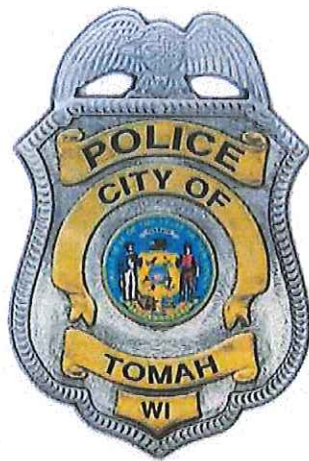


# **TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**"Serving the Community"**

**February 2018 Report**

## CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES

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

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 attended Monroe County Mental Health Coalition meeting.

Lt. Holum and I attended the Mid-Winter Wisconsin Chiefs of Police training summit.

I attended the Discover Wisconsin Episode Premiere held at the Ho-Chunk Cinema and Ground Round.

I attended the City of Tomah Planning Commission meeting to discuss outdoor facilities.

I attended a meeting with Sheriff Perkins and Chief Kuderer to discuss the Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit and the Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force. This was a scheduled quarterly meeting.

Sgt. Jones and I attended a meeting sponsored by the Wisconsin Office of Emergency Communications to discuss the FirstNet program. The purpose of the meetings was to provide an update to stakeholders on the status of the new, nationwide public safety broadband communications initiative known as FirstNet.

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

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

I reviewed and provided a recommendation for all taxi cab license applications.

I attended a Monroe County Coordinating Services Team meeting. CST supports children struggling to maintain their emotional, physical, and social well-being because of multiple and serious challenges in their lives. CST Initiatives are designed to develop a comprehensive, individualized system of care for children with complex behavioral health needs. The CST itself is a group that includes family members, service providers, and others that work to develop and carry out a coordinated services plan for the child.

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.

### **OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES**

The following is a list of tasks/assignments/responsibilities carried out by Lieutenant Ron Waddell in the month of February 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 I 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.

Attended an Administrative Staff Meeting.

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.

Currently participating in planning committee for a mock trauma event involving a vehicle vs. electrical pole crash. Participants in the exercise include Tomah Police, Tomah Fire, Tomah Ambulance, and Tomah Memorial Hospital (Emergency Department).

The city is currently participating/contracting with a firm that is conducting comprehensive wage reviews. The police department, along with every other department in the city, has been tasked with completing extensive job description questionnaires for all positions, full or part time. As a Lieutenant, I have been tasked with review of all subordinate positions, minus civilian staff. This included making recommendations for task additions, deletions, or modifications to current wording.

With the completion of another year (2017) all persons in supervisory or administrative roles are required to complete annual evaluations for subordinate staff. This process has been started. The subordinates designated for evaluation with the completion goal of mid-March.

## SUPPORT SERVICES LIEUTENANT ACTIVITIES

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

I conducted Shift Supervisor responsibilities on some of my shifts.

I attended a Tomah City Council meeting.

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.

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 attended an Administrative Staff Meeting.

I continued to research cases and purge property in the evidence storage area.

I set up a meeting between City Administrator Gorius, Chief Nicholson, Director Arity, Chief Adler and myself so we can attend a presentation related to drones in early March.

I provided oversight to Sergeant Jones concerning the Fleet Maintenance program with scheduled and unscheduled repairs.

I completed annual evaluations on Sergeants.

I assisted Lt. Waddell in scheduling related matters.

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

I continued 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):

February 16 – CTU served a search warrant for Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force in the City of Tomah as the result of an on-going drug investigation related to the sale of methamphetamine and marijuana. Initial information was that the suspect, who had reported street gang ties and was known to have a handgun, lived at the location with his girlfriend, a small child and his mother. At the time the search warrant was served the mother and small child were contacted outside the residence. A search of the residence revealed that no one else was inside. A large amount of methamphetamine and a pistol was seized.

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

February 16 – Two Tomah Police Department CTU personnel, one on duty and one off duty, assisted Monroe County Joint Investigative Task Force with a controlled buy of methamphetamine, a high risk arrest of the primary suspect and serving a search warrant at a small apartment. CTU provided two cover officers for the controlled buy who were in the area and prepared to respond to any attempts to harm the confidential informant. CTU personnel with a Tomah Police Department patrol officer conducted a traffic stop on the primary suspect's vehicle and arrested him without incident. CTU personnel with an on-duty Tomah Police Department Sergeant and former CTU member served a search warrant at a small apartment and detained three occupants before turning the scene over to investigators.

## TRAINING REVIEW:

February 20 – Training was conducted at the Sparta Police Department and at the Barney Community Center. Classroom training was conducted at Sparta PD and consisted of a PowerPoint review of Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) principles and hands on stations where skills were practiced including: insertion of nasal airway, wound packing and tourniquet applications. Hands on training was conducted at the Barney Community Center and consisted of training with the medical simulation mannequin. Small groups of personnel were assigned a specific mission and then performed the officer / citizen down rescue that resulted in the group moving to the mechanical room where the dummy was staged. Personnel then had the opportunity to practice wound packing, tourniquet application and placement of chest seals on the mannequin under real world conditions. When not participating in the hands on TECC training personnel practiced building clearing and stairway movements.

