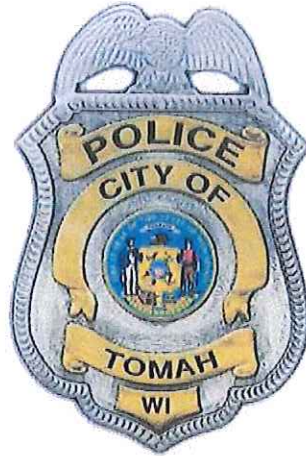


# **TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**"Serving the Community"**

**November 2017 Report**

## CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES

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

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

I attended the monthly City Council 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.

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/facilitated Administrative Staff meetings with members of the Tomah Police Department.

I attended/facilitated Command Staff meetings with members of the Tomah Police Department.

I assisted in the facilitation of the departments Facebook page.

I attended the Monroe County Safe Community Coalition meeting.

I attended a Monroe County Crisis Coordinated Response Stakeholders meeting.

I attended training for the new accounting software/records management system that the City purchased.

I attended the Monroe County Drug Endangered Children Task Force and CPS Multidisciplinary Team meeting.

## **OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES**

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

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.

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.

Made arrangements (detour permit, DPW planning, and County Reserve request) for the Tomah Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade that took place on Friday, November 24. I was honored to lead the parade with our newest marked squad, giving the community an opportunity to see the new striping package.

Planned for the Holiday Train that arrives December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for a 45-minute show. Traffic will be detoured around the Superior Ave crossing from 5:00 p.m. until the show completion.

## **SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES**

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

I conducted Shift Supervisor responsibilities on some of my shifts.

I attended a Command Staff meeting.

I presented information to the Monroe County District Attorney's Office related to using and managing data files on Evidence.com.

I, along with Administrative Assistant Rhonda Culpitt, set up the upcoming hiring process that commences on December 9, 2017.

I attended a City Finance meeting.

I met with the Wisconsin Department of Justice to conduct an inspection of the Tomah Police Department's booking area.

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 has successfully completed his probationary period and has been granted full tenure with the Tomah Police Department.

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):

November 17 – Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force (MCJITF) personnel obtained two search warrants as the result of an on-going heroin and methamphetamine dealing investigation. One of the search warrants was for an apartment in the City of Tomah and the second was for a residence in Millston. MCJITF requested CTU assistance with serving the search warrants. CTU consulted with Jackson County Sheriff's Office since the Millston search warrant was in their jurisdiction. Jackson County Sheriff's Office requested mutual aid for CTU to assist with serving the search warrant in Millston. Three CTU personnel with assistance from on-duty Tomah Police Department officers served the search warrant in Tomah. Ten CTU personnel went to Millston to assist Jackson County Sheriff's Office personnel with serving that search warrant. The Millston search warrant was much more complex as it was a large floor plan, was probably occupied by a convicted felon who was known to be armed, the location had been subject to several other search warrants and the location had exterior video surveillance cameras. CTU assisted Jackson County Sheriff's Office personnel with developing a plan and

then executing the plan including conducting an explosive breach of the main entry door and deploying a Flashbang prior to entry. Both search warrants were served simultaneously and the apartment in Tomah was empty at time of service, two people coming to the location while police were present were arrested, and four people were detained in Millston.

November 29 – Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force (MCJITF) personnel obtained a search warrant for an address in rural Tomah as the result of an on-going marijuana and prescription drug dealing investigation. MCJITF requested that CTU serve the search warrant and reported that the primary suspect was observed by the confidential informant possessing a handgun in the residence in the past. CTU personnel served the search warrant and detained four occupants of the residence and cleared several out buildings and tents on the property.

