Friday, March 11 to Thursday, March 17

- Busiest Day of Week: Wednesday— 90 events
- Busiest Hour of Day: 1:00 PM — 49 events
- Total # of Events: 511
- Average Events/Day: 73
- Average Events/Hour: 3.04
- Average Traffic Stops: .57 per hour
- DWIs for the week: 2

Child Occupant Safety

Are you a parent, grandparent, sibling, or child care provider responsible for the transportation of an infant or child? Then you should know these laws.

Infants (under 20 pounds and one year of age) must be in a rear-facing safety seat.

Children must ride in a booster seat after they have outgrown a forward-facing seat (typically age 4 and 40-60 pounds), until they are age 8 or 4’9” tall — whichever comes first. It is recommended to keep a child in a booster based on their size rather than age. Boosters are seat lifts that help adult seat belts fit children properly.

Click here to view MN Child Passenger Restraint Laws.


Bribery Brings Felony Charges—On Friday, March 11th, an OPD Officer observed a vehicle traveling southbound on Smith Avenue roll through the stop sign onto 18th Street SE. As the officer was going to make the traffic stop, he activated his radar on the vehicle, which was now traveling east on 18th Street SE at an accelerated speed that he clocked at 65 mph in a 30 mph zone; he also noticed the vehicle swerving and partially in the lane of the traffic. After initiating the stop and running the license plate, the officer learned the owner/driver of the vehicle—Travis Schleusner was showing signs of intoxication and noticed a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage in the car as well as five $20 dollar bills fanned out across Schleusner’s lap under his wallet. The officer had him perform roadside field sobriety tests, which he failed and then placed him under arrest for probable cause DWI. Schleusner told the officer that he would give him $100 to let him drive up a block to the stoplight and take a right to his destination and when the officer questioned his request, Schleusner said the officer shouldn’t accept the $100, but he could. Travis A. Schleusner, age 24, was formally charged with Bribery—a felony, 4th Degree DWI—a misdemeanor, and Speeding—a petty misdemeanor.

Stolen Vehicle Recovered—On Tuesday, March 15th an Owatonna Officer, at the intersection of Grove Avenue and Mineral Springs Road, observed a red vehicle make a sharp turn from Fremont Street onto Grove Avenue and then speed up. The officer ran the vehicle registration and it came back stolen out of Faribault, Minnesota. The officer followed the vehicle ultimately stopping it at 610 East Rice Lake Street. The driver, identified as Cedric English, said he was in Faribault on Sunday, March 13th where he was pulled over for driving after revocation and had his vehicle towed. He said he sent out a message to everyone he knew that he was stranded and needed a ride, and finally heard back from Ali Mohamed Abdullahi aka “Chili”. English said he paid Chili $50 to borrow a vehicle and when he got into the car he thought it was a bit weird that the key was still under his wallet. The officer had him perform roadside field sobriety tests, which he failed and then placed him under arrest for probable cause DWI. English, age 43, was formally charged with Motor Vehicle Theft—a felony, Operating a Motor Vehicle after License Suspension/Revocation—a misdemeanor, and Open Bottle Possession—a misdemeanor.