

TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT



"Serving the Community"

May 2017 Report

CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out in the month of May 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 an Administrative Staff meeting with members of the Tomah Police Department.

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 attended department training related to the Chapter 51 Commitment process and Emergency Vehicle operations.

Working with the Our Town Tomah organization I organized the Down Town Tomah clean-up day. Volunteers from the Tomah High School Roots and Shoots, Veterans Affairs Foundation and employees from the City of Tomah came together to clean up our alleys, parks, and Superior Avenue area. Lunch was provided to everyone that helped out. The lunch was donated by Pizza Hut.

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On Memorial Day I attended the annual Day in the Park Car Show held at Winnebago Park. As part of the events I was asked to choose the "Chiefs" award for what I felt was the best car.

I assisted in the facilitation of the departments Facebook page.

I facilitated and attended a meeting with the alcohol license holders.

I attended the Monroe County Safe Community Coalition meeting.

OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out in the month of May 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.

I attended the Tomah Police Department's annual Awards Ceremony.

I attended an Administrative Staff Meeting.

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 vacant clerical position.

SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

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

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 attended the Tomah Police Department's annual Awards Ceremony.

I attended a Tomah Police Department Administrative Staff meeting.

I sat on the Police Clerk interview panel.

I facilitated Code Enforcement Officer Corliss Tischer's arrival the Tomah Police Department and began training her.

I facilitated the Click It or Ticket mobilization through the Department of Transportation.

I, along with Administrative Assistant Rhonda Culpitt, coordinated the upcoming Patrol Officer hiring process.

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):

May 23 – Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force requested CTU call out for two search warrants in the City of Tomah. Investigators provided information on the occupants and based on the background of involved suspects and the fact that the warrants were for an upstairs and ground level duplex in the same

building, which adds to the complexity of the operation, CTU call out was approved.

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT CALL OUT (Partial Team):

None to report.

TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT TACTICAL CALL OUT:

May 31 – Three Tomah Police Department CTU members assisted Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force (MCJITF) with serving a search warrant on Dogwood Lane in Tomah. MCJITF requested assistance with serving a search warrant for drug use on Dogwood Lane. A tactical evaluation was conducted and CTU commander determined that a full call out was not needed. Three Tomah Police Department CTU personnel who were on-duty at the time assisted with serving the search warrant and detaining two occupants of the residence who were present with a child.

TRAINING REVIEW:

May 23 - Training was conducted in Sparta at the Monroe County Range, Sparta Police Department and Lawrence-Lawson Elementary School. First, firearms training including some familiarization shooting with new gas masks and a timed pistol course were conducted. At Sparta Police Department team members debriefed the two search warrants that we served earlier in the morning and presented the learning points to team commander and team leader who were conducting interviews of new team members during the debrief. Team members who attended the Tactical Explosive Breacher Course briefed team members on the training course and later we visited the location in Sparta where some of the hands-on explosive breacher training was conducted to view the breaches. Lastly team members conducted interior building clearing training at Lawrence-Lawson Elementary School and briefed the upcoming active shooter exercise in Sparta including the Rescue Task Force concept for evacuation of injured persons from the scene.

PERSONNEL:

Sparta Police and Sparta Area Ambulance have both added an additional member to CTU. Sparta Police Officer Zach Fischer and Paramedic John Krause have passed the selection process and are now assigned to CTU. Also, Tomah Police assigned Officer Rylan Corcoran to CTU to replace Officer Aaron Hintz who left in the spring of 2016. Officer Corcoran has also passed the selection process and is now assigned to CTU.

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, Wisconsin 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

High School Parking Lot Sniff – Officer Marshall requested a sniff be conducted of the High School parking lot. Viktor and I worked approximately 1/3 of the parking lot and Viktor alerted to 6 vehicles. Searches of the vehicle yielded no contraband but all were associated or could be associated with subjects who use drugs.

Drug Detection – Vehicle – Wisconsin State Patrol requested the use of Viktor in Warrens on a traffic stop. A sniff of the exterior of the vehicle lead to a positive alert. A search of the vehicle yielded several items related to the smoking of Methamphetamine and five (5) baggies of Methamphetamine. Driver was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine Paraphernalia and Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Deliver.

Drug Detection – Vehicle – Officer Perkins conducted a traffic stop and suspected drug use. Officer Steinborn was called to assist while Officer Perkins and Viktor sniffed the exterior of the vehicle. Viktor alerted to the vehicle. A search of the vehicle yielded a marijuana pipe, a methamphetamine pipe and several paraphernalia items. Driver of vehicle was arrested for Possession of Paraphernalia and Bail Jumping.

Drug Detection – Vehicle – Officer Corcoran conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle and requested our assistance. A sniff of the exterior of the vehicle lead to a positive alert. A search of the vehicle yielded two marijuana smoking devices. Passenger was cited municipally for Possession of Marijuana and Paraphernalia.

Drug Detection – Vehicle – Officer Perkins and Viktor were contacted off duty to sniff an abandoned vehicle. The sniff of the exterior of the vehicle lead to a positive alert. A search of the vehicle yielded a small amount of marijuana, four (4) blunt ends and an empty pill bottle with marijuana odor. Occupants were contacted and a municipal citation was mailed.

