

TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT



"Serving the Community"

September 2017 Report

CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out by Chief Nicholson in the month of September 2017:

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

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. As the President of the Tomah Boys and Girls Club I am also a Corporate Board member on the Boys & Girls Club of West Central Wisconsin.

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

Reviewed and provided a recommendation for all taxi cab license applications.

Reviewed and provided a recommendation for all Direct Sellers and Transient Sellers applications.

Attended Administrative Staff meetings with members of the Tomah Police Department.

Attended a meeting City Administrator Gorius and City Treasurer Mann to prepare the 2018 Budget for the Police Department.

Department members and I met with a representative from the Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center to review how they can be of assistance to our department. MOCIC is a program that assists local, state, federal, and tribal criminal justice partners by providing adaptive solutions and services that facilitate information sharing, support criminal investigations, and promote officer safety. RISS has been supporting the law enforcement and criminal justice communities for more than 40 years.

Administrative Assistant Culpitt and I attended a site visit for a Records Management system that is being considered as a county wide system to include Currently Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Monroe County Dispatch, Sparta Police, and Tomah Police

Assisted in the facilitation of the departments Facebook page.

Department members and I attended the Chamber of Commerce Business After Five event. The event was to show support of our EMS, Fire, and Police Departments.

Attended the ground breaking ceremonies for the new Tomah Memorial Hospital.

Completed an annual inspection/audit of activities in the Tomah Police Department evidence room.

Attended the Special Olympics/Dunkin Donuts check presentation ceremony for the Cops on a Rooftop event. The Tomah area raised approximately \$6,000.00. The check presented to the Special Olympics was \$73,996.00

Attended the dedication ceremonies for the Monroe County Justice Center which recently opened for business.

OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out in the month of September 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. During this month I was present for an audit conducted by Chief Nicholson. Result of the audit was 100% compliance/accuracy.

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

Participated in a Patrol Officer Interview panel.

Attended an Administrative Staff meeting.

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

SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

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

I conducted Shift Supervisor responsibilities on some of my shifts.

I facilitated the physical agility test for 3 Patrol Officer Candidates.

I participated in a Patrol Officer Interview panel.

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 collected data from the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over initiative and entered into a DOT internet database.

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 attended a presentation conducted by a MOCIC representative.

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):

September 13 – Search Warrant. Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force (MCJITF) requested CTU assistance with a search warrant on CTH BC rural Sparta. MCJITF had conducted a drug investigation regarding a suspect dealing methamphetamine and unfortunately was unable to secure a controlled purchase of methamphetamine from the suspect. MCJITF learned that the primary suspect and a second suspect were staying at the residence with at least one other person. The two suspects both had arrest warrants and the primary suspect, a convicted felon, was reported in possession of a firearm and somewhat mentally unstable due to methamphetamine use. MCJITF obtained a “no knock” search warrant for the residence. CTU personnel approached the residence on foot and conducted a breach and hold entry by opening the main door and calling for the occupants to exit. Three occupants, including the secondary suspect, attempted to flee out the back door of the residence and were detained by a CTU containment team with one of our tactical K-9s. The primary suspect refused to exit and the MRAP armored vehicle was moved into the driveway of the residence to present a visual display of authority by use of emergency lights and to provide communication with the occupants by use of PA system. After several commands, including calling to the suspect by name, the primary suspect exited the residence and was detained without further incident. CTU personnel cleared the residence and did not locate any additional occupants before turning the scene over to MCJITF for evidence search.

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT CALL OUT (Partial Team):

September 25 – Search Warrant. Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force (MCJITF) requested CTU assistance with apprehended a wanted suspect at a trailer in Oakdale. MCJITF conducted surveillance and determined that a wanted suspect who was also suspected of dealing methamphetamine was at a trailer near HWY 12/16 in Oakdale and requested CTU assistance in

apprehending the suspect. MCJITF obtained a knock and announce search warrant to search the trailer for the suspect. Seven CTU personnel, some on-duty and some off-duty, responded to assist. CTU established containment on the trailer and then conducted a knock and announce. No one inside responded to the knock and announce and after several repeated announcements CTU personnel breached the door. An occupant came to the door and was detained. Additional attempted communication was attempted but the primary suspect did not respond. CTU personnel proceeded with a pre-approved plan to introduce OC (pepper spray) into the trailer to force the suspect out. OC grenades were deployed at various locations into the residence with no response. CTU personnel eventually entered the residence wearing protective masks and located the primary suspect hiding under a futon bed-couch in a bedroom. Once located the suspect was arrested without further incident.

TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT TACTICAL CALL OUT:

None to report.

TRAINING REVIEW:

September 20 - Training was conducted at Fort McCoy Life Fire Shoothouse facility and was a joint training with the Polk County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team. Polk County Sheriff's Office personnel had secured the training site and invited us to train with them. We had the opportunity to use both the Shoothouse with standard targets and the "Troy's Gate" interactive system. The "Troy's Gate" system allows for the officer to interact with a role player who is separated from the officer by a ballistic wall. The officer views an image of the role player on a large mirrored sheet and is then able to fire at the suspect, if appropriate. Throughout the day all officers had the opportunity to run through approximately five "Troy's Gate" scenarios and also participate in team operations in the adjacent Shoothouse. Shoothouse training is extremely beneficial as tactical team members are able to engage targets with live gunfire in an enclosed environment with other team members in close proximity after assessing if the target presents a deadly force threat or not.

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

Building Search – Alarm: Timberwood Bank

Received a burglary alarm at the bank. Used Viktor to assist in clearing the building of anyone inside. No one located. False Alarm.

Training – Trained with area K-9 teams in Holmen, Wisconsin for 8 hours.

Track – Assist Monroe County Sheriff's Department in Oakdale

The Monroe County Sheriff's Department requested assistance with locating a suspect who had active Arrest Warrants and Domestic Charges. Arrived in Oakdale and attempted track. Suspect was not located in the area and was likely picked up by friends prior to K-9 arrival.

Drug Detection – Vehicle: Winnebago Park

Had contact with a vehicle in Winnebago Park after closing hours. Occupants were suspicious and Viktor was utilized to conduct a free air sniff. Viktor alerted to the presence of illegal narcotics inside the vehicle. Search of the vehicle yielded four Marijuana Pipes. Driver and one passenger were cited municipally for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Paraphernalia.

Drug Detection – Vehicle: Buckley Park

Had contact with two vehicles in Buckley Park after hours. One subject was found to have Marijuana and Paraphernalia on his person. Viktor was utilized for a free air sniff of the two vehicles. Viktor alerted to the vehicle owned by the male who had the contraband on his person. Search of the vehicle yielded no further contraband.

Drug Detection – Vehicle: Butts Avenue/Williams Street

Traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle and Viktor was utilized for a free air sniff. Viktor alerted to the presence of illegal narcotics. A search of the vehicle yielded several items of Marijuana Paraphernalia and small amount of Marijuana. Passenger was cited municipally for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Paraphernalia.

School Sniff – Tomah High School

Assisted High School Staff and Officer Marshall with a locker sniff of the upstairs to the High School. Viktor alerted to the presence of illegal narcotics in 13 lockers. School Officials later searched the lockers for evidence.

CTU Training – Ft. McCoy

Trained with CTU members at Ft. McCoy live shoot house. Acclimated Viktor to the sound of gunfire around CTU members.

Training

Conducted numerous hours of training on shift. Training included obedience and narcotics.

SRO

Sept. 5

Found drug paraphernalia turned in. Later destroyed.

Student taken into custody for Capias. During a search of the student, student was found in possession of a knife, cigarettes and marijuana. Referral made to Monroe County Human Services. Student transported to circuit court and released to Monroe County Deputy.

Spoke with a parent and later a student in regards to truancy. Student decided to skip a portion of the school day.

Sept. 6

Conversation with a student about classes and a no contact they have with another student.

Student found in possession of cigarettes. Student was 18 so no law consequences.

Student found in possession of alcohol. Student was cited municipally.

Spoke with a Principal in regards to homeless and at risk students.

Spoke with a social worker in regards to students on her caseload that she is monitoring.

Completed drug report from 9-5-17.

Attempted contact with Juneau County about a family and services.

