

Officer Andrew Muir

Officer Muir started his policing career with the Madison Police Department in 2013. A graduate from the University of St. Andrews in Fife, Scotland, he holds a Master of Arts Honors degree in Arabic and International Relations. Previously, Officer Muir interned with the Madison Police department and worked as both a fundraiser and stage hand.

Commendation/ Discipline Summary Current as of July 2016

Officer Muir has worked in Patrol Services during his tenure at MPD. He is a member of the Special Events Team (SET) and its medic platoon. Officer Muir also serves as a mental health liaison officer, is a member of the MPD Racial Disparity Impact Committee (RDIC) and the internal Language Translation Policy Committee. Officer Muir also provides Spanish translation in the field. Officer Muir has earned one life saving award and 8 commendations during his career with MPD.

Commendations/Awards:

- **Life Saving Award May 15th, 2014**
Summary: Officers on a routine call heard multiple gunshots and Officer Muir located a victim with 3 gunshot wounds. Officer Muir utilized his personal medical kit to apply a chest seal, tourniquet, and gauze to these injuries. Fire Department personnel indicated they had never responded to a call where police officers had provided such thorough emergency care in the field. The citizen survived his injuries.
- **Commendation 10/14/14**
Summary: Officer Muir was recognized for his strong investigative skills where upon following up on a burglary case, he later developed information that led to the arrest of the suspect who was ultimately charged with several additional crimes.
- **Commendation 1/1/15**
Summary: A citizen submitted a compliment to the department regarding the investigation of a burglary. Officer Muir was recognized by the citizen for using his foreign language skills to interview and obtain a confession by the suspects.
- **Commendation 1/27/15**
Summary: Officer Muir was recognized for the quality of his work by his Sergeant regarding a burglary investigation. Officer Muir developed information from a source that led to a confession and

arrest of a suspect. The case was closed with multiple charges filed related to the burglary.

- **Commendation 12/4/15**
Summary: Officer Muir was complimented by a citizen for his compassion, kindness and respectfulness shown while assisting a subject dealing with an alcohol addiction.
- **Commendation 1/22/16**
Summary: Multiple officers, including Officer Muir, were recognized for their efforts in assisting with an investigation into the sexual abuse of three juveniles involving the same perpetrator which ultimately led to successful conviction.
- **Commendation 2/14/16**
Summary: Officer Muir was complimented by a citizen for his helpfulness and professionalism after responding to their request to check the welfare of the citizen's son who was believed to be in crisis.
- **Commendation 5/14/16**
Summary: Officer Muir was recognized for utilizing his Spanish interpretation and translation skills while doing neighborhood outreach in order to notify citizens that a sex offender was moving into the area. Officer Muir met personally with Spanish speaking residents, discussed issues and concerns, and then followed up with a customized notice in Spanish for distribution.
- **Commendation 6/11/16**
Summary: Several officers were complimented after safely contacting and ultimately arresting a dangerous and wanted subject in a busy downtown entertainment district who was soon after determined to be armed with a handgun.

Complaint History: No sustained discipline stemming from five investigations into alleged policy/procedure violations. Two of these investigations are use of force investigations and are summarized below. The other three are categorized as minor rule violations and are not included for reasons outlined in the decision written by Judge Mark Frankel in the *Wisconsin State Journal, et al. v. City of Madison Police Department, Case No 96-CV-1137*.

Use of Force complaints: Two allegations, in each case Officer Muir was exonerated of any policy/procedure violations.

- **Incident number: 2014-CR-0057**

Summary: A citizen complained that Officer(s) conducting a traffic stop had their guns drawn upsetting her and her children in the vehicle. Officers had been given intelligence information in briefing of a vehicle description wanted in connection with a recent shooting. Officers later located and stopped a vehicle matching the description, in the area of the shooting that belonged to the complainant.

The officers had probable cause to stop the vehicle for a traffic violation and reasonable suspicion that the occupant may be armed with a dangerous weapon. Officer Muir approached the vehicle with his handgun un-holstered and pointed at the ground. After determining that the occupants were unrelated to the shooting he re-holstered his gun and explained the reason for his actions and they were released from the stop.

The investigation determined that it was reasonable for the officers to believe that the vehicle was related to criminal activity involving the use of a firearm. Therefore it was reasonable for the officers to approach the vehicle with their own handguns drawn. Once the occupants were determined to be uninvolved the officers re-holstered and explained their actions.

The investigation determined that Officer Muir was exonerated of any 'Use of Force' violation.

- **Incident number: 2014-CR-0086**

Summary: A citizen complained that he was ordered to the ground and struck by officers during the course of his arrest.

Officers were dispatched to check the welfare of a subject that was reported to be suicidal by a social worker. The subject was in a public place and the social worker was reporting that the subject was agitated and had mentioned cutting himself. Responding officers had knowledge that this subject had a history of violence towards police. Officers attempted to detain the citizen in handcuffs and a physical confrontation ensued where 3 officers used force including: knee strikes, a decentralization technique, and kick-stop restraints to take the subject into custody.

The investigation determined that responding officers had a duty and obligation to check the citizen's welfare given the suicidal concerns articulated by the social worker. Additionally the mention of 'cutting' would reasonably lead officers to believe that the subject could be armed with a knife or edged weapon.

The citizen refused verbal requests by the officers to speak with them and walked away into the street. The officers then attempted to physically stop and detain the citizen who then physically resisted efforts to place him into handcuffs, resulting in a physical confrontation. Unable to move his hands behind his back Officer Muir and a second officer delivered a series of knee strikes to the subject's abdomen. This act allowed the officers to direct the subject to the ground where they were able to place him into handcuffs and seat him in the backseat of a squad car.

The subject then attempted to kick out a squad window and was placed into kick-stop restraints. Officers consulted with a Mental Health Professional who recommended jail as the appropriate venue for this subject.

The investigation determined the use of force by responding officers was a reasonable response to the actions of the subject. There were no policy/procedure violations.