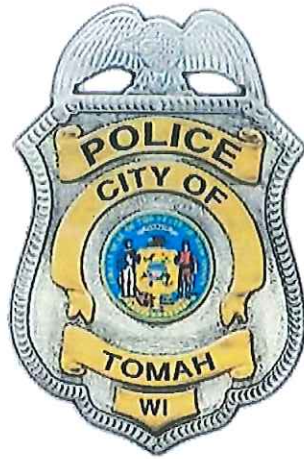


TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT



"Serving the Community"

December 2015 Report

CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES

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

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

I attended the monthly Committee of the Whole meeting.

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

As a board member of the Tomah Area Boys and Girls Club I attended meetings related to this organization.

In November the City Council approved the changes to our alcohol ordinances and the creation of a Demerit Point System. As a result of those changes a meeting was held in December with the Licensed Agents, Operators, and several representatives from the City of Tomah. During the meeting we discussed the ordinances, demerit point system, and licensing process. Fire Chief Adler also spoke to them about building code issues which he will be addressing during the next wave of inspections. Assistant City Clerk Stephanie Rowell provided information to them relating to the licensing process and new forms which they will be seeing in the future.

I attended Administrative Staff meetings with members of the Tomah Police Department.

The Tomah Police Department facilitates the Christmas Giving Tree. In conjunction with Families First 36 children were chosen to receive gifts. Several members of the department and I spent a morning at Families First distributing the gifts to the families.

OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

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

All scheduling responsibilities (time off, overtime, special events, etc.) Being two officers short on the sworn staff puts a strain on accomplishing day-to-day operations and the extra duty assignments. Many staff routinely are giving up their days off in order to accomplish the department goals to provide appropriate staffing.

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

Many of my shifts require a dual role, working as shift supervisor and completing administrative responsibilities.

Provide assistance with incoming temporary evidence as needed. The evidence responsibilities may require return of evidence and limited destruction of evidence as time permitted. Evidence is provided to officers for follow-up and/or turn over to other police agencies.

Review of all Use of Force Reports.

With the purchase and implementation of a new squad into the fleet, the oldest squad was removed and posted online for sale through Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction Services. The Tomah Police Department no longer has Ford Crown Victoria's in its fleet.

SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out by Lieutenant Scott Holum in the month of December 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. The next disposal date for collected medications is on April 30, 2016.

I participated in the delivery of Christmas gifts from the department's Giving Tree to Families First in Tomah.

I attended a Tomah Police Department Administrative meeting.

The new Ford SUV patrol vehicle has been up-fitted with equipment and added to the fleet.

Equipment from the \$4,000 Click it or Ticket grant through DOT has been received.

Sergeant Preuss and I processed all incoming evidence.

I continued to research cases and purge property in the evidence storage area.

I oversaw the Field Training program that is supervised by Sergeant Pedersen. Officer Rylan Corcoran and Officer Brandon Kuhn are progressing well and have advanced to Step 3 of the training process. Domestic Violence and OMVWI scenario-based training is scheduled for both new officers.

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 performed the duties as the department's Time Agency Coordinator (TAC).

I scheduled Lieutenant Waddell, Sergeant Weaver, Sergeant Pedersen, and Officer Westpfahl for eTIME recertification through Wisconsin's TRAIN system. All members of the department are required to recertify every 2 years.

I scheduled department training for January. Officers will be participating in TASER recertification and Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT).

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT

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12/05/15: Goodman Street, Sparta – Barricaded Suspect. Sparta Police Department requested CTU activation for a Barricaded Suspect on Goodman Street in Sparta. Sparta Police and Monroe County Sheriff's Department personnel were investigating a Domestic Violence and Theft of Motor Vehicle case and upon attempting to contact the suspect he armed himself with a rifle and refused to exit the residence. The suspect was a prior jail deputy in Monroe County and La Crosse County and therefore had prior police training. The suspect exited the residence at one point and after being hit with less-lethal impact projectiles he was able to get back inside and continue the barricade. Mutual aid from the La Crosse County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team was requested and they responded with their BEARCAT armored vehicle to supplement our MRAP armored vehicle. Chemical agents were deployed into the residence and the suspect refused to exit. An exterior clearing operation was initiated and windows were ported and with pole camera and robot the majority of the ground level of the residence was cleared. The suspect was not located and attempts to deliver chemical agents into the basement were attempted. There was no access into the basement except an interior door and a window that that was covered by a deck on the backside of the residence. Explosive breaching charges were used by La Crosse County Sheriff's Department tactical personnel to make a hole on an exterior wall into the basement. Chemical agents were delivered through this hole and a pole camera was inserted to look for the suspect. The suspect threw laundry detergent at the camera to obscure the lens and the suspect threw the chemical agent grenade out the hole. The suspect then came upstairs but refused to exit the residence until he was hit with a less-lethal projectile. The suspect exited the residence and was taken into custody. This callout lasted approximately 10 hours and forced us to use a number of various tactics, techniques and procedures to take the suspect into custody.

TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT TACTICAL CALL OUT:

None to report.

TRAINING REVIEW:

December 15: Training was conducted in Sparta. The first portion was at Sparta Police Department and consisted of an in-depth debrief of two recent callouts in Sparta with team members from the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department Emergency Response Team. Debriefing actual incidents provides us a unique opportunity to discuss and learn from real life experiences. The second portion of the training was conducted at a Sparta school and involved building clearing with an emphasis on the newly acquired pole camera, which we were able to piece together with all parts in department inventory except for a computer tablet that was purchased with a donation from Kwik Trip. This equipment allows us the opportunity to view danger areas prior to officers entering those areas and greatly enhances officer safety.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

December 1

Sick Leave all day.

December 2

Two hour delay.

Citations served to students in regards to Truancy and one for Possession of Marijuana.

Received two new Truancy referrals.

Conversation with Paul Skofronick and Kim Shrake in regards to students.

Paid out restitution to students in regards to a case from October.

Tobacco violation. Student is 18 so there were school consequences. School provided me with a can of chewing tobacco.

Student voluntarily committed. Assisted with transportation to Tomah Memorial.

December 10

Spoke with a parent whose child has been sick. Based on concerns about student still being infectious parent was advised to keep child home another day. Administration was advised of the conversation and agreed with the outcome.

Concerns of physical abuse to 6 year old at Queen of the Apostle's School. Child and parent interviewed. Monroe County Human Services was also advised of the matter.

Concerns about issues a student was having at home with a parent. Parent picked up student for lunch and did not return student. Welfare check done and conversation with student and both parents.

December 11

Concerns about a student making suicidal type statements. Parent contacted.

Assisted with Fire Drill.

Spoke with Robert Kupper Learning Center Principal in regards to concerns.

Student contacted by school staff in regards to discipline. Student was advised if they left school they would be cited for truancy. I reiterated that with the student.

Spoke with a student in regards to concerns about a classmate and family issues. Advised student that matter was looked into yesterday and there are no concerns at this time.

Radio station interview.

Spoke with a parent in regards to their student having an issue with another student. Referred to administration for follow up.

Student in the Pack Program upset with discipline. Matter did not arise to a law enforcement issue but I stood by with staff while they talked to the agitated student. Parent came and picked up the student.

Accident reported in the parking lot at lunch. Non-reportable but involved parties exchanged information.

Sat in with a student in regards to multiple discipline issues. Student was advised if their behaviors continue I may have to cite them for Disorderly Conduct.

December 14

Attended the Pupil Services Meeting.

Sat in on a meeting with administration, parent and student in regards to students non-compliance.

Served Truancy citations to two students.

Spoke with a student who was asked not to contact their former girlfriend/boyfriend at their request; however they continues to text.

December 15

Completed a Sexual Assault report.

December 16

Not in schools.

December 17

Follow up questions in regards to Sexual Assault complaint.

Transported a sick student to a relative's home.

Served Truancy citations.

Ambulance call for a student who was upset about discipline and then complained of chest pain. At the time the parent was contacted they made threatening statements towards the staff. Parent was cited for Disorderly Conduct.

December 18

Spoke with a student who refused to follow staff directions in the classroom. Parent was called to assist as well. Student went back to class.

Spoke with guidance counselor in regards to a sexual assault in which student made comments to staff. Incident was reported and followed up on in 2010.

Attended an At Risk meeting at Robert Kupper Learning Center.

Truancy citations served.

Spoke with a student in regards to a driving complaint that was received.

December 21 and 22

Not in schools.

