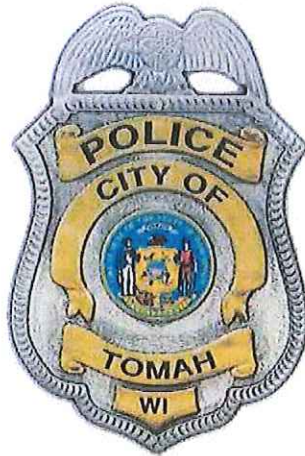


# **TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**"Serving the Community"**

**July 2015 Report**

## CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES

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

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

I attended the monthly Committee of the Whole meeting.

I attended an Ad Hoc Alcohol Review Committee meeting.

Tomah Area Boys and Girls Club - As a Board Member of the Tomah Area Boys and Girls Club I attended several meetings and fundraising events for the Club.

I attended a Coulee Region Law Enforcement Executive Group (CRLEEG) meeting held in Onalaska. This is a quarterly meeting which is attended by Chiefs, Sheriffs, and Command Staff members of the State Patrol from around the Coulee Region.

I attended a meeting with other area law enforcement agencies to discuss upcoming grant opportunities sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

I attended the Monroe County Mental Health Crisis meeting.

I attended the Monroe Coordinated Community Response Team meeting.

I attended several meetings related to the mediation process between the City and the Tomah Professional Police Officers Association. After several meetings the contract language was agreed to and will be ratified.

I attended a seminar held at the Tomah VA Hospital to discuss homeless veterans and the programs that are available to them in our community.

I attended a Monroe County Coordinated Community Response Team meeting. The philosophy of a Coordinated Community Response team is to develop strategies and procedures to respond to domestic violence and sexual assault issues. Domestic violence and sexual assaults is a community problem *and* requires the entire community to address the issue. Coordinated Community Response (CCR) Teams bring together key players in community systems to address problems associated with domestic abuse and sexual assault.

I attended a meeting to discuss mental health issues and upcoming changes to the emergency commitment process. The meeting was attended by law enforcement agencies in Monroe County and the Monroe County Health Department.

I attended a training session for the new phone system being implemented in the Police Department and City Hall.

I attended a Monroe County Justice Coordinating Committee meeting.

### **OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES**

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

All scheduling responsibilities (time off, overtime, special events, etc.) This month required additional event scheduling for the Tractor Pull and Superior Avenue Bar Patrol. Four sworn officers are assigned to each pull session. These officers are a combination of Tomah Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's deputies, and Sparta Police Department staff. Unexpectedly there were two State Patrol officers that assisted on Saturday night. A request was made for additional traffic assistance in the area, but they also showed up to assist at the pull.

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 processing 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.

Lt. Holum and I, with assistance from Administrative Assistant Culpitt, have started a hiring process to fill one vacancy and create an Eligibility List.

This month there were training sessions for the use/operation of the new telephone system, plus all sworn personnel participated in firearms training.

### **SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES**

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out by Lieutenant Scott Holum in the month of July 2015:

I conducted Shift Supervisor responsibilities on some of my shifts.

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

I completed my Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration.

Sergeant Preuss and I processed all incoming evidence.

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

I oversaw the Field Training program that is supervised by Sergeant Pedersen.

I obtained pricing for a 2015 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor vehicle for patrol purposes. The new vehicle was ordered on 7-27-15.

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 researched and formatted a new scheduling software program (scheduleanywhere.com) that moves all department scheduling matters online. The new program allows for remote access that can be viewed by staff members anywhere they have an internet connection, to include smart phones.

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

I attended and hosted a State Grant meeting at the Tomah Police Department.

### **COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT**

#### COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT CALL OUT:

None to report.

#### TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT TACTICAL CALL OUT:

July 7: MRAP Assist – Sparta Police requested assistance from Tomah Police D with checking a subject who was laying next to a vehicle with a shotgun next to them at Walmart. Sparta Police had responded to two suspicious 911 calls and the second call was from the Walmart parking lot. Upon arrival Sparta Police located a vehicle parked against traffic and a man laying on the boulevard with a shotgun alongside him. Sparta Police requested Tomah Police Department bring the MRAP (armored vehicle) to safely approach and check on the male and the vehicle, which had tinted windows. On-duty Tomah Police Department Sergeant responded with MRAP and drove Sparta Police and Wisconsin State Patrol Trooper up to the man. The man was found to be deceased and suffered a gunshot wound to his head. No one was located in the vehicle.

