

Middleton City Update

May 2012

Thursday, May 10th 7:00 p.m.
Trolley Station
Community Safety Event

The City of Middleton, and the Canyon County Sherriffs office together is scheduled to host this community safety event duscussing Middleton's drug and gang activity, vandalism prevention, curfew and personal property safety.

This will be a great time to ask questions, and meet some of the deputies who serve the residents of Middleton.

Safety Is A Priority

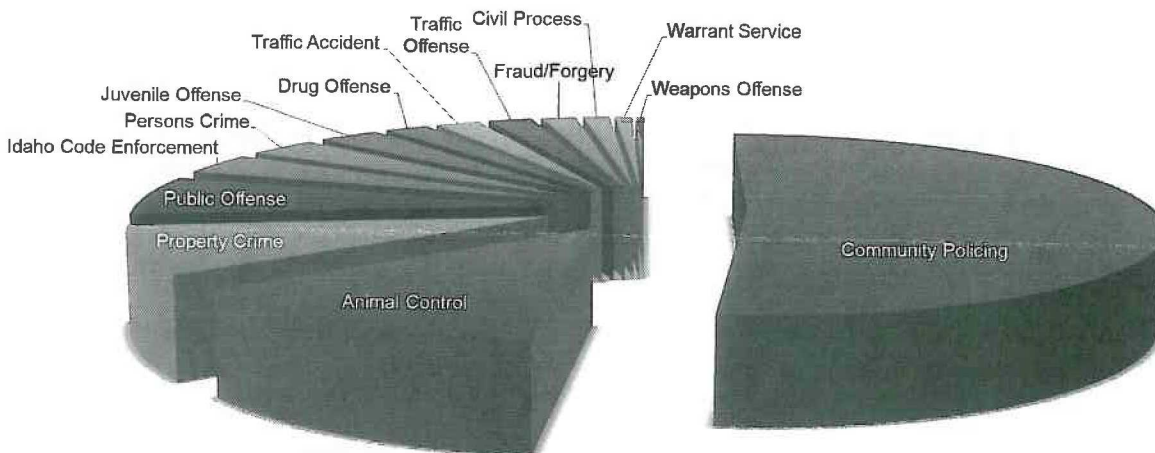
One of the many reasons people choose to live in Middleton is safety. We all enjoy the safety of a small community and knowing our neighbors. Knowing this, the City place law enforcement as a priority, and currently contracts with Canyon County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) for it's law enforcement services.

Currently CCSO povides coverage twenty four hours a day, seven days a week with as many as four cars patrolling the streets at the same time.

This newsletter was prepared cooperatively with CCSO to provide information for residents to protect themselves, their property, and become aware of and help prevent crime in Middelton.

May 3, 2012 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
National Day of Prayer Observance
meet at the flag pole across from City Hall

Canyon County Sheriff's Office March 2012 Middleton Area Crime Report



Definition of Terms:

- Community Policing:** Deputies talking to residents, solving problems, understanding community concerns
- Animal Control:** Stray animals, animals creating a traffic hazzard, animal bites, animal complaints
- Property Crime:** Theft and burglary
- Public Offense:** Disturbing the peace, vandalism
- Idaho Code Enforcement:** Parking problems
- Persons Crime:** Domestic battery, battery, rape
- Juvenile Offense:** Curfew, runaways, juvenials beyond control, loitering

- Drug Offense:** Possessing, selling, distributing drugs
- Traffic Accident:** Car crash, hit and run crashes
- Traffic Offense:** Speeding, no insurance, inattentive driving, reckless driving
- Fraud/Forgery:** Scams, mail or phone calls attempting to collect money falsely
- Civil Process:** Service of subpoenas, protection orders, court orders
- Warrant Service:** Service a warrant for arrest
- Weapons offense:** Possession of an Illegal knife or firearm

Does Middleton Have a Curfew?

Yes. Curfew is one of the biggest problems in the Middleton area. With the change in weather and school being out soon, children will be spending more time outside, and later into the evenings. Vandalism and other juvenile crimes can be directly attributed to curfew violations. **Middleton's curfew is strictly enforced.** Middleton City Ordinance 264 sets the following times for juvenile curfew:

Juvenile Curfew under 16:	10:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.
Juvenile Weekday curfew (Sunday through Thursday) age between 16 & 18:	11:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.
Juvenile Weekend curfew (Friday and Saturday) age between 16 & 18:	12:00 a.m. - 6:00 a.m.

Ordinance summary: "It is unlawful for any juvenile to remain upon any street, highway, road, alley, park, playground or other public place, or buildings or places of amusement, eating establishments, vacant lots and/or any other place, without being accompanied by an adult having custodial rights or an adult person designated by the adult having custodial rights." To review the complete ordinance go to: http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=518

What can I do around my property to increase safety?

- Increase your lighting: install motion sensitive lights
- Cut back trees and shrubs, making the property clear and visible to people and eliminate potential hiding places
- Keep items on your property organized and easy to recognize if objects are missing
- Keep vehicles, doors, and windows locked
- Talk with neighbors, watch over each other's properties

Does Middleton have gang activity?

Gangs are not one of the largest problems in the Middleton area, but there have been signs that there are members living in the area. There are all types of gangs, of all different sizes. Below is a list of some common ways to help identify gang members. Keep in mind just because a group of people might meet some of the below characteristics does not mean they are a gang. They should be treated the same as you would treat anyone else. If you suspect gang activity, call 454-7531 to report it immediately.

