Just the Facts

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Friday, Oct. 25

- Busiest Day of Week: Friday & Saturday — 161 events
- Busiest Hour of Day: 2:00 PM — 65 events
- Total # of Events: 943
- Average Events/Day: 134.70
- Average Events/Hour: 5.61
- Average Traffic Stops: 1.02 per hour
- DWIs for the week: 2

Law enforcement cited 8,297 motorists and passengers for not buckling up as part of a statewide Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement campaign, Oct. 4–19. In a similar enforcement effort in October 2012, 8,569 motorists and passengers were cited for not wearing a seat belt, according to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Traffic Safety. The enforcement campaign featured 336 participating law enforcement agencies statewide, including Owatonna. In addition to the seat belt citations, reporting agencies issued 341 citations for child passenger safety seat violations during the campaign.

Suspect Assaults Wife, Daughter, Officer—

Late Wednesday evening, Owatonna officers were called to 715 East School Street for the report of domestic assault. When the first officer arrived, he was notified by a victim that the suspect had fled around the west side the residence. The officer investigated and observed a pair of boots under a garage door on the west side of the residence. Fortunately, the boots were connected to the suspect and he was taken into custody—he was initially uncooperative, but was later escorted to an awaiting squad car. As the suspect was being put into the car, he became uncooperative again and kicked the arresting officer on the inside of the right thigh. The suspect also told the officers, “... don’t mess with me or else” and “you want some, you’ll be sorry”. Officers interviewed the suspect’s 55-year old spouse and 28-year old daughter and learned the suspect had grabbed his wife by the arm and grabbed his daughter by her neck. He also covered the daughter’s mouth with his hand, leaving her with a bloodied lip. David W. Brockmiller, age 52, was arrested and formally charged with 2 counts of Domestic Assault, Obstructing the Legal Process and 4th Degree Assault—all gross misdemeanors. Court records show that Brockmiller was convicted of Domestic Abuse No Contact Order in July of 2013.

Old Man Winter is Blowing In......

It's fall – and for Minnesota, that means winter weather will arrive soon – perhaps even sooner than we like! And fall also means that it’s time to do your annual review of winter weather plans and preparedness. Everyone in Minnesota needs to prepare for the outdoor hazards of a cold, snowy, icy winter and the indoor hazards that occur every winter. To help do that, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, along with the National Weather Service and other state agencies, sponsors the annual “Winter Hazard Awareness Week”, November 4-8, 2013, to remind people to take simple steps that lead to an enjoyable and safe winter season. The week-long event includes a media campaign, online informational materials and locally sponsored public presentations. For more information, click on the above link.

Daylight Savings Reminder—

Clocks are to be set back one hour during Fall Back. This year, Fall Back occurs on Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 AM. Fall Back is also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detector.

Citizen's Academy—

This week’s session of the Citizen’s Academy focused on the Steele County Attorney’s Office. Hosted by Steele County Attorney Dan McIntosh, the chief prosecutor of all criminal proceedings in Steele County, the session concentrated on the roles and responsibilities of the Steele County Attorney’s Office (including their current staffing levels and individual prosecutor specialties). The session further focused on the Steele County Attorney’s Offices’ role in the investigation and charging process and how they work in partnership with law enforcement to try and get to the truth. The session ended with a case study of the shooting that occurred at the Medford McDonald’s restaurant in January of 2012.

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