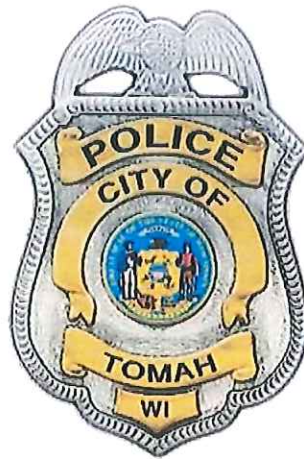


TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT



"Serving the Community"

May 2015 Report

CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES

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

Working with the Our Town Tomah organization I organized the Down Town Tomah Clean Up Day. Volunteers from the Tomah High School Roots and Shoots, Veterans Affairs Foundation, Tomah Area Young Professionals, and employees from the City of Tomah came together to clean up our alleys, parks, and Superior Avenue area. Lunch was provided to everyone that helped out. The lunch was donated by Justa Pizza.

I attended our department's Emergency Vehicle Operations training.

I attended an Ad Hoc Alcohol Review Committee meeting.

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

I attended a Law Enforcement Executive training session sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

I attended the monthly Committee of the Whole meeting.

I attended a Monroe County Safety Coalition monthly meeting.

The week of May 15th was Police Officer Memorial Week. In conjunction with this week we have our departments annual Awards Banquet. The banquet, a luncheon held at the Police Department, was attended by approximately 30 people to include Police Officers, City Council members, Police and Fire Commission members, and other City staff.

I attended a Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit quarterly meeting and a Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force quarterly meeting.

I was asked to be a guest "Boggle" player, putting my wits up against the elementary students at the Tomah Middle School. I am sorry to say that I am quite certain that I didn't fare well.

I attended a Tomah Area Boys and Girls Club, Education and Programming subcommittee meeting.

On Memorial Day I attended the annual Day in the Park Car Show held at Winnebago Park. As part of the events I was asked to choose the "Chiefs Award" for what I felt was the best car.

I attended a two day training seminar. The seminar agenda related to Performance Improvement Plans and Discipline/Termination considerations.

OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

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

I was honored to be present for the Police Week Awards Banquet, where several officers and citizens were recognized for outstanding performance.

Was one of many participants of vehicle pursuit training.

I have been participating in training for Crisis Intervention, which is the evaluation and assisting of individuals with mental health issues. This training has been segmented and is taking place every Friday for five weeks

I have been participating in planning sessions with members of the Tomah School District creating plans for responding to active shooter situations. This culminated in a training session for all faculty on May 8, which was instructed cooperatively with Tomah School District Business Manager Greg Gaarder. The staff received lecture and then conducted active shooter based scenario training while in classrooms within the high school.

All scheduling responsibilities (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.

SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

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

I facilitated the Drug Take Back Day at the Tomah Police Department.

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

I attended two separate Joint Investigative Task Force meetings with Chief Nicholson.

I scheduled officers for training throughout Wisconsin to meet the needs of the individual officer and the department

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT CALL OUT:

None to report.

TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT TACTICAL CALL OUT:

None to report

TRAINING REVIEW:

Unfortunately the scheduled joint training with Jackson County Sheriff-ERT was cancelled at the last minute due to personnel from their team being assigned to conduct an evidence search in support of a recent homicide investigation. With minor adjustments we were able to conduct the majority of the planned Rural Manhunt training on county land at the end of Cambridge Road in rural Cataract and also at the Monroe County Sheriff's Office firearms range. Several woodland searches were conducted using team personnel as a simulated suspect to provide feedback on our search tactics/techniques/procedures. Adjustments were made to some of our typical search plans as the day progressed and feedback from the simulated suspect was evaluated. Several learning points included the need to conduct the search of wooded areas in a very slow and methodical manner, use of force multipliers including airborne observation/K-9 teams/sniper over watch and limiting the number of tactical personnel exposed to threats as much as possible. Several team members took advantage of some available time to confirm zero on their rifles in preparation for next month's firearms training.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

May 11, 2015

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

Extra patrol at residence on Lake Street due to suspected drug usage during high school lunch periods.

