One More Time, What’s Your Name?

On January 8th, Owatonna officers were called to an apartment in the 800 block of South Oak Avenue for the report of a domestic disturbance. Arriving officers located the apartment where the disturbance was taking place and were speaking with the occupants. When identifying the occupants, they found a male party who was having trouble remembering the spelling of his name and alleged he did not have any form of identification with him.

The officer found a record of the individual; however, his purported address did not match the address on his record. A second officer noticed the male was carrying a wallet upon which the suspect then produced a Minnesota driver’s license. The officer compared the driver’s license photograph with the male’s appearance and came to the conclusion they were not the same person. The male then produced another state issued identification card that identified him as another person. Abass N. Said, age, 19, was placed under arrest and subsequently provided a statement indicating he found the other ID in his brother’s car and had kept it. Said also indicated he had an outstanding court case in Albert Lea. The part about the Albert Lea court case was true and he was arrested for an outstanding warrant out of Freeborn County. Said was also formally charged with Giving a False Name to a Police Officer—a gross misdemeanor.

Chaplain’s Program Revisited—

The Police Chaplain program was established in May 2012 to enhance police services in the community by providing non-denomination spiritual care and compassion to individuals in need; including first responders involved in a critical incident and/or during a time of crisis in one’s life. In 2013, the chaplains donated 214.5 volunteer hours. The chaplains achieve these hours by participating in ride-alongs with the patrol division and for emergency call-outs. Significant 2013 events include—

• Gene Koeberl resigned and was ordained as the Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Browerville, MN.
• Father Cronin joined.
• Nancy Deetz attended the “Worship Without Worry” seminar.
• Brent Carlson, Ron Wilson, Loren Olson and Captain Mundale attended a 3 day International Conference of Police Chaplains.
• Brent Carlson received a letter of appreciation for his role in an adolescent suicide.

Your police department chaplains are Reverend Ron Wilson, Reverend Brent Carlson, Reverend Mark Rosenau (back row) and Reverend Loren Olson and Parish Nurse Nancy Deetz (front row). Not pictured is Father Michael Cronin.

Stolen Vehicle Recovered—

During the early morning hours on December 9th, Owatonna officers were called to Mineral Springs Park for the report of a vehicle tipped over on its side in the creek. The arriving officers found an unoccupied silver colored Chevrolet tipped on its driver’s side in Maple Creek. The officers learned the vehicle had been reported stolen in Steele County. The vehicle was towed from the river and the stolen vehicle case remains under investigation by the Steele County Sheriff’s Office.