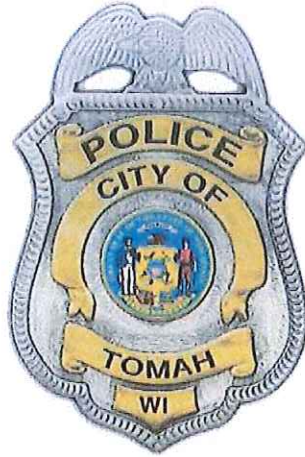


# **TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**"Serving the Community"**

**August 2017 Report**

## CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out by Chief Nicholson in the month of August 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. I am currently the 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 attended the Monroe County National Night Out. Once again the event was a huge success highlighting community, civic, and public safety organizations throughout Monroe County.

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. As a group three RMS systems have been identified as being potential systems that could be used as a county wide system. Site visits to other police agencies in Wisconsin who are using these systems are being planned.

I assisted in the facilitation of the departments Facebook page.

Lt. Waddell and I attended the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police training conference.

Lt. Waddell and I volunteered our time and services as needed for the concert held at Ft. McCoy.

I met with representatives from Baycom (Communication Services) to develop a 5 year plan to replace our hand held and squad radios. The radios are no longer under warranty and replacement parts are not being manufactured. Over the next 5 years approximately 25 hand held radios and 7 squad radios will need to be replaced. The replacement process will include future purchases using our capital and outlay budgets as well as any grant funding that may be obtained.

I participated in the Dunkin Donuts - Cops on Rooftop Special Olympics fundraiser. For the third year in a row the Tomah location raised more donations than the other 50 locations throughout Wisconsin, raising nearly \$6,000. All total the 50 locations and police agencies throughout the state raised over \$70,000. Officers from the Tomah Police Department, Sparta Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Department, and the Wisconsin State Patrol participated at the Tomah locations. It was an awesome event for an even more awesome cause, Special Olympics.

### **OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES**

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

I had the pleasure of attending the summer Wisconsin Chief Conference held in Green Bay.

Provided a facilities tour of the department.

I participated in the part-time custodian interview process.

I attended an Administrative Staff meeting.

## **SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES**

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

I conducted Shift Supervisor responsibilities on some of my shifts.

I participated in the part-time custodian interview process.

I conducted a background investigation on the part-time custodian candidate.

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 facilitated the current "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" mobilization through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

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):

August 11 – Search Warrant. Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force was assisting the US Marshals with a fugitive investigation and obtained a search warrant for an address in rural Warrens. MCJITF requested that CTU serve the search warrant, which included a residence, a camper trailer in a field area behind the residence and approximately 160 acres of wooded and farmland. CTU developed a plan that included inserting a small element with a tactical K-9 to watch the camper trailer while the remaining personnel served the search warrant on the house. After the house was secured the camper trailer would be searched and then the wooded areas would be swept using an

ATV with trailer to move team members. The search warrant was served as described and no one was located at the residence, in the camper or in the wooded areas.

August 19 – Rural Manhunt / Barricaded Suspect. La Crosse Police pursued a stolen vehicle into Monroe County where the vehicle hit tire deflation devices and then drove off road, through the Interstate perimeter fence and stopped before the suspect fled on foot. Monroe County Sheriff's Office requested CTU Callout to search for the suspect. CTU Callout was initiated and personnel began responding. Police K-9s tracked the suspect south of I-90. While the search was on-going a homeowner reported a suspicious person in their yard who entered their garage. CTU personnel responded to the location, safeguarded the elderly homeowners and then searched the garage. The suspect was observed lying in a vehicle parked in the garage and refused verbal commands to exit the garage. CTU personnel sprayed OC (pepper spray) into the vehicle through an open window, which forced the suspect out of the vehicle where he was detained without further incident.

#### COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT CALL OUT (Partial Team):

August 1 – Four CTU personnel assisted Sparta Police, Tomah Police and Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigation with a search warrant related to an Internet Crimes Against Children investigation. CTU personnel planned the approach and entry to the residence and conducted a breach on a door to a common area before contacting the suspect as he exited his apartment. The suspect and a second occupant of the target apartment were detained and turned over to investigators. CTU personnel then entered the apartment and confirmed there was no one else inside.

#### TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT TACTICAL CALL OUT:

None to report.

#### TRAINING REVIEW:

August 1 – CTU participated in the annual National Night Out as our training for August. National Night Out allows us to plan for and then demonstrate some of our capabilities for the citizens and this year consisted of K-9 apprehension, K-9 tracking and apprehension and K-9 evidence recovery search by our three assigned K-9s. Additionally, CTU personnel displayed our equipment and staffed a breach door for children to experience.

### **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**

#### **Drug Detection – Vehicle**

I conducted a traffic stop and requested another Officer to assist. I obtained Viktor and conducted a sniff of the exterior of the vehicle. Positive alert was obtained and a search of the vehicle yielded Marijuana and Paraphernalia. Driver was arrested for Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Paraphernalia and two Felony Bail Jumps.

#### **Drug Detection – Vehicle**

Officer Corcoran was at Kwik Trip North and was looking for a subject with a Warrant. I was requested to conduct a K9 sniff of the vehicle the subjects arrived in. A positive alert was obtained and a search of the vehicle yielded Methamphetamine and Paraphernalia. The driver and passenger were arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Paraphernalia.

#### **School Demonstration**

Conducted a School Demonstration at Lemonweir Elementary School.

#### **CTU Callout**

CTU was utilized in an Attempt to Locate for a wanted subject. Viktor was utilized in the rural operations.

#### **CTU Callout**

CTU was called to assist in locating a pursuit suspect. Suspect was located in a garage of a residence. Viktor was utilized in taking the suspect into custody without incident.

