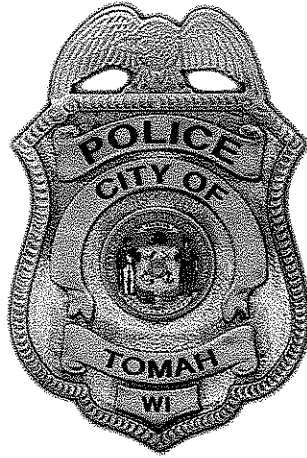


TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT



“Serving the Community”

April 2011 Report

POLICE CHIEF WES REVELS

CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES

I attended the quarterly Monroe County 911 Advisory meeting. The major topic of discussion was the transition to narrowband communications. Randy Williams, the Dispatch Center Director, agreed to be responsible for coordination of the implementation phase of the transition. The group selected March 1, 2012 as the tentative date for the switch to narrowband. As a reminder, we have until December 31, 2012 to be in compliance with the Interoperability regulations.

At this time Dr. Pam Prochaska, of the Tomah Veterinary Clinic assists the City with temporary housing, vaccination and euthanasia of stray cats. Dr. Prochaska has notified the Department that once the Chasing Daylights Animal Shelter is operational, she will no longer assist the City with these activities. Dr. Prochaska did say that she will be assisting with some of the activities for the Chasing Daylights Animal Shelter. Mr. Bialecki and I participated in a very informal meeting with representatives of the Chasing Daylights Animal Shelter. We do not foresee many changes to the procedures that are already in place. They've indicated that they will make it convenient for our personnel.

I accepted a check on behalf of the Salvation Army. The check was a portion of the proceeds from a fundraiser held by members of the First United Methodist Church. The church also donated money to Families First.

The spring clean-up organized by the Our Town Tomah Committee was held on Friday, April 29th.

I attended a meeting of the Western Technical College Advisory Group. The representative from Western provided information on their long range planning and the impact of the budget repair bill.

I held another meeting with members of the Monroe County Tavern League and many of the owners of the licensed businesses in the downtown area.

I attended an informational session in La Crosse with Mayor Rusch titled, "Doing More with Less".

OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out in the month of April, 2011 by Lieutenant Mark Nicholson:

Assumed command of the police department in the absence of the Chief of Police.

Completed one Personnel Complaint.

Completed requests made by the City Attorney's Office and the District Attorney's office for copies of evidence related to audio, video and pictures.

Conducted shift supervisor activities on many of my regularly scheduled shifts.

Monitored and processed incoming temporary evidence, assuring that it was properly packaged and labeled. Once this was completed the evidence was processed into the evidence room.

Managed and processed the open records requests for audio and video related evidence.

Managed all schedule related issues for all sworn department members. This task included schedule variations related to comp time, vacation time, court time, training time, sick leave and special assignments. During the month of April and May this included making scheduling arrangements for two officers on family medical leave, one officer that resigned, and four officers that were temporarily off on administrative leave.

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT

Call Out(s):

04/22/11: The Combined Tactical Unit personnel from the Tomah Police Department responded to assist with the resolution of the officer involved shooting situation on East Saratoga Street. Two CTU personnel from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department and one team member from the Sparta Police Department also responded to assist. Due to the rapidly unfolding nature of the situation a full callout was not completed and situation was handled with personnel who were on-scene.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out in the month of April, 2011 by Officer Marshall, the School Resource Officer:

Two G.R.E.A.T. Lesson's taught this month. Sgt. Huneck assisted with one.

Attended the school districts Child Development Days and provided car seat information.

Facilitated the Community Pride Program wherein four high school students were taken to lunch at McDonald's.

Paid out three Quick \$50 tips that resulted in three students being cited for possession of marijuana and possession and drug paraphernalia. Two of these students were also cited for underage tobacco violations.

Answered questions in the freshmen health classes during a unit covering legal issues and applicable laws.

Eight habitual truancy citations were issued.

A brief K-9 sniff conducted in a small section of the high school after concerns about some comments that were made.

Enforced a Department of Corrections arrest warrant on a student that attends the Robert Kupper Learning Center. Probation and Parole issued a warrant for the student after school staff complained to them about the student's behavior.

Warrant arrest on a former student of Tomah High School who was found in the hallways during the school day.

Coordinated a Quick \$50 tip paid out after a student reported seeing another student in the high school parking lot with a machete. A search of the vehicle found a play sword and a machete in the truck of the car. Student was cited municipally and an expulsion hearing was held.

Investigated a reported theft of an I-Pod. The student provided a serial number and the I-Pod was recovered the following week. One student cited for possession of stolen property.

TRAINING

Administrative Assistant Culpitt attended training related to Organizational Behavior.

Combined Tactical Unit Training:

04/06/11: Team personnel completed the planning for a high risk search warrant service at an abandoned house in the rural Kendall area based on limited information provided. Personnel then conducted a briefing for Sgt. Weaver and Sgt. Ames and the simulated warrant was served in real time.

