**Weekly Highlights**

Friday, December 30 to Thursday, January 5

- Busiest Day of Week: Wednesday: 169 events
- Busiest Hour of Day: 5:00 PM: 70 events
- Total # of Events: 874
- Average Events/Day: 124.86
- Average Events/Hour: 5.20
- Average Traffic Stops: .80 per hour
- DWI for the week: 0

**In Memory**

A support fund has been set up to help the family of fallen Lake City Police Officer Shawn Schneider. If you would like to contribute to this fund, you can respond to the information below:

**Shawn Schneider Family Support Fund**
c/o Alliance Bank
105 E. Lyon Avenue
Lake City, MN 55041

**Crime Prevention Tip: Postal Fraud/Theft**

To Prevent Postal Fraud and Theft the Owatonna Police Department recommends the following:

- Do not leave outgoing mail in an unlocked mailbox.
- Do deposit mail in a blue USPS collection box or inside at your local post office. Use a collection box that is not full. Notify the post office if you observe a collection box full or overflowing.
- Make sure your mailbox is in good condition. Mailboxes in poor condition often expose mail to theft and bad weather.
- Promptly pick up your “incoming” mail once it is delivered to your mailbox.
- Purchase a locked mailbox or convert your unlocked box to the lockable type. On your locked box, make sure the mail slot is large enough and safe enough for the letter carrier to insert your mail. (Note the mail carrier can not pick up mail from this type of unit).
- Consult with the post office for a recommendation. Arrange for your mail to be delivered to a Post Office Box for a small fee.
- Consider having regular income checks deposited electronically right into your bank account via Direct Deposit.
- Promptly report non-receipt of credit cards, checks, and other valuable mail to the senders.
- Immediately notify the post office and mailers if you change your address.
- If you are going on vacation, notify the post office, or have a trusted friend or neighbor pick up your mail promptly after delivery.
- Contact your financial institution and advise them to not send credit card checks to you by mail.
- Be observant of activities on your street, including those near your letter carrier, his or her postal vehicle, residential mailboxes, and collection boxes.
- Immediately report any suspicious persons or activity by calling 9-1-1 while suspects are still present.
- Create a Neighborhood Watch Program.
- Be a part of the solution!

**Home Invasion Robbery Leads to Two Arrests**

On December 30th at approximately midnight, Owatonna officers were dispatched to 607 Hazel Lane for the report of a robbery. Officers learned that 5-6 black males armed with bats, pipes and at least two handguns had entered the residence, demanding two safes, wallets, cell phones and a flat screen television be turned over; all of the suspects were wearing items to conceal their identities. The suspects later fled the scene. One of the handguns believed to be used in the robbery, an air-pistol has been recovered at the scene. Later in the early morning hours, officers were able to track one of the stolen cell phones to the area of 489 St. Paul Pl. where they observed the stolen cell phone in an unoccupied vehicle. Search warrants were obtained for two separate residences and the vehicle containing the stolen cell phone. The subsequent search of the vehicle led to the recovery of a large portion of the property stolen during the robbery as well as additional evidence of the crime. The following day, additional stolen property from the robbery was recovered in Manthey Park. In response to the property recovered from the vehicle, Owatonna officers arrested Jamal A. Adan, age 18. He was later formally charged in District Court with Possession of Stolen Property. The property recovered in Manthey Park, a safe, has led to a second arrest. Once the safe was returned to law enforcement center, investigators detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from within the safe. A narcotics detection dog also alerted to the presence of a controlled substance in the safe. A search warrant was obtained for the safe and it was found to contain a felony amount of marijuana. As a result of the marijuana discovery, Owatonna officers arrested Nicholas R. Richards, age 23. Richards was later released from the Steele County Detention Center pending formal charges. While we do not believe this was a random act and the Hazel Lane address was specifically targeted, we always encourage citizens to be vigilant toward their own personal safety and take measures to prevent becoming victimized. This investigation continues to be on-going.