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# MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*Brad Keil - Chief of Police*

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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The Middleton Police Department will begin offering free gun locks, thanks to a grant from Safe Communities and a statewide suicide prevention advocacy organization called HOPES (Helping Others Prevent and Educate about Suicide).

In addition to the fact that gun ownership is expected to rise with the introduction of Wisconsin's new concealed carry law going into effect in November, September is Suicide Prevention Month and October is domestic violence awareness month.

The free gun locks can be obtained while supplies last by stopping in the Middleton Police Department lobby 24-hours a day, 7-days a week.

Safe Communities is a Dane County-based coalition of nearly 300 organizations working to save lives, prevent injury and make our community safer. HOPES (Helping Others Prevent and Educate About Suicide) is a statewide suicide prevention advocacy organization.

For more information about Safe Communities, visit [www.safercommunity.net](http://www.safercommunity.net) or contact [Cheryl Wittke](#) at (608) 256-6713.

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