Knife Incident Leads to Arrest—

On Tuesday, August 21st, Owatonna officers were called to the emergency room at the Owatonna Hospital for the report of a possible stabbing. At the emergency room, officers met with a 19-year old victim who had suffered an approximate 1” in diameter cut to the underside of his left arm. Officers learned that the victim was at this residence in the 100 block of W. McKinley St. when he became involved in an argument with his male roommate. During the argument, the roommate had a “Rapala” type fishing knife in his possession and was holding it in a threatening manner. The argument led to a physical confrontation where the suspect cut the victim with the knife. Officers met with the suspect who was waiting in the lobby of the Emergency Room. He was placed under arrest and transported to the Steele County Detention Center. Cody M. Reed, age 21, was formally charged in District Court with 2nd Degree Assault with a Dangerous Weapon—a felony and Domestic Assault—a misdemeanor.

South Central Drug Investigation Unit
Drug Task Force—

Another successful and consistent collaboration between the Owatonna Police Department and Steele County Sheriff’s Office! Currently, the City and County share the personnel expenses of the agent assigned to the Drug Task Force. From 2006-2010, the County provided the agent as a growth opportunity, and from 2011-2015, the City is being provided the opportunity for this career development opportunity. Remarkably, the enforcement efforts as it relates to narcotic arrests have remained the same throughout the transition of agents. While the agents respond to the activity as opposed to manipulating the drug market, it is noteworthy to point out the consistency within this collaboration. