

**MONONA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**NOVEMBER 2015**

## **McFarland Officer Ryan Copeland**

On November 23, 2015, McFarland Officer Ryan Copeland was driving to pick up his K-9 partner when his marked squad was struck by another vehicle that crossed over the center line of an ice and snow covered two lane roadway. Ryan, who was only 33 years old, died at the scene. The officers from the Monona PD work very closely with the McFarland PD and have been grief stricken with his sudden loss. A memorial fund has been established through the McFarland State Bank, 5990 UW Hwy 51, McFarland, WI 53558.

## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

In November of 2015, the Operations Division handled 40 vehicle crashes, which are down slightly from 48 last month. Vehicle crashes are a significant part of a Police Officer's day. There were 140 traffic warnings, 145 traffic citations, and 14 parking tickets issued. There were a total of 1,289 calls for service in November

### **Training**

Officer Hickmann attended 8 hours of domestic violence strangulation training.

Officer Wedig attended an 8 hour Uniform Tactic instructor recertification training.

### **Speed Trailer**

The speed trailer is in storage for the winter, however to request the speed trailer in your neighborhood contact Officer Jim Reiter at: [jreiter@ci.monona.wi.us](mailto:jreiter@ci.monona.wi.us)

### **Security Checks**

Officers performed 208 security checks in the month of November. A security check is when an Officer goes into a business and walks around to meet with staff to discuss any problems that the businesses are aware of. This also serves as a deterrent for theft. For the overnight shift, this entails checking the perimeter of the business and pulling on doors to make sure the businesses are secure.

### **Retail Thefts**

There were 61 retail theft cases in November, up considerably from 50 cases in October. Around 40 cases are typical in a month. These cases can be time consuming if the suspect flees and follow-up outside the City is necessary.

## Tellurian Treatment Center

In November we had 3 calls to the Tellurian property totaling 17 hours of police time.

### Use of Force Incidents

There were no Use of Force reports in November.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Shift

On November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:39am an Officer was dispatched to the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy and Easter Seals Donation Center for a report of criminal damage to their signs. This is a senseless crime which displays a horrible contempt for the hard work of these business owners who have to replace the signs. At this time the suspect remains unidentified and no motive is known.



The photo below is a great reminder that the first snowfall, and any snowfall, causes a lot of vehicle accidents to occur. When it snows, give yourself extra time to get to your destination, and give yourself extra distance between other vehicles. This accident occurred on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:50pm. The roads were wet but clear of snow and ice. The driver of this vehicle said he skidded on the wet pavement and struck the vehicle in front of him. He was cited for Inattentive Driving and for Operating While Revoked. The other driver was not injured.



Lieutenant Curtis Wiegel is the Operations Commander and 1<sup>st</sup> shift patrol supervisor. He can be reached at [cwiegel@ci.monona.wi.us](mailto:cwiegel@ci.monona.wi.us)

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Shift**

During the month of November second shift handled 17 Crashes, 26 Retail Thefts, 104 Traffic Stops were made, and they responded to numerous other calls for service. All of these numbers are up slightly from last year at this time. Here are some of the more significant calls for service.

On November 14, Officers responded to Denny's for a large fight in progress involving up to 25 people. Everyone was gone by the time the officers arrived. A witness advised that the incident involved all family members and it was all just verbal.

On November 25 around 9:07pm Officers responded to a disturbance in the Pier 37 lot near UW Credit Union. Officers learned that an unknown subject was driving reckless in the lot failing to stop for the stop sign by the credit union. While at the red light at Broadway the complainant honked his horn at the suspect. At that time the suspect exited his vehicle and approached the complainant. The suspect began yelling and punched the side mirror of the complainant's vehicle causing damage.

In the month of November Officers on second shift made 6 arrests on warrants. These warrants were discovered while handling calls for service. Most of the warrants were through the Department of Corrections for subjects violating their conditions of Probation. One warrant was for possession of drugs. The suspects were taken to the Dane County Jail on their warrants.

Sergeant Jeremy Winge is the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift patrol supervisor and can be contacted at: [jwinge@ci.monona.wi.us](mailto:jwinge@ci.monona.wi.us)

## **3rd Shift**

During the month of November, the Monona Police Department third shift officers handled 2 vehicle crashes, 6 retail thefts and responded to several disturbance calls. Officers made 76 traffic stops, which in the first time in many years there were no traffic stops that resulted in an OWI arrest. Officers were also busy with several domestic and civil disputes. Here are some of the more significant calls for service.

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 1:22 a.m., officers responded to an address on Shato Ln for what started as a 911 disconnect. The investigation revealed that an adult daughter got into a fight with her boyfriend, who left on foot. Afterward the daughter, who had been drinking, damaged the house and took her parents vehicle without permission. She was located, arrested and booked into the Dane County jail for OWI, Domestic Disorderly Conduct and Bail Jumping.

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 12:45 a.m., officers were dispatched to a local tavern for an intoxicated female who had passed out in the bathroom. The bartender was concerned as the subject was highly intoxicated. Officers were able to locate a responsible party.

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 1:25 a.m. officers responded to a single vehicle crash on Broadway near Copps Avenue. The vehicle had heavy front end damage and the operator was unconscious. They were able to wake the female driver up and determine she was not injured and had just fallen asleep. The subject was for OWI 1<sup>st</sup> offense. A breath test later showed she had a blood alcohol content of .16 g/210L.



