

TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT



"Serving the Community"

June 2017 Report

CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out in the month of June 2017:

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

I attended the monthly Committee of the Whole meeting.

As a board member of the Tomah Area Boys and Girls Club I attended board meetings and subcommittee meetings related to this organization. At the present time I am the Vice President of the Tomah Area Boys and Girls Club.

I reviewed and provided a recommendation for all alcohol related licenses issued by the City of Tomah.

I reviewed and provided a recommendation for all taxi cab license applications.

I reviewed and provided a recommendation for all Direct Sellers and Transient Sellers applications.

I attended meetings to review police and dispatch records management and dispatching systems. Currently Monroe County SO, Monroe County Dispatch, Sparta Police, and Tomah Police all have different records management systems. The systems do not "speak" with each other nor can the other officers review data from the other agencies. There is an effort to research and review RMS systems to see if one system would be more efficient and economical compared to separate systems.

I assisted in the facilitation of the departments Facebook page.

The Police Department conducted Alcohol Compliance Checks at locations throughout the City of Tomah that sell alcohol. A total of 30 compliance checks were completed. 12 locations sold alcohol during the compliance checks. Throughout June I made appointments and met with a majority of the owners/agents that sold alcohol during the compliance checks. There are a few that I am still scheduled to meet with. Letters were sent out to all of the locations that passed the compliance checks.

I attended the Monroe County Safe Community Coalition meeting.

Tomah Tractor Pull - Several department heads, including myself, attended the 2017 Tractor Pull media event and luncheon to kick off this year's pull. I attended two of the Tractor Pull Sessions during this year's event.

I attended the Monroe County Safety Coalition monthly meeting.

I attended an informational meeting with the Police Chiefs and Sheriffs of Monroe County.

I attended a Monroe County Mental Health Crisis Stakeholders meeting to discuss the Chapter 51 process and programs available to Monroe County residents.

I attended the graduation ceremonies for Lt. Scott Holum who graduated from the from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Command College. The Command College is a joint partnership between the Wisconsin Department of Justice and UW-Madison. The Command College is open to command level law enforcement officers throughout Wisconsin. Students of the Command College learn leadership skills in classes that include strategic planning, officer wellness, fair and impartial policing, human resource management, budgeting, public management, ethics, communication, and problem solving.

Sheriff Perkins, Chief Kuderer and I had a quarterly meeting to discuss the Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force and the Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit.

OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out in the month of June 2017 by Lieutenant Ron Waddell:

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

Facilitated Time Agency Co- Coordinator (TAC), scheduling on-line recertification and conducting expiration audits. Task is shared with Lt. Scott Holum.

Most all of my shifts in the calendar year 2017 have required a dual role working as shift supervisor and completing administrative responsibilities.

Provide assistance as needed with incoming temporary evidence as needed. The evidence responsibilities may require return of evidence and limited destruction of evidence as time permitted. Evidence is provided to officers for follow-up and/or turn over to other police agencies.

Review of all "Use of Force Reports" for accountability and procedural adherence. The incidents are charted for statistical tracking.

Received, processed, and scheduled "Ride Along Request" that were approved for civilians.

Participated on interview panel for pending vacancy in the sworn officer position.

Coordinated work schedules for staffing the Grand National Truck and Tractor Pull with law enforcement personnel.

SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out by Lieutenant Scott Holum in June 2017:

I graduated from the Wisconsin Command College as a Wisconsin Certified Public Manager.

I conducted Shift Supervisor responsibilities on some of my shifts.

I monitored the Prescription Drug Box and sorted/packaged various prescription medications. Medications there were collected from previous months were dropped off at a collection site for destruction.

I facilitated and conducted the physical agility test for the Patrol Officer candidates.

I participated in a golf outing in Sparta to raise money for the Sparta PD K9 unit.

I participated on the Patrol Officer interview panel.

Sergeant Preuss and I processed all incoming evidence and facilitated requests for evidence release/copies from the District Attorney's Office and City Attorney's Office.

I continued to research cases and purge property in the evidence storage area.

I commanded the Field Training program that is supervised by Sergeant Pedersen. Officer Brennan Scallon is now in Step V (Solo patrol) of the Field Training program and is performing well.

I provided oversight to 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).

