

# **TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**"Serving the Community"**

**October 2014 Report**

## **CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES**

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out in the month of October 2014:

I attended the monthly Committee of the Whole Meeting. I also attended the 2015 Budget Workshop and presented the preliminary budget to the City Council.

I attended the Monroe County Safe Community Coalition Meeting as well as attending the Monroe County Safe Community Coalition Alcohol Workgroup Meeting.

I attended the police department's fall firearms qualifications.

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

I attended and facilitated an Administrative Staff Meeting and a Command Staff meeting.

I attended a Monroe County 911 Advisory Board Meeting.

I attended a Police and Fire Commission meeting to discuss disciplinary matters which have occurred within the police department.

I attended a Criminal Justice Roundtable informational meeting.

I attended negotiation meetings with the Tomah Professional Police Association and AFCSME unions.

I was recently asked to be an Advisory Board Member for the Western Technical College Law Enforcement Training Center. As a Board Member we are tasked with ensuring that the training programs prepare students to enter into their fields of studies. Advisory Board Members make suggestions and recommendations as it relates to the curriculum and programs which students are required to attend while at WTC. During the month of October I attended an Advisory Board Members Meeting held at the WTC Campus located in Angelo.

Myself, along with Mayor Shannon Hough and PFC Chair Larry Baribeau, attended training for Police and Fire Commission members. This training was sponsored by the Wisconsin League of Municipalities.

I attended the Ad Hoc Alcohol Review Committee Meeting.

## **OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES**

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out in the month of October 2014 by Lieutenant Ron Waddell:

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

Facilitated responsibilities as the Time Agency Coordinator (TAC), scheduling on-line recertification and conducting expiration audits. Note, this task is now going to be shared with Lieutenant Scott Holum.

I conducted shift supervisor activities on many 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.

Planned and organize resources for upcoming Annual Holiday Parade, November 28 @ 7:00 pm.

Met with Santa Superior Run/Walk Director and Parks and Rec Director to discuss planning needs for the event which will take place November 28 @ 5:00 pm.

At the direction of the Chief, I have entered into discussions with a new organization (WISCOPS) for the purpose of starting an Eligibility List for new officer candidates. These discussions led to a non-binding agreement at no financial expense to the City. This agreement will allow WISCOPS to proctor testing and initial backgrounds on potential candidates for an Eligibility List.

Prepped the Multi-Purpose for use by the civic organization Our Town Tomah.

Met with Tomah School Business Manager to discuss school safety planning and presentation for the School Board at the November meeting.

Led the Homecoming Parade.

Attended a newly formed task force for Drug Endangered Children. Chief Nicholson has directed that I will represent our department on this task force.

Attended the Tomah Common Council Budget Workshop.

## **SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES**

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out by Lieutenant Scott Holum in the month of October 2014:

I conducted Shift Supervisor responsibilities on most of my shifts.

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

I monitored and processed incoming temporary evidence as needed. Lieutenant Waddell and Sergeant Preuss assist with this as well.

I provided oversight to Sergeant Huneck concerning the Fleet Maintenance program with scheduled and unscheduled repairs.

I assisted Lt. Waddell in scheduling related matters.

I acted as Incident Commander at a death investigation scene in the 200 block of Hollister Avenue.

I attended the City of Tomah Budget Workshop, together with Chief Nicholson, Lt. Waddell and Administrative Assistant Culpitt.

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:

Training was conducted in Tomah and consisted of administering the annual physical agility test, classroom training and hands on training at Lemonweir School. All personnel were present and all but one passed the physical agility test with a re-test to be conducted within the next month. Several team members attended an Advanced SWAT training at WTC that was presented by Neenah PD SWAT. Attendees provided an overview of the training and discussed some tactics, techniques and procedures that they learned. Building clearing with an emphasis on stairways and a new tactic for threshold assessments (pinning a corner) plus several K-9 searches were conducted at Lemonweir School.

## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

### **October 1**

Spoke with a student at Tomah Middle School in regards to sexual harassment. Students responsible for the harassment were talked to and told to stop.

Attended the School Safety meeting.

Problems with a student at Lemonweir School. Student injured another at the end of the day. Parent came and picked up student.

Sexual assault interview.

Student reporting harassment from other students.

### **October 2**

Attended the Senior Health and Safety Expo.

Follow up with Juneau County Detective in regards to sexual assault investigation.

Spoke with two staff members in regards to student concerns.

### **October 3**

VACATION

### **October 6**

Follow up with a student's therapist in regards to concerns brought up at school.

Spoke with 5 students at Tomah Middle School in regards to their behaviors.

Follow up/information sharing with Mike Spah from Monroe County Human Services.

Follow up/information sharing with Dr. Skofronick from the District Office.

Follow up/information sharing with school guidance counselor.

### **October 7**

Assisted with Homecoming voting at lunch.

### **October 8**

Spoke with a student at parents request in regards to a concerns with a staff member.

Met with a student in regards to follow up from a previous case.

#### **October 9**

Follow up with the parent that requested I speak to their student. Parent did not think student relayed the whole message. Follow up with student and everything is fine.

Follow up with a student in regards to sexual assault investigation.

I assisted with Homecoming voting at lunch.

I assisted with a locker search.

Spoke with two students at Tomah Middle School in regards to behavior concerns.

#### **October 10**

I received information in regards to theft of money from a locker room at Logan High School. Four (4) Tomah students were victims. Spoke with SRO at Logan to determine follow up action plan. I obtained statements from the students to forward to La Crosse Police Department.

I spoke with a student who was the victim of sexual harassment at Tomah Middle School.

Spoke with a staff member about a student concern.

#### **October 13**

Follow up restitution paperwork completed with the four students who had items stolen at Logan High School. Also a purse was returned to one student.

I met with the German Exchange students after school.

Spoke with the maintenance supervisor about concerns.

Miller School had a concern about subject living near the school making inappropriate comments to students. Follow up contact made with the neighbor.

I assisted a family with car seat questions.

#### **October 14**

I met with family members of a student reporting physical abuse by a parent. Follow up interviews with student, some family members and a social worker.

I met with a student in regards to behavior concerns and language they were using at school.

#### **October 15**

Report work on Disorderly Conduct, Sexual Assault, Theft and Truancy reports.

I assisted with finishing follow up for La Crosse Police Department in regards to the theft.

I followed up with Monroe County Human Services in regards to a parent interview.

### **October 16**

I spoke with a Detective from Monroe County in regards to sexual assault concerns with a high school student. Arrangements were made for interview with the student in Sparta.

Student had a question about driving record and driving status. I assisted with answering students questions.

Concerns about student behavior while at Winnebago Park were addressed.

Spoke with a student in regards to a driving complaint.

### **October 17**

Assisted with a student out of control at Miller School. Student sent home with parents and a referral completed for Disorderly Conduct.

Follow up with social worker and student in regards to physical abuse complaint.

Golf cart accident in parking lot. Follow up with injured party from the accident.

Provided security for students building floats at Recreation Park.

Met with a parent in regards to concerns about a male her daughter was talking to on Facebook.

### **October 18**

Attended the Homecoming Dance.

Follow up with report that student had medications at the dance and was going to sell them.

Provided a ride home to a student whose friends left them behind at the dance and parents were out of town.

### **October 20**

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

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Follow up at Tomah Middle School in regards to student behavior.

Met with a staff member in regards to an issue that occurred at the dance.

**October 22**

Assisted a social worker from LaCrosse County in regards to an investigation they were working with Tomah students.

Contact made with a former student now living in Rochester. Rochester Police Department was attempting to contact the student.

Spoke with a student in regards to a previous driving complaint and follow up behavior towards the staff member who reported them.

Spoke with a parent in regards to his student not attending school and other family issues.

