

TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT



"Serving the Community"

December 2016 Report

CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out in the month of December 2016:

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

I attended the monthly Committee of the Whole and City Council meetings.

I attended and was on the cities Negotiation Team during the negotiation process with the Tomah Professional Police Association and the AFMSCE employees.

As a board member of the Tomah Area Boys and Girls Club I attended board meetings and subcommittee meetings related to this organization. At the present time I am the Vice President of the Tomah Area Boys and Girls Club.

I reviewed and provided a recommendation for all alcohol related licenses issued by the City of Tomah.

I reviewed and provided a recommendation for all taxi cab license applications.

I reviewed and provided a recommendation for all Direct Sellers and Transient Sellers applications.

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

I attended a meeting/greeting with Secretary David Ross from the Wisconsin Dept of Safety and Public Services.

I met with the Farmers and Merchants Bank to accept a \$1500 donation to the police department for air respirators.

I attended a meeting with Chiefs and Sheriffs from within Monroe County to discuss current trends, technologies, and issues which may be of importance to all agencies. During the meeting we were given a tour of the Monroe County Justice Center which is under construction.

I attended the graduation ceremonies for Lt Waddell and Sgt Weaver who participated in the Leadership in Police Organization training held at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy.

I attended a meeting with the Mayor, City Administrator and City Attorney to discuss city forms of government.

I participated in the Christmas Giving Tree process and assisted in delivering the presents to the families. This year's Christmas Giving Tree doubled our efforts from years past, allowing over 80 children and families to receive Christmas gifts.

After receiving a donation of Wal-Mart gift cards the Police Department set up a "Shopping with a Hero" program. Children's names were gathered from local organizations and invited to Wal-Mart to Shop with a Hero. The Heroes included police officers, fireman, and EMT's. 17 children were able to shop with a hero. This was an extremely successful event that we hope to be able to continue in the future.

OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out in the month of December 2016 by Lieutenant Ron Waddell:

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

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" for accountability and procedural adherence. The incidents are charted for statistical tracking.

I attended a Tomah Police Department Administrative Staff meeting.

I participated in the "Shop with a Hero" event at Walmart.

Received, processed, and scheduled "Ride Along Request" that were approved for civilians.

Attended week 3 of a 3 week training in Leadership in Police Organizations that is being conducted at the WI State Patrol Academy, Fort McCoy. On Friday of Week 3 I participated in a commencement ceremony for successful completion of the training program.

SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out by Lieutenant Scott Holum in December of 2016:

I conducted Shift Supervisor responsibilities on some of my shifts.

I monitored the Prescription Drug Box and sorted/packaged various prescription medications.

I attended a Tomah Police Department Administrative Staff meeting.

I participated in the "Shop with a Hero" event at Walmart.

I advertised the new Code Enforcement Officer/Evidence Custodian position on Wilenet.

I assisted with distributing gifts to disadvantaged families in the community.

I participated in a conference call with TASER in preparation for the transition to evidence.com.

Sergeant Preuss and I processed all incoming evidence and facilitated requests for evidence release/copies from the District Attorney's Office and City Attorney's Office.

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

I commanded the Field Training program that is supervised by Sergeant Pedersen. Officer Brennan Scallon is currently in Step 1 of the Field Training process.

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).

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT CALL OUT:

None to report.

TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT TACTICAL CALL OUT:

December 31 – Two Tomah Police Department tactical personnel assisted Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force (MCJITF) personnel with a controlled buy of methamphetamine and the arrest of two suspects. Tactical personnel assisted with surveillance of the controlled purchase of methamphetamine and were prepared to arrest suspect(s) immediately after the buy but due to the investigation the arrests occurred

approximately one hour later after tactical personnel assisted with contacting the suspects at a residence.

TRAINING REVIEW:

December 20 – Training was conducted in Tomah and consisted of two portions – first a business tour at Whitetail Crossing Casino and team meeting and second interior building searches with K-9 at Recreation Park. Team members had the opportunity to tour the Whitetail Crossing Casino east of Tomah and were provided with floor plans that will be added to our electronic files. After the tour team members met at Tomah Police Department for a meeting regarding upcoming training and planning for 2017 training. Team members then conducted building search training with both Sparta Police Department K-9 teams as well as building searches in small groups in accordance with the concepts and principles that are being taught to non-CTU personnel at the Advanced Tactics Class.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Dec 1

Citation service to high school student for Damage to Property.

Spoke with a parent in regards to follow up report involving student.

Student found hiding in their vehicle instead of in class. Student cited for Truancy.

Habitual Truancy citations issued to two students.

Spoke with a student at Miller School in regards to behavior issues.

Dec 2

Parent meeting with parent and student in regards to Habitual Truancy and Truancy.

Citation served to student for Truancy.

Spent a class hour with the JAG students.

Dec 5

Spoke with a student in regards to questions about dating and age differences.

Spoke with a doctor at the clinic in regards to forged notes that were turned in by a student.

Spoke with a student and set them up with an alternative classroom for the day.

Student cited for Possession of Marijuana after receiving a Quick 50 tip.

Dec 6

Responded to Miller School for a student out of control. Student released to parent.

Disorderly Conduct at Tomah Middle School. Student referred to Monroe County Human Services.

Set up a meeting with Middle School Principal and student inquiring about the military.

Spoke with a parent in regards to questions they had about truancy court.

Dec 7

Disorderly conduct situation resolved.

Dec 8

Meet with Air National Guard Recruiter.

