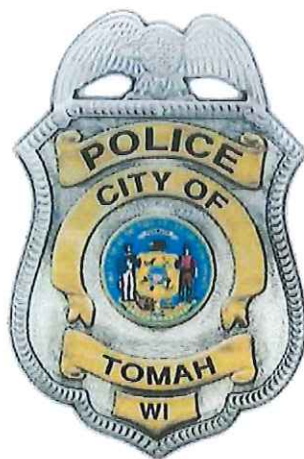


# **TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**"Serving the Community"**

**July 2017 Report**

## CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out by Chief Nicholson in the month of July 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 Administrative and Command Staff meetings 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 assisted in the facilitation of the departments Facebook page.

I called for and attended a meeting with representatives of each of the schools in Tomah to discuss the adult crossing guard program.

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

I attended training at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) facility located in Alexandria Virginia. The training which I attended was related to Exploited Children. The training was attended by Police Chiefs and Sheriffs from across the nation. The transportation, lodging, and training fees were fully funded by NCMEC.

I attended the Monroe County 911 Advisory Board Committee meeting. Those in attendance included representatives from Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire, Hazmat, and Dispatch.

### **OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES**

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

Participated in administrative level meeting to discuss department matters (personnel, budget, short/long term planning, policy applications, etc.).

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 in training and successfully qualified with all firearms.

### **SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES**

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

I conducted Shift Supervisor responsibilities on some of my shifts.

I attended a Command Staff Meeting.

I facilitated a grant audit conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

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 a Tomah Police Department Administrative Staff meeting.

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):

None to report.

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT CALL OUT (Partial Team):

July 7 – Search Warrant. Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force personnel obtained a search warrant for a residence on S. Court Street in Sparta. A tactical evaluation of the investigation and target location revealed that a full tactical team was not necessary to serve the search warrant. Several CTU personnel from the Sparta Police Department and two CTU personnel from the Tomah Police Department served the search warrant in a knock and announce manner. Two occupants of the residence were detained without incident and several dogs that were in the residence were moved outside before the residence was considered cleared and turned over to the investigators for the evidence search.

TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT TACTICAL CALL OUT:

July 2 – Search Warrant. Tomah Police Department officers investigated a domestic disturbance and developed criminal charges on a suspect. The suspect and a friend, who had an arrest warrant, were believed to be staying at the Super 8 motel and the

investigation revealed that the suspects were using drugs in the hotel room. Additional information was provided that the primary suspect carried a knife in the front of his waistband. Officers obtained a “no knock” search warrant for the hotel room. One CTU member was on-duty, one CTU member was called in approximately one hour early for work and CTU commander responded to assist. CTU personnel and two on-duty officers developed a plan to serve the search warrant. Upon arrival at the hotel the on-duty sergeant, who was assigned to a perimeter position, located the primary suspect outside smoking. The primary suspect was arrested without incident. CTU personnel then served the search warrant in “knock and announce” manner since the primary suspect was already in custody and arrested the suspect with the arrest warrant without incident.

#### TRAINING REVIEW:

July 18 – Training was conducted in Tomah and consisted of three phases. The first phase of training was MRAP drivers course and specific personnel were selected to serve a primary drivers and completed the annual driving course. Other team members participated in the MRAP training by conducting officer/citizen down rescues during the driver training course. The second phase of training was conducted at the Tomah Police Department firearms range and several shooting courses that stressed accuracy, movement and varied shooting positions were conducted. The third phase of training was conducted at Tomah Police Department and was a PowerPoint briefing on our Tactical Explosive Breaching program for personnel who are not trained as breachers.

#### **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**

Officer Steinborn conducted a traffic stop and requested a K9 sniff. We responded and Officer Steinborn stated he believed both occupants were involved in an underage party the night before that involved Marijuana and believed there might be some Marijuana inside the vehicle. A K9 sniff was conducted and a positive alert was given. A search of the vehicle yielded a small amount of Marijuana and paraphernalia. Driver was cited municipally for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Paraphernalia.

##### **Drug Detection – Vehicle**

A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle and the passenger was arrested for Bail Jumping. The passenger had a history of drug use and drugs were suspected to be inside the vehicle. A K9 sniff was conducted and a positive alert was given. A search of the vehicle yielded a small container of small plastic baggies with Methamphetamine residue inside and a .45 caliber handgun. The driver was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine and the handgun was sent to the crime lab. Possible charge of Felon in Possession of a Firearm will be added to the passenger if his DNA comes back on the handgun.

##### **Building Search – Burglary Alarm**

Burglary alarm sounded at Family Dollar and contact was made with employees who thought someone was inside the store. K9 assistance was utilized to search the building for unwanted subjects. Commands to come out were given and the building was cleared with K9 and Officers. No one was located inside the building.

##### **Drug Detection – Agency Assist**

Wisconsin State Patrol requested assistance on the Interstate while they conducted Standardized Field Sobriety Tests on the driver of a motorcycle. Officer Perkins and K9 Viktor responded. The driver was arrested for OMVWI and an odor of Marijuana was smelled while in contact with the driver. Numerous Marijuana buds were found strewn on the shoulder of the interstate. A plastic baggie full of Marijuana buds was located in the weeds close by. The State Trooper and the arrestee responded to the hospital for a blood draw. With Marijuana being thrown by the driver (later confirmed by squad video) K9 open area search was conducted to locate more contraband. K9 located and alerted to a plastic baggie of various Marijuana Paraphernalia items farther down the ditch and in the weeds. Driver was charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Paraphernalia.

