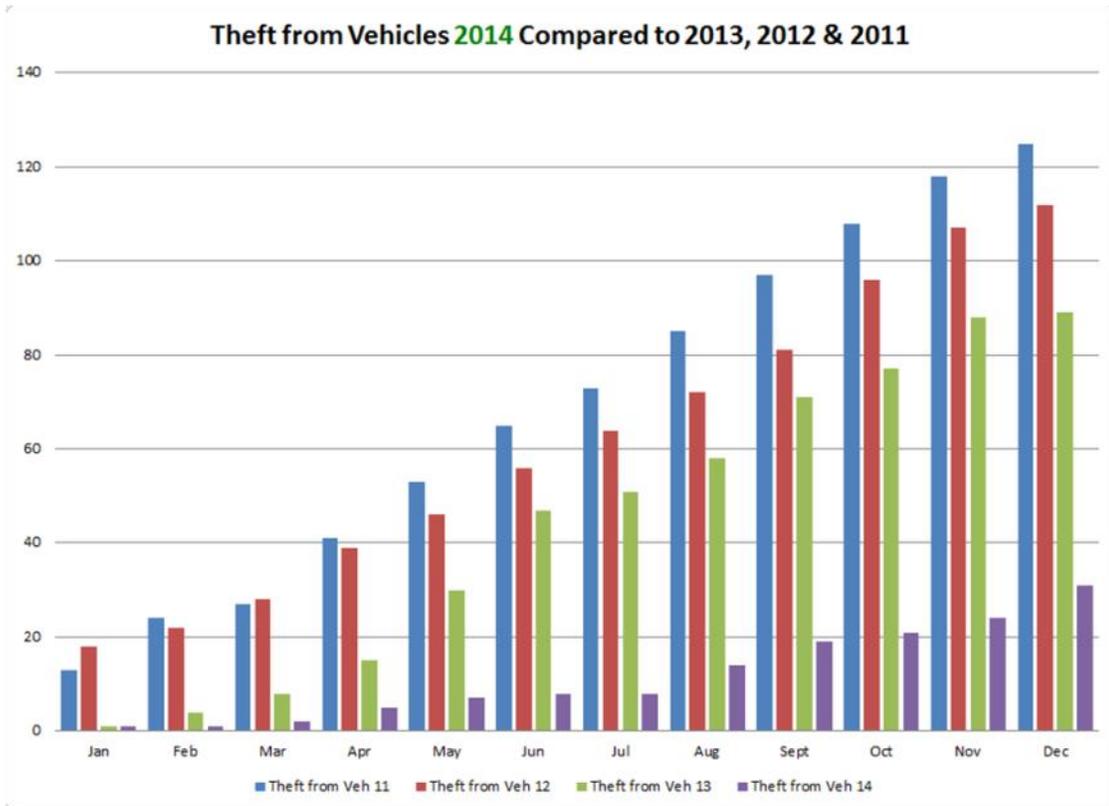


	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
■ CCFS 2011	902	1,800	2,635	3,595	4,556	5,572	6,599	7,774	8,765	9,734	10,546	11,421
■ CCFS 2012	842	1,531	2,443	3,333	4,326	5,451	6,469	7,557	8,409	9,339	10,185	11,080
■ CCFS 2013	988	1888	2761	3700	4712	5740	6687	7661	8636	9562	10383	11230
■ CCFS 2014	953	1784	2621	3507	4486	5507	6618	7614	8120	9560	10504	11456



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
■ CFS 2011	1,476	2,869	4,356	6,018	7,834	9,716	11,462	13,298	14,867	16,395	17,870	19,229
■ CFS 2012	1,393	2,699	4,284	5,851	7,550	9,175	10,819	12,464	13,971	15,415	16,838	18,281
■ CFS 2013	1550	2958	4560	6100	7925	9816	11316	13049	14633	16087	17436	18803
■ CFS 2014	1435	2661	4011	5324	6799	8822	9927	11389	12100	14255	15664	17038

# Theft & Burglary Statistics



# Internal Affairs Statistics

Middleton Police Officers used force 76 times in 2014, with all of these incidents being reviewed by a supervisor. Additionally, 19 of these use of force incidents were reviewed by the Middleton Police Department's Critical Incident Review Board and all of these incidents were found to be within Department policy.

The Department received ten formal and informal complaints against employees in 2014 for Communications (2), Conduct (2), Use of Force (1), Procedures (3), and Disparate Treatment (2). After investigation, four of these complaints were determined to be unfounded, employees were exonerated in two cases, and in four cases the complaints were labeled as unintentional errors.