Approximately 20 students asked to leave playground equipment at Winnebago Park.

Report of a Tomah Middle School student injured over the weekend in a 4 wheeler accident. Referred to Monroe County.

Phone contact with a parent in regards to suspicious activity I observed the previous evening at WalMart. Parent was able to explain the situation.

Spoke with Mr. Adams about students who were supposedly withdrawn to move to another state. Student withdrew several weeks ago but were reportedly in Tomah over the weekend.

May 12

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

May 13

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

Spoke with a student in regards to their driving on the way to school.

Spoke with a student asking about how to obtain a restraining order.

Spoke with Lt. about incident mentioned on Facebook.

May 14

Attended training.

May 15

On vacation.

May 18

Spoke with school guidance counselor in regards to an elementary student who was reportedly inappropriately touching other students.

Tomah High School student reported another student possibly under the influence of marijuana. Unsubstantiated.

Contact made with Monroe County Investigator in regards to death investigation.

Spoke with a Tomah Middle School student in regards to their behavior the previous week in which a staff member was punched. Student was referred to Monroe County Department of Human Services.

May 19

Spoke with a student for Monroe County in regards to an investigation they are working on.

G.R.E.A.T. follow up at Tomah Middle School.

May 20

Student reported that their mother was missing and that they hadn't seen her in a couple of days. Officer Westpfahl assisted with this complaint. At the end of the day it was discovered mom checked herself into the hospital.

Assisted Monroe County Investigator with interviews of several Tomah High School students.

Follow up reports completed.

Spoke with a student who advised of a traffic incident that occurred on the way to school. Suspect student talked to.

May 21

Attended training.

May 22

On vacation.

May 26

Attended an At Risk meeting with Monroe County Department of Human Service Staff and area Principals.

May 27

Citation service to a student in regards to Theft.

May 28

Attended training.

Removed from training in order to assist at Tomah High School after a map was found.

May 29

Car seat install for a staff member. While students were cleaning her car they unbuckled the car seats and she asked for help reinstalling them.

Spoke with Tomah Middle School Principal Gnewikow in regards to a child custody exchange at Noah's Ark at the end of the day.

Conversation with Mr. Paris in regards to activities of a substitute teacher. Teacher will no longer be working for Tomah School district.

Follow up interviews with students suspected to have involvement in generating the note/map that was found on May 28th.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Chief organized and participated in the Downtown Tomah Clean Up project.

TRAINING

The following training was conducted in April:

Vehicle Contacts Instructor: Sergeant Weaver

Forensic Interviewing: Investigator Sloan

Wisconsin Association of Homicide Investigators Conference: Investigator Walensky and Officer Westpfahl.

Pursuit Driving / High-Risk Traffic Stop Training: Sworn Staff

Law Enforcement Executive Training - Chief Nicholson

Van Meter & Associates Executive Training - Chief Nicholson

INVESTIGATIONS

15-0624] Disorderly Conduct – Alcohol/Physical related

A Tomah officer observed a large group of people in front of Dimensions Bar who were engaged in an altercation. Officers learned that a male subject had pushed and punched a female subject. Another male was trying to defend the female and was being physically restrained by his friends. The male subject who punched the female was intoxicated and was issued a citation and released.

[15-0625] Open Intoxicants in Street

Tomah officers were downtown dealing with a disturbance when a couple subjects yelled as if they wanted the officers to come over to them. An officer walked closer and observed a male subject, who was known to the officer from prior contacts, guzzle a drink and throw it on the ground. The officer asked this person if he needed assistance and the subject stated he didn't. The officer picked up the item that was discarded and noticed it was an alcoholic beverage. A citation was served to the subject.

[15-0632] Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana, Probation and Parole Hold

Tomah officers were investigating a 9-1-1 hang-up and had contact with several male subjects in the Walmart parking lot. Officers observed a glass smoking device commonly used to smoke methamphetamine inside the vehicle. Officers took the person into custody who owned the pipe. Another person in the vehicle was prohibited from having contact with known drug users and was taken into custody on a Probation Hold. Both subjects were transported to the Monroe County Jail.

