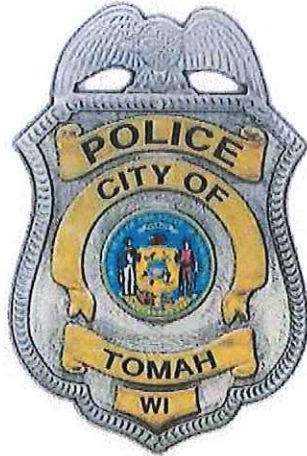


TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT



"Serving the Community"

February 2015 Report

CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES

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

I attended an Our Town Tomah meeting.

I attended a Monroe County Child Abuse Task Force meeting.

I attended and facilitated an Administrative Staff Meeting within the Tomah Police Department.

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

I attended an Ad Hoc Alcohol Review Committee meeting.

I attended a Monroe County Coordinated Services Team meeting.

I attended a meeting with the community group, Common Grounds. The topic agenda which they requested my attendance for was "Youth in Crisis." The meeting allowed for an exchange of information related to services that are currently and locally available that youths could be referred to.

I attended a meeting with Karen Santos and Maretta Budde from the West Central Boys and Girls Club and the Tomah Area Boys and Girls Club. As part of this meeting I was asked if I would consider being on the Tomah Area Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors. Since the meeting I have been advised that I was nominated for and voted in as member of the Board of Directors. I am excited and looking forward to this relationship with the Boys and Girls Club.

Lt. Waddell and I attended the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Training Conference. The training topics and breakout sessions included presentations on Emotional Survival, the Boston Marathon Bombing, the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group Core Standards Program for Small Agencies, the Wisconsin Retirement System, the Wisconsin Department of Justice Training and Standards Update, and legal updates presented by Assistant Attorney General Dave Perlman and Attorneys Gulya and Korom. The conference was attended by approximately 400 Law Enforcement Executives from throughout Wisconsin.

Several members of the department, including myself, attended a meeting with members of the Tomah Probation and Parole Office. The meeting was held to meet several new agents working in our area and to discuss any concerns that either department had when dealing with clients who are on probation or parole

OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

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

Members of the day shift attended a meet-n-greet at the Department of Corrections office. There has been a considerable changeover of staff within the Probation and Parole office, to include their supervisor, so it was important to establish a cooperative working relationship. There was ample discussion about multiple procedures they implement, that will have a bearing on how the Tomah police staff may respond to assist. Great meeting!

Experienced a happy and sad time this month when Clerk Donette Mashin retired and we celebrated her departure.

All scheduling responsibilities for sworn staff (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 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.

Personnel evaluations are being completed and provided one-on-one with each employee directly supervised by the Operations Commander.

In order to provide a complete review of all Tomah Police Department Policy and Procedures Manual a committee has been formed (Lt. Waddell, Lt. Holum, Sgt. Weaver, and Officer Hintz). Each member has been assigned a portion of the Manual to review for accuracy and compliance with current practices and application. This process continues as time permits.

SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out by Lieutenant Scott Holum in the month of February 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.

I assisted Lt. Waddell in scheduling related matters.

I attended an Administrative Meeting with Chief Nicholson, Lieutenant Waddell and Administrative Assistant Culpitt.

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

I reviewed cases that were purged through NCIC to determine if stolen items needed to be put back into NCIC.

I have been working closely with Kody Steinhoff. Kody joined our department in late 2014 and comes in once a week to wash squad cars.

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT

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02/08/15 – West Oak Street, Sparta – Barricaded Suspect /Search Warrant. Sparta Police requested CTU call out for Barricaded Suspect/Search Warrant. Sparta Police responded to a complaint that the suspect had beaten the victim with a baseball bat and was now barricaded in a second floor apartment. Sparta Police reported that the suspect had a violent history and currently was wanted by Probation & Parole. Sparta Police obtained a search warrant for the apartment and CTU call out was approved. As CTU personnel arrived at the staging location in Sparta the suspect fled from the apartment and was apprehended by Sparta Police who were maintaining perimeter positions.

