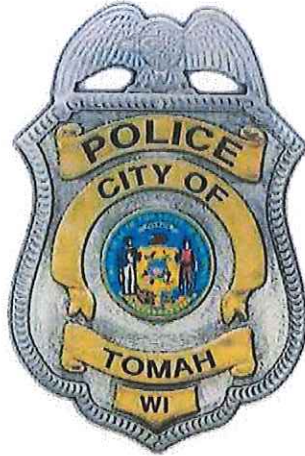


# **TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**"Serving the Community"**

**March 2015 Report**

## CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES

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

I attended a Monroe County Child Abuse Task Force meeting.

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I attended the monthly Committee of the Whole meeting.

I attended the Monroe County Safety Coalition monthly meeting.

I attended the City of Tomah Emergency Planning meeting.

I attended an Our Town Tomah meeting.

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

I attended an Ad Hoc Alcohol Review Committee meeting.

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

On March 11, 2015 a death investigation was initiated in the City of Tomah. As a result of the investigation it was determined that the cause of death was a homicide. Within 48 hours of the initial call two suspects were identified as having traveled from Idaho, stopping in Tomah, and then immediately leaving the City of Tomah and the State of Wisconsin after committing the homicide. On March 22, 2015 the suspects we identified were arrested in the State of Tennessee. As the Chief of Police I provided oversight to the investigation and authorized expenditures which, although not budgeted for, where necessary and required. These expenditures included overtime, meals, lodging and travel expenses related to officers completing investigations in states between Idaho and Wisconsin and then again from Wisconsin to Tennessee. Additional expenses was incurred and authorized to bring the suspect's vehicle back to Wisconsin to be processed by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Crime Lab. At this time the

suspects have been charged with homicide and are awaiting extradition back to the State of Wisconsin. Follow up investigation is ongoing.

I attended a Monroe County Coordinated Services Team meeting.

I attended Board of Director meetings for the West Central Boys and Girls Club and the Tomah Area Boys and Girls Club.

I attended the Monroe County Justice Coordinating Committee meeting.

### **OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES**

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

I along with Chief Nicholson and Lt. Holum attended a listening session regarding the process to becoming a Core Accredited Agency.

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.

In order to provide a complete review of all Tomah Police Department Policy and Procedures a review committee has been formed (Lt. Waddell, Lt. Holum, Sgt. Weaver and Officer Hintz). Each member has been assigned a portion of the policies and procedures to review for accuracy and compliance for current practices and application. This process, at least the assigned policies I had, were completed and stand ready for a total board review, which will occur April 1, 2015.

Chief Nicholson received a request to provide staff for security at the Congressional Field Hearing held at the Cranberry Country Lodge March 30, 2015. Chief Nicholson assigned me to coordinate and liaison with Congressional Staffers in an effort to insure a safe event. Several meetings were held in the weeks leading to the event, along with a vast flow of e-mails. I created a security plan utilizing six (6) uniformed officers and two (2) plain clothes officers. Three (3) staff were from the Monroe Sheriff Department and one (1) from the

Wisconsin State Patrol. The State Patrol included the bomb sniffing K-9. With the number of officers mentioned the overtime hours were significantly minimized by utilizing on-duty, or regularly scheduled officers. No reimbursement will be required for the utilization of Monroe County or Wisconsin State Patrol. Tomah Police Department did utilize one employee on overtime for 2-hours. The event, from a security point-of-view, was successful.

Using the Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction site, I entered one of the last two Crown Vic squads for sale. This squad sold for \$3,749, which was a little above our average sales on this website for a similar vehicle.

### **SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES**

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out by Lieutenant Scott Holum in the month of March 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 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. Kody's time with the Tomah Police Department has now ended.

I, along with Lieutenant Waddell, acted as the Critical Incident Commander for a Homicide Investigation at the Econo Lodge.

## **COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT**

### COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT CALL OUT:

None to report.

### TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT TACTICAL CALL OUT:

None to report.

### TRAINING REVIEW:

Two training sessions were conducted in March – 1<sup>st</sup>: Nine members of the Combined Tactical Unit attended the Wisconsin Association of SWAT Personnel conference in Milwaukee. This conference consisted of the following training sessions: Extremist Leadership & Critical Decision Making (Los Angeles PD SWAT Officer), N. 5<sup>th</sup> Road Homicide/Officer Involved Shooting Debrief (Marinette County, WI Sheriff's Department), Hidden Places Hostage Incident Debrief (Eau Claire, WI Police Department SWAT and Negotiators), Adaptive Leadership (Retired Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Commander), Rescue Task Force – Coordination of Police & EMS for Active Shooter Incidents (Arvada Colorado Police), Lessons Learned from Hostage Rescue Operations (Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department SWAT Deputy), St. Petersburg Murdered Officers/Barricade Incident Debrief (St. Petersburg, Florida SWAT Officer). 2<sup>nd</sup> – Team members from Monroe County Sheriff, Sparta Police and Wisconsin State Patrol were trained in 12 gauge and 37mm less-lethal projectiles. This training was important as it gives us the ability to utilize a 37mm less-lethal launcher owned by the Monroe County Sheriff's Department on CTU call outs. The 37mm less-lethal projectile launcher will be stored in the MRAP armored vehicle and provide us with an always present less-lethal option inside the inner perimeter. Tomah Police Department personnel conducted the less-lethal projectiles training and other Tomah Police Department CTU personnel did not need to attend this training since they were current on this topic.

## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

### **March 2**

Received two new complaints of Truancy.

Worked on completing month end reports.

Picked up a statement from a student at Robert Kupper Learning Center in regards to an incident that occurred over the weekend.

### **March 3**

Met with Tomah Middle School administration in regards to a student touching other students. Staff will attempt to set up a time to meet with students family.

Met with a Tomah High School student in regards to family concerns. Student wants to live with non-custodial parent.

Follow up with a student in regards to an incident that occurred last week at Tomah Middle School.

Spoke with a student at Tomah Middle School in regards to harassment from other students.

#### **March 4**

Assisted at Tomah Middle School with a student who was out of control. Student calmed down and agreed to stay in a conference room for the rest of the afternoon.

#### **March 5**

Half day of school.

#### **March 9**

Assisted with an ambulance call at Tomah Middle School.

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

Assisted patrol staff with a residential alarm.

Two students were missing from school. They did not get on the school bus. They were eventually located by a family member and returned to school. I did patrol some areas where they had been seen.

Meeting with student and parents to clarify information in regards to an Underage Alcohol party.

Talked to a student in regards to problems they had over the weekend with a friend.

#### **March 10**

Nothing to report.

#### **March 11**

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

#### **March 12**

Instructed GR.E.A.T. at Tomah Middle School.

#### **March 13**

Nothing to report.

**March 16**

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

Used half day of sick leave.

**March 17**

Discussed Mock Crash scenario with administrators.

Responded to and assisted at LaGrange Elementary School for student out of control.

Phone call with Wisconsin Rapids Police Department Investigator for follow up in regards to another case.

Discussion with parent in regards to drug use among students. Parents was going to call back with information.

Removed fake guns from Tomah High School Drama Club.

Assisted Monroe County Sheriff's Department with interview of a student.

**March 18**

Phone call from Wisconsin Rapids Police Department in regards to disclosures a student made to them in regarding abuse. Our case was investigated in 2009. Wisconsin Rapids starting a case and wanted to know if we wanted to be present during their interview.

**March 19**

On Sick Leave.

**March 20**

Concerns from the bus garage in regards to some statements a student made the previous day. Concern was shared with ISP worker, who will be in contact with the student.

Concerns about a student who was supposedly bullied at school and had asked for a gun. Student denied bullying issues and stated they asked for a gun for their birthday.

Spoke with Teen Parenting Class in regards to car seats.

Student reported abuse/neglectful behavior by parents. Assisted student with calling Monroe County Department of Human Services.

**March 23**

Spoke with Teen Parenting Class on car seats.

**March 24**

Planning discussion for the Mock Crash on April 9.

Meeting in regards to at risk students.

**March 25**

Follow up with Tomah Middle School staff in regards to registered sex offender being on the school grounds.

Commitment evaluation on a student at LaGrange Elementary.

Request for assistance with vehicle lock out at Lemonwier School.

Concerns in regards to a student not living with parent.

**March 26**

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

**March 27**

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

Attempted to locate truant students. Students returned on their own.

Worked in the evening for Spassabend.

**March 30**

Concerns in regards to student commenting about being sexually assaulted.

Follow up with family in regards to physical abuse concerns. Social worker and I met with student and family. Unsubstantiated.

Report of suspicious behavior by LaGrange School. Parent was following their child to school.

**March 31**

Spoke with staff at the Boys and Girls Club in regards to concerns for a child.

Online Training for annual Car Seat Technician Recertification.

Responded to an accident in the Tomah High School parking lot.

**CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

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### **TRAINING**

The following training was conducted in March:

Association of SWAT Personnel Conference: Sergeant Weaver, Sergeant Pedersen, Officer Hintz and Officer Furlano.

Evidence Technician: Officer Helgerson.

National Highway Safety Conference: Officer Keller.

### **INVESTIGATIONS**

#### **[15-0366] Disorderly Conduct – Alcohol Related**

An officer was in the downtown bar district observing the crowds at bar time. The officer observed a fight in front of Dimensions Bar. The officer responded and was able to stabilize the scene. The Officer had contact with a male subject who had a bloody lip. The male subject was rude, disrespectful and uncooperative with the Police and provided no information to aid officers in establishing what happened. The male subject was released and officers remained in the area. Almost immediately, the Officers observed a female subject fall hard onto the sidewalk and the male subject walking away. The male subject was stopped, placed in handcuffs and escorted away. The female subject was determined to be the male's girlfriend and both of them refused to provide any details to the Police and denied all allegations. The male subject was cited and released.