##### **Apprehension Request – Tomah Case**

An investigation by Officer Steinborn led officers to an address in the County for a suspect. The suspect had a history of running from police, was involved with a stolen vehicle the day prior and had Felony charges. K9 assistance was requested in case the suspect fled the residence. The suspect was not located at the residence.

### **K9 Training**

Two days of K9 Training conducted at an empty Mental Health Facility in West Salem.

### **Consent Searches**

Numerous traffic stops were conducted which requested K9 sniffs. All occupants were ordered out of the vehicles and were informed about K9 Viktor and the narcotics he was trained to alert on. Just the presence and knowledge of Viktor led to numerous subjects coming forward with drugs they had in their vehicles or on their persons. Most cases led to Municipal citations.

## **CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade  
Monroe County Fair

## **TRAINING**

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children – Chief Nicholson

Firearms Qualifications – Sworn personnel

Advanced Patrol Tactics: Lieutenant Holum, Sergeant Preuss, Investigator Sloan, Officer Keller and Officer Scallon.

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## **INVESTIGATIONS**

### **[17-1145] Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Bail Jumping**

A Tomah Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that wasn't registered. The contact led to the use of a K-9 to conduct an exterior free air sniff of the vehicle. A positive alert

resulted in a probable cause search of the vehicle. Several baggies commonly used to sell methamphetamine were located along with a baggy that contained methamphetamine residue. A .45 caliber pistol was located under one of the seats. Both occupants denied possession of any contraband. Both subjects were transported to the Monroe County Jail.

**[17-1183] Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Bail Jumping, Resisting Arrest**

Tomah Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for suspicion the operator was not valid. Prior to the Officer activating his emergency lights, the vehicle pulled to the side of the road and both occupants exited and began walking north. The Officer attempted to stop them and they both fled on foot. The Officers chased them and were able to arrest one of them. This subject was in possession of methamphetamine and was out of jail on bond through Monroe County. HE was transported to the Monroe County Jail. The other subject was located a few days later (See entry with case number 17-1207).

**[17-1203] Bail Jumping-Felony, DC-Alcohol Related**

An off duty Officer was on his way to the PD to start his shift and observed two subjects acting odd. On-duty Officers responded and found two subjects lying in the middle of the 400 block of E. Brownell St. As the Officers got closer they could see the two subjects were actively fighting each other. The investigation revealed that the two subjects were brothers. One of them was highly intoxicated and the other was trying to get him home. The intoxicated brother began hitting the other and this is when the Police arrived. The intoxicated brother is on felony bond through Monroe County with orders to not consume alcohol. This brother was transported to the Monroe County Jail.

**[17-1207] Possession of Methamphetamine, Bail Jumping, Resisting Arrest**

Tomah Officers had been looking for a subject who was wanted through Monroe County. An Officer was patrolling through Fireman's Park and observed a subject walking on the bike trail who appeared to match the suspect. The Officer exited his squad and began walking towards this person. The suspect saw the Officer and began running away. The Officer gave chase and after some distance the suspect surrendered. There were many adults and children enjoying the park when this occurred. We were approached by several who indicated the suspect was seen throwing a baggy over the edge of the bridge. The Tomah Officer located a baggy that contained three individually packaged baggies of methamphetamine along with a straw. The suspect was transported to the Monroe County Jail.

**[17-1246] Underage Alcohol**

Tomah Officers responded to an address on the 400 block E. La Crosse St. for a report of an underage party. Officers had contact with nearly 40 underage kids. In total, there were 25 citations issued and the property owner arrived and kicked everyone out.



## PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

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

### EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE

**July 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
Officer Adam Perkins	9/4/2011
Officer Wilbert Steinborn	10/25/2012
Police Clerk Janelle Faulkner	4/16/2013
Officer Rylan Corcoran	10/11/2015
Officer Brandon Kuhn	10/12/2015
Officer Brennon Scallon	10/30/2016



# MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2017



Reports	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Reports	193	1291	1187	104	10.11%
Alarm	29	97	58	39	67.24%
Burglaries	2	22	11	11	100.00%
Criminal Damage	15	87	107	-20	-18.69%
Death Investigations	4	18	18	0	0.00%
Disorderly Conduct	17	169	142	27	19.01%
Theft/shoplifting	32	175	168	7	4.17%
School Reports	1	100	89	11	12.36%

Traffic Crashes	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Traffic Crashes	19	160	131	29	22.14%
Property Damage	15	99	91	8	8.79%
Persons Killed	0	0	1	-1	-100.00%
Persons Injured	1	29	19	10	52.63%
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	204	1124	890	234	26.29%
Total Municipal Citations	144	1174	1695	-521	-30.74%
MCHS Juvenile Referral	0	37	0	37	0%
Burglary	0	4	5	-1	-20.00%
Disorderly Conduct	15	160	140	20	14.29%
Drug Related Charges	48	274	271	3	1.11%
Parking Citations	10	372	521	-149	-28.60%
Underage Alcohol violations	28	106	68	38	55.88%
Warrants	25	175	179	-4	-2.23%
Traffic Citations Total	86	939	1573	-634	-40.31%
Traffic OAR/OAS	17	217	347	-130	-37.46%
Traffic OWI	7	57	70	-13	-18.57%
Traffic Seatbelt	4	50	177	-127	-71.75%
Traffic Speed Citations	8	82	93	-11	-11.83%
Traffic Warnings	103	1126	1155	-29	-2.51%
Traffic Warnings 5 Day	12	76	96	-20	-20.83%