#### TRAINING REVIEW:

July training was a joint training with the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department Emergency Response Team. The first portion of the training was at a condemned house in Sparta and we were able to conduct explosive breaching and chemical agent deployment. LCSO ERT personnel conducted the explosive breaching and had the

opportunity to practice several techniques that they had not used in the past and commented that the learning was invaluable. One of the breaches incorporated our snipers and involved breaching the window and window blinds with one charge to open a view for the snipers in a hostage rescue scenario and was successful except the room was too dark inside for the snipers to be able to take a simulated shot. The second portion of training was rural manhunt operations using both K-9 and sniper personnel as well as rural patrolling without the additional assets. K-9 Jager conducted two open area suspect searches and successfully located both suspects and apprehended the suspect, holding until tactical personnel were in position to take control of the suspect. We also integrated the MRAP armored vehicle into the searches both as a raised platform for sniper observation and as a mobile position of cover for the teams to fall back to in the event shots were fired.

### **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

No report- school not in session.

### **CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

The Chief asked to be a guest speaker and presenter of several awards at the Miller School.

The Chief attended the Army's 240th Birthday Celebration held at Ft. McCoy.

### **TRAINING**

The following training was conducted in July:

Department firearms training / Sworn staff

New phone system training / Supervisory and clerical staff

### **INVESTIGATIONS**

#### **[15-0976] Possession of Methamphetamine, Warrant**

Tomah officers were dispatched to the 300 block of East Saratoga Street for a disturbance. Officers arrived and met with several subjects. One of the subjects, a female, was speaking with an officer when the officer noticed a syringe sticking out of her bra. The syringe was drug paraphernalia and had been used to ingest methamphetamine. Another officer looked into the vehicle this group of people arrived in and observed suspected drugs in plain view. Probable cause was established to conduct a warrantless search of the vehicle and methamphetamine was located. The female subject and a male subject were both arrested and transported to the Monroe County Jail.

#### **[15-0990] Bail Jumping-Felony, Agency Assist**

The Tomah Police Department was informed that the Onalaska Police Department was looking for a vehicle and a suspect that had been involved in a crime in their city. The vehicle was believed to be headed to Black River Falls. A Tomah officer located the

vehicle on the 100 block of East Veterans Street. The officer had contact with the suspect and he was taken into custody without incident.

[15-0992] **Fleeing an Officer, Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated-1st**  
An officer observed a motorcycle leaving the downtown bar district at a high rate of speed. A traffic stop was initiated and the operator fled at a high rate of speed. The motorcycle traveled at speeds greater than 100 m.p.h. while on US Highway 12 north of Tomah. The motorcycle crashed into a ditch and the operator was transported to the hospital. The operator appeared intoxicated and refused to cooperate with any of the testing or process. The operator was transported to the Monroe County Jail.

[15-1002] **Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated-1st**  
Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of West Clifton Street for a crash involving a vehicle and a fire hydrant. Officers arrived and determined the operator of the vehicle was impaired. The operator provided a breath sample on scene and the result was .234 BAC. The operator was processed at Tomah Memorial Hospital for 1<sup>st</sup>-offense OMVWI and released to a family member.

[15-1011] **Fleeing an Officer**  
A Tomah officer responded to Wal-Mart for an in-progress theft. The officer located the vehicle and attempted to stop it. The operator fled at a high rate of speed onto the interstate system and headed towards La Crosse. The vehicle eventually came to an abrupt stop and the operator was taken into custody. Several stolen items were located within the vehicle.

### PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

July Personnel Complaints = 0      Year-To-Date Personnel Complaints = 1

### EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE

07-31-15

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 Brittnay 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



# JULY 2015



Reports	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Reports	153	1093	1072	21	3.92%
Alarm	7	79	58	21	36.21%
Burglaries	0	7	17	-10	-58.82%
Criminal Damage	20	108	80	28	35.00%
Death Investigations	5	13	8	5	62.50%
Disorderly Conduct	19	126	129	-3	-2.33%
Theft/shoplifting	22	158	159	-1	-0.63%
School Reports	0	82	64	18	28.13%

Traffic Crashes	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Traffic Crashes	26	153	136	17	12.50%
Property Damage	18	98	83	15	18.07%
Persons Killed					
Persons Injured	5	24	29	-5	-17.24%
Pedestrians Injured					

Citations/arrests	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Criminal Referrals	70	568	743	-175	-23.55%
Total Municipal Citations	177	1244	1058	186	17.58%
Burglary	0	2	1	1	100.00%
Curfew	0	0	3	-3	-100.00%
Disorderly Conduct	17	119	125	-6	-4.80%
Drug Related Charges	19	121	185	-64	-34.59%
Parking Citations	3	334	572	-238	-41.61%
Underage Alcohol violations	1	44	53	-9	-16.98%
Warrants	18	156	160	-4	-2.50%
Traffic Citations Total	223	1378	1185	193	16.29%
Traffic OAR/OAS	30	222	199	23	11.56%
Traffic OWI	12	71	58	13	22.41%
Traffic Seatbelt	15	111	39	72	184.62%
Traffic Speed Citations	19	125	87	38	43.68%
Traffic Warnings	51	237	181	56	30.94%
Traffic Warnings 5 Day	6	42	117	-75	-64.10%