[15-0650] Disorderly Conduct, Probation and Parole Hold

Tomah officers responded to the 800 block of Cedar Lane for a reported fight in progress. Officers arrived and observed a male subject walk towards the door and begin to punch it. This subject was instructed to step outside and when doing so fell down the steps. This person stood up and took an aggressive offensive posture towards an officer and was secured with handcuffs. Officers learned that two male subjects had been involved in a physical altercation. Officers took two male subjects into custody and transported them to jail. Both subjects were intoxicated.

[15-0759] Disorderly Conduct, Bail Jumping, Possession of Marijuana

Tomah officers received a traffic complaint of an aggressive driver who was filming the victim and 'flipping' her off. Tomah officers had received information about this vehicle being involved in numerous other road rage incidents. The suspect vehicle followed the victim into a parking lot where they exited and began taking pictures of the victim. The victim was scared and called the Police. Officers are familiar with the male and female suspects and are aware they are both extremely anti-government and enjoy instigating situations. Officers met with both suspects and the victim. The victim detailed her concerns and observations of the suspects. The female suspect was found to be in possession of marijuana and a smoking device. Both suspects were taken into custody and transported to the Monroe County Jail.

PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

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

EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE

05-31-15

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



MAY 2015



Reports

	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Reports	151	760	734	26	5.18%
Alarm	9	63	47	16	34.04%
Burglaries	1	3	9	-6	-66.67%
Criminal Damage	14	70	54	16	29.63%
Death Investigations	1	7	5	2	40.00%
Disorderly Conduct	14	87	95	-8	-8.42%
Theft/shoplifting	18	115	97	18	18.56%
School Reports	15	71	58	13	22.41%

Traffic Crashes

	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Traffic Crashes	24	106	95	11	11.58%
Property Damage	15	69	59	10	16.95%
Persons Killed					
Persons Injured	3	17	19	-2	-10.53%
Pedestrians Injured					

Citations/arrests

	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Criminal Referrals	58	372	549	-177	-32.24%
Total Municipal Citations	165	881	700	181	25.86%
Burglary	0	2	0	2	0%
Curfew	0	0	0	0	0%
Disorderly Conduct	13	82	86	-4	-4.65%
Drug Related Charges	11	66	146	-80	-54.79%
Parking Citations	2	320	559	-239	-42.75%
Underage Alcohol violations	10	40	42	-2	-4.76%
Warrants	20	116	106	10	9.43%
Traffic Citations Total	201	960	844	116	13.74%
Traffic OAR/OAS	27	166	126	40	31.75%
Traffic OWI	7	42	40	2	5.00%
Traffic Seatbelt	39	80	28	52	185.71%
Traffic Speed Citations	11	97	60	37	61.67%
Traffic Warnings	44	150	139	11	7.91%
Traffic Warnings 5 Day	9	33	93	-60	-64.52%

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	Refusal
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	Refusal
15-0122	F	46	X							0.130	
15-0159	M	62	X							0.160	
15-0170	M	53	X							0.180	Refusal
15-0191	M	23	X							0.190	
15-0197	M	31	X								
15-0226	M	58	X								Refusal
15-0271	M	53			X					0.110	
15-0274	M	43		X						0.170	
15-0288	M	25	X							0.000	Not received yet-pending
15-0299	M	34	X							0.142	
15-0300	M	17	X							0.000	
15-0303	M	52	X							0.140	Not received yet-pending
15-0306	F	34		X						0.278	
15-0388	M	24	X							0.130	
15-0398	M	23		X						0.194	Drug panel pending
15-0403	M	38			X					0.078	
15-0416	M	35			X					0.187	
15-0464	M	26		X						0.231	Not received yet-pending
15-0515	M	53			X					0.027	
15-0544	M	34	X							0.120	
15-0557	M	23	X							0.150	Not received yet-pending
15-0582	M	24	X							0.130	
15-0600	M	37					X				
15-0656	F	45	X							0.175	Not received yet-pending
15-0687	M	25		X						0.150	
15-0688	M	24	X								