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

November 5 – Monroe County Sheriff's Office requested CTU assistance with arresting a subject barricaded in his vehicle at the end of a pursuit north of Tomah. Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Tomah Police and Wisconsin State Patrol encountered a suspect on US 12 north of Tomah after several driving complaints of the suspect speeding through Tomah and yelling in the vehicle. The suspect refused to exit the vehicle and when police attempted to force the suspect from the vehicle he fled. The vehicle ran over pre-deployed tire deflation spikes. The suspect fled in the vehicle for several miles before coming to a stop in the ditch on CTH M near US 12. Three CTU personnel (2 Tomah Police and 1 Monroe County Sheriff) were involved in the incident and requested additional resources through the Monroe County Sheriff's Office sergeant on-scene. Two off-duty Tomah Police Department personnel responded (one with tactical truck and one with K-9) to assist. The suspect was observed with several handgun holsters on his body and a CO2 pistol was observed on the seat of the vehicle during the initial interaction. The suspect refused numerous commands to exit the vehicle and CTU personnel fired an OC powder (pepper spray) round into the vehicle. The suspect then exited the vehicle and was detained without further incident. Later this suspect made comments that he was planning to force the police to kill him.

#### TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT TACTICAL CALL OUT:

None to report.

#### TRAINING REVIEW:

November 21 – CTU training was conducted at the Monroe County Sheriff's Office range and consisted of several precision shooting drills and a running movement drill that was timed with penalties assessed for any incorrect shots. After the firearms training classroom training was conducted at the Sparta Police Department that consisted of debriefing the recent call outs and reviewing the SOP manual with all team members in preparation for December training when we will practice all SOPs hands on.

### **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**

**Training:** Conducted 8 hours of K-9 training with other area K-9 teams in West Salem.

**School Sniff Assist:** Assisted West Salem High School with a K-9 sniff of their school. Also assisted by other K-9 teams.

**Apprehension Assist:** Requested to assist CTU and other personnel with a pursuit suspect refusing to exit. Suspect was taken into custody without K-9 apprehension.

**Alarm:** Burglary Alarm at Victory Fireworks. All was secure.

**Assist:** Monroe County Deputies requested assistance with a burglary call at "The Bog" in Warrens. Arrived and all was deemed secure.

**Vehicle Sniff:** Assisted Tomah Police Department personnel with a vehicle sniff on the Interstate. Positive alert was obtained. Drugs and drug paraphernalia were located inside the vehicle. Driver and passenger were arrested for drug related offenses, Felony BailJumping and outstanding warrants.

**Alarm:** Burglary Alarm at the Queen of the Apostles School. All was secure. Delivery driver set off the alarm.

**CTU Training:** Conducted firearm training with CTU personnel. Exposed K-9 to gunfire and movement with gunfire.

**School Sniff:** Conducted sniff at Robert Kupper Learning Center.

**Vehicle Sniff:** Assisted Tomah Police Department personnel with a vehicle sniff on Highway 12 just east of the City. Positive alert obtained. Search of the vehicle yielded methamphetamine and paraphernalia. Driver was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine, Paraphernalia and Carry Concealed Weapon.

**Vehicle Sniffs:** Conducted two vehicle sniffs with positive alerts. Search of the vehicles were conducted and very small amounts of left over marijuana were located. Occupants were released.

**Training:** Conducted numerous on shift trainings that included Obedience, Narcotics and Tracking.

## SRO

### **NOV 7**

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

Served citations for Habitual Truancy.

Spoke with an elementary principal in regards to custody of a child.

Complaint of harassment at Tomah Middle School.

### **Nov 8**

Called to Robert Kupper Learning Center in regards to a vehicle search that resulted in school staff finding a marijuana pipe that tested positive for marijuana. 17-year-old student summoned to Circuit Court for Possession of Marijuana and Paraphernalia charge.

Report of a sweatshirt found at Tomah High School that contained residue of marijuana in it. Owner found and student served with Municipal Court citation for Possession of Marijuana.

Spoke with the Chief of Police for Ho Chunk Nation in regards to a harassment issue. Follow up conversation with a student and student's parent about the issue.