If you have any questions, concerns, or if you have further information on any crimes, please contact the Monona Police Department at 222-0463. Sergeant Adam Nachreiner is 3<sup>rd</sup> shift patrol supervisor and can be contacted at [anachreiner@ci.monona.wi.us](mailto:anachreiner@ci.monona.wi.us)

### **Community Resource Officer**

For a majority of the month of November Officer Reiter was assigned to patrol as a field training officer and working road minimums. He was able to participate in the following crime prevention and community relations activities:

November 3<sup>rd</sup> he gave a safe talk presentation at the Monona Community Center for the Stepping On organization about being safe while out in the community.

November 4<sup>th</sup>, the citizens' academy took place. The group was taken to the Domestic Abuse Intervention Shelter (DAiS) where the topic of domestic violence was discussed. An Assistance District Attorney was present along with an Advocate from DAiS and a presentation was given about laws, treatment, and aid as it related to domestic violence.

November 6<sup>th</sup>, he gave a presentation at Monona Heritage located at 111/211 Owen Rd. The topic was about keeping safe in and around their building. He also assisted with the funeral processional for Don the late owner of Don's Towing. This took place at Gunderson Funeral Home and approximately 40-50 large tow trucks were present.

November 11<sup>th</sup> was the last day of the Police Citizens' Academy. The academy met at Pizza Oven on Monona Drive where a presentation/recap of the last few weeks was

displayed. Also a certificate of completion was given to all participants. Even a “cone award” was given for the “best driver!”



November 24<sup>th</sup>, Officer Reiter stood along USH 12 with several area law enforcement officers to Honor Fallen McFarland Police Officer Copeland for a procession from Madison to Janesville.

November 30<sup>th</sup>, he was assigned patrol minimums to cover for Intoximeter training. He also attended Intoximeter training later in the day.

If you would like to involve the Monona Police Department in a community presentation or event, please contact Community Resource Officer James Reiter at (608) 222-0463 or [jreiter@ci.monona.wi.us](mailto:jreiter@ci.monona.wi.us)

## **INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

### **Detective Unit**

During the month of November, 89 cases were reviewed for possible referral to the Investigative Division.

Crime	Number of Cases
Death Investigation	1
Drug Investigation	2
Fraud	12
Overdose	1
Sex Assault/Offense	1
Stolen Vehicle	3
Retail Theft	61
Theft	8

Members of the Investigative Unit were assigned to, or assisted with, 24 incidents.

## Current Investigations

### **MO15-04108 - SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD**

\*UPDATE\* After several months of investigation, many interviews and meetings with ADA's and CPS workers, it was determined that this case would not be prosecuted.

### **MO15-05596 – BURGLARY**

Detectives continued to work on this burglary following up on leads.

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### **MO15-06505 – FRAUD/ID THEFT**

A victim whom resides in Florida had her identity stolen and had her credit card fraudulently used at a store in Wal-Mart. Detectives are attempting to obtain video to possibly identify a suspect.

### **MO15-XXXX – CHILD ABUSE**

A Monona Detective was assigned to a case where a 13 year old girl showed up at school with a minor bruise on her face and she claimed it was from her mother striking her. The detective teamed up with Dane County CPS and interviewed the daughter and the mother. There is a potential of criminal charges in this case, however, for the time being Monona PD is allowing CPS to take the lead on this case.

### **MO15-06390 – THEFT**

A citizen who owned several over the road trucks reported that two of his semis were being "held hostage," in the state of Mississippi by two of the driver's that he leased the trucks to. A detective took the report and spoke to the others involved in Mississippi and determined that there was no criminal activity at that time.

If you have any information to provide in any of the above listed incidents:

Det. Matthew Bomkamp can be contacted at [mbomkamp@ci.monona.wi.us](mailto:mbomkamp@ci.monona.wi.us)

Det. Sgt. Ryan Losby can be contacted at [rlosby@ci.monona.wi.us](mailto:rlosby@ci.monona.wi.us)

### **Other Activities**

Property room management

Municipal court officer duties

## **School Resource Officer**

Following are some of the more significant cases handled by the SRO during November.

A battery took place at the skate park in Monona on Halloween night involving approximately 9 current and former GDS students. A former GDS student was cited.

Three students were involved in a fight at the Glacial Drumlin School. All three students received municipal citations for disorderly conduct along with school consequences.

Dane County Human Services (DCHS) reported a student at MGHS was involved in inappropriate activities with other students. After extensive investigation, DCHS will follow up on this case.

A mother of a Glacial Drumlin School student reported her son was being bullied by another GDS student. Incidents occurred on the bus in Cottage Grove. Case referred to CGPD.

A MG21 student reported receiving inappropriate photographs of another student from that student's ex-boyfriend. Investigation continuing.

Two students at MGHS were cited with municipal citations for disorderly conduct in separate instances for repeated use of profanity in the classroom.

SRO Shawn Fogeltanz can be contacted at [sfogeltanz@ci.monona.wi.us](mailto:sfogeltanz@ci.monona.wi.us)

## **Clerk of Courts**

During the month of November, 243 traffic, municipal ordinance and parking citations were issued. In addition there were 140 warnings issued for various traffic offenses. Twelve adults were also referred to the Dane County District Attorney's Office for criminal charges.

## **Dispatch**

The Monona Communications Center dispatches Police, Fire, and EMS, answers routine phone calls from citizens seeking information or wanting police assistance, processes citation payments, prepares and submits accident reports to the State of Wisconsin, files law enforcement related paperwork, and performs many other routine daily duties.

During the month of November, Dispatchers handled 1,289 calls for service. Of these calls for service, 122 calls came in on the 911 lines. Many of the calls for service are converted into incidents which require a report and additional paperwork. On average, each incident, consumes about 1.5 hours of the Dispatcher's time.

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