In the last week, officers have been called twice to search for missing children. These situations seem to occur after a long winter and when kids are outside playing. In both cases, the children were located but these situations are preventable and will spare parents, law enforcement, school officials, and other people involved undue stress. Here are a few pointers to help reduce these incidents from happening.

Parents:
- Know your children’s friends, their parents, addresses and telephone numbers
- Keep tabs on where they’re at or know where they like to go
- Keep photographs of your children and make a mental note what they are wearing – daily
- Make daily plans for meeting and pick-up locations
- Don’t have other people pick up your children who they do not know

Kids:
- Tell your parents where you are at and where you are going
- Don’t change plans without first telling your parents
- Don’t get in cars or ride with strangers
- Don’t fall for tricks if someone wants you to get in their car or enter their house
- If parents don’t pick you up, stay where you are at instead of walking home
- If you are lost, ask someone for help

Repeat DWI Offender—Early Wednesday morning, an officer stopped Taiwan D. McCain going 84 mph on the Interstate. McCain exited on Hoffman Drive and pulled into the Wal-Mart lot. His driver’s license was cancelled—inimical to public safety (CAN-IPS) because he has 3 prior DWI convictions in previous ten years. During the transport, the officer detected a strong odor of alcohol coming from McCain. Once at the jail, the officer performed sobriety test on McCain and had probable cause to believe he was also impaired. McCain’s breath test revealed his BAC was 0.10. McCain was charged with 1st Degree DWI—a felony, and Driving After Revocation—Inimical to Public Safety—a gross misdemeanor. The vehicle, a 2007 Chevrolet Impala, was held for forfeiture.

Same Crime, Different Time

On Sunday night, while attempting to identify a driver for a traffic offense, an OPD officer used a driver’s license photo website for law enforcement, but found that the photo didn’t match the name given to the officer. The officer tripped the driver up on many questions until the driver confessed to her real name as Jennifer Jean Tuttle. A formal complaint is requested against Tuttle for driving after suspension (DAS) and giving a false name and date of birth of another to a peace officer—a gross misdemeanor. Jennifer Tuttle, age 32, was charged with the same offense on May 16th, 2016.

Daycare Visit—On February 22nd, OPD Officers Petterson and Schumaker were invited to speak with a group of approximately 10 pre-school children. They discussed talking to strangers, when to call 911 and the information to give when talking to dispatch. They talked about crossing the road and how to do it safely. Officer Schumaker took “most” of his tools off his belt and let the children pass it around while describing what they were used for. All of the children also got to see what his bullet proof vest felt like and they talked about his badge and what it stood for. Schumaker took all of the children outside and gave them badge stickers while showing them his squad and all of the tools inside. The children got to turn the lights on which they really enjoyed. Officer Petterson came and showed the children K9 Kash. Officer Petterson described the job that Kash does and also did a bite demonstration. Fun was definitely had by all!