

TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT



"Serving the Community"

January 2018 Report

CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out by Chief Nicholson in the month of January 2018:

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

I attended the monthly City Council and Committee of the Whole meetings.

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. This month I attended a Tip Night fundraiser held at Culver's in Tomah.

I attended the swearing in ceremony for our newest officer, David Heckman, Jr. Officer Heckman started the Police Academy January 8, 2018. When Heckman graduates from the Academy he will begin our Field Training program.

I reviewed and provided a recommendation for all alcohol related licenses issued by the City of Tomah. I conducted a site inspection at a location that was requesting an alcohol license.

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 the Our Town Tomah meeting. Preparations are being made for the annual spring downtown clean-up day.

I attended employee and department head meetings related to the wage comparison study that the City Administrator is conducting.

I attended a Crossing Guard Luncheon/Appreciation to honor and thank the crossing guards we have in the City of Tomah. January 22 to January 26 was Wisconsin Adult Crossing Guard Recognition Week.

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

I attended the Monroe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting.

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 assisted in the facilitation of the departments Facebook page.

Several department members and I attended a Law Enforcement Appreciation reception at the Liberty Village Assisted Living complex. We had an opportunity to sit down over a cup of coffee and cookies and speak with the residents.

I attended the Monroe County Justice Coordinating Council meeting. This meeting is attended by representatives from law enforcement, victim advocates, judges, behavioral health, alternative sentencing, corrections, defense attorneys, and prosecuting attorneys.

OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out by Lieutenant Ron Waddell in the month of January 2018:

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 2018 have required a dual role working as shift supervisor and completing administrative responsibilities.

Provide assistance as needed with incoming temporary evidence. 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.

Attended the swearing in ceremony of new patrol officer Dave Heckman on January 5th.

SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out by Lieutenant Scott Holum in January 2018:

I conducted Shift Supervisor responsibilities on some of my shifts.

I set up Officer David Heckman's arrival into the Tomah Police Department and attended his swearing-in ceremony.

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 provided oversight to Sergeant Jones concerning the Fleet Maintenance program with scheduled and unscheduled repairs. The Axon Fleet in-car camera systems have been installed in all marked patrol vehicles. These cameras replaced older Mobile Vision in-car camera systems.

I attended a Wage Comparison meeting at City Hall.

I facilitated the purchase of a new squad car and scheduled changeover proceedings.

I assisted Lt. Waddell in scheduling related matters.

I performed the duties as the department's Time Agency Coordinator (TAC).

I started working with Lexipol as the Project Manager in preparation of a complete policy and procedures overhaul into a new electronic format.

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT CALL OUT (Full Team):

None to report.

COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT CALL OUT (Partial Team):

January 19 – Search Warrant (Rural Tomah). Two on-duty CTU personnel assisted Tomah Police Investigator and Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigation Special Agents with serving a search warrant related to an Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) investigation. The suspect had a prior conviction for sexual assault of a child and was suspected of possessing child pornography. Tomah Police Investigator obtained a knock and announce search warrant for the target location. CTU personnel planned the operation and

coordinated with the Special Agents from DOJ-Division of Criminal Investigation. The search warrant was served and the suspect did not come to the door. After the door was breached the suspect came to the door and was detained without incident.

TRAINING REVIEW:

January 16 - Training was conducted at WTC and consisted of a review of Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) hands on skills both in SWAT kit and out of SWAT kit to establish the limitations to hands on skills when wearing a plate carrier, helmet and with a slung rifle. Officers also had the opportunity to conduct DAAT simulation training in partners while conducting room entries with Sergeant Lee in the Fist suit – several mini scenarios were conducted that includes non-compliant and compliant suspect. We also conducted room entry training while attempting to refine our tactics related to entry of corner fed rooms and using a hybrid entry style.

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

Traffic Stop: Officer's conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the City of Tomah. Viktor was utilized for a vehicle sniff and he provided a positive alert to narcotics being inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle yielded paraphernalia associated with Methamphetamine and Marijuana. Driver was arrested for Methamphetamine, Marijuana, Paraphernalia and a Probation Hold.

