Running late?

On Saturday, April 16th at approximately 3:30 p.m., Officer Dave Schroeder observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on North Oak Avenue. Officer Schroeder attempted to stop the vehicle; however, the driver had different ideas and a short pursuit took place. The driver eventually pulled over on North Street and Owatonna police officers, assisted by the Minnesota State Patrol, conducted a high risk traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle, a 29-year old female, was arrested for fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle. She was eventually transported to a medical facility for a mental health evaluation. The woman’s reasoning for fleeing the officer—she had overslept and was late for work.

Predatory Offender Registration checks

The Owatonna Police Department recently completed the first of our bi-annual predatory offender compliance checks. We are currently monitoring 65 predatory offenders living within the city. The majority of the offenders are without classification which means they are deemed the least likely offender on the registry to re-offend. The other are classified as level I, II or III with level three offenders the mostly likely to re-offend. There is currently one level III offender living in the city. At the end of the check, we are happy to report that all 65 offenders were found to be in compliance with their State of Minnesota predatory offender requirements.

Police Reserve Program and Citizen’s Academy

Patrol Commander Jeff Mundale appeared this week on the Owatonna Today Program to talk about the Police Reserve Program and Citizen’s Academy he is working to install in the department. Capt. Mundale is in the beginning stages of development, but hopes to have both programs off the ground by fall. Anyone with an interest in these programs can contact Captain Mundale at 507-774-7202.

A 2010 Comparison

The chart on the left shows a comparison of calls for each law enforcement agency within our dispatch area. The information was obtained from LOGIS.

*Each department has latitude on how they report events.