

TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT



"Serving the Community"

April 2015 Report

CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out in the month of April 2015:

I attended a Monroe County Child Abuse Task Force meeting. The community was invited to this meeting as we kicked off April as Child Abuse Prevention month.

I attended a meeting held with community leaders from throughout Monroe County to initiate a county-wide Coordinated Community Response Team. The core philosophy of a Coordinated Community Response to domestic violence is that domestic violence is a community problem and so requires the entire community to address the issue. Coordinated Community Response teams bring together key players in community systems, usually on a county-wide basis, to develop strategies and procedures to combat domestic violence and sexual assault.

I attended an Ad Hoc Alcohol Review Committee meeting.

I attended bi-weekly meetings with other City of Tomah Department Supervisors.

I attended several meetings involving the WPPA/TPPA union mediation process.

I attended a meeting to discuss the Tomah Police Department's involvement in a county-wide traffic task force. This task force is funded by grants from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

I attended a Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit quarterly meeting.

I attended the monthly Committee of the Whole meeting.

I attended a Monroe County Safety Coalition monthly meeting.

I attended the Western Technical College Advisory Board quarterly meeting.

I attended an Our Town Tomah meeting. In conjunction with this I organized the Downtown Tomah Clean Up project.

I facilitated and attended a meeting between the alcohol license holders, the Police Department, and the City Clerk. Those in attendance included several bar owners, license holders, bartenders, city council members, and members of the Ad Hoc Alcohol Review Committee.

I attended a Tomah Area Boys and Girls Club Board of Director meeting.

I attended a Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force quarterly meeting.

I facilitated an Administrative Staff meeting.

I facilitated a Command Staff meeting.

OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out in the month of April 2015 by Lieutenant Ron Waddell:

I have been participating in training for Crisis Intervention, which is the evaluation and assisting of individuals with mental health issues. This training has been segmented and is taking place every Friday for five weeks

I have been participating in planning sessions with members of the Tomah School District creating plans for responding to active shooter situations

All scheduling responsibilities (time off, overtime, special events, etc.)

Facilitated responsibilities as a Time Agency Coordinator (TAC), scheduling on-line recertification and conducting expiration audits. Task is shared with Lt. Scott Holum

I conducted shift supervisor activities on several of my regularly scheduled shifts and was available for incident command/high risk calls.

I attended and participated in an Administrative Staff meeting.

I attended and participated in a Command Staff meeting.

I assist with incoming temporary evidence as needed. The evidence responsibilities also required return of evidence and limited destruction of evidence as time permitted. Evidence was provided to officers for follow-up and/or turn over to other police agencies.

SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out by Lieutenant Scott Holum in the month of April 2015:

I conducted Shift Supervisor responsibilities on some of my shifts.

I monitored the Prescription Drug Box in the front lobby of the police department.

Sergeant Preuss and I processed all incoming evidence.

I oversaw the Field Training program that is supervised by Sergeant Pedersen. Officer Franks and Officer Gimson are now each on solo patrol.

I provided oversight to Sergeant Huneck and Sergeant Jones concerning the Fleet Maintenance program with scheduled and unscheduled repairs. A new squad car was placed into service on 4-20-15.

I assisted Lt. Waddell in scheduling related matters.

I performed the duties as the department's Time Agency Coordinator (TAC) and scheduled recertification training for department staff.

I attended an agency head meeting with Judge Ziegler concerning DNA collection.

I scheduled officers for training throughout Wisconsin to meet the needs of the individual officer and the department.

I attended and participated in an Administrative Staff meeting.

I attended and participated in a Command Staff meeting.

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT CALL OUT:

None to report.

TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT TACTICAL CALL OUT:

None to report

TRAINING REVIEW:

Training was conducted on April 21st in Tomah beginning at the Tomah Police Department and ending in a rural manhunt exercise on state land south of Tomah. Personnel met at the Tomah Police Department and received classroom instruction on operation of the MRAP armored vehicle. The MRAP operator training consisted of a classroom presentation and review of vehicle operations course. Team members then went to Recreation Park where personnel completed the MRAP driving course that was developed from fire apparatus course standards. All personnel completed the driving course and at a minimum the driving course helped personnel discover their strengths and weaknesses when operating the vehicle. While one group was conducting the driving exercise the other group was participating in a review of rural small unit techniques in the open area at the west side of the park. After the exercises at Recreation Park two simulated rural manhunt exercises were conducted on state owned land southwest of the City.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

April 1

Spoke with two students in regards to threatening comments and actions between the two of them.

April 8

Instructed G.R.E.A.T. at Tomah Middle School.

Follow up on an accident report from earlier in the week.

Met with Paul Skofronick.

April 9

Spoke with a student in regards to student smoking marijuana.

Spoke with ISP workers in regards to juvenile runaways that were located.

Spoke with a student in regards to follow up with an accident report.

Spoke with a parent who was having difficulty getting their child to school. I also had a follow up conversation with the middle school student in regards to truancy laws.