## **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**

**Vehicle Sniff:** Vehicle was stopped and a K-9 sniff was conducted. A positive alert was obtained and a search of the vehicle yielded a Marijuana pipe. The driver was cited for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Paraphernalia. A passenger on the stop was arrested on a Warrant.

**Vehicle Sniff:** Vehicle was stopped and a K-9 sniff was conducted. A positive alert was obtained and a search of the vehicle yielded a small amount of Marijuana shake in the carpet and an empty vial with residue. Shake was not collected as it was a minimal amount. Plastic vial was tested and did not test positive for any illegal drug. No police action taken on the items located.

**Burglary Alarm:** Alarm at Family Dollar. K-9 used to approach building but was not needed as contact with employee was made and everything was okay.

**School Demonstration:** Conducted a demonstration at St. Paul's School for the entire school population.

**Traffic Stop:** Vehicle was stopped and conversation with the driver about K-9 sniff was conducted. After mention of K-9, the driver admitted to having a Marijuana pipe inside the vehicle. Search of the vehicle yielded the Marijuana pipe with some other small pieces of Marijuana. Driver cited for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Paraphernalia. Passenger cited for Possession of Underage Tobacco.

**Residential Alarm:** Alarm at residence on South side of City. K-9 was utilized to assist in searching the residence. No one located inside residence. Door most likely blew open due to wind.

**Vehicle Sniff:** Vehicle was stopped and a K-9 sniff was conducted. A positive alert was obtained and a search of the vehicle yielded a Marijuana pipe. Driver was cited for Possession of Paraphernalia.

**Training:** Conducted two days of K-9 Training with other area K-9 teams.

**Training:** Conducted numerous training opportunities while on Duty. Training included Obedience, Tracking, Gunfire familiarization and Narcotics.

## **SRO**

### **JAN 3**

Spoke with a parent and student in regards to a fight that occurred at Tomah High School. One student cited for Disorderly Conduct.

Follow up with student reference commitment evaluation.

### **JAN 4**

Spoke with a student in regards to a driving issue and no front plate on their vehicle.

### **JAN 8**

Patrol assignment.

**JAN 9**

Patrol assignment.

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

Tomah Middle School student cited for Tobacco violation.

**JAN 10**

Patrol assignment.

**JAN 11**

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

**JAN 12**

No information provided.

**JAN 15**

No school.

**JAN 16**

Patrol assignment.

Spoke with a student in regards to absence due to court.

Spoke with a student in regards to Habitual Truancy.

Spoke with a student in regards to a ride a long request.

Citation served to student for Disorderly Conduct.

**JAN 17**

Spoke with student attempting to make contact with ISP worker

Spoke with guidance counselor about student reported as a runaway.

Spoke with staff about a student truant from classes.

**JAN 18**

Spoke with family of truant student who also had concerns of activity at Winnebago Park.

Spoke with elementary principal in regards to conduct issue with a parent at school.

Spoke with a former student about citations they still need to pay and driver's license suspension.

**JAN 19**

No information provided.

**JAN 22**

Truancy citation served and explained to two students.

Received a phone call from a parent in regards to student's money being stolen from the locker room.

**JAN 25**

Spoke to a student in regards to truancy at the guardian's request.

Follow up with student from Truancy Court. Served additional citations from another case.

**FEB 5**

Student reported a male student was requesting nude photographs. Spoke with the male student.

Staff member was concerned about possible physical abuse of a student. Staff member was provided information in regards to how to report their concerns.

Spoke with a student in regards in regards to questions they had.

**FEB 8**

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

Assisted Lemonwier Elementary School staff with out of control student. While there other students were counseled.

**FEB 9**

Joint meeting with school and Monroe County Human Services personnel.

Student counseled at Tomah Middle School in regards to behavior. Prior to leaving student became defiant and was taken into custody.

Parking complaint at Tomah High School. This has become an almost daily complaint. Spoke with staff about posting additional signs for handicapped parking.

**FEB 13**

Spoke with a student about someone creating a FINSTA account in their name and harassing others.

Received information about a student driving without a license.

Citation service to student who skipped class with a friend the previous week.



**FEB 15**

Report of physical abuse. Unsubstantiated.

Follow up with Principal of Robert Kupper Learning Center.

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

**FEB 20**

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

**FEB 22**

Attended Child Development Day.

**FEB 28**

Habitual Truancy referrals received.

Contact made with several parents after it was reported students were skipping and it was confirmed they were marked absent.

Parking complaint.

**CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Chief Nicholson attended the Discover Wisconsin Episode Premiere held at the Ho-Chunk Cinema and Ground Round.

Officer Marshall participated in Child Development Days.

**INVESTIGATIONS**

**[18-0259] Threaten Battery to Police Officer, Disorderly Conduct, Obstructing an Officer**

Tomah officers responded to Taco Bell for a report of a male subject who was hitting on the staff and scaring them. The male was reportedly trying to attach one of the chairs to the door. Officers had contact with the suspect and he refused to identify himself. The suspect was arrested and during that process threatened the Police Officers.

**[18-0170] OMVWI 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense, Carrying Concealed Weapon, Endangering Safety Use of a Weapon, Operating after Revocation, Failure to Install IID**

A Tomah officer conducted a traffic stop for suspicion the operator may be impaired. Following Field Sobriety Tests, the Officer established probable cause to arrest the operator for OWI-3rd. A search incident to a lawful arrest revealed the operator was wearing an empty pistol holster and was carrying two loaded pistol magazines in a pouch on his hip. A search of his vehicle revealed a loaded pistol on the front passenger seat, another pistol under the driver seat and a couple other firearms that were in cases. The

operator was processed at Tomah Memorial Hospital and then transported to the Monroe County Jail.

**[18-0144] Disorderly Conduct, Battery, Bail Jumping-Felony**

Tomah officers responded to an address on the 400 block of Clark Street for a person who was standing outside the caller's window and was trying to gain access to the residence. Officers responded and located a male subject lying in the driveway near a vehicle. This subject was highly intoxicated and could barely stand without assistance. The subject was on felony bond out of another county that indicated he was prohibited from possessing or consuming alcohol. The subject was arrested and transported to the Monroe County Jail. The caller was frightened and indicated they wouldn't be able to sleep following the call.

**[18-0143] Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana**

A Tomah officer conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle that failed to dim the high beams. During the traffic stop, the officer learned a passenger was wanted and this person was arrested. Based on some additional information regarding the driver of the vehicle, the officer had him exit and asked about drug possession/use. The driver denied any use or possession. K-9 Viktor was used to conduct a Free Air Sniff and alerted to the presence of the drugs he's trained to alert on. A subsequent probable cause search of the vehicle revealed marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The driver was issued municipal citations for the alleged drug violations.

**TRAINING**

Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Conference: Chief Nicholson and Lieutenant Holum

Wisconsin Command College Update: Lieutenant Holum

Wisconsin Law Enforcement Academy: Officer Heckman

Clandestine Lab: Investigator Walensky

**PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS**

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

**EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE**

**February 28, 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
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



# FEBRUARY 2018 MONTHLY REPORT



Reports	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Reports	147	288	315	-27	2.22%
Alarm	8	14	23	-9	-39.13%
Burglaries	1	2	2	0	0.00%
Criminal Damage	14	32	22	10	45.45%
Death Investigations	2	4	6	-2	-33.33%
Disorderly Conduct	27	44	48	-4	-8.33%
Theft/shoplifting	20	40	44	-4	-9.09%
School Reports	11	21	24	-3	-12.50%

Traffic Crashes	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Traffic Crashes	25	55	42	13	30.95%
Property Damage	17	37	27	10	37.04%
Persons Killed					
Persons Injured	3	5	9	-4	-44.44%
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	223	239	-16	-6.69%
Total Municipal Citations	159	291	293	-2	-0.68%
MCHS Juvenile Referral	7	10	5	5	100.00%
Burglary	0	0	2	-2	-100.00%
Disorderly Conduct	25	41	47	-6	-12.77%
Drug Related Charges	53	76	52	24	46.15%
Parking Citations	66	134	294	-160	-54.42%
Underage Alcohol violations	12	23	11	12	109.09%
Warrants	12	20	39	-19	-48.72%
Traffic Citations Total	136	257	263	-6	-2.28%
Traffic OAR/OAS	37	66	60	6	10.00%
Traffic OWI	11	18	14	4	28.57%
Traffic Seatbelt	4	8	13	-5	-38.46%
Traffic Speed Citations	7	12	29	-17	-58.62%
Traffic Warnings	127	215	359	-144	-40.11%
Traffic Warnings 5 Day	4	12	22	-10	-45.45%

### 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											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	X	
18-0129	28	F	X													
18-0130	20	M	X													
18-0152	17	M	X										0.000			Pending blood results
18-0164	32	M			X								0.027		X	Pending blood results
18-0170	36	M			X											Pending blood results
18-0181	25	M	X											X		Pending blood results
18-0188	18	F	X													
18-0189	37	F	X												X	
18-0234	32	M	X												X	
18-0235	34	F			X											Pending blood results
18-0241	65	M	X										0.110			
18-0250	25	F	X										0.130			
18-0270	39	M	X											X		
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>							<b>0.129</b> <b>(.905/77)</b>			<b>AVERAGE BAC</b>