#### **[15-0377] Battery to Emergency Medical Care Worker**

Officers were summoned to Tomah Memorial Hospital Emergency Room for a report of a patient who had struck a nurse. Officers arrived and met with a nurse who indicated she had been punched, with a closed fist, by a patient who was still at the hospital. Officers met with a subject who they are familiar with from prior Police contacts. This subject was intoxicated and creating another disturbance as Officers were trying to gather information. The subject was discharged and transported to the Monroe County Jail.

#### **[15-0403] Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Prohibited Alcohol Concentration - Felony**

A Tomah officer stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. The officer had personal contact with the operator and the operator admitted to consuming 'three' drinks at his residence. The officer learned that the operator had three prior OWI convictions and had a restriction indicating not to have a blood alcohol concentration greater than .02. The officer administered one field sobriety test and then a preliminary breath test. The operator's breath indicated an alcohol concentration greater than .02 (Actual reading was

.078). The operator was taken into custody, transported to the Police Department for processing and ultimately released to a responsible party.

**[15-0421] Public Nuisance – Urinating in Public**

An officer was traveling through the downtown bar area and observed a male subject between two vehicles. This subject displayed common mannerisms with a male who would be urinating. Further investigation revealed obvious evidence that a person had urinated in the exact spot the male was observed in. Contact was made with the male subject and he displayed signs of intoxication. The male subject was cited and released.

**[15-0430] Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana, Child Neglect**

Tomah officers responded to Econo Lodge for a welfare check on several small children. Additionally, officers were informed the adults who were with the children had been overheard talking about 'Meth.' Officers arrived and could smell an odor of burnt chemicals that got stronger at the suspected room. Officers had contact with two females and were invited into the room. Three small children were observed in the room sleeping. The chemical odor was very strong inside the room. Officers obtained consent to search the females and when doing so one of them tried hiding a vial that contained a white crystal substance consistent with methamphetamine. This female subject resisted arrest and when secured with handcuffs had a vial of suspected contraband in her hand along with a knife. Additional items of contraband were seized and this female was taken to the Monroe County Jail. The other female displayed no signs of impairment or drug use and was permitted to take the children to her residence. This case will be forwarded to the Monroe County Department of Human Services.

**PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS**

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

## EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE

03-31-15

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 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



# MARCH 2015



## Reports

	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Reports	136	447	455	-8	5.71%
Alarm	17	37	32	5	15.63%
Burglaries	1	2	5	-3	-60.00%
Criminal Damage	12	41	36	5	13.89%
Death Investigations	2	3	4	-1	-25.00%
Disorderly Conduct	19	59	41	18	43.90%
Theft/shoplifting	10	61	48	13	27.08%
School Reports	7	37	34	3	8.82%

## Traffic Crashes

	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Traffic Crashes	16	60	67	-7	-10.45%
Property Damage	10	41	44	-3	-6.82%
Persons Killed					
Persons Injured	2	9	12	-3	-25.00%
Pedestrians Injured					

## Citations/arrests

	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Criminal Referrals	53	242	262	-20	-7.63%
Total Municipal Citations	145	530	387	143	36.95%
Burglary	0	2	0	2	0%
Curfew	0	0	0	0	0%
Disorderly Conduct	17	57	35	22	62.86%
Drug Related Charges	13	51	88	-37	-42.05%
Parking Citations	11	263	512	-249	-48.63%
Underage Alcohol violations	8	17	26	-9	-34.62%
Warrants	13	63	79	-16	-20.25%
Traffic Citations Total	149	554	448	106	23.66%
Traffic OAR/OAS	30	109	81	28	34.57%
Traffic OWI	5	28	20	8	40.00%
Traffic Seatbelt	7	18	13	5	38.46%
Traffic Speed Citations	21	70	15	55	366.67%
Traffic Warnings	28	69	65	4	6.15%
Traffic Warnings 5 Day	3	14	56	-42	-75.00%

**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	
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	
15-0122	F	46	X							0.130	
15-0159	M	62	X							0.160	
15-0170	M	53	X							0.180	
15-0191	M	23	X							0.190	
15-0197	M	31	X								Refusal
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	Not received yet-pending
15-0303	M	52	X							0.140	
15-0306	F	34		X						0.278	
15-0388	M	24	X							0.130	
15-0398	M	23		X						0.194	
15-0403	M	38			X					0.078	Not received yet-pending
15-0416	M	35			X						Not received yet-pending
TOTALS			13	8	2	1				0.157 (2.834/18)	AVERAGE BAC