**Night to Unite Recap—**
What a tremendous night—perfect weather, wonderful hosts and great fellowship. Night to Unite was a successful event again this year. In all, 44 neighborhoods participated in the event by hosting a block party. An estimated 2000+ people joined in with their neighbors in heightening drug and crime awareness, generating support and participating in local anti-crime efforts. These block parties strengthen neighborhood spirits & police/community partnerships and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

This year the Owatonna Police Department added a new twist to the event by collecting school supply donations and the response was overwhelming. In addition to the supplies (shown in picture on right), $162 in cash donations were received. Our partnering businesses Wal-Mart and Target also contributed with donations.

Lastly, we’d also like to thank our partnering agencies/individuals who helped make this night great: the Owatonna Fire Department, Gold Cross Ambulance, Steele County CERT members, Council President Les Abraham and Owatonna City Administrator Kris Busse.

**OPD Provides ‘Taxi’ Service—**
On Tuesday, August 2nd, Officers participating in Night to Unite were called away from visiting block parties by the complaint of a female refusing to exit a taxi cab. Officers located the cab near the intersection of North St. and N. Oak Ave. The taxi was pulled to the side of the road and the driver was out; however, the female occupant was still inside of the cab, refusing to exit. Our officers made contact with the female who was belligerent and continued to refuse to leave. She alleged the cab company owed her money from a previous ride. Despite requests to exit the cab, the female refused and had to be forcibly removed. The female continued to be combative with officers as they placed her under arrest. Officers took over the taxi ride, transporting Tiffany A. Wadley, age 29, on a one-way fare to the Steele County Detention Center. Wadley was formally charged in District Court with Disorderly Conduct and Obstructing the Legal Process-Interfering with a Peace Officer.

**Crime Alert—**
This past week the department has seen a spike in car break-ins in the north portion of the city in the areas adjacent to the 2000-2600 block of North Cedar Ave. The break-ins consist of unlocked vehicles parked on the street being entered and rummaged through. Protect your self by making sure you lock your vehicle(s), remove all valuables and consider parking in well-lit areas.