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT CALL OUT (Full Team):

June 16 – Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force (MCJITF) personnel obtained a search warrant for a residence on South. K Street in Sparta based on an on-going investigation. This location was the subject of a search warrant in May of 2016 after information was developed during a homicide investigation. Based on the threat evaluation including the relationship to the previous homicide investigation, the fact that there was exterior video cameras on the house and that the drug involved was

methamphetamine, which is easily destroyed, CTU served the search warrant with a full team. CTU utilized three separate team assignments for the search warrant. Team 1 was responsible for breaching the main entry door and detaining the occupants. Team 2 was responsible for breaching the side door and detaining anyone found in the hallway as well as preventing destruction of evidence in the bathroom, which was located near the side entry door. Team 3 was responsible for moving the exterior video cameras to prevent the occupants from monitoring CTU activity outside. An additional team of two CTU tactical members and both CTU tactical EMS paramedics were stationed in the MRAP in front of the location. The search warrant was served in “no knock” manner and both doors were breached simultaneously. Four occupants were compliant with directions and were detained by the team and additional occupant was in a bedroom and was detained by the team that breached the side door.

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT CALL OUT (Partial Team):

None to report.

TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT TACTICAL CALL OUT:

June 6 – Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force (MCJITF) personnel obtained a search warrant for an address on Evergreen Pass in Tomah based on a tip and other investigative activity. Three members of CTU from the Tomah Police Department as well as a sergeant who is a former member of CTU assisted in serving the search warrant. The warrant was served as a knock and announce warrant and after getting no response from inside the residence the door was opened by manipulating the handle since it was unlocked. Additional announcements were given with no response from inside. Upon entering the residence entry team personnel located an elderly male sleeping on the living room floor. This male was detained and turned over to investigators while entry team personnel cleared the remainder of the residence. No one else was located inside. One adult resident was detained outside after returning home and later a male resident and female resident were detained outside after returning home. Two on-duty entry team personnel remained on location for security while MCJITF personnel conducted search and interviews.

TRAINING REVIEW:

June 20 – Training was conducted at the new Gundersen Clinic in Sparta and consisted of an Active Shooter Drill with Sparta Police and Sparta Ambulance Service also participating. Gundersen Clinic staff approached Sparta Police about conducting the drill and CTU Team Leader / Sparta Police Officer Marc Nelson coordinated the drill. Gundersen Clinic stopped seeing patients in the mid-afternoon and provided staff members to serve as victims for the drill. The drill consisted of three basic phases – SPD response to active shooter / EMS arrival and evacuation of victims / suspect barricaded with hostage CTU preparations for hostage rescue and negotiators communicate with suspect. CTU personnel responded as part of the Rescue Task Force to assist with the removal of victims with EMS and conducted a rescue of an injured victim from a danger area outside with the MRAP armored vehicle. At the same time other CTU personnel responded to the location of the suspect and hostage and began making preparations for a hostage rescue. CTU Negotiators were involved in the initial patrol response as well as arriving later and communicated with the suspect throughout the drill. Eventually the suspect released the hostage and then surrendered. Several after action reviews / debriefs

were conducted after the exercise and while there were lessons learned the overall performance by CTU (tactical, tactical EMS and negotiator) personnel was excellent.

K-9 REPORT

The Tomah Police K-9 Unit consists of Officer Adam Perkins and his partner K-9 Viktor. Officer Perkins has been employed with the Tomah Police Department since September 2011 and was selected to be the K-9 handler in late 2016.

In March 2017, Officer Perkins traveled to the Jessiffany Canine Services LLC Kennel in Iron Ridge, WI to select a K-9 partner. Officer Perkins met with the head trainer and looked at numerous dogs, ultimately selecting K-9 Viktor. K-9 Viktor is a Czech Shepherd from the Czech Republic. Officer Perkins and K-9 Viktor trained for 5 weeks at Jessiffany Canine Services and certified through Jessiffany and the American Police Canine Association (APCA) in early April.

Officer Perkins and K-9 Viktor primarily work 3rd shift but are available off duty in an on-call capacity. Officer Perkins and Viktor are also members of the Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit (CTU). K-9 Viktor is a “dual purpose” patrol dog meaning patrol work and narcotics detection. “Patrol work” encompasses handler protection, criminal apprehension, tracking, building searches, and area searches. For narcotics detection, Viktor is trained to alert on the odors of Marijuana, Methamphetamine, Cocaine/Crack Cocaine, Heroin and MDMA.

Officer Perkins and K-9 Viktor train on a frequent basis to stay proficient in the numerous tasks Viktor is trained in.