Follow up with Steve Buss in regards to the grandparent who was a sex offender. I advised grandparent to contact the school to set up a plan if they would be visiting the school.

Talked with a parent in regards to their child being a runaway.

April 10

Spoke with a student at Robert Kupper Learning Center who wanted to report drug activity.

Spoke with two students in regards to harassment issues between the two of them.

Student at Tomah Middle School left school very upset. Unable to locate student but I did advise parent of the situation.

Follow up with parent of juvenile runaway.

Mock Crash conducted at Tomah High School.

April 13

Assisted with setup of Reality Check

Took a Damage to Property report at Lemonweir School.

License plate check for parking violation.

Served Truancy citations from Tomah High School reports.

Completed Truancy citations from reports received from Tomah Middle School.

April 14

Attended and assist with Reality Check event.

Met with student at Tomah Middle School in regards to a theft report.

Met with a staff member about an underage alcohol violation/concern.

Received information in regards to a physical abuse concern. Staff had already contacted Monroe County Human Services for assistance.

Received information in regards to a sexual assault that occurred two months ago at Tomah High School. Staff obtained a statement for further follow up.

Received a call for assistance with a student at Lemonweir School. Student eventually taken to the Juvenile Detention Center.

Received a message from staff member at LaGrange School about a student making suicidal statements.

Spoke with a business person about donating transmissions to shop classes.

April 15

Spoke with 9th grade Health classes.

Assisted Officer Franks in making contacts in regards to sexual assault investigation.

Spoke with a parent in regards to concerns about Facebook bullying. Sgt. Pedersen is already working on this matter.

April 16

Attended and participated in Child Development Day.

April 17

Attended all day training.

April 20

No reportable contacts.

April 21

Completed a Truancy citation.

April 22

Instructed G.R.E.A.T. at Tomah Middle School.

April 23

Instructed G.R.E.A.T. at Tomah Middle School.

Met with visiting Thai Students.

April 24

Spoke with student and foster parent about a hit list

Spoke with a student at LaGrange School in regards to stealing while on the Washington DC trip.

Spoke with a student at LaGrange School about gun hand signs.

Served citation to student at Robert Kupper Learning Center.

Assisted patrol with an ambulance call.

Follow up with student at Tomah Middle School.

April 27

Responded to a student out of control call at Miller School.

Parking enforcement at Tomah High School.

Spoke with juvenile probation in Rock County, about student attending Tomah Middle School and the hit list they created.

Conversation with Paul Skofronick about students.

Instructed G.R.E.A.T. at St. Mary's School.

April 28

Attend an At Risk meeting with Monroe County Human Services personnel.

Parking enforcement

April 29

Phone call from Tomah Municipal Court in regards to student not showing up for court after receiving a subpoena.

Talked with a parent whose child is being referred to Monroe County Human Services.

Dealt with a student who ran away from LaGrange School.

April 30

Assisted with an accident on Butts Avenue.

Meeting with parent/child in regards to situation that they feel is bullying.

Meeting with parent/child in regards to a verbal altercation with another student.

Instructed G.R.E.A.T. at Tomah Middle School.

Spoke with student in regards to parking ticket.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A meeting was held between the alcohol license holders, the Police Department, and the City Clerk. Those in attendance included several bar owners, license holders, bartenders, city council members, and members of the Ad Hoc Alcohol Review Committee.

The Chief organized and participated in the Downtown Tomah Clean Up project.

TRAINING

The following training was conducted in April:

FBI/ALERRT Active Shooter Instructor: Sergeant Weaver

Internet Investigations: Officer Marshall

Field Training Officer: Officer Perkins

Advanced Impaired Driving: Officer Steinborn

Drug Interdiction: Officer Franks

Crisis Intervention Training: Lieutenant Waddell, Sergeant Huneck, Investigator Sloan, Officer Keller, and Officer Franks

Open Record Training: Administrative Assistant Culpitt

INVESTIGATIONS

[15-0572] **Strangulation/Suffocation, False Imprisonment, 2nd Degree – Sexual Assault, Battery, Disorderly Conduct**

Tomah officers investigated a domestic violence complaint that occurred on the 500 block of Williams Street. Officers spoke to a female victim who indicated her boyfriend had choked her while she was holding their infant child. The boyfriend refused to allow the victim to leave and call the Police. The boyfriend is currently on probation and was taken into custody at the Probation Office. The boyfriend was transported to the Monroe County Jail.

[15-0582] Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated

A Tomah officer was traveling on Townline Road and met another vehicle. This vehicle activated several extremely bright off road lights as it approached the Officer's squad. The officer turned around and conducted a traffic stop. The operator of the vehicle was determined to be impaired and was taken into custody. A passenger in the vehicle was intoxicated, belligerent and had attempted to walk away from the traffic stop. Officers learned this subject was armed with a knife. The knife was removed for safety reasons and the subject became even more belligerent. The subject was arrested, issued a citation and ultimately released.