02/26/15 – Hamlet Road, Sparta – Search Warrant. The Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force requested CTU call out to serve a search warrant at a residence. The search warrant was based off of drug investigations and armed robbery investigations and the suspects were potentially armed. Additional information was provided that the residence was surrounded by open fields and surveillance cameras were mounted on the exterior of the residence. CTU call out was approved and CTU personnel responded to a staging/briefing location in Sparta. A tactical plan was developed to surround the location, breach the front door and call out the occupants of the residence. The MRAP (armored vehicle) would be positioned in the front yard of the residence to provide a visible show of authority and also as mobile cover for the tactical personnel. Tomah Police Department K-9 would be deployed to the front of the residence for containment and also possible interior search for suspects. Sparta Police Department K-9 was deployed to the rear of the residence for containment. The plan was executed and after the front door was breached three subjects were observed immediately

inside the front door and were detained outside. The detained subjects reported that there was one other occupant inside the residence and that subject exited and was detained after verbal communication via PA system. A large dog was encountered outside and approached the Tomah Police Department K-9 at which time one of the tactical personnel used OC spray to prevent the dog from approaching the K-9. After the occupants were detained tactical personnel entered and searched the residence. No one else was located inside and the large dog was secured in a bedroom without further incident. The scene was then turned over to the investigators.

TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT TACTICAL CALL OUT:

02/20/15 – Butts Avenue, Tomah – Barricaded Suicidal Subject. Tomah Police Department officers responded to a report of a suicidal subject in an apartment with a firearm. The subject refused to speak with the responding officers via telephone and additional personnel were requested. Two off-duty Tomah Police Department tactical officers responded to assist two on-duty tactical officers with the situation. Additional officers were called in to handle other police responsibilities in the City. Eventually the subject spoke with one of the on-duty tactical officers via cellular telephone and agreed to exit the apartment. The subject was detained without further incident.

TRAINING REVIEW:

Training was conducted in Sparta both at the Sparta Police Department and Meadowview Elementary School. The first portion of the training consisted of classroom training in Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) and was taught by our team medic and a guest medic from Sparta Ambulance Service/Medlink Air. A review of team members individual first aid kits was conducted and suggestions for additional supplies were provided. The second portion of the training consisted of hands on building search training including K-9 assisted building searches.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Feb 4 and 5

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

February 9

Spoke with investigator from Monroe County about interviewing student at Tomah High School.

Pupil services meeting.

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

Spoke with a parent from Wautoma in regards to someone from Tomah their daughter has befriended on Facebook.

Feb 10

Parking warnings issued in Tomah High School parking lot.

Phone call from a staff member having issues with their child's girlfriend harassing family members.

Questions and concerns in regards to Miller School parking lot.

Follow up with a parent in regards to issues their children were having while walking home from school.

Conversation with the school nurse.

Spoke with a student about where they were parking in the parking lot.

Feb 11

Spoke with teacher in regards to a concern about a student. Parent contacted myself and teacher about an issue but then didn't provide information because they wanted to address the matter themselves.

Staff member asked that I speak with a student in regards to a possible domestic situation at home. Monroe County officer came to speak with the student.

Concerns about Wyeville School students after a voice message was left on school phone. Matter referred to Monroe County.

Feb 13

On vacation.

Feb 16

Instructed G.R.E.A.T. Tomah Middle School and St. Mary's School.

Shared information with Tomah High School administration in regards to an underage alcohol party.

Feb 17

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

Interviews with some students in regards to underage party on February 13th.

February 20

No school.

February 23

Report of a theft of a cell phone. Phone found later in the week in the lost and found.

February 24

Meeting with parent and student in regards to underage alcohol party.

February 25

Contact with out-of-control student at Lemonweir School. Referral to Monroe County Human Services for Disorderly Conduct in hopes of their agency assisting family with counseling.

Interview with Tomah High School student regarding cell phone pictures.

February 26

Transported Tomah Middle School student to secure detention.

Spoke with parent regarding concerns made by another student to their minor child.

Spoke with head of Tomah High School maintenance regarding safety issues in parking lot.

Counseled students from LaGrange Elementary about fighting.

February 27, 2015

Assisted parent in completing paperwork required to obtain a restraining order .

Cell phones found in lost and found delivered to cell phone companies since I could not determine owners.

Follow up in regard to safety issues in parking lot.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

TRAINING

Lt. Holum: IAPE Managing Property and Evidence

Chief Nicholson and Lt. Waddell: Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Training Conference.

INVESTIGATIONS

[15-0232] Possession of Methamphetamine, Child Neglect, Bail Jumping-Felony, Counterfeit Money

Tomah officers assisted the Monroe County Department of Human Services with a home visit on Cedar Lane in the City of Tomah. The visit was due to a complaint that a mother was using drugs intravenously. Officers received anonymous information that there were drugs inside the residence in the mother's bedroom. A Tomah Police Department

Investigator applied for, and ultimately was granted, a search warrant for the residence. Methamphetamine and numerous items of drug paraphernalia were seized. During the search, officers located suspected counterfeit money and additional items related to that were seized. A child was removed from the residence and a safety plan was implemented by the Monroe County Department of Human Services. Charges have been referred for the mother.