04/20/11: Due to the untimely snow, training at the Kendall abandoned house was cancelled as the snow likely covered potential hazards around the structure making the training site unsafe. Training was held at the Tomah Police Department and Recreation Park in Tomah and consisted of a briefing on an officer involved shooting that resulted in the death of the officer in Iowa and then moved to Recreation Park where Defense and Arrest Tactics skills were

reviewed and practiced. Active Countermeasures (kicking and punching) were reviewed, practiced without gear and then practiced in full gear.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Department participated in another prescription drug/unwanted medication drop off event. This is the third consecutive year we have participated in this event. We consistently hear from participants how important this service is to them. Additionally, this is an excellent opportunity to educate our community as to the availability of our drug drop off box in the lobby. This year we collected approximately 65 pounds of pills and a recycling bin full of liquids, inhalers, creams, etc.

Officer Marshall assisted with the Community Pride Program. Four high school students participated.

INVESTIGATIONS

[11-0593] Possession of Ecstasy/Possession of Methamphetamine/Possession of drug Paraphernalia

Tomah Officers stopped a vehicle for operating without any rear lights. The vehicle operator was from the State of Minnesota. The vehicle operator was acting strange and giving indicators of possible drug activity. The Tomah Police Department K-9 was used to conduct an exterior sniff of the vehicle that resulted in a positive alert for contraband. A search of the vehicle resulted in locating ecstasy, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. The operator was taken to the Monroe County Jail.

[11-0648] Possession of Marijuana with Intent/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia/Dug-Warehouse

The Tomah Police Department conducted a drug investigation that resulted in the arrest of two subjects and the seizure of drugs and money. The investigation revealed that a male subject was selling marijuana out of his residence. The Tomah Police Department conducted a buy/bust operation that resulted in the arrest of one male subject. Following this arrest, Officers served a search warrant at the residence where the marijuana was purchased. Tomah Officers seized several pounds of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, growing materials, money and other assorted drug related items. Both subjects were taken to the Monroe County Jail.

[11-0677] Recklessly Endangering Safety/Intoxicated use of a Weapon

Tomah Officers were dispatched to the 600 block of Alyssa Street for a report of shots being fired. Tomah Officers received information that a neighbor had shot into their house causing damage. The suspect was located and taken into

custody at gun point. The suspect was intoxicated and admitted to being paranoid and possessing the firearm. The suspect indicated the weapon fired when he was trying to unload it. The suspect was taken to the Monroe County Jail.

[11-0708] Possession of Cocaine/Possession of Schedule II narcotic Drug/Numerous counts of Bail Jumping (Felony)

Tomah Officers were contacted by the Probation and Parole office in regards to a supervised subject that had earlier been taken into custody. The subject taken into custody had left his vehicle at the office and was acting strange with respect to the vehicle. The Tomah Police Department K-9 conducted an exterior sniff of the vehicle and indicated a positive alert for the presence of a controlled substance. A subsequent probable cause search of the vehicle revealed 2 grams of Cocaine, a small amount of "K2", which is a synthetic cannabinoid, illegally possessed prescription medications and drug paraphernalia. Charges for these new crimes were sent to the Monroe County Jail and the suspect was informed of the new charges.

[11-0595] Strangulation and Suffocation, Battery, Disorderly Conduct, Criminal Damage to Property.

Tomah Officers were dispatched to the 500 block of North Kilbourn regarding a domestic disturbance. Officers were advised that the victim had contacted a family member via a text message regarding the incident and was hiding in a closet at the residence. Officers were further advised that the defendant was in the residence, asleep. Upon arrival officers made contact with the victim and located the defendant, asleep, on the couch. The defendant was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Monroe County Jail.

[11-0720] Officer Involved Shooting.

On April 22, 2011 officers were conducting a follow up investigation into a drive-by shooting which occurred earlier in the day at a residence near the airport. Officers initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle thought to have been involved in said incident. The driver of the vehicle exited his vehicle and immediately fired upon officers. Officers returned fire. The suspect returned to and entered his vehicle. Officers requested the use of the Bearcat Armored Vehicle from the LaCrosse County Sheriff's Department. The incident was contained until the arrival of the Bearcat Armored Vehicle. Once on scene, the Bearcat Armored Vehicle was used to safely approach the suspect and his vehicle. The suspect was located in his vehicle, deceased. Officer Josh Kenworthy received a gunshot wound. He has since undergone surgery and is expected to make a full recovery.

COMMENDATIONS

My thanks go the entire Police Department regarding the Officer Involved Shooting. This is a critical incident that effects everyone at the Department in one

way or another. The shortage of personnel caused everyone to pull together to keep up with the day-to-day calls for service.

PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

April Personnel Complaints = 0 Year-To-Date Personnel Complaints = 2