Violent Offender Apprehension

On December 10, 2010 Owatonna Police Officers Drenth, Cooper, Vaith and Seifert were faced with a dangerous situation while trying to make an Order for Protection violation arrest. Officer located the suspect at his residence and armed with a knife. The suspect’s comments directly and through a third party were that he wouldn’t be taken alive. The officers were denied entrance into the residence and the residence was secured with a perimeter and a search warrant was obtained. The officers entered the residence and after a short standoff were able to negotiate a peaceful surrender and the suspect was taken into custody without incident. All of the officers played an important role in the successful conclusion to this incident and I would like to recognize them all as well as Steele County Deputy Holton for their efforts. Nice job by all. Sergeant Robbe Kniefel

Service Animals

Under the American with Disabilities Act, businesses and organizations that serve the public must allow people with disabilities to bring their service animals into all areas of the facility where customers are normally allowed to go. Businesses may ask if an animal is a service animal or ask what tasks the animal has been trained to perform, but cannot require special ID cards for the animal or ask about the person’s disability. A person with a disability cannot be asked to remove his service animal from the premises unless: (1) the animal is out of control and the animal’s owner does not take effective action to control it or (2) the animal poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others. Some examples of the functions and tasks performed by service animals are: (1) alerting persons with hearing impairments to sounds, (2) pulling wheelchairs or carrying and picking up things for persons with mobility impairments, (3) assisting persons with mobility impairments with balance.

DUI Forfeiture Dodge Durango

On Saturday, December 19 a man was arrested for DWI after refusing to wait for a ride home from Buffalo Wild Wings. A manager at Buffalo Wild Wings called the police after speaking with the man and advising him not to drive. The man stated he would wait for his wife, but instead left in a Dodge Durango. Responding officers found him driving on 24th Ave NW and pulled him over. After failing Field Sobriety Tests, the man was placed under arrest for probable case DWI. The suspect has a 2008 DWI conviction in MN as well as a pending DWI case in TX.