### **Nov 9**

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

Spoke with guidance counselor about concerns a student may be suicidal.

Assisted a student with finding lost property.

Spoke with a parent in regards to their student's cell phone being found in the park.

Spoke with a parent whose student received a municipal citation and returned property to the parent.

Spoke with a parent about behavior of their student.

Spoke with a student who had safety concerns in regards to a relative.

Student cited for Possession of Tobacco at Tomah High School.

### **Nov 10**

No School.

### **Nov 13**

Follow up at Robert Kupper Learning Center.

Ambulance call at Tomah High School for student not feeling well.

Spoke with a staff member at Tomah Middle School in regards to a minor accident in the parking lot.

Spoke with a student in regards to potential harassment issue.

#### **Nov 14**

Spoke with a parent in regards to a stolen bike from the bike rack at Tomah High School. Bike was returned on Dec 1.

Spoke with a student in regards to his bike missing. A friend was using the bike.

Spoke with a student in regards to not attending school at Robert Kupper Learning Center.

Report of a vehicle parked in the lot at Miller Elementary School. Vehicle tagged and was eventually removed.

#### **Nov 15**

Worked on reports.

Prepared to assist with the Army Military driving trainer but was not needed.

Spoke with a student about taking a double lunch.

Spoke with a student's parent after the student was taking a double lunch and trying to have the absence excused.

Trespassing letter served to a former student, as they were not wanted at Tomah High School.

#### **Nov 16**

Presentation at St. Paul's School to the Pre-K and 4K students.

Attended training.

Spoke with intake social worker about student.

#### **Nov 17**

Tomah High School staff located 4 students smoking marijuana on school grounds. Assisted with follow up interviews and parent contacts in regards to the students. 3 students referred to Monroe County Human Services and 1 student cited municipally.



**Nov 20**

Received follow up information from a parent of one of the students found in possession of marijuana.

**Nov 21**

Served Habitual Truancy citations.

**Nov 27**

Assisted Monroe County Detective with identifying suspects in a burglary.

K9 search at Robert Kupper Learning Center.

**Nov 28**

Served Circuit Court Summons to Appear to student at Robert Kupper Learning Center.

Assisted Detective from Monroe County with follow up interviews.

Served citation to student for Municipal Court.

Spoke with probation agent from Trempealeau County in regards to determining if a student was visiting father over the weekend.

Spoke with a student in regards to seeking a restraining order.

**Nov 29**

Assisted with disruptive students during lunch detention.

Spoke with a student receiving harassing emails from another student.

Attempted to locate a student who was reportedly committed.

**Nov 30**

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

Assisted Guidance Counselor with notifying Monroe County Human Services about a physical abuse complaint.

Assisted patrol staff with calls for service.

**CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Participated in Tomah Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade that took place on Friday, November 24. Lt. Waddell led the parade with our newest marked squad, giving the community an opportunity to see the new striping package.

The Giving Tree was put up with 80 names on it November 20. All names have been taken.

## INVESTIGATIONS

### **[17-1830] Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Theft**

Officers responded to the 1000 block of Superior Avenue to investigate a complaint of drug use/possession. Officers entered the hallway and were met by two male subjects. One of the subjects was holding a pistol in his hand and gave it to the officer. This person advised that one of the people inside the suspected drug location also was armed. This person advised he took the firearm from the other person who was in the hallway. Officers followed these subjects into the apartment and observed a subject seated on a couch with a pistol located next to his leg. The people were secured and there were items of drug paraphernalia and suspected drugs located inside. One of the subjects was arrested and transported to the Monroe County Jail.

### **[17-1889] Warrant – 5, Aiding a Felon**

A Tomah officer conducted a traffic stop on known information related to drug activity. During the traffic stop, a person was observed trying to hide under items in the backseat. This person was removed and determined to have five warrants for his arrest. The driver was aware of the warrants and was arrested for Aiding a Felon.