**October 23**

Attended the Drug Endangered Children meeting on behalf of the school district.

Received four Habitual Truancy reports.

Served one Habitual Truancy citation.

Disorderly conduct complaint from Tomah Middle School.

**October 24**

No School.

**October 27**

Meeting with principals and Monroe County Human Services personnel in regards to students.

Two hours of sick leave.

Disorderly conduct complaint.

**October 28**

Follow up with Monroe County Human Services in regards to a student and commitment issues during contact with Jackson County.

Follow up in regards to information with students residing with a family member who is a sex offender.

Spoke with student in regards to their harassing behavior and future behaviors will be cited.

Received information in regards to a student selling marijuana.



Received information in regards to a sex offender being in contact with school facilities.

### **October 29**

More follow up in regards to student and attendance, family and mental health issues.

Several students on the playground equipment at Winnebago Park. Warned for being on equipment.

### **October 30**

Follow up with cold medicine usage at Tomah Middle School. One student taken to Tomah Memorial by a parent, two students sent home with parent and distributing and usage of cold medicines.

Follow up with student receiving text messages from another student.

### **October 31**

Follow up in regards to a theft of a cell phone at Tomah High School. Phone was returned to victim. Suspect student and parent came to the school for a meeting. Parent requested student be referred for Theft.

Spent time with an upset student whose parent and parent's friend thought it would be a learning lesson to tell student parent was being taken into custody because the student didn't follow directions.

Follow up with local businesses in regards to the cold medicine thefts.

Assisted Monroe County Detective with an investigation he was working on involving high school students.

Met with Tomah Detective in regards to a new case he was working.

Picked up marijuana and paraphernalia that was found at Lemonweir School.

## **CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

### **TRAINING**

The following training was conducted in October:

Department Firearms and Less Lethal Qualification for all sworn  
Investigator Sloan attended Rural Sex Trafficking training  
Officer Furlano attended Advanced SWAT training  
Chief Nicholson attended a Police and Fire Commission Workshop  
Officer Perkins attended Evidence Technician training

## INVESTIGATIONS

### **14-1341] Disorderly Conduct-Alcohol Related/Physical**

A Tomah officer was patrolling the downtown bar area and observed two male subjects engaged in a fist fight in front of the Bank Bar. The officer intervened and detained both subjects. Both subjects were cited and released.

### **[14-1492] Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated-6<sup>th</sup> Offense (OMVWI), Felon in Possession of Firearm**

Tomah officers responded to Maple Grove Street for a suspicious activity complaint. A complainant indicated a male subject, dressed in camouflage, had parked in his driveway and left the vehicle. Officers arrived in the area and located the vehicle as it was leaving. A traffic stop was conducted. The operator displayed signs of impairment and field tests were administered. The operator had five (5) previous convictions for 'drunk driving' and was subsequently taken into custody for felony OMVWI. The operator admitted to possessing a .45 caliber pistol and it was subsequently seized. The operator was processed and transported to the Monroe County Jail.

### **[14-1528] Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Restricted Controlled Substance**

A Tomah officer stopped a vehicle for a registration issue. The officer had contact with the operator of the vehicle and observed signs of impairment. The officer conducted Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and established probable cause to arrest the operator. The officer located marijuana and a smoking device in the vehicle. The operator had two small children in the vehicle. The children were released to their mother. The subject was transported to the Monroe County Jail.

### **[14-1550] Agency Assist – Domestic Violence**

Tomah officers were contacted by the Sparta Police Department and were requested to try and locate a male subject who had just been involved in a physical altercation in the City of Sparta. Tomah officers checked an address where this person was allegedly headed to in the City of Tomah. Officers located the suspect as he was driving into the City of Tomah. A traffic stop was conducted and the male subject was taken into custody at the request of the Sparta Police Department.

## PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

October Personnel Complaints = 1      Year-To-Date Personnel Complaints = 6

### **EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE**

**10-31-14**

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 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
Officer Nicholas Gimson	8/31/2014