

TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT



“Serving the Community”

December 2012 Report

POLICE CHIEF WES REVELS

CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES

I attended a meeting of the Monroe County Safety Coalition. Julia Sherman from the Wisconsin Alcohol Project presented information to the group.

I attended a meeting of the Our Town Tomah group.

I conducted an Administrative Staff meeting.

I attended the bi-weekly Department Head meetings.

I attended meetings related to labor negotiations and personnel manual update meetings.

I attended a Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Board of Directors meeting.

I conducted a Command Staff meeting.

I met with other law enforcement agency representatives along with representatives from Monroe County Human Services. We met to review the Memorandum of Understanding related to the Multi-Disciplinary Investigative Team.

OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out in the month of December, 2012 by Lieutenant Mark Nicholson:

Completed requests made by the City Attorney's office and the District Attorney's office for copies of evidence related to audio, video and pictures. Managed and processed the open records requests for audio and video related evidence

Conducted shift supervisor activities on many of my regularly scheduled shifts.

Assisted in the weekly monitoring of the Prescription Drug Drop Off Box located in the lobby of the Tomah Police Department.

Monitored and processed incoming temporary evidence, assuring that it was properly packaged and labeled. Once this was completed the evidence was processed into the evidence room. 170 pieces of evidence were processed into the Evidence Room throughout the month.

Assumed Incident Command duties for a call which occurred within the City of Tomah. This incident involved a subject who threatened suicide. Agencies from the Tomah Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Wisconsin State Patrol,

Tomah Fire Department, and the Tomah Area Ambulance assisted on scene. The subject was located deceased in his residence.

Managed all schedule related issues for all sworn department members. This task included schedule variations related to comp time, vacation time, court time, training time, sick leave and special assignments.

Assisted in the facilitation of the department's social media networks to include Facebook and Twitter.

SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out in the month of December, 2012 by Lieutenant Ron Waddell:

No report available

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT

Call Out:

No call outs in December.

Training:

Training was conducted in Tomah and began at the Tomah Police Department before moving to Lemonweir School for practical exercises. Training consisted of a team meeting and debrief of non-CTU tactical situation in Tomah on 12/14/12. Sgt. Weaver led the discussion and requested input from team members regarding their decisions at key points before explaining what Tomah Police Department personnel did. Not surprisingly, team member decision making closely mirrored what Tomah Police Department did in the real world situation. Officer Nelson then provided a review of TC³ protocols and also conducted an inspection of all team members' medical kits and provided input as to better placement of the kits and some components. Sgt. Weaver and Officer Nelson then conducted the classroom Flash bang training since we may have opportunity to train in a house that is going to be burned by Tomah Fire and we wanted new team members who haven't had the Flash bang classroom training to be prepared for practical Flash bang use in January if we are able to use the house. After the classroom training team members conducted practical training at Lemonweir School in Tomah, which was coordinated by Sgt. Pedersen. Slow and deliberate search techniques were practiced and ultimately everyone was able to participate in a small team exercise where the suspect was encountered and taken into custody.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

December

3 – Student reported their vehicle stolen. One student cited for Truancy, Operating Without Valid Driver's License and referred to Monroe County Human Services for OMVWOC.

Spoke with a student in regards to Exhibition of Power and Speed at Recreation Park

4- Spoke with a student in regards to behavior issues at Tomah Middle School.

Spoke with the mother of the student from December 3rd in regards to questions/concerns.

Spoke to parent of a student in regards to the student's suicidal statements. Guidance counselor already met with the student and then advised me. No reason to believe the student was serious so information provided to the parent.

Person stopped at Tomah High School to report finding marijuana in a microwave left for junk just a couple of blocks from the school.

5- Community relations at Tomah Senior Center in regards to older drivers.

Spoke with new student in regards to his behavior and expectations. Also spoke with the PLO at Mauston in regards to this student.

Spoke with a parent concerned in regards to their student skipping school and concerns with family of student's girlfriend/boyfriend. Spoke with the boyfriend's/girlfriend's mother about the issue also.

6- Attended the Child Abuse Task Force meeting in Sparta.

Assisted with an uncooperative student at Tomah Middle School. Student was taken to secure detention in La Crosse.

Spoke with the victim from the OMVWOC and parents in regards to additional concerns about the suspect.

Discussed court records and information with the school principal.

Three new truancy referrals.

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

Citations served to three students.

Spoke with a student in regards to a driving complaint that involved them.

Spoke with a student at the request of a staff member in regards to threatening text messages that were received. Student indicated they were not concerned about the threats.

10- Commitment of student to Gundersen Lutheran in La Crosse.

11- Spoke with a student receiving phone calls on cell phone in regards to a company trying to collect money.

Spoke with a student and parent in regards to harassment that is ongoing amongst all parties involved. Spoke with students involved.

Information received from transportation office about pills on a school bus. One student admitted to providing the pills that another snorted on the bus. Info provided to Monroe County Investigator.

Assisted Monroe County Human Services with a physical abuse complaint.

13- Spoke with Paul Skofronick in regards to a trespassing question and clarification.

Spoke with a parent in regards to her student who was injured during a wrestling meet the previous weekend. Does not appear to be a malicious attack.

Spoke with a student in regards to harassment in the hallways by another student who is also a relative and there are issues within the extended family.

Left return message to a parent who had called in regards to the harassment issue earlier in the week that was addressed. I did not hear back from the parent.

14- Spoke with a student who struck a vehicle in the parking lot. Minor damage. I advised the other student of what occurred as well.

Spoke with a student in regards to another student swearing at them in the hallway. The student swearing was on bond and was not to have contact with the victim student. Suspect student arrested for Bailjumping and transported to jail.

