Just the Facts

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Weekly Highlights

Friday, February 5 to Thursday, February 11

- Busiest Day of Week: Monday — 77 events
- Busiest Hour of Day: 2:00 PM — 32 events
- Total # of Events: 426
- Average Events/Day: 60.86
- Average Events/Hour: 2.54
- Average Traffic Stops: .68 per hour
- DWIs for the week: 2

2016 Polar Plunge

On January 30th, brave OPD staffers Alan Calihan, Andy van Osdale and Pam Roberts with her spouse Dan Schmidt plunged the frigid waters at Lake Kohlmier to show support for Special Olympics MN. All funds raised from the event go toward programming for more than 8,000 athletes statewide. Be sure to check them out at the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxlETz8yrPc&list=PLx7vOz-8h_3rm9ZbquyaBPeSZ9r4ghfHY&index=11

Video courtesy: KRFO Radio

Stuck in a Snowbank—This past Saturday evening, February 6th, a volunteer Owatonna Police Reserve Officer was on patrol and came upon a vehicle stuck in the snowbank on the 500 block of Hazel Lane NE. An OPD Patrol Officer responded to investigate. Upon the police officer’s arrival, the driver was identified as Donald Greenleaf, age 23, of Le Center MN. Greenleaf was in the driver’s seat—spinning the front wheels of the vehicle. Greenleaf demonstrated multiple clues of impairment that included bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, poor balance, an odor of alcohol and an admission of drinking 4-5 beers before driving. Greenleaf also admitted to having marijuana in his pocket. Following field sobriety tests, Greenleaf was arrested for DWI and was transported to the detention center. The arresting officer, also a certified breath test operator, reported that Greenleaf’s alcohol concentration was .15 percent which is nearly double the DWI limit. Greenleaf was charged by citation for DWI in the fourth degree, possession of marijuana, and driving after suspension.

The Chief Out and About—This past Saturday, February 6th, Police Chief Keith Hiller spent some quality time with some of his favorite people—kids! The Owatonna Public Library hosted a Kiwanis “Read Around the World” event geared toward pre-school to third graders where exploration of books with parents, teachers and community leaders was the focus. So what did the Chief read? Hedgehugs by Lucy Tapper & Steve Wilson was a definite hit with the kids. Other celebrities present were OJHS Student/author Megan Copeland, OHS Key Club President Anna Hagen, Washington School Teacher Matt McCartney and Librarian Darla Lager. Everyone enjoyed reading together with milk and cookies and the kids got to pick out a book to take home. Much fun was had by all!

Crime Free Multi-Housing, Owatonna Today Show — Captain Eric Rethemeier and Officer Adam Hennen attended the Owatonna Today Show to share information about the Owatonna PD’s Crime Free Multi-Housing (CFMH) Program as a partnership with the City of Owatonna Landlord Association (COLA). Officer Hennen began Phase 1 training on CFMH this past week which entailed a course designed for landlords or property managers who desire a working relationship with law enforcement to reach a collective goal of reducing crime on apartment properties within our community. To view the Owatonna Today Show interview, click on the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vl-d86o9-M8&feature=youtu.be

New Officers—There are a couple new faces in the Patrol Division of the Owatonna Police Department. We are proud to report that Michaela Smith and Dylan Ordorff joined the rank of Officers this week. Michaela earned her Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth where she majored in criminology and minored in psychology. She is excited to get back to work closer to her home town of Faribault, MN after reporting to the Mall of America as a Security Patrol Officer for the past year. As for Dylan, he recently earned his Bachelor’s Degree from Winona State University studying Law Enforcement. He comes to Owatonna from Lakeville, MN where he was previously a Field Technician for a private plumbing company. We would like to extend a warm welcome to new Officers Smith and Ordorff to the Police Department and our great city of Owatonna!