**Very Much Appreciated—**

The four Owatonna Kwik Trip stores have collectively donated $2,000.00 to the Owatonna Police Department Canine Program. This generous donation will be used to offset the $12,000.00 outlay for the purchase of a police canine and to certify the new handler and canine through a rigorous 12-week certification course. Pictured to the left is Owatonna Police Department’s handler Officer Brady Fox receiving the donation from Bobbi Jo Moore, Assistant Store Manager from the Mineral Springs Road Kwik Trip store. Moore is surrounded by the other assistant and store manager’s who pulled together to help support this cause. The police department is very fortunate and appreciates the partnership from Kwik Trip and the store leaders that support our mission.

**Protection Order Violation—**

Early Wednesday evening, our Owatonna officers received information that a male individual subject to a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order (DANCO) was in violation of that order at an apartment at 545 State Avenue. Our officers responded to investigate and when they knocked on the door, they were met by the suspect—the suspect was subject to an order stipulating that he was not to be within 500 feet from the residence, let alone inside. Officers placed the suspect under arrest and transported him to the Steele County Jail. Luis Perez Jr., age 36, was formally charged with Violating a No Contact Order—a felony. Perez had been previously convicted of Malicious Punishment of a Child in Rice County and Domestic Assault in Steele County.

**Cops in the Community—**

On Wednesday and Thursday, School Resource Officer Joel Hunt visited Wilson Elementary School to conduct a seat belt and pedestrian safety talk with 2nd grade health classes. Joel will be conducting the same talk next week with another group of 2nd graders.

**Department News—**

- This past week, members from the Owatonna Police Department interviewed potential candidates to fill positions in the department’s newly formed police reserve corps. At the conclusion of the interviews, we anticipate extending offers to selected candidates and to begin reserve officer training on March 26, 2013.

- The City of Owatonna is accepting applications to establish an eligibility list for part-time Community Service Officers (CSOs). CSOs provide support services to Police Administration, the Detective Bureau and the Patrol Division. Minimum requirements: Valid MN driver’s license or the ability to obtain a valid MN driver’s license by the date of appointment. Law Enforcement students are encouraged to apply. This position allows for under 30hrs/week, including working varied shifts/hours as well as nights and weekends. Starting hourly rate: $11.33 and prorated benefits, including holiday pay and paid time off (PTO) accrual. To apply for the position, click on the link Community Service Officer Badge. Applications will be accepted until March 15, 2013.

- Congratulations to Officer Adam Hennen—on March 3rd, Adam successfully completed the 16-week field training program. He was certified for solo patrol and on Wednesday afternoon worked his first shift without a trainer. Adam has previous law enforcement experience working with the Watkins, Paynesville and Madelia Police Departments. We look forward to Adam being a great servant to the community.

**Entertainment—**

- Remember that some people prey on tourists. Be cautious of what you sign up for or who you trust when you are on spring break, especially in other countries where the laws are different.

- Keep your head clear to make wise decisions.