December 23

Attended Truancy Court.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Tomah Police Department facilitates the Christmas Giving Tree. In conjunction with Families First 36 children were chosen to receive gifts. Chief Nicholson, Administrative Assistant Culpitt, Lt. Holum and Officer Keller spent the morning at Families First distributing the gifts to the families.

TRAINING

No training was conducted in December.

INVESTIGATIONS

[15-1791] Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Methamphetamine Paraphernalia, Probation Hold

Tomah officers received a complaint from a local convenience store where suspected methamphetamine was found. The clerk indicated a clear plastic baggy containing a clear glass-like substance was found on the floor in the area near the cash register. Video surveillance showed a male subject entering the store and purchase alcohol. When the male subject removed his wallet the video clearly shows a plastic baggy falling to the floor. The suspected methamphetamine was tested and tested conclusive for the presence of methamphetamine. A Tomah officer recognized the suspect from prior Police contacts and compared a still photo from the surveillance footage to a Department of Corrections photo. The suspect had a large distinctive neck tattoo that aided in the positive identification. A search warrant was applied for and granted by a Monroe County Circuit Court Judge to search the suspect's residence. Tomah Police officers served the search warrant and took the suspect into custody. Several items were seized that helped confirm the suspect in the surveillance footage was the suspect in custody. The suspect was transported to the Monroe County Jail and released to jail staff.

[15-1790] Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Methamphetamine Paraphernalia, Bail Jumping

Tomah officers were dispatched to a local adult group home for a drug complaint. Officers arrived and met with staff that provided them with suspected marijuana and methamphetamine. The investigation revealed that a female subject was at Whitetail Crossing Smoke Shop when she found two baggies; one contained marijuana and the other contained methamphetamine. The female subject brought the drugs back to the group home and smoked the marijuana and licked the methamphetamine. The female subject attempted to hide the drugs by placing them in her heater vent. The baggies fell to the basement and were seized by law enforcement. The marijuana had been smoked and the remainder flushed prior to police contact. There was enough residue of the suspected methamphetamine to conduct a test. A test was conducted and was conclusive for the presence of methamphetamine. The female subject was arrested and transported to the Monroe County Jail and released to jail staff.

[15-1718] Violation of Absolute Sobriety, Possession of Marijuana, Underage Alcohol Consumption, Open Intoxicant in Motor Vehicle

A Tomah officer observed a vehicle traveling on the dead-end portion of East Monowau Street. This vehicle had a broken/inoperable taillight and was stopped in the BP Gas Station parking lot. The officer had contact with the operator and immediately detected the odor of burnt marijuana. There were a total of four occupants in the vehicle. The investigation revealed that the occupants were consuming alcohol and smoking marijuana as they were driving around. Several citations were issued for a variety of ordinance violations. 13 grams of marijuana, a grinder, pipes, rolling papers and alcohol were seized from the vehicle. All occupants were cited and released. A sober friend arrived to remove the vehicle.

[15-1717] Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated – 3rd offense, Operating after Revocation, Operating with a Prohibited Alcohol Concentration, Numerous other traffic citations

Tomah officers were dispatched to Paul's Tire for a report of a subject who may be impaired and had been in a crash in the parking lot. Officers were able to locate the

vehicle near Toro and conducted a traffic stop. The vehicle operator was determined to have a revoked driver's license and was suspected of being impaired. The operator submitted to Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and the officer established probable cause to arrest the operator for 3rd offense OMVWI. The operator was transported to the Tomah Police Department for processing. The operator's Blood Alcohol Concentration was .16 BAC. The operator was transported to the Monroe County Jail and released to jail staff.

PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

December Personnel Complaints = 0 Year-To-Date Personnel Complaints = 4

EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE

DECEMBER 31, 2015

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 Rob Walensky	3/21/1999
Lt. Scott Holum	5/2/1999
Officer Melanie Marshall	5/28/2000
Investigator Paul Sloan	5/13/2001
Officer Brittnay Westpfahl	1/16/2005
Sgt. Eric Pedersen	7/9/2005
Officer Steven Keller	8/14/2005
Officer Aaron Hintz	9/12/2005
Sgt. Jacob Jones	3/12/2006
Officer Jarrod Furlano	1/13/2008
Police Clerk Diane Renteria	2/23/2009
Custodian Megan Drinkwine	1/6/2011
Officer Adam Perkins	9/4/2011
Officer Wilbert Steinborn	10/25/2012
Police Clerk Janelle Faulkner	4/16/2013
Officer Tyler Franks	6/22/2014
Police Clerk Chara Franks	7/27/2015
Officer Rylan Corcoran	10/11/2015
Officer Brandon Kuhn	10/12/2015