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19 Spoke with a student in regards to concerns with another student at Tomah High School.

Spoke with two students in regards to each harassing the other over a split friendship and clothing.

Spoke with a student in regards to taking a friend's cell phone off a staff member's desk.

Spoke with a student in regards to him being upset at school and wanting to leave.

20 - Follow up on rumors in regards to a person purchasing guns and ammunition. Deemed to be unfounded and misunderstood due to a Facebook posting.

21- Heightened security at Tomah High School in regards to numerous violence rumors.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

I attended a Holiday reception at the invitation of Colonel Nott, Base Commander at Fort McCoy.

Administrative Assistant Culpitt and I assisted with the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party.

The Department's Giving Tree was successful in that we helped thirty families have a better Holiday season.

INVESTIGATIONS

[12-2419] Bail Jumping, Disorderly Conduct-Alcohol Related, Obstructing an Officer, Underage Possession of Alcohol

A Tomah Officer observed an SUV parked over the curb and on the boulevard near the dam on Parkview Street. There was no operator in the vehicle and a male subject was located in the passenger seat. The male subject appeared to be sleeping and was drooling on himself. The doors to the vehicle were locked and an open container of alcohol was observed in the center console. Officers were eventually able to roust the subject from his slumber and had contact with him. The subject was a 19-year-old male who was on bond out of Monroe County with restriction on alcohol consumption. The subject tried walking away from officers and then briefly attempted to fight with officers. The Officers were able to secure the subject with handcuffs and he was transported to jail.

[12-2426] Possession of a Switchblade Knife, Bail Jumping-Felony, Bail Jumping, Warrant Arrest

Tomah officers received information that a wanted subject was at the Tomah Veterans Affairs. Officers had contact with the subject who had two warrants for his arrest. The subject was in possession of a 'butterfly' knife at the time he was checked into the hospital. The subject had restrictions on his bond indicating he is not to possess any weapons. The subject was transported to the Monroe County Jail.

[12-2431] Recklessly Endangering Safety-2nd Degree, Battery, Disorderly Conduct, Intoxicated Use of a Weapon

Tomah officers were dispatched to an address on Carol Kay Street for a domestic disturbance. Officers arrived and determined two brothers had been involved in a physical altercation inside a residence. During the altercation one of the brothers obtained a loaded .357 revolver, cocked the hammer and pointed it at his brother. The brother who pointed the firearm was taken into custody

and transported to Tomah Memorial Hospital for a legal blood draw and then to the Monroe County Jail.

[12-2455] Bail Jumping-Felony, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Resisting an Officer, Shoplifting and Probation Hold

Tomah officers were dispatched to Walmart for a shoplifting in progress. Descriptions of all involved parties were given to officers who were on scene and waiting until the subjects departed the store. One of the subjects exited the store and was taken into custody. This subject had stolen four DVD's and removed them from their cases. This subject also had numerous other items concealed in his coat. Three additional subjects, one male and two females, began to exit the store and were confronted by officers. The male subject was contacted and refused to cooperate. The subject refused to comply with orders from the Police and was decentralized to the floor. The subject continued to physically resist and force was used to overcome that active resistance. The subject was taken into custody and determined to be armed with a seven inch fixed blade knife that he wore near his waistline. Two subjects were taken to jail and a third subject was cited for Shoplifting.

[12-2468] Bail Jumping-Felony, Resisting an Officer

Tomah officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of Superior Avenue for a subject that was beaten up and was not moving. Officers arrived and met with the victim. The victim didn't cooperate with the Police. Officers determined the victim was on felony bond conditions with restrictions on alcohol consumption. The subject had been consuming alcohol. The subject was taken into custody for the crime of Bailjumping and transported to Tomah Memorial Hospital. The subject fought with officers while at the hospital. The subject was later transported to the Monroe County Jail.

[12-2471] Bail Jumping-Felony, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Resisting Arrest

A Tomah Officer responded to Walmart to make contact with a person believed to be wanted. The officer confirmed that the suspect was wanted and located the suspect at Walmart. The suspect was taken into custody but refused to get into a Police vehicle. The suspect's actions resulted in the officer having to force him into the vehicle. The suspect made comments of killing police officers and their families for forcing a person into a squad car. The suspect made numerous other threats which are in violation Monroe County bond conditions that he is currently on.

[12-2476] Shoplifting, Obstructing an Officer

Tomah officers responded to Walmart for a shoplifting complaint. The suspect(s) departed the store prior to arrival and were located and stopped on East Washington Street. The investigation revealed a 14-year-old male entered the store wearing white shoes, walked to the shoe department and swapped shoes and left the store wearing black shoes. This activity was observed by Asset Protection personnel. The suspect's mother told police that she purchased the shoes at an earlier date. The mother was confronted with overwhelming evidence but continued to provide false information to Police. The suspect was cited for Shoplifting and the mother was cited for Obstructing.

[12-2484] Substantial Battery (Felony), Disorderly Conduct

Tomah officers were dispatched to the area near The Bank Bar for a reported battery. Officers arrived and met with a male victim who indicated he entered the bar and was confronted by another male. This other male punched the victim in the mouth. The victim's two front teeth were smashed backwards towards the roof of his mouth. The suspect was located in the bar and arrested. The suspect indicated the victim had previously hit on his girlfriend at that's what the altercation was

over. The victim was treated at Tomah Memorial Hospital and then was taken by family to an Orthodontic Specialist in La Crosse, WI. The suspect was taken to jail.

PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

December Personnel Complaints = 1 Year-To-Date Personnel Complaints = 3