UTILIZATIONS OF IMPORTANCE

Drug Detection – Vehicle: Assisted Wisconsin State Patrol with a K-9 sniff on a vehicle on the interstate. Driver had a Felony Warrant and was on Bond with prior drug related offenses. Viktor was utilized and he alerted to the vehicle for a presence of narcotics. A search of the vehicle was conducted and small remnants of Marijuana was located.

Track – Burglary Suspect: Assisted our department with a track on a suspect from a burglary. Deputy Geier and his K-9 began a track, due to them arriving first. Once their track was unsuccessful, Viktor was utilized to start a new track. Track was located but ended a couple of blocks away. Suspect was not located.

Drug Detection – Vehicle: Traffic stop was conducted and the driver was involved in a drug arrest in the City of Tomah a few days prior. Viktor was utilized for a sniff of the vehicle. Viktor alerted to the vehicle for a presence of narcotics. A search of the vehicle was conducted and several items of paraphernalia associated with the use of Methamphetamine were located including seven syringes and a straw with Methamphetamine residue inside. The driver was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine, Felony Bail Jumping, Bail Jumping and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Building Search – Dairy Queen: Officer responded to a burglary alarm at Dairy Queen. Officers arrived on scene and observed a door was unlocked and open. Viktor was utilized to search the building for suspects prior to officers entering. Viktor did not locate

any suspects inside and assisted officers with clearing the building completely. No suspects were located and the door had prior locking problems.

Drug Detection – Vehicle: Traffic stop was conducted and the driver was on numerous Bond's for drug offenses. Viktor was utilized for a sniff of the vehicle. Viktor alerted to the vehicle for a presence of narcotics. A search of the vehicle was conducted and the driver was arrested for Possession of Schedule II Narcotic, Possession of Schedule IV Narcotic, Possession of Paraphernalia, Possession of Prescription without a Prescription, Felony Bail Jumping (2 counts).

Drug Detection – Vehicle: Traffic stop was conducted and both the driver and passenger were known for prior drug related offenses. Viktor was utilized for a sniff of the vehicle. Viktor alerted to the vehicle for a presence of narcotics. A search of the vehicle was conducted and yielded numerous Marijuana Paraphernalia items and THC Wax. The driver was arrested for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Drug Detection – Vehicle: Traffic stop was conducted and Officer Perkins spoke to the occupants about possible drugs being inside the vehicle. Officer Perkins explained Viktor and the narcotics he was trained to alert on. Occupants voluntarily admitted to numerous Marijuana paraphernalia items inside the vehicle. Items were collected and both occupants were issued Municipal citations.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

JUNE 1

Spoke with Athletic Director about law enforcement contacts with students.

Spoke with a student in regards to National Night Out.

Spoke with two students in regards to throwing garbage out of a moving vehicle. Student was sent to pick up trash.

JUNE 2

Follow up investigation to stolen cell phones. One student was cited for the theft of one of the phones. Another phone is still missing.

Spoke with a student in regards to a stolen bike.

Extra Patrol around the school after school due to traffic issues.

JUNE 5-9 VACATION

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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TRAINING

Wisconsin Command College – Lieutenant Scott Holum

Courageous Leadership – Sergeant Pete Huneck

Firearms Training – Sworn personnel

INVESTIGATIONS

[17-1023] Endangering Safety by Use a Dangerous Weapon, Disorderly Conduct, Recklessly Endangering Safety

Tomah officers responded to the 100 block of West Clifton Street for a reported disturbance. Officers arrived and learned two male subjects had been involved in a verbal altercation that resulted in one of them pulling a knife and waving it at the other. This other male had to pin his arm against an exterior wall. The subject who used the knife in the disturbance was arrested and transported to the Monroe County Jail.

[17-1035] Possession of Marijuana, Possession of drug Paraphernalia

An officer conducted a traffic stop for equipment violations. During the stop, the Officer conducted an exterior sniff of the vehicle utilizing Tomah Police K-9 and received a positive alert. A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted and numerous items of drug paraphernalia and drugs were located. The driver was arrested and transported to the Monroe County Jail.