Sexual Assault: During a sexual assault investigation, some marijuana was located. It was brought back to the Tomah Police Department and Viktor alerted to the bag that contained the marijuana. Viktor was a vital part in identifying the marijuana and it was no longer in need of being tested.

Residential Sniff: Officer Perkins was requested at a residence to conduct a K-9 sniff of the interior of the residence. The prior residents were evicted and there was concern of drug usage. Viktor was utilized and did not alert to any illegal drugs inside the residence.

Pursuit: Tomah Officers were involved in a High Speed Pursuit that stemmed from a call near Sparta. The call involved the following charges: Burglary, Battery, Sexual Assault and Possession of a Stolen Vehicle. Tomah Officers located the vehicle on I-90 and pursued the vehicle until it crashed in Juneau County. Viktor was going to be utilized to apprehend the suspect, but the subject was unconscious and was taken into custody.

Traffic Stop: Assisted Wisconsin State Patrol with a vehicle sniff on a traffic stop at MM 29 on I-90. A positive alert was obtained and a search of the vehicle yielded a small bag that contained marijuana. A passenger was arrested for Possession of Marijuana.

Traffic Stop: A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle in the City of Tomah. Viktor was talked about and just the conversation of Viktor made the driver admit to having marijuana inside a marijuana pipe inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle yielded the pipe with marijuana packed in it. The driver was cited municipally for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Paraphernalia.

Traffic Stop: A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle in the City of Tomah. Viktor was utilized for a vehicle sniff and a positive alert was obtained. A search of the vehicle yielded a small amount of marijuana shake ground into the carpet and seat cushions. There was not enough substance to charge the driver. The driver was cited for Operating after Suspension.

Traffic Stop: A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle in the City of Tomah. Viktor was utilized for a vehicle sniff and a positive alert was obtained. A search of the vehicle yielded a marijuana pipe. The passenger was arrested on a Tomah Warrant and the driver was cited municipally for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Paraphernalia.

Training: K-9 training was conducted while on duty throughout the month and involved narcotics, obedience and gunfire familiarization.

Training: One day of K-9 training conducted at Jessiffany Kennels with Viktor's original trainer.

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No Report.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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INVESTIGATIONS

18-0112] Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

An officer observed suspicious activity in the Kwik-Trip South parking lot and conducted a consensual contact with the operator of a vehicle. The officer suspected there was some nefarious activity afoot. The operator consented to a search of the vehicle. The officer located numerous 'Gem' bags that are commonly used to contain and distribute illegal drugs. The officer located a syringe, rubber tourniquet and a large sum of money. A passenger in the vehicle had a small metal container in her purse that contained methamphetamine. The passenger was arrested and two occupants will have charges referred to the Monroe County District Attorney.

[18-0102] Knowingly Flee an Officer – Felony

Tomah officers learned of a robbery that occurred near the City of Sparta. The suspect broke into a home, beat an elderly woman, stole items from the house and then departed in the victim's vehicle. An off-duty Trooper called Dispatch to report a suspicious vehicle on the interstate. At the time of the call, the Trooper wasn't aware the vehicle was stolen but felt the driver was intoxicated. Tomah officers located the vehicle near the City of Tomah and tried to stop it. The suspect refused to stop and reached speeds over 100 mph. A Juneau County Deputy was able to safely and successfully deploy a spike strip and the vehicle struck them. Several miles later, the vehicle lost control and crashed into a guard rail and ended up in the ditch area. A tactical approach plan was developed using more than four different Police agencies. The suspect was located, unconscious, in the vehicle. The suspect was provided with medical care. The suspect was eventually booked into the Monroe County Jail.

[18-0074] 2nd Degree Sexual Assault, Administering a Dangerous or Stupefying Drug, Bail Jumping-Felony, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Tomah officers responded to an address on the 900 block of North Glendale Avenue for a reported rape. The female victim was on the phone and had locked herself in the bathroom in an attempt to keep the male away. Officers arrived and took the suspect into custody. The victim was located locked in the bathroom and she stated the male suspect had drugged her and sexually assaulted her. Items of evidence were seized from the house. The victim was transported to Tomah Memorial Hospital. The suspect was transported to the Monroe County Jail.

