**What Should I Do If I Get Pulled Over?**

1. Follow the officer’s directions.
2. Pull over as soon as possible.
3. Leave enough room for the officer to walk up to your vehicle on the shoulder.
4. Put your car in Park.
5. Turn the engine off.
6. Turn on the flashers.
7. Turn off your radio.
8. Roll down your window.
9. Turn on the interior light.
10. Keep your hands where the officer can see them. Do not look in your glove compartment unless you are directed to do so.

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**Owatonna’s Drug Recognition Expert**

Early in 2011, the Owatonna Police Department hired Officer Brady Fox away from the South Dakota State Patrol. Officer Fox has been a great addition to the department, but as an added bonus, he was certified as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) in the State of South Dakota and now has been recognized in Minnesota with the same certification. DREs receive specialized training to detect specific drug impairment. The DRE program, originating with the Los Angeles Police Department in the early ’70s, is a comprehensive training program that prepares officers to detect and remove impaired drivers from the road. A properly trained DRE can successfully detect drug impairment and accurately determine the category of drugs causing the impairment. The DRE protocol is a standardized and systematic method of examining a Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID) suspect to determine the following: (1) whether or not the suspect is impaired; if so, (2) whether the impairment relates to drugs or a medical condition; and if drugs, (3) what category or combination of categories of drugs are the likely cause of the impairment. The process is systematic because it is based on a complete set of observable signs and symptoms that are known to be reliable indicators of drug impairment.

On February 7th, Officer Fox was called in to assist with a drug influence evaluation of a female subject arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence of a controlled substance; however, the female refused to participate in Officer Fox’s evaluation. The Owatonna Police Department works in partnership with the Steele County Safe & Drug Free Coalition. Officer Fox’s and the department’s continued efforts in detecting drug impaired drivers will work towards the coalition’s goal of keeping our community and our youth free from the harmful effects of alcohol, drugs and tobacco use.

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**Police Chaplains**

Captain Mundale and Reverend Brent Carlson appeared on the Owatonna Today Show to share information about the police chaplaincy program. Rev. Carlson is assisting the police department to identify prospective chaplains through local ministerial meetings. Rev. Carlson and five other applicants have expressed interest in the program. The police chaplaincy program is a volunteer position through the City of Owatonna to enhance police services by assisting citizens and first responders manage traumatic events; such as death notifications, grieving persons, serious injury & fatal accidents, structure fires, and in the line of duty injuries & deaths. The announcement and appointment of the chaplains is scheduled for April 1, 2012. The Owatonna Today episode can be viewed at [http://blip.tv/owatonnatodayshow](http://blip.tv/owatonnatodayshow)