[17-0822] OWI-4th Offense, Failure to Install Ignition Interlock

Officers were dispatched to Kwik Trip South for a welfare check. The initial information was that a male subject appeared passed out while in the driver seat of his vehicle. Contact was made and officers noted the driver still had his seatbelt on and the keys were in the ignition. The driver told officers that he had been parked at Kwik Trip for four hours. The driver indicated he had purchased alcohol and drank it while seated in his vehicle and parked in the parking lot. The officer was able to view surveillance footage and observed that the driver had provided false information. The driver was only parked for approximately 20 minutes and the alcohol he had purchased was in a bag on the floorboard of his vehicle. The driver was arrested for OWI-4th Offense (Felony). The driver refused to cooperate and a warrant was obtained for his blood as evidence of a crime. The driver actively resisted attempts at the hospital to obtain his blood and had to be held on a bed. The driver was eventually transported to the Monroe County Jail.

[17-1071] DC-Alcohol/Physical (Tractor Pull weekend)

Officers on foot patrol in the downtown bar district observed a disturbance in the doorway of Dimensions Bar. A patron was exiting the bar and kicked the door open striking another patron. This upset a friend of the struck person resulting in this person punching the door kicker in the face. All parties were separated and it was determined there was no intent on the door kicker to injure anyone. The male who struck this person was cited and released.

[17-1072] DC-Alcohol Related/Physical (Tractor Pull weekend)

Tomah officers responded to Dimensions Bar for a reported large fight in progress. Officers arrived and were met with approximately 30-40 subjects who were all incredibly

upset, many of whom wanted to actively fight the others, even in the presence of law enforcement. The investigation resulted in numerous statements that were all different, making it difficult to even determine what happened or who was initially involved. The basis for the fight revolved around a bride, who was wearing her gown, had it stepped on inside the bar. This apparently resulted in words being exchanged and then an all-out brawl involving many patrons. The scene was chaotic and after the two groups were finally separated, the officers attempted to determine if enforcement action was reasonable. After many conversations, one subject was cited municipally for Disorder Conduct. The investigation is still open pending information from other patrons. This call required the assistance from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department and the Wisconsin State Patrol in order to control the scene.

PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

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

EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE

JUNE 30, 2017

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 Rob Walensky	3/21/1999
Lt. Scott Holum	5/2/1999
Officer Melanie Marshall	5/28/2000
Investigator Paul Sloan	5/13/2001
Officer Brittney Westpfahl	1/16/2005
Sgt. Eric Pedersen	7/9/2005
Officer Steven Keller	8/14/2005
Sgt. Jacob Jones	3/12/2006
Officer Jarrod Furlano	1/13/2008
Police Clerk Diane Renteria	2/23/2009
Custodian Megan Drinkwine	1/6/2011
Officer Adam Perkins	9/4/2011
Officer Wilbert Steinborn	10/25/2012
Police Clerk Janelle Faulkner	4/16/2013
Officer Tyler Franks	6/22/2014
Officer Rylan Corcoran	10/11/2015
Officer Brandon Kuhn	10/12/2015
Officer Brennon Scallon	10/30/2016



JUNE 2017 COUNCIL REPORT



Reports	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Reports	222	1098	993	105	17.72%
Alarm	12	68	49	19	38.78%
Burglaries	7	19	6	13	216.67%
Criminal Damage	15	73	84	-11	-13.10%
Death Investigations	1	14	17	-3	-17.65%
Disorderly Conduct	29	152	124	28	22.58%
Theft/shoplifting	24	142	138	4	2.90%
School Reports	10	99	86	13	15.12%

Traffic Crashes	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Traffic Crashes	38	141	113	28	24.78%
Property Damage	22	84	77	7	9.09%
Persons Killed	0	0	1	-1	-100.00%
Persons Injured	7	28	16	12	75.00%
Pedestrians Injured	0	0	0	0	0%

Citations/arrests	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Criminal Referrals	173	917	722	195	27.01%
Total Municipal Citations	193	1027	1419	-392	-27.63%
MCHS Juvenile Referral	4	37	0	37	0%
Burglary	1	4	2	2	100.00%
Disorderly Conduct	26	145	121	24	19.83%
Drug Related Charges	37	226	225	1	0.44%
Parking Citations	7	362	520	-158	-30.38%
Underage Alcohol violations	9	76	62	14	22.58%
Warrants	41	150	147	3	2.04%
Traffic Citations Total	150	852	1296	-444	-34.26%
Traffic OAR/OAS	37	199	284	-85	-29.93%
Traffic OWI	7	50	50	0	0.00%
Traffic Seatbelt	8	46	150	-104	-69.33%
Traffic Speed Citations	9	74	78	-4	-5.13%
Traffic Warnings	139	1023	928	95	10.24%
Traffic Warnings 5 Day	6	64	86	-22	-25.58%