**WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS**

**Friday, April 15 to Thursday, April 21**

- Busiest Day of Week: Tuesday — 102 events
- Busiest Hour of Day: 2:00 PM — 40 events
- Total # of Events: 587
- Average Events/Day: 83.86
- Average Events/Hour: 3.49
- Average Traffic Stops: .85 per hour
- DWIs for the week: 2

**Come Join Us!**

The Moonlighter’s Exchange Club of Owatonna will be recognizing the Owatonna Police Officer of the Year during a recognition banquet on May 12, 2016. The event will take place at the VFW and will commence at 6:00 p.m. The cost of a ticket is $15.00 and can be purchased from any Moonlighters Exchange Club Member, Kottke Jewelers, VFW, the Law Enforcement Center and Rhonda Guthier at the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce.

The award winner for last year 2015 was Officer Zack Schumaker.

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**Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association Annual Conference**

Among 300 police executives, the Owatonna PD’s Command Staff Officers—Chief Hiller and Captains Rethemeier and Mundale attended the Minnesota Chief’s of Police Association Executive Training Institute in St. Cloud this week for a three day conference. They heard presentations and lessons learned from chief leaders in Milwaukee, Madison and St. Louis County (Ferguson, MO). Some additional speakers were Chuck Wexler, the executive director from Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), Lori Robinson from President Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing and The Six Pillars to Police-Community Relations. Our police leaders also attended small group sessions on officer wellness and well-being, crisis intervention training (CIT) and the heard latest on body cameras.

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**Abby Returns Home Safely**

In the eve of April 1st, OPD Officers responded to a lost dog complaint at an address on Fox Hollow Lane NE. The complainant stated her 15 year old chocolate lab was lost. Officers informed they would check the area for the dog—Abby. Within about an hour, Officers located Abby at Rose Street and Countryview in a drainage pond. When Officers got out of their squad they could hear that Abby, who is deaf, was in distress — wet, shivering, covered with mud, jiggers and nearly frozen. Officers wrapped Abby up in a squad blanket as she was unable to move and returned her to the owner where he helped get her into the tub with warm water. Abby began to come around prior to Officers leaving. The complainant’s family was so appreciative of the officers, they later sent snacks to the Owatonna Police Department. We are grateful that our officers put forth so much compassion toward the things that are so very important to our community and as it looks, Abby is too!

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**Neighborhood Visit**

On this past Saturday evening of April 16th, Sergeant Jason Matejcek with the Owatonna Police Department visited a few of the kids who live in one of the north district neighborhoods. The kids came up with all sorts of questions about the kind of technology and equipment the officers use and what they would find in the police cars driven today. They got to take a look around and get some hands-on experience. After the kids were freed from the prisoner compartment, the tallest and strongest tried on a “tactical blanket”, which is extra ballistic protection for the officers to utilize when they are called out to a high risk situation. Jonathan is shown above wearing it quite well!