Track – ATL – 2nd Shift Officers had a suspect flee from an apartment after a domestic complaint. A search of the area was attempted and a possible track was located. Viktor was utilized and tracked for some distance but ultimately was not able to locate the suspect.

School Presentation – Officer Perkins and Viktor were requested at Mrs. Perkins 3rd grade classroom for a K-9 presentation. Presentation went well and all of the children had many questions and enjoyed seeing Viktor in person.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

MAY 1

Drug investigation at Tomah Middle School.

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

MAY 2

K-9 search at Tomah High School.

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

Complaint from crossing guard about student driver.

MAY 3

Instructed at G.R.E.A.T. at Queen of Apostles School.

Spoke with student in regards to crossing guard complaint.

Served a Habitual Truancy citation to student.

Spoke with a student in regards to concerns with door-to-door salesman.

MAY 4

Spoke with a citizen in regards to municipal law questions.

Spoke with a student on ISP and their mother in regards to medical and attendance concerns.

Report of a threat made to a student at Tomah Middle School. Referral made to Monroe County Human Services for students involved.

MAY 5

Spoke with a student in regards to driving.

Spoke with a citizen in regards to citations they received while in high school and how to report them on a job application.

MAY 8

Training half day.

Served citation to student at Tomah High School.

MAY 9

Instructed G.R.E.A.T. Queen of Apostles School.

Spoke with a staff member in regards to concerns about an incident outside of school but during students lunch hour.

MAY 10

Spoke with two different parents in regards to reported harassment. Unfounded.

Instructed G.R.E.A.T. at Queen of Apostles School.

Spoke with student victim of incident that occurred while at lunch. Student did not want to report anything.

Assisted student with school work.

MAY 11

Spoke with student in regards to social media harassment.

Instructed G.R.E.A.T. at Queen of Apostles School.

Truancy meeting with County Judges and school officials.

Concerns with student being disorderly at school.

Spoke with a staff member in regards to concerns with some items she found.

MAY 12

No School.

MAY 15

No report.

MAY 16

Instructed G.R.E.A.T. Queen of Apostles and Tomah Middle Schools.

MAY 17

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

MAY 18

Instructed G.R.E.A.T. at Queen of Apostles and Tomah Middle Schools.

Spoke with a parent in regards to truancy issue with child.

Graduation planning meeting.

Assisted with senior pranks.

Assisted student with school work in order to finish and graduate.

MAY 19

Assisted student with school work in order to finish and graduate.

MAY 23

Instructed G.R.E.A.T.at Queen of Apostles School.

Spoke with a family member of a missing special needs student. Student came to school even though they are a graduate.

Spoke with a student in regards to a recent traffic citation.

Spoke with Lemonwier Elementary School Principal in regards to damage to basketball backboard over the weekend. Parent of suspect student was advised and will contact the school.

Spoke with Principal of Robert Kupper Learning School in regards to a graduate and bond conditions. Student was advised to get bond modified with the courts in order to participate in graduation activities.

Spoke with Juvenile Justice Worker in regards to recent referrals.

MAY 24

Transported student to JDC in LaCrosse.

Concerns of threats to a high school student that would occur after school. Student was advised of threat and there was extra patrol after school.

Half day sick leave.

MAY 25

Spoke with a parent in regards to concerns with their student.

Spoke with a student in regards to attendance issues.

Requested to speak with a student at Miller Elementary School. Student was calm and working when I arrived so no contact was made. Also received statements from an incident that occurred earlier in the week.

Report of stolen cell phone at Tomah Middle School.

MAY 26

Assist with traffic stop. Student had a warrant but wanted to participate in graduation practice. Arrangements were made with the Court in order to allow student to practice.

Assisted with graduation rehearsal.

MAY 30

Phone call from parent in regards to an investigation with students breaking into their home. Referred to original officer.

Report from a parent in regards to their son's bike tires being slashed over the weekend while playing at Lemonwier School.

An item found near the school was turned in to me by a student.

Spoke with Monroe County attendance officer in regards to a student skipping classes.

Referral in regards to a student spraying hair spray on a table and then lighting it on fire.

Four students skipping school. Returned to school and parents contacted.

MAY 31

Fire Drill.

Spoke with a graduate in regards to places they can complete community service.

Spoke with a student in regards to a stolen bike.

Concern of a possible threat at school. Unfounded.

Spoke with a student in regards to threats to harm another student.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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TRAINING

Explosive Breacher: Officer Furlano and Sergeant Weaver

Wisconsin Command College: Lieutenant Holum

Vehicle Pursuit: Sworn Staff

Background Investigation: Investigator Sloan and Lieutenant Holum

Emergency Detention (Chapter 51): Sworn Staff

INVESTIGATIONS

[17-0801] Obstructing an Officer

A Tomah officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle near the 200 block of Arthur Street. During this stop, another vehicle pulled in front and a male subject exited questioning why there was a traffic stop. This person refused to go back to the vehicle and instead intentionally interfered with the investigation. This subject was arrested, after a brief struggle, and was taken to jail.