DECEMBER MONTHLY REPORT



Reports	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Reports	158	1874	1889	-15	-0.79%
Alarm	8	135	125	10	8.00%
Burglaries	1	15	29	-14	-48.28%
Criminal Damage	13	166	166	0	0.00%
Death Investigations	2	24	17	7	41.18%
Disorderly Conduct	14	215	212	3	1.42%
Theft/shoplifting	14	274	293	-19	-6.48%
School Reports	21	163	139	24	17.27%

Traffic Crashes	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Traffic Crashes	26	243	247	-4	-1.62%
Property Damage	18	158	159	-1	-0.63%
Persons Killed					
Persons Injured	5	40	46	-6	-13.04%
Pedestrians Injured	0	1	0	1	100%

Citations/arrests	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Criminal Referrals	54	875	1127	-252	-22.36%
Total Municipal Citations	145	1997	1696	301	17.75%
Burglary	0	6	2	4	200.00%
Curfew	0	0	3	-3	-100.00%
Disorderly Conduct	11	206	208	-2	-0.96%
Drug Related Charges	26	244	287	-43	-14.98%
Parking Citations	283	980	924	56	6.06%
Underage Alcohol violations	9	44	40	4	10.00%
Warrants	12	241	275	-34	-12.36%
Traffic Citations Total	151	2275	1817	458	25.21%
Traffic OAR/OAS	23	365	326	39	11.96%
Traffic OWI	11	121	100	21	21.00%
Traffic Seatbelt	2	154	57	97	170.18%
Traffic Speed Citations	8	162	135	27	20.00%
Traffic Warnings	19	433	269	164	60.97%
Traffic Warnings 5 Day	20	129	172	-43	-25.00%

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	
15-0055	F	39	X								Refusal
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	
15-0191	M	23	X							0.180	
15-0197	M	31	X							0.190	
15-0226	M	58	X								Refusal
15-0271	M	53			X					0.110	Refusal
15-0274	M	43		X						0.170	Refusal
15-0288	M	25	X							0.000	Marijuana detected
15-0299	M	34	X							0.142	Marijuana detected
15-0300	M	17	X							0.000	Marijuana detected
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	Narcotics detected
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		0.246	
15-0656	F	45	X							0.175	
15-0687	M	25		X						0.150	
15-0688	M	24	X							0.149	
15-0694	F	34	X							0.216	
15-0709	M	29		X						0.114	
15-0725	M	24	X							0.079	
15-0747	M	34	X							0.090	

ID	DOB	Sex	Age	25	12	5	4	2	1	AVERAGE BAC
15-1297	31	M		X						0.168
15-1356	66	M					X			0.206
15-1374	37	F	X							Refusal
15-1388	49	M					X			0.296
15-1449	31	M			X					0.169
15-1465	31	M				X				0.143
15-1481	27	M				X				0.102
15-1487	31	F		X						No alcohol detected, drug detected
15-1515	17	F	X							0.000
15-1519	60	F	X							0.000
15-1549	49	M	X							0.128
15-1551	31	M	X							Refusal
15-1573	88	F	X							0.140
15-1581	51	M	X							0.065
15-1618	43	F		X						Marijuana detected
15-1619	27	F	X							0.000
15-1628	32	M		X						0.194
15-1630	31	F	X							Refusal
15-1633	40	F	X							0.120
15-1663	24	M		X						0.170
15-1664	28	M		X						0.163
15-1680	27	M	X							0.210
15-1717	46	M							X	Pending alcohol panel WITH ACCIDENT
15-1756	67	M	X							0.160
15-1757	25	M	X							0.251
15-1772	22	M	X							0.150
15-1773	29	F	X							Pending alcohol panel
15-1795	54	M		X						0.200
15-1808	42	F	X				X			Pending alcohol panel
15-1809	46	M							X	0.100
15-1846	35	M		X						0.140
15-1863	22	M		X						Pending alcohol panel w/passenger under 16
TOTALS			61	25	12	5	4	2	1	0.162 (12.947/80)