[15-0243] Attempted Battery to Law Enforcement, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest

Tomah officers were summoned to Callahan's Bar for two unruly patrons who were refusing to leave the bar. Officers arrived and met with one of the suspects who was still seated inside at the bar. This subject was intoxicated and refused to cooperate with officers instructions to gather her belongings and exit the bar. The female subject was escorted from the bar and out onto the sidewalk. Once on the sidewalk the female subject was uncooperative and when asked if she wanted to go to jail she lunged at one of the officers who quickly decentralized her and secured her with handcuffs. The female subject was seated in a squad car and placed her foot in the door jamb preventing officers from closing the door. During this time, the female subject attempted to kick an officer. The female was eventually secured in the backseat and then transported to the Monroe County Jail.

[15-0247] Physical Abuse to a Child, Intentionally Cause Harm to Child

Tomah officers responded to an address on Curry Street in the City of Tomah for a child abuse case. Officers arrived and learned that two children had been battered by their intoxicated mother. The mother became upset with one of the children because the child refused to dance with her. The mother then jumped on top of the child and began to choke the child. Officers took the mother into custody and transported her to the Monroe County Jail.

[15-0277] Sending Obscene or Sexually Explicit Material, Bail Jumping-Felony

Tomah officers spoke with a female victim who indicated she had received a video message from a known male subject. Tomah officers are familiar with the male suspect from numerous prior Police contacts. The video showed the male suspect masturbating. This same suspect was involved in another case (Late 2014) where he sent a similar image/video to a juvenile female. Charges will be referred to the Monroe County District Attorney's Office.

[15-0294] Injury by Negligent use of a Weapon, Disorderly Conduct

Tomah officers spoke with a male victim who stated he was at the Cranberry Country Lodge with a group of friends. At some point a known male subject used a knife and cut the throat of the victim. The victim suffered a significant injury. The suspect was located in Black River Falls and taken into custody. The suspect was transported to the Monroe County Jail.

PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

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

EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE

02-28-15

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



FEBRUARY 2015



Reports	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Reports	139	310	263	47	25.86%
Alarm	6	20	24	-4	-16.67%
Burglaries	0	1	3	-2	-66.67%
Criminal Damage	15	29	22	7	31.82%
Death Investigations	1	1	4	-3	-75.00%
Disorderly Conduct	14	40	22	18	81.82%
Theft/shoplifting	18	51	30	21	70.00%
School Reports	9	30	19	11	57.89%

Traffic Crashes	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Traffic Crashes	27	44	43	1	2.33%
Property Damage	18	31	32	-1	-3.13%
Persons Killed					
Persons Injured	4	7	7	0	0.00%
Pedestrians Injured					

Citations/arrests	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Criminal Referrals	99	189	126	63	50.00%
Total Municipal Citations	197	385	218	167	76.61%
Burglary	2	2	0	2	0%
Curfew	0	0	0	0	0%
Disorderly Conduct	11	40	19	21	110.53%
Drug Related Charges	17	38	29	9	31.03%
Parking Citations	124	252	337	-85	-25.22%
Underage Alcohol violations	2	9	7	2	28.57%
Warrants	22	50	51	-1	-1.96%
Traffic Citations Total	207	405	239	166	69.46%
Traffic OAR/OAS	33	79	43	36	83.72%
Traffic OWI	10	23	10	13	130.00%
Traffic Seatbelt	9	11	10	1	10.00%
Traffic Speed Citations	25	49	10	39	390.00%
Traffic Warnings	28	41	26	15	57.69%
Traffic Warnings 5 Day	4	11	30	-19	-63.33%

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	Not received yet-pending
15-0014	F	24		X						0.206	Not received yet-pending
15-0054	M	26		X						0.156	Not received yet-pending
15-0055	F	39	X								Refusal
15-0078	F	25		X						0.150	Not received yet-pending
12-0086	M	29		X						0.130	Not received yet-pending
15-0087	F	28		X						0.150	Not received yet-pending
15-0122	F	46	X							0.130	Not received yet-pending
15-0159	M	62	X							0.160	Not received yet-pending
15-0170	M	53	X							0.180	Not received yet-pending
15-0191	M	23	X							0.190	Not received yet-pending
15-0197	M	31	X								Refusal
15-0226	M	58	X								Refusal
15-0271	M	53			X					0.110	Not received yet-pending
15-0274	M	43		X							Not received yet-pending
15-0288	M	25	X								Not received yet-pending
15-0299	M	34	X								Not received yet-pending
15-0300	M	17	X								Not received yet-pending
15-0303	M	52	X								Not received yet-pending
15-0306	F	34		X						0.140	Not received yet-pending

TOTALS 12 7 1 0.154 AVERAGE BAC
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