[17-0820] Possession of Marijuana, Possession of drug Paraphernalia, Possession w/ Intent to Distribute

Tomah officers were dispatched to an apartment building located on Grandview Avenue for a report of the odor of marijuana. An officer arrived and entered the apartment and could smell an overwhelming odor of marijuana. The smell was the strongest near one specific room and both occupants were detained. A search warrant was applied for and granted. During the search, individually packaged marijuana was located along with other items that would indicate the marijuana is being sold. The owner of the marijuana and other related items of contraband were taken to the Monroe County Jail.

[17-0822] Disorderly Conduct, Battery to Law Enforcement, Threaten Battery to Law Enforcement

Tomah officers responded to an address on Gondola Road for a reported disturbance called in by a scared child at the residence. Initial information indicated the father had choked one of the children and was out of control. Officers met with all involved parties and the father was arrested for Disorderly Conduct-Domestic. During the physical arrest of this person, he head butted the arm of an officer and threatened to kill the officers on scene. This person was transported to the Monroe County Jail.

[17-0872] Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Warrant

A Tomah officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for suspicion that the owner was operating and was not valid. Additionally, the vehicle had an equipment violation. During the course of the contact, a Police K-9 was used to conduct an exterior sniff of the vehicle and subsequently alerted to the presence of a controlled substance(s). A probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted and two glass methamphetamine smoking devices were recovered along with other items of drug paraphernalia. Both occupants were taken to jail.

[17-0876 & 17-0877] Possession of Methamphetamine and other assorted drug charges

Two search warrants were served at an address in the City of Tomah related to the sale and possession of methamphetamine. Numerous people were taken into custody and charged with felonies related to their involvement with illegal drugs.

PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

May Personnel Complaints = 1 Year-To-Date Personnel Complaints = 2

EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE

MAY 31, 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 Brittnay 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



MAY 2017 COUNCIL REPORT



Reports	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Reports	188	877	822	55	13.38%
Alarm	6	56	41	15	36.59%
Burglaries	4	12	3	9	300.00%
Criminal Damage	13	58	67	-9	-13.43%
Death Investigations	2	13	16	-3	-18.75%
Disorderly Conduct	27	121	105	16	15.24%
Theft/shoplifting	25	118	115	3	2.61%
School Reports	15	89	79	10	12.66%

Traffic Crashes	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Traffic Crashes	23	103	93	10	10.75%
Property Damage	11	62	62	0	0.00%
Persons Killed	0	0	1	-1	-100.00%
Persons Injured	5	21	16	5	31.25%
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	210	740	604	136	22.52%
Total Municipal Citations	191	830	1181	-351	-29.72%
MCHS Juvenile Referral	15	33	0	33	0%
Burglary	0	3	2	1	50.00%
Disorderly Conduct	25	119	101	18	17.82%
Drug Related Charges	60	189	181	8	4.42%
Parking Citations	7	355	519	-164	-31.60%
Underage Alcohol violations	15	65	57	8	14.04%
Warrants	26	109	121	-12	-9.92%
Traffic Citations Total	163	700	1073	-373	-34.76%
Traffic OAR/OAS	39	161	245	-84	-34.29%
Traffic OWI	9	43	39	4	10.26%
Traffic Seatbelt	15	38	104	-66	-63.46%
Traffic Speed Citations	11	65	65	0	0.00%
Traffic Warnings	186	884	726	158	21.76%
Traffic Warnings 5 Day	16	58	75	-17	-22.67%

2017 OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED STATISTICS

CASE #	AGE	SEX	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	BAC	REFUSAL	ACCIDENT	REST SUBSTANCE TYPE
17-0005	56	M				X				0.274			
17-0039	54	M	X							0.150			
17-0076	39	M	X							0.000			Marijuana detected
17-0104	36	F			X					0.180			
17-0139	32	M	X								X		
17-0140	53	M	X								X		
17-0144	35	F		X						0.180			
17-0179	59	M	X							0.170			
17-0184	45	M				X				0.161			w/Passenger Under 16
17-0242	44	M	X							0.170			
17-0251	24	M	X								X		
17-0261	24	M	X							0.110		X	
17-0273	31	F		X						0.120			
17-0307	24	M		X						0.211	X		
17-0325	F	46								0.152			
17-0348	F	37	X							0.120			
17-0390	M	51	X							0.200			
17-0399	M	21	X							0.164			
17-0402	M	62	X							0.221			
17-0423	M	43	X								X		
17-0429	M	34	X							0.110			
17-0436	M	42			X					0.190			
17-0440	M	46			X					0.249	X		w/injury accident
17-0461	F	24		X						0.144	X		
17-0473	M	22		X						0.140			
17-0476	F	38								0.254	X		
17-0479	M	51			X					0.332	X		
17-0524	F	26	X							0.160			
17-0527	M	24		X						0.140			
17-0531	M	34		X									Blood results pending
17-0597	F	24		X						0.000			Blood results pending
17-0659	M	55					X			0.130			
17-0674	M	58	X							0.090			
17-0695	M	21	X										Blood results pending
17-0709	M	32			X					0.184			

