Friday, Sept. 27 to Thursday, October 3

- **Busiest Day of Week**: Wednesday — 189 events
- **Busiest Hour of Day**: 11:00 PM — 65 events
- **Total # of Events**: 951
- **Average Events/Day**: 135.86
- **Average Events/Hour**: 5.66
- **Average Traffic Stops**: 1.18 per hour
- **DWIs for the week**: 3

**Click it or Ticket—**

Drivers and passengers— including in the back seat— are reminded to buckle up as extra Click it or Ticket seat belt patrols take to the roads statewide Oct. 4–19. To launch the campaign, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety rolled out a new video that focuses on teenage unbelted traffic deaths. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety Video is available by clicking the Click It or Ticket button.

**Tip Leads to Arrest—**

On September 22nd, our officers were investigating an assault call when they were given a tip that a subject in 445 State Avenue #5 was growing marijuana in the apartment. Upon completion of the assault call, officers paid a visit to the 455 State Avenue address. When they arrived, they noted an open window and could hear a fan blowing from the interior, corroborating the information they received. The officers met with a female renter and told her they were following up on illegal activities occurring in the apartment. The renter consented to a search and led them to a bedroom with the suspected grow. Inside the bedroom, officer found a tin foil looking container that contained three marijuana plants. They also found a grow light, fans and duct work connecting to the grow. A further search of the apartment revealed a fourth marijuana plant growing. A statement was taken from the male resident of the apartment and he admitted the marijuana grow and plants belonged to him and he didn’t want the female to get into trouble. Luis Perez Jr., age 37, was arrested and transported to the Steele County Detention Center. He was later formally charged with a 5th Degree Controlled Substance Crime—a felony.

**Cops in the Community—**

Earlier this spring in March, the Owatonna Police Department donated a silent auction package to Big Brother Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota as a part of their Evening for Kids’ Sake fundraiser that included firearms range activities, a fishing trip and breakfast with the department administrative staff. On Saturday morning, Sergeant Josh Sorensen and Officer Zack Schumaker will be volunteering their time and equipment by hosting the winning bidders on a fishing trip to Waseca’s Clear Lake. Let’s hope they catch the big one and the weather cooperates!

**Citizen’s Academy—**

The second session of the 2013 Citizen’s Academy was held Wednesday night and was hosted by Patrol Captain Jeff Mundale. During the session, Captain Mundale shared his knowledge and police related experience talking about patrol procedures, district policing principles, the laws of arrest and constitutional law. Captain Mundale also brought in two volunteer citizens who consumed alcohol in a controlled setting for the purpose of demonstrating the administration of standardized field sobriety tests. The night was concluded by estimating the intoxicated subjects’ blood alcohol content using the Widmark formula. The Widmark formula is a scientific method used to calculate the estimated peak blood alcohol concentration of an individual by using known values.

Remember to check out our RAIDS ONLINE crime mapping feature that can be found in the lower left hand corner of future Just the Facts publications. The mapping module includes a Tip411 feature that allows any viewer to leave an anonymous tip on any incident reported on the map.

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