[18-0060] Disorderly Conduct, Battery, Bail Jumping-Felony, OWI-2nd offense

Tomah officers were dispatched to the Bank Bar for a fight. Officers arrived and were informed the suspect had left in a vehicle and the other involved party had also departed. Officers located the suspect in a running vehicle parked near the bar. The driver was intoxicated and arrested for Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated. The victim was later located and provided a statement. The suspect refused to comply with the processing and a warrant was obtained to conduct a legal blood draw. The suspect was taken to Tomah Memorial Hospital to facilitate the blood draw. During this process, the suspect became belligerent and forced officers to hold him on a hospital bed in order to obtain the blood evidence. The suspect was transported to the Monroe County Jail.

[18-0056] Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana, Probation Hold

A traffic stop was conducted for an equipment violation. During this stop, K-9 Viktor was used to conduct an exterior sniff of the vehicle. K-9 Viktor alerted to the presence of the items he's trained to detect and a probable cause search was conducted on the vehicle. Officers located a container with marijuana inside and a spoon with a white residue on it. The driver admitted to being a user of methamphetamine and ingesting it intravenously. The spoon tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine. The driver was arrested for a probation violation and also the crimes related to the contraband located in the vehicle.

TRAINING

Wisconsin Law Enforcement Executive Development Association Conference: Lieutenant Holm and Sergeant Preuss

Wisconsin Law Enforcement Academy: Officer Heckman

Field Training Officer Certification: Officer Corcoran

PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

January Personnel Complaints = 0 Year-To-Date Personnel Complaints = 0

EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE

January 31, 2018

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
Police Clerk Holli Corcoran	09/11/2017
Police Officer Recruit David Heckman, Jr.	01/05/2018



JANUARY 2018 MONTHLY COUNCIL REPORT



Reports	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Reports	141	141	161	-20	8.70%
Alarm	5	5	12	-7	-58.33%
Burglaries	1	1	1	0	0.00%
Criminal Damage	18	18	13	5	38.46%
Death Investigations	2	2	2	0	0.00%
Disorderly Conduct	17	17	29	-12	-41.38%
Theft/shoplifting	20	20	21	-1	-4.76%
School Reports	10	10	9	1	11.11%

Traffic Crashes	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Traffic Crashes	30	30	24	6	25.00%
Property Damage	20	20	14	6	42.86%
Persons Killed					
Persons Injured	2	2	7	-5	-71.43%
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	108	108	129	-21	-16.28%
Total Municipal Citations	132	132	139	-7	-5.04%
MCHS Juvenile Referral	3	3	3	0	0.00%
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0%
Disorderly Conduct	16	16	28	-12	-42.86%
Drug Related Charges	23	23	13	10	76.92%
Parking Citations	68	68	140	-72	-51.43%
Underage Alcohol violations	11	11	5	6	120.00%
Warrants	8	8	22	-14	-63.64%
Traffic Citations Total	121	121	127	-6	-4.72%
Traffic OAR/OAS	29	29	32	-3	-9.38%
Traffic OWI	7	7	7	0	0.00%
Traffic Seatbelt	4	4	8	-4	-50.00%
Traffic Speed Citations	5	5	11	-6	-54.55%
Traffic Warnings	88	88	145	-57	-39.31%
Traffic Warnings 5 Day	8	8	13	-5	-38.46%

2018 OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED STATISTICS

CASE #	AGE	SEX	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	10TH	BAC	REFUSAL	ACCIDENT	REST SUBSTANCE TYPE	
18-0030	53	M	X										0.090				
18-0031	37	M				X							0.232				
18-0060	28	M		X									0.186				
18-0094	34	M		X										X	X	Pending blood results	
18-0122	30	F	X										0.130		X		
18-0129	28	F	X												X		
18-0130	20	M	X											X		Pending blood results	
TOTALS			4	2		1							0.160 (.638/4)				AVERAGE BAC