#### **Drug Detection – Vehicle**

I assisted MCJITF with a traffic stop. K9 sniff was conducted and Marijuana Paraphernalia was located inside the vehicle.

#### **K9 Decoy Training**

Participated in the Madison, Wisconsin Decoy Class put on by FMK9. Viktor was utilized as one of the K9's and I was a handler/Decoy student.

## CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Department members participated in National Night Out. This included the Bike/Blade Safety Expo, a K9 presentation and a CTU presentation.

Department personnel participated in the Dunkin Donuts - Cops on Rooftop Special Olympics fundraiser. For the third year in a row the Tomah location raised more donations than the other 50 locations throughout Wisconsin, raising nearly \$6,000. All total the 50 locations and police agencies throughout the state raised over \$70,000. Officers from the Tomah Police Department, Sparta Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Department, and the Wisconsin State Patrol participated at the Tomah locations. It was an awesome event for an even more awesome cause, Special Olympics.

## TRAINING

Wisconsin DOT Grants: Sergeant Pedersen and Lieutenant Holum

Breath Examiner – Intox EC/IR: Officer Kuhn and Officer Scallon

Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Conference: Chief Nicholson and Lieutenant Waddell

ALERRT Low-Light Shooting: Sergeant Weaver

K9 Decoy: Officer Perkins and Officer Corcoran

Wisconsin Narcotics Officer Association Conference: Investigator Walensky

Handgun / Rifle Instructor: Officer Furlano

Threat Management Team: Sergeant Weaver

Clandestine Lab: Investigator Walensky

Drug Recognition Expert: Officer Steinborn

## INVESTIGATIONS

17-1346] **Battery, Disorderly Conduct, Obstructing an Officer, Warrant**  
Tomah officers responded to Murdock Street for a reported domestic disturbance. Officers arrived in the area and located the suspect as he was walking away. An officer drove towards the suspect and once the suspect saw the police he dropped his belongings and began running. Other officers were in the area and the suspect was arrested a short distance away. The suspect refused to talk. The suspect was in possession of several credit cards belonging to subjects from another county. Officers learned the suspect had assisted cleaning an address in Juneau County and had stolen the cards. The suspect was transported to the Monroe County Jail.

[17-1429] **Bail Jumping-Felony, Battery to Law Enforcement, Disorderly Conduct**  
Tomah officers observed a female subject who they knew from prior police contacts. The officers knew this person was on felony bond through Monroe County and had a curfew that she was in violation of. The officer had contact with this person on the 1400 block of Kilbourn Avenue where officers determined she had been consuming alcohol, also in violation of her felony bond. The female was arrested and became non-compliant. The female refused to listen to officers and as she was being placed in the back seat of a squad car, she intentionally head butted an officer in the face and then tried to do it a second time. The female began kicking the interior of the squad and had to be further restrained with leg shackles. She was transported to the Monroe County Jail.

### PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

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

### EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE

**August 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  |
| 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 |









# AUGUST 2017 MONTHLY REPORT



| Reports              | Current Month | Current Year to Date | Prior Year to Date | Change | Percentage Change |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------|-------------------|
| Total Reports        | 166           | 1456                 | 1329               | 127    | 12.26%            |
| Alarm                | 14            | 111                  | 73                 | 38     | 52.05%            |
| Burglaries           | 3             | 26                   | 14                 | 12     | 85.71%            |
| Criminal Damage      | 13            | 99                   | 115                | -16    | -13.91%           |
| Death Investigations | 2             | 20                   | 18                 | 2      | 11.11%            |
| Disorderly Conduct   | 11            | 180                  | 159                | 21     | 13.21%            |
| Theft/shoplifting    | 26            | 201                  | 194                | 7      | 3.61%             |
| School Reports       | 2             | 102                  | 89                 | 13     | 14.61%            |

| Traffic Crashes       | Current Month | Current Year to Date | Prior Year to Date | Change | Percentage Change |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------|-------------------|
| Total Traffic Crashes | 27            | 187                  | 144                | 43     | 29.86%            |
| Property Damage       | 14            | 112                  | 101                | 11     | 10.89%            |
| Persons Killed        | 0             | 0                    | 1                  | -1     | -100.00%          |
| Persons Injured       | 8             | 38                   | 22                 | 16     | 72.73%            |
| 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    | 146           | 1275                 | 1021               | 254    | 24.88%            |
| Total Municipal Citations   | 138           | 1320                 | 1897               | -577   | -30.42%           |
| MCHS Juvenile Referral      | 1             | 38                   | 0                  | 38     | 0%                |
| Burglary                    | 0             | 4                    | 5                  | -1     | -20.00%           |
| Disorderly Conduct          | 10            | 170                  | 154                | 16     | 10.39%            |
| Drug Related Charges        | 44            | 318                  | 313                | 5      | 1.60%             |
| Parking Citations           | 14            | 386                  | 525                | -139   | -26.48%           |
| Underage Alcohol violations | 1             | 107                  | 68                 | 39     | 57.35%            |
| Warrants                    | 44            | 219                  | 202                | 17     | 8.42%             |
| Traffic Citations Total     | 135           | 1081                 | 1767               | -686   | -38.82%           |
| Traffic OAR/OAS             | 36            | 255                  | 383                | -128   | -33.42%           |
| Traffic OWI                 | 7             | 64                   | 77                 | -13    | -16.88%           |
| Traffic Seatbelt            | 6             | 56                   | 196                | -140   | -71.43%           |
| Traffic Speed Citations     | 6             | 89                   | 114                | -25    | -21.93%           |
| Traffic Warnings            | 165           | 1294                 | 1405               | -111   | -7.90%            |
| Traffic Warnings 5 Day      | 26            | 102                  | 117                | -15    | -12.82%           |