**Weekly Highlights**

**Friday, March 4 to Thursday, March 10**

- **Busiest Day of Week:** Friday — 104 events
- **Busiest Hour of Day:** 2:00 PM — 45 events
- **Total # of Events:** 535
- **Average Events/Day:** 76.43
- **Average Events/Hour:** 3.18
- **Average Traffic Stops:** .74 per hour
- **DWIs for the week:** 0

**Police Officer Training**

The Use of Force Training Unit geared up and began department wide training of all licensed staff this week for stress inoculation training using role players to act out use of force encounters a police officer may face. The training allows the officers to work in pairs and to practice all levels of force options from verbal direction to deadly force using training weapons and safety equipment. Pictured below is an exercise using a K-9 and cover officers to control an armed aggressor wearing a protective bite suit.

**Gun Incident Part 1** At 08:12 a.m. on Thursday, March 3rd, officers were dispatched to a gun pointing incident at 520 Adams Avenue apartments. A search warrant was executed later that evening. During the search, Investigators found a handgun that was used in the incident in the possession of a 17 year old. The juvenile, whose name is not listed, was arrested and a petition was issued for possession of the firearm as an adjudicated delinquent felony offender and assault in the second degree — both felonies. During this incident, an additional suspect was identified as Tristan Klemer — so the case remained under investigation. This case was solved when officers were investigating a shooting that occurred three days later at 1120 E School Street (see story below). During this incident, officers learned that Klemer was at the scene and fled after a firearm went off. Officers learned that persons at this incident location left the scene in a Black Dodge Charger with Virginia license plates. Officers found the Dodge Charger occupied by one person. During the traffic stop, receipts from a pawn shop transaction involving a 12 gauge shotgun were found bearing the name of Tristan Klemer. Detectives took this information and learned that on March 6th, Klemer attempted to pawn two shotguns, but only made a deal on one and took the second gun with him. Based on the timeline of events, this is when detectives believe Klemer delivered the shotgun to 1120 E. School Street. Once Klemer’s activity was substantiated, a probable cause arrest was issued for him. Shortly thereafter, Klemer was located and arrested by Owatonna officers on Monday, March 7th. Tristan Klemer, 19, was charged with Assault in the Second Degree involving a deadly weapon and two counts of Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. Klemer is a registered felon stemming from a simple robbery conviction in 2015.

**Gun Incident Part 2** In the evening of March 6th, OPD Officers responded to a 911 hang-up call at 1120 East School Street. When the officers arrived, they spoke with a female who said she was staying at the apartment of Shelly Phipps and that some guys stopped over with a shotgun — identified as TJ or Tristan J. Klemer. The female stated she went into the bathroom and heard a shotgun go off and when she ran out, all the guys were gone in what she thought might be a black Dodge Charger. The officer observed an entrance and exit hole to interior walls, multiple pellet indentations on the refrigerator door, and the shot ward from the shotgun shell in the hallway of the apartment. Luckily no one was hit or injured. Another officer began searching and found the black Dodge Charger in the area of Adams Avenue. The officer identified the driver as Dajaun Wadley, who was alone and learned he was with TJ and another man at the East School Street apartment. Officers found a receipt inside the car that a shotgun was pawned (sold) for $100 just 3 hours before by Tristan Klemer. Meanwhile, another officer spoke to Shelly Phipps, who admitted to pulling the trigger on the shotgun and stated it was an accident and wrong because she is a felon. Phipps was transported to the Steele County Detention center where officers later found pills identified as Alprazolam, a schedule 4 controlled substance, in a cigarette wrapper in her bra. Shelly Phipps, age 34, was formally charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, Reckless Discharge of a Firearm Within a Municipality, and 5th Degree Controlled Substance — all felony crimes.

**Chief Speaks to Rotary** On March 7th, Chief Hiller met at the Country Club to present to the Owatonna Rotary Club about current operations and challenges facing the OPD. Topics ranged from public relations, a typical day in the life of an Owatonna officer, the department’s succession plan, retaining quality employees, use of force and body cameras. Chief Hiller expressed his pride and professionalism of his officers. In 2015 the department had just 22 use of force incidents out of 30,000 events with zero reports of excessive force. Rotary members had an opportunity to speak and commended the works of the department, where Chief Hiller credited that to the department’s emphasis on treating all citizens with respect.

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