Quick 50 tip received in regards to possession of marijuana. Several students searched. One student cited for Possession of Paraphernalia.

Dec 9

Student counseled in regards to a traffic complaint that was received.

Citation served to student found to be in Possession of Marijuana.

Dec 12

Worked half day.

Dec 13

Worked with students in JAG class. Spoke with one who recently received a traffic citation.

Report of students receiving inappropriate pictures from a female student. Students spoken with about the issue.

Student with cognitive disabilities being physically aggressive towards staff.

Spoke with a student having relationship issues with parent.

Dec 14

Spoke with student in regards to truancy issues and concerns.

Spoke with staff from Mayo Clinic in regards to forged medical notes.

Follow up with student having issues with parent.

Worked half day.

Dec 15

Spoke with a student in regards to harassment. Student also reported a friend sending inappropriate pictures to another student.

Dec 16

Parent reported student having a bad day and concerned about behavior at school.

Spoke with student in regards to family concerns.

Spoke with a student in regards to vehicle issues and upcoming court.

Dec 19

Came in early to assist with crossing guard duties.

Citation to student for Exhibition of Power and Speed.

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

Dec 20

Spoke with a student in regards to traffic complaint received from school crossing guard.

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

Citation service for Habitual Truancy to student.

Citation service for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Dec 21

Spoke with a parent and student in regards to harassment issues and students vehicle being damaged while at work.

Served Truancy citations.

Provided a needy student with a Wal-Mart gift card.

Dec 22

No report.

Dec 28

Crisis Team meeting at District Office.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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TRAINING

The following training was conducted in December:

Internet Crimes Against Children Conference (ICAC) in Florida: Investigator Paul Sloan

Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE): Officer Corcoran

INVESTIGATIONS

[16-1955] Unlawful use of a Telephone

Tomah officers learned that a member of the Tomah Area Ambulance Service had received a phone call from a male subject who appeared angry that the ambulance service couldn't provide medical information. The male subject stated, "You will be sorry when I come down there!" Approximately one hour later, the ambulance service member called 9-1-1 and indicated the subject was at the garage. Officers responded and learned the male subject was in his vehicle, which was parked a short distance away. Officers had contact with the subject and learned he was armed with a loaded 9mm pistol. The subject did possess a valid license to carry a concealed weapon. The subject was arrested and transported to the Monroe County Jail and ordered to stay away from the ambulance garage.

[16-1996] Obstructing an Officer x2, Bail Jumping-felony, Possession of Heroin, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

A Tomah officer conducted a traffic stop to investigate a possible operating after suspension violation. During the contact, a male passenger provided identifying information that didn't match his physical description. The officers believed he was providing false information. The driver, the girlfriend to the male, also indicated the information was accurate, with respect to who the male was. The subject was taken into custody for knowingly providing false information to Police and officers located his identification cards in his sock, where he hid them. The subject is on bond out of Monroe County for two counts of Manufacturing/Delivery of Heroin. The driver was also arrested for Obstructing an Officer. A Monroe County Deputy and his Canine partner arrived to conduct an exterior sniff of the vehicle. There was a positive alert and the vehicle was searched. Officers located a make shift smoking device and suspected heroin

under the seat the male was in. A later test of the suspect heroin was positive. Both subjects were transported to the Monroe County Jail.

[16-1999] Disorderly Conduct-Domestic, Criminal Damage to Property, Resisting Arrest

A Tomah officer responded to Cranberry Country Lodge for a 9-1-1 hang-up. Upon arrival the officer learned where the call came from and proceeded to that room. While waiting outside the door, the officer could hear a female telling someone to move and that she was leaving. The door quickly swung open and a male subject exited. This male subject was less-than cooperative with the officer and was intoxicated. The officer observed that this male subject had fresh wounds to his knuckles. The subject became increasingly argumentative and angry. The officer attempted to place the subject in handcuffs but he began to fight. The subject turned towards the officer in an aggressive posture and told the officer he wasn't going in handcuffs. Another Tomah officer had arrived and both tried to place handcuffs on the subject but he actively fought. At one point the subject was forced to the ground and he kicked an Officer in the waist area. An ECW (TASER) was used to try and control this subject but it was ineffective. Pepper Spray was used but the subject refused to remove his hands from under his body. Eventually, the officers were able to place handcuffs upon his wrists. The subject was lifted from the ground and a knife was found in the area under his body. It's unknown if the subject was trying to access the knife during the altercation or if it fell from his pocket. The officers determined there was a domestic violence situation that had occurred and resulted in the 9-1-1 call. The subject was transported to the Monroe County Jail. One officer suffered an injury to his hand and the other had his body worn camera ripped from his uniform.

[16-2009] Disorderly Conduct-Alcohol Related, Warrant

Tomah officers responded to the 900 block of McLean Avenue after a report of a disturbance and a person throwing a tire down a flight of stairs. The officer arrived and could hear a female yelling on the 2nd floor. The complainant indicated she was inside her apartment and could hear yelling and then a loud crash. The complainant looked outside and saw the suspect and a vehicle tire at the bottom of the steps. Contact was made with a highly intoxicated and uncooperative female subject. This person failed to cooperate with Police and was determined to have a warrant for her arrest. The female subject was arrested on the warrant and taken to jail. She was also cited municipally for creating the disturbance.

PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

December Personnel Complaints = 0 Year-To-Date Personnel Complaints = 3

EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE

DECEMBER 31, 2016

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
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
Officer Brennon Scallon	10/30/2016