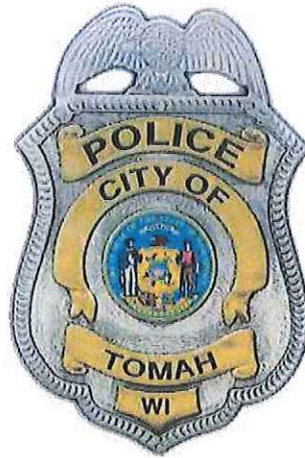


# **TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**"Serving the Community"**

**December 2014 Report**

### **CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES**

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out in the month of December 2014:

I attended the monthly Committee of the Whole meeting.

I attended the Monroe County Coordinated Services Team meeting.

I attended the Monroe County Safe Community Coalition Alcohol and Prescription Drug workgroup meetings.

I attended the Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit and Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force quarterly Administrative meetings.

I attended a Monroe County Child Abuse Task Force meeting.

I attended a Monroe County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council meeting.

I attended the Our Town Tomah meeting.

I attended a Monroe County Board meeting where the topic of discussion involved the radio project which they are implementing.

I attended and facilitated an Administrative Staff Meeting.

I attended a meeting with members of Monroe County Human Services to discuss the Chapter 51 process.

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

### **OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES**

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out in the month of December 2014 by Lieutenant Ron Waddell:

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

I attended an Administrative Staff Meeting.

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 many of my regularly scheduled shifts and was available for incident command/high risk calls.

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.

Organized and facilitated tour of the police department with Handishop Industries employees and their aides.

The department is currently at full staff; however, in the interest of being prepared for unplanned personnel departures, we are engaged in the process of creating an Eligibility List for future hires. As such, our agency has entered a partnership with a new and growing company that is in the business of recruiting, testing, and recommending entry level law enforcement officers. This agreement is at no cost to the City.

There were a few instances over the month whereas I was called by department personnel seeking approval to conduct certain investigative operations that would require managerial approval.

### **SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES**

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out by Lieutenant Scott Holum in the month of December 2014:

I conducted Shift Supervisor responsibilities on most of my shifts.

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

I attended an Administrative Staff Meeting.

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.

I assisted Lt. Waddell in scheduling related matters.

I made plans through Chippewa River Industries for the addition of an intern. Kody will be joining the Tomah Police Department on January 2, 2015. Kody will be washing squad cars one day each week.

I completed a \$4,000 DOT grant that was awarded to the Tomah Police Department through our efforts from the "Click It or Ticket" mobilization. After the grant is processed, 10 TASER Axon body cameras will be purchased and distributed to the patrol staff to be worn while on duty.

I scheduled changeover for the supervisor's patrol vehicle. A 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe was replaced with a 2014 Ford SUV.

I made arrangements for the purchase of a 2015 Ford SUV for the patrol staff. The 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe was traded in towards the purchase of this new vehicle.

### **COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT**

CTU MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2014

#### COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT CALL OUT:

December 6: Barricaded Suspect – Sparta. Sparta Police Department requested CTU Call Out for a Barricaded Suspect on John Street. Sparta Police responded to a Domestic Disturbance Call and upon arrival learned that the suspect was in the residence, intoxicated and armed with a shotgun. Sparta Police personnel attempted to communicate with the suspect, but he refused to exit the residence. CTU tactical personnel as well as negotiator personnel from Sparta Police Department and Tomah Police Department responded. As tactical personnel reinforced the inner perimeter and developed plans for insertion of chemical agents into the residence negotiator personnel engaged the suspect in communication. When the suspect continued to refuse demands to exit the residence and Sparta Police Department secured a search warrant. A chemical agent deployment plan was presented to the incident commander and approved. Tactical commander requested that negotiators increase the intensity of their communications and notify the suspect that there was likely to be property damage occurring if he did not exit the residence. A short time after the increased intensity of communications began the suspect agreed to exit and was detained outside by CTU tactical personnel.

#### TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT TACTICAL CALL OUT:

December 23: Drug Buy-Bust Operation – Tomah. Investigators from the Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force requested tactical personnel assist with a Drug Buy-Bust Operation in Tomah. Investigators were going to utilize a confidential informant to purchase heroin from a suspect traveling to Tomah from Madison, Wisconsin for the transaction. Four tactical personnel from the Tomah Police Department assisted with this operation. A tactical plan was developed to follow the suspect vehicle after the transaction and then conduct a high risk traffic stop on I-94 when the suspect vehicle was returning to Madison, Wisconsin area. In an effort to stop a vehicle pursuit a Tomah Police Department officer and two Troopers from Wisconsin State Patrol were deployed on I-94 with tire deflation devices ready. Upon conducting the traffic stop the buy money was thrown out the vehicle window on I-94. The high risk traffic stop was conducted and two suspects were detained in the vehicle without incident. After the suspects were secured tactical personnel conducted a search for the evidence and were successful in recovering all of the discarded buy money.

#### TRAINING:

Training was conducted at the High Risk Entry Facility (HREF) at Northeast Counterdrug – Volk Field and consisted of Immediate Action – Officer Down and K-9 Searches. Various Immediate Action – Officer Down scenarios were conducted and

trained on including: stairway, hallway and breach point. K-9 Searches both on-leash and off-leash were conducted and culminated in some Immediate Action – Officer Down with K-9 integration were performed where the K-9 was inserted into the room over the downed officer.

### **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

#### **Dec 1**

Assisted administration with a medical emergency regarding a staff member.

Interviews/follow up with several Robert Kupper students regarding matters such as threats, disorderly conduct and sexual assault.

#### **Dec 2**

Spoke with a student claiming to be bullied and wrote a suicidal comment. Student was not actually being bullied but was arguing with a friend.

Concerns in regards to a student who is currently homeless. Student refuses to follow household rules and was asked to leave.

Follow up with a student in regards to family issues at home and an argument with a parent about home school options.

Concerns in regards to students whose parent is currently incarcerated. Determined that the students are being cared for by other family members and family friends.

Possession of Marijuana at Tomah Middle School. Staff found marijuana in a locker. One student admitted to possession and the other to distribution. Both students cited for Possession of Marijuana.

K9 sniff at Tomah Middle School following up after marijuana was found in the school.

#### **Dec 3**

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

Follow up interview with another student involved in possession of marijuana that was discovered at Tomah Middle School. Student cited for Possession of Marijuana after admitting to their involvement.

Follow up with a parent whose student was cited for Possession of Marijuana.

#### **Dec 4**

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

Interview with student in regards to a domestic with father. Student had already reported to Juneau County and matter was referred to Juneau County Human Services.

Follow up with parent whose student was cited for Possession of Marijuana.

**Dec 5**

Spoke with a high school student in regards to outstanding fines and what they needed to pay.

Chapter 51 at Tomah Middle School. Student taken to Winnebago Mental Health.

**Dec 8**

Attended School Safety Meeting.

Spoke with guidance counselor with concerns about a homeless student.

Served Truancy citations.

Phone call with parent in regards to a citation.

Spoke with a parent who is currently housing a homeless student.

Completed chapter report.

Tobacco violation. Student was 18 so no citation but tobacco was seized and destroyed.

**Dec 9**

Spoke with two different staff members who provided information about a student driving with a suspended license.

Citizen stopped in and reported a traffic complaint with a student driver. Student was counseled.

Information of a student possibly under the influence. Administration followed up and did not have any concerns.

Spoke with a student in regards to complaints about how they drive in the parking lot.

Received information on a possible Chapter 51. Student sending text messages was in Jackson County. Jackson County Human Services was advised of the issue along with the student's parents.

**Dec 10**

Assisted County Officer in locating a high school student.

Spoke with Chief about Quick 50 payments.

Follow up phone call with family friend caring for children whose parent is incarcerated.

Follow up in regards to Chapter 51 from previous week.

Concerns from a citizen about a neighbor complaint and suspicious activity with the children.

Concern from St. Mary's in regards to a physical abuse complaint. Reported to Monroe County Deputy and Monroe County Human Services. They followed up with student.

#### **Dec 11**

Report of a student in possession of a pocket knife. Knife was recovered and student cited for Possession of Dangerous Weapon.

Assisted with a medical call with a student with dislocated knee cap.

#### **Dec 12**

Follow up with a student to determine their true legal name.

Assisted patrol staff with calls.

Follow up reports.

Worked on follow up in regards to a stolen vehicle.

Follow up with parents in regards to a harassment complaint.

