Stay Informed!

The Owatonna Police Department regularly updates its website with relevant crime statistics and publications. To view the most recent crime statistics, go to www.ci.owatonna.mn.us/police and click on the crime clock or go to the Briefing Room and see monthly and quarterly crime statistics. *Just the Facts* is also posted on our website under Publications.

Equipment Violation Leads to DWI Arrest

On July 22, 2011, an Owatonna officer on patrol observed a vehicle leaving Morehouse park. The officer noticed the vehicle nearly strike a curb as it stopped for a stop sign and that the vehicle did not have a working license plate light. The officer stopped the vehicle and in speaking with the driver observed signs of impairment. Following field sobriety testing, the driver, a 27-year old female, was arrested for suspicion of drunk driving. She was transported to Steele County Detention Center where she was booked and released. Formal charges are pending the results of a urine test.

Vehicle Inspections

Todd Hale recently dedicated a section of his Sunday People’s Press column to point out the number of vehicles he observes with malfunctioning/inoperable safety equipment. Mr. Hale is absolutely right in his observations. So far this year, our officers have issued 2499 traffic warnings, many of which have been for equipment violations. Please take the time to inspect your vehicle’s equipment, (head lights/tail lights, turn signals, etc.), to make certain everything is in working order.

Victim of Assault Transported by Ambulance

During the early morning hours of July 21st, Owatonna officers were dispatched to Reggie’s Brewhouse for a fight. Officers arrived and found a 47-year old male victim lying on the ground. The victim, a taxi cab driver, was bleeding from the nose and the left side of his face was swollen; officer suspected the victim had suffered a broken nose. Gold Cross Ambulance assisted by transporting the victim to the Owatonna Hospital.

Officers interviewed witnesses at the scene and learned two suspects had fled in a vehicle. Later that morning, officers located the suspects, placed them under arrest and transported them to the Steele County Detention Center. Edward L. Wood, age 27 and Andrew J. Roseland, age 28 were both charged by citation with 5th Degree Assault and Disorderly Conduct. The victim was discharged from the hospital with minor injuries.