Spoke with a student about a complaint they started with Monroe County about damage to property.

Spoke with Investigator about student with possible fake money. It was discovered that a student was seen at school with the money.

Sept. 7

Went to Miller Elementary School and spoke with a student and parent in regards to theft and consequences.

Met with some new students with cognitive disabilities that transferred from out-of-state.

Sept. 8

Attempted contact with social worker from Juneau County.

Crime lab report received indicating substance mailed to them in April was confirmed as LSD.

Assisted with looking for a missing student. Issue is a schedule mix up.

Provided Ride Along paperwork to two students.

Sept. 11-12-13

Spoke with SRO from Sparta about working together during the Sparta/Tomah football game.

Follow up in regards to a report of an altercation between two students at the football game on September. 8. School consequences for both students involved.

Assisting Athletic Director with deciphering a law enforcement report.

Spoke with a student who had sticky notes placed on his vehicle and they were blowing off.

Spoke with student whose vehicle had hazard lights on in the parking lot.

Spoke with a student about vehicle registration and also driving and using a cell phone.

Sept. 14

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

Sept. 15

Attend an At Risk Meeting

Spoke with JAG coordinator in regards to students

Spoke with a staff member about an event they are working on.

Spoke with a staff member in regards to health and safety of family members.

Spoke with a parent about their child's injury. Later determined that student suffered a fracture.

Sept. 18

Spoke with the student who suffered a fracture.

Spoke with staff member about their concerns with family members and the follow up that resulted.

Theft complaint from a student.

Spoke with a former student about being on school property.

Sept. 19

Half day of sick leave.

Concern about a Tomah Middle School student and drug usage. Attempted to pass of information to Juneau County.

Complaint from a student about damage to property.

Follow up with injured student and not being able to participate in PE classes.

Follow up with student who had previously reported a theft.

Spoke with student about driving and violating GDL Restrictions.

Spoke with student reference harassment. Offered some suggestions to try.

Sept. 20

Half day of sick leave.

Sept. 21

Report of a pregnant student. Staff indicated it was already reported and student resides in the County.

Work on my computer installing needed programs.

Report of student in possession of a knife. Unfounded.

Sept. 25

Spoke with a student in regards to traffic complaint.

Spoke with students caught taking a double lunch. One student returned to class. Other was warned.

Spoke with guidance counselor about providing vouchers to families in need.

Sept. 26

Spoke with a student about making threatening statements. Student is having family issues and was upset. Parent notified and picked up student.

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

Spoke with Middle School staff about student concerns.

Spoke with a student about driving behavior.

Sept. 27

Message from school crossing guard about a concern. Referred to Sgt. Huneck.

Fire Drill assist at Tomah High School.

Concerns about some students and their behavior at Miller Elementary School. Gave Principal some suggestions.

Sept. 28

Spoke with numerous students at Tomah High School about skipping classes for two lunches. At this time students were warned but given school consequences.

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

Spoke with a student about law enforcement as a career and provided student with a Ride Along application.

Sept. 29

K-9 search at Tomah High School resulted in searches of numerous lockers.

Concern about a student who has not been at school. Family member was going to check on the student and their family.

Follow up on student absent from school. Past history of forging doctors notes. Notes were confirmed by medical clinic.

Spoke with Principal about concerns with students at risk.

Received two Truancy reports.

Received statements from Tomah Middle School about disorderly conduct events with two students.

Report of a student at Tomah High School in possession of chewing tobacco.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Department members and I attended the Chamber of Commerce Business After Five event. The event was to show support of our EMS, Fire, and Police Departments.

The Chief attended the ground breaking ceremonies for the new Tomah Memorial Hospital.

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TRAINING

No report.

INVESTIGATIONS

[17-1465] Bail Jumping-Felony

Tomah officers were dispatched to the parking lot behind The Carlton Restaurant for a report of a subject "passed out" behind the wheel of their running vehicle. Officers had contact with a subject whom they knew was on separate different bond conditions prohibiting the consumption of alcohol. Contact was made and the subject was in fact intoxicated. The subject's vehicle was shut off and the subject was removed from the vehicle. The subject was arrested and transported to the Monroe County Jail.