Spoke with a parent about concerns with a homeless student they are hosting.

#### **Dec 15**

Worked on follow up with stolen vehicle.

Debriefing in regards to vehicle pursuit around the area of the city.

Received a phone call from a parent in regards to an incident that occurred on the school bus.

Truancy citation served to student whose parent is incarcerated.

Wallet that was found at the school given to me to return to owner.

Medical call with a student unconscious and seizing. Transported to hospital.

#### **Dec 16**

Follow up with the parent of the student who was transported to the hospital yesterday.

Follow up conversation with student whose parent is incarcerated.

Report of a hit and run accident in the parking lot.

#### **Dec 17**

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

Drug call at Tomah Middle School. Student cited for Possession of Marijuana.

### **Dec 18**

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

Follow up reference hit and run in the parking lot.

### **Dec 19**

Served Truancy citations.

Assisted patrol officer with traffic incident and citation service to a student.

Assisted Monroe County Human Services and Investigator with an interview.

Spoke with a student in regards to a sexual assault.

## **CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

The Giving Tree was facilitated by Administrative Assistant Culpitt. We partnered with Families First who provided information on 35 boys/girls for placement on the tree. All cards were taken and all gifts were received and given to Families First for distribution prior to Christmas day. All subjects who are placed on the tree do reside in the City of Tomah.

## **TRAINING**

Swat Team Leader  
Radar Certification

## **INVESTIGATIONS**

### **[14-1565] Robbery-Strong arm, Substantial Battery, Aggravated Battery**

An officer responded to an address on Edgewood Avenue for a reported disturbance. Upon arrival, the officer learned the occupant had been attacked. The victim stated he answered the door and was immediately shoved backwards. The victim grabbed a flashlight in an attempt to protect himself but the suspect took the flashlight and began hitting the victim. The suspect wanted the victim's wallet but fled after the victim said he was calling the Police. The victim sustained a gash to one of his shins that required stitches to close. The victim stated he knew who the suspect was. At the time of this report the suspect has not been located.

### **[14-1841] Battery to Police Officer, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest**

A Tomah officer was patrolling the downtown bar district and observed a fight in progress on the corner of Superior Avenue and West Juneau Street. The officer stepped out and began to try and separate the parties. There were five people involved and two



tried walking away. The officer instructed everyone to sit on the sidewalk as he was alone and outnumbered and needed to stabilize the situation. All parties, except for one, complied. One subject refused to comply and when instructed to stop claimed he didn't have to. This subject was decentralized to the sidewalk. When this happened, one of the other male subjects got up and began to aggressively advance towards the officer and refused to stop. This subject was controlled with two separate Electronic Control Devices (ECD), both were ineffective. At this same time, the original male that refused to stop punched an officer in the face and then in the shoulder. Officers were eventually able to control the subjects and all parties were placed in handcuffs. This call required an 'Emergency Broadcast' to all surrounding Law Enforcement personnel. Members from the Wisconsin State Patrol and Monroe County Sheriff's Department arrived to assist. The male subject that punched the officer possesses anti-government beliefs and was taken to jail. Three of the four male subjects were taken to jail.

**[14-1870] Recklessly Endangering Safety-1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Bail Jumping-Felony, Reckless Driving**

A Tomah officer was traveling south on Noth Avenue and was passed by a vehicle traveling at a speed much greater than the posted limit. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle but the vehicle refused to stop and turned into Country View Estates. The vehicle then left the roadway and began to travel through several yards. The officer immediately stopped pursuing after an immediate risk assessment. The vehicle traveled around the trailer park, through more backyards and left the park. The vehicle was located at an address on Bow Street. The investigation resulted in a confession from a 20-year-old female who stated she fled because she only had a driving permit and didn't have a valid driver in the vehicle.

**[14-1879] Agency Assist**

Tomah officers assisted Kenosha Police Department with locating and arresting a male suspect who was wanted for repeated acts of sexual assault against a child under the age of thirteen. The suspect was located at his place of employment and taken into custody without incident. The suspect was released to Kenosha Police Department and he was transported to Kenosha, Wisconsin.

**PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS**

December Personnel Complaints = 0      Year-To-Date Personnel Complaints = 6

**EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE**

**12-31-14**

Police Clerk Donette Mashin	8/1/1978
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