### **[17-1943] Department of Corrections Warrant, Bail Jumping-Felony**

Tomah officers recently served a search warrant at an address on the 900 block of McLean Avenue and one of the suspects was not present. This person was known to be dealing drugs and was wanted. A week later, an officer observed the wanted subject inside the apartment through a window. The person refused to open the door. A heavy ram was used to breach the door. The wanted subject was located hiding in the bathtub. A protective sweep of the apartment resulted in locating another subject who was hiding in a crawl space. This person had a felony warrant and was taken into custody. He was armed with 3-4 knives and suspected drugs. Both subjects were transported to the Monroe County Jail.

### **[17-1967] Possession of Methamphetamine, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Operating after Suspension**

Tomah officers stopped a vehicle on suspicion the registered owner had a suspended driver's license. The operator of the vehicle was a known drug user. K-9 Viktor and his handler conducted an exterior sniff of the vehicle and received a positive alert. A subsequent probable cause search revealed a couple bags of suspected methamphetamine and a syringe. The operator was arrested and a search of his person incident to arrest revealed he was concealing brass knuckles. This person was transported to the Monroe County Jail.

## TRAINING

Video Surveillance (Tomah School District).

Intoximeter Recertification.

New City AP software.

**PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS**

November Personnel Complaints = 0      Year-To-Date Personnel Complaints = 3

**EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE**

**November 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



# NOVEMBER 2017 MONTHLY REPORT



Reports	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Reports	157	1973	1833	140	9.11%
Alarm	6	136	100	36	36.00%
Burglaries	0	33	17	16	94.12%
Criminal Damage	11	146	150	-4	-2.67%
Death Investigations	1	28	20	8	40.00%
Disorderly Conduct	15	227	219	8	3.65%
Theft/shoplifting	23	287	264	23	8.71%
School Reports	23	156	138	18	13.04%

Traffic Crashes	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Traffic Crashes	18	251	213	38	17.84%
Property Damage	11	159	142	17	11.97%
Persons Killed	0	0	2	-2	-100.00%
Persons Injured	3	43	38	5	13.16%
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	124	1866	1304	562	43.10%
Total Municipal Citations	147	1820	2563	-743	-28.99%
MCHS Juvenile Referral	10	59	0	59	0%
Burglary	0	6	7	-1	-14.29%
Disorderly Conduct	13	218	208	10	4.81%
Drug Related Charges	62	446	388	58	14.95%
Parking Citations	10	414	532	-118	-22.18%
Underage Alcohol violations	21	158	106	52	49.06%
Warrants	31	289	262	27	10.31%
Traffic Citations Total	119	1485	2355	-870	-36.94%
Traffic OAR/OAS	32	341	504	-163	-32.34%
Traffic OWI	12	95	115	-20	-17.39%
Traffic Seatbelt	1	61	252	-191	-75.79%
Traffic Speed Citations	5	124	164	-40	-24.39%
Traffic Warnings	95	1668	1995	-327	-16.39%
Traffic Warnings 5 Day	7	128	164	-36	-21.95%

2017 OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED STATISTICS

CASE #	AGE	SEX	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	10TH	BAC	REFUSAL	ACCIDENT	REST SUBSTANCE TYPE
17-0005	56	M				X							0.274			
17-0039	54	M	X										0.150			Marijuana detected
17-0076	39	M	X										0.000			
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										0.110		X	
17-0273	31	F		X									0.120			
17-0307	24	M		X									0.211	X		
17-0325	46	F				X							0.152			
17-0348	37	F	X										0.120			
17-0390	51	M	X										0.200			
17-0399	21	M	X										0.164			
17-0402	62	M	X										0.221			
17-0423	43	M	X											X		
17-0429	34	M	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					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											0.130			Marijuana detected
17-0674	58	M	X						X				0.090			
17-0695	21	M	X										0.120			
17-0709	32	M			X								0.184			