- Large and small groups of people who associate closely, often exclusively, for social reason, especially to engage in criminal behavior
- Individuals often wearing the same colors
- Individuals making hand signals to represent numbers and letters

What do I do if I see something suspicious? need to make a police report? think someone is selling drugs? or there is a juvenile problem at the park near my residence?

Call the Canyon County Sheriffs Office. The CCSO has two different phone numbers for you to call. If you have an emergency or see something that needs immediate police attention call 911. For non-emergency situations call the CCSO dispatch number 454-7531. When you call, report who, what, where, when why and how, give as much description as you safely can. Examples: vehicle description, license plate, direction traveling, clothing, description of suspicious person etc. You don't need all these things to call, but the more information you have increases the ability of law enforcement to solve the problem.

Do not hesitate to report a problem, you can remain anonymous no matter what your reason.

Unreported crimes only lead to more crime. The most important part about calling is making the call that way police know there is a problem and can begin to solve the problem while keeping people safe.

Emergency
911 call

Non-Emergency call
Canyon County Dispatch
454-7531

What should I report:
Suspicious activity,
People entering vacant property
Animal problems, Drug activity
Vehicles in park after dark
Dangerous activity

Middleton's Resident Deputies

Contracted through Canyon County Sheriff's Office

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Deputy
B. Zechmann



Deputy
C. Zechmann



Deputy Leavell



Deputy Warren



Deputy Pyell



Sergeant Bowen



Deputy Childers



Deputy Carter



Deputy Minshall



Deputy Walker



Deputy Takeuchi



Deputy Wilson



Corporal Harrold



Sergeant Barrow



Corporal Jarrett



Corporal Miller



Deputy Bruni



Sergeant Maund



Deputy Lewis



Deputy Roth



Deputy Ashbaugh



Deputy Haynes



Deputy Anderson

Message from
**Canyon County
Sheriff's Office**

Community Neighborhood Watch. Help keep Middleton a beautiful and safe place to live, crime prevention doesn't have to start with law enforcement. As you drive around every day conducting your normal business, keep an eye out for your fellow citizens, friends and neighbors. Call the police when necessary and report things that happen.

We hope this information will help you, and has answered questions you may have had. Thank you for your time and commitment to keeping Middleton safe. We look forward to seeing many of you at the **Community Safety Event on Thursday May 10, 2012 at the Trolley Station next to City Hall in downtown Middleton.**

Survey Results

In the March 2012 edition of the Middleton City Update residents were given the opportunity to give input on possible city projects through the "Resident's Choice Survey". Provided is a short summary of the survey results*. Please attend the May 16, 2012 City Council Meeting for complete results or check the city website at www.middleton.id.gov after May 16, 2012.

It is important to understand that money will not be immediately spent on the top ranking projects. Many projects may qualify for grants, may be best completed by partnering with other organizations, and some may require budgeting over several years. The city objective is to understand where the residents want their tax dollars spent so that projects can be appropriately budgeted and prioritized.

The purpose of this survey was to gather data and opinion from the community on possible city projects, to understand the importance of those projects directly from the city residents, and those living in the greater Middleton area since Middleton is home to them as well. The top survey results will be further refined in an another survey to residents in June 2012.

City leadership recognize that those who live within city limits are directly impacted by city government spending and consider their opinions a priority. Therefore the survey results were separated to clearly identify the desires our community:

1. Total Survey Results (all survey data recieved)
2. Results from within city limits
3. Results in county zip code 83644
4. Results from unidentified surveys

City leaders believe in a community driven approach to government and will continue to ask input from surveys, town hall meetings, city council meetings etc. All residents are encouraged to visit with city council members or stop by City Hall if you have concerns or questions.

*The survey required a name and address in order to be accepted, surveys without name and address were categorized "unidentified".

City Limits Survey Results

	Yes	No
Recreation/Senior Center	88	47
Library Consortium	86	45
Irrigation Main (Harmon Subdivision)	81	46
Splash Water Park	78	55
Renovate Civic Center	64	60
Pave Minot Street	62	61
Renovate Trolley Station	60	62
City Police Force	57	68
Pave 4th Avenue	51	63
Historic Museum	46	77
Pave Wiffin Lane	40	77
Dog Park	31	93
Alternate Route - Highway 44	27	99

County 83644 Survey Results

	Yes	No
Library Consortium	17	7
Recreation/Senior Center	16	11
Renovate Trolley Station	15	11
City Police Force	14	10
Irrigation Main (Harmon Subdivision)	14	10
Splash Water Park	13	13
Renovate Civic Center	11	14
Pave Minot Street	9	16
Pave 4th Avenue	7	16
Pave Wiffin Lane	6	18
Alternate Route - Highway 44	5	22
Dog Park	5	21
Historic Museum	4	20

Total Survey Results

	Yes	No
Recreation/Senior Center	114	68
Library Consortium	112	61
Irrigation Main (Harmon Subdivision)	103	66
Splash Water Park	97	81
Renovate Civic Center	80	86
Renovate Trolley Station	80	85
City Police Force	79	90
Pave Minot Street	75	89
Pave 4th Avenue	63	91
Historic Museum	54	112
Pave Wiffin Lane	50	108
Dog Park	39	131
Alternate Route - Highway 44	35	137

Unidentified Survey Results

	Yes	No
Alternate Route - Highway 44	8	10
City Police Force	8	8
Dog Park	8	10
Library Consortium	6	10
Historic Museum	5	12
Irrigation Main (Harmon Subdivision)	4	13
Pave 4th Avenue	3	14
Pave Minot Street	3	15
Pave Wiffin Lane	3	14
Recreation/Senior Center	3	12
Renovate Trolley Station	3	13
Renovate Civic Center	2	12
Splash Water Park	2	13