[15-0584] Strangulation/Suffocation, Battery, Disorderly Conduct

Tomah officers responded to the 300 block of East Juneau Street for a reported domestic disturbance. Officers arrived and learned that a male and female had been involved in a physical altercation the previous night. Officers were informed the male subject had obtained a samurai sword and advanced towards the female and both of them fell to the floor. The male was taken into custody and transported to the Monroe County Jail.

PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

April Personnel Complaints = 0 Year-To-Date Personnel Complaints = 0

EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE

04-30-15

Chief Mark Nicholson	12/14/1989
Lt. Ron Waddell	1/10/1992
Admin. Asst. Rhonda Culpitt	12/12/1994
Sgt. Pete Huneck	2/12/1995
Sgt. Mike Preuss	2/25/1996
Sgt. Chris Weaver	12/28/1997
Investigator Robert Walensky	3/21/1999
Lt. Scott Holum	5/2/1999
Officer Melanie L Marshall	5/28/2000
Investigator Paul C Sloan	5/13/2001
Officer Brittney J Westpfahl	1/16/2005
Sgt. Eric Pedersen	7/9/2005
Officer Steven C Keller	8/14/2005
Officer Aaron C Hintz	9/12/2005

Officer Jacob Jones	3/12/2006
Officer Jarrod M Furlano	1/13/2008
Police Clerk Diane Renteria	2/23/2009
Officer Jennifer L Helgerson	7/18/2010
Custodian Megan Drinkwine	1/6/2011
Officer Adam Perkins	9/4/2011
Officer Wilbert Steinborn	10/28/2012
Police Clerk Janelle Faulkner	4/16/2013
Officer Tyler Franks	6/22/2014
Officer Nicholas Gimson	8/31/2014



APRIL 2015



Reports

	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Reports	166	612	577	35	11.79%
Alarm	17	54	37	17	45.95%
Burglaries	0	2	6	-4	-66.67%
Criminal Damage	16	56	45	11	24.44%
Death Investigations	4	6	4	2	50.00%
Disorderly Conduct	14	73	68	5	7.35%
Theft/shoplifting	33	96	80	16	20.00%
School Reports	20	57	43	14	32.56%

Traffic Crashes

	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Traffic Crashes	22	82	75	7	9.33%
Property Damage	13	54	50	4	8.00%
Persons Killed					
Persons Injured	5	14	13	1	7.69%
Pedestrians Injured					

Citations/arrests

	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Criminal Referrals	64	312	441	-129	-29.25%
Total Municipal Citations	182	712	511	201	39.33%
Burglary	0	2	0	2	0%
Curfew	0	0	0	0	0%
Disorderly Conduct	12	69	61	8	13.11%
Drug Related Charges	4	55	125	-70	-56.00%
Parking Citations	55	318	545	-227	-41.65%
Underage Alcohol violations	13	30	33	-3	-9.09%
Warrants	33	96	97	-1	-1.03%
Traffic Citations Total	204	758	607	151	24.88%
Traffic OAR/OAS	30	139	97	42	43.30%
Traffic OWI	7	35	29	6	20.69%
Traffic Seatbelt	23	41	16	25	156.25%
Traffic Speed Citations	16	86	41	45	109.76%
Traffic Warnings	37	106	94	12	12.77%
Traffic Warnings 5 Day	10	24	71	-47	-66.20%

2015 OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED STATISTICS

CASE #	AGE	SEX	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	BAC	REST SUBSTANCE TYPE
15-0001	M	25	X							0.140	
15-0014	F	24		X						0.206	
15-0054	M	26		X						0.156	Refusal
15-0055	F	39	X								
15-0078	F	25		X						0.150	
12-0086	M	29		X						0.130	
15-0087	F	28		X						0.150	
15-0122	F	46	X							0.130	
15-0159	M	62	X							0.160	
15-0170	M	53	X							0.180	
15-0170	M	53	X							0.180	
15-0191	M	23	X							0.190	
15-0191	M	23	X							0.190	
15-0197	M	31	X								Refusal
15-0226	M	58	X								Refusal
15-0271	M	53			X					0.110	
15-0274	M	43		X						0.170	
15-0288	M	25	X							0.000	Not received yet-pending
15-0299	M	34	X							0.142	
15-0300	M	17	X							0.000	Not received yet-pending
15-0303	M	52	X							0.140	
15-0306	F	34		X						0.278	
15-0388	M	24	X							0.130	
15-0398	M	23		X						0.194	
15-0403	M	38				X				0.078	
15-0416	M	35			X					0.187	
15-0464	M	26		X						0.231	
15-0515	M	53			X					0.027	Drug panel pending
15-0544	M	34	X							0.120	
15-0557	M	23	X							0.150	
15-0582	M	24	X							0.130	
15-0600	M	37						X			Not received yet-pending
TOTALS			16	9	3	1		1		0.153 (3.679/24)	AVERAGE BAC