[17-1526] Disorderly Conduct

Officers were dispatched to the area near The Elbow Room bar for a report of a male subject "passed out" in the grass. Officers located the subject as he was leaving the area in a cab. Contact was made to ensure there wasn't a medical issue that needed attention. The subject was clearly intoxicated and it was determined that he wasn't in need of any police assistance. A short time later, the cab company called and indicated the subject became uncooperative and wouldn't tell them where he wanted to go. The subject was dropped off in front of the Tomah Police Department. The subject was observed walking between the buildings and then urinating on the side of the Police Department. The subject was arrested and transported to Tomah Memorial Hospital for a medical clearance due to his obvious level of intoxication. Once cleared, he was transported to the Monroe County Jail.

**[17-1553] Open Intoxicant, Obstructing an Officer, Underage on Premises,
Underage Possession of Alcohol**

An officer observed a male subject walking with an opened bottle of beer. This occurred in the downtown bar district. The subject was detained and he stated he was "21." An identification card was located that belonged to another person who was "21." The person who was detained was determined to be 19-years-old. This person lied numerous times to the police about his possession of alcohol and the reason for him being downtown. The subject's sister and mother both provided information that proved the subject was intentionally providing false information to the police. The subject was cited and released. The subject had been served at the Crow Bar.

PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

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

EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE

September 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 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
Holli Corcoran	09/11/2017



2017 SEPTEMBER MONTHLY REPORT



Reports	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Reports	170	1626	1499	127	12.07%
Alarm	11	122	79	43	54.43%
Burglaries	7	33	15	18	120.00%
Criminal Damage	20	119	129	-10	-7.75%
Death Investigations	3	23	18	5	27.78%
Disorderly Conduct	11	191	180	11	6.11%
Theft/shoplifting	28	229	224	5	2.23%
School Reports	5	107	92	15	16.30%

Traffic Crashes	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Traffic Crashes	20	207	170	37	21.76%
Property Damage	15	127	116	11	9.48%
Persons Killed	0	0	2	-2	-100.00%
Persons Injured	2	40	27	13	48.15%
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	247	1604	1132	472	41.70%
Total Municipal Citations	151	1474	2179	-705	-32.35%
MCHS Juvenile Referral	8	46	0	46	0%
Burglary	1	5	7	-2	-28.57%
Disorderly Conduct	14	184	172	12	6.98%
Drug Related Charges	50	368	344	24	6.98%
Parking Citations	14	400	527	-127	-24.10%
Underage Alcohol violations	6	113	68	45	66.18%
Warrants	15	234	223	11	4.93%
Traffic Citations Total	134	1219	2033	-814	-40.04%
Traffic OAR/OAS	26	281	425	-144	-33.88%
Traffic OWI	9	73	91	-18	-19.78%
Traffic Seatbelt	3	59	237	-178	-75.11%
Traffic Speed Citations	15	104	141	-37	-26.24%
Traffic Warnings	151	1446	1682	-236	-14.03%
Traffic Warnings 5 Day	15	117	139	-22	-15.83%

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								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			
17-0242	44	M	X							0.170			w/Passenger Under 16
17-0251	24	M	X								X		
17-0261	24	M	X									X	
17-0273	31	F		X						0.110			
17-0307	24	M		X						0.120			
17-0325	46	F				X				0.211	X		
17-0348	37	F	X							0.152			
17-0390	51	M	X							0.120			
17-0399	21	M	X							0.200			
17-0402	62	M	X							0.164			
17-0423	43	M	X							0.221			
17-0429	34	M	X								X		
17-0436	42	M			X					0.110			
17-0440	46	M			X					0.190			
17-0461	24	F		X						0.249	X		w/injury accident
17-0473	22	M		X						0.144	X		
17-0476	38	F			X					0.140			
17-0479	51	M				X				0.254	X		
17-0524	26	F	X							0.332	X		
17-0527	24	M		X						0.160			
17-0531	34	M		X						0.140			
17-0597	24	F		X						0.000			Marijuana detected
17-0659	55	M					X			0.130			Marijuana detected
17-0674	58	M	X							0.090			
17-0695	21	M	X							0.120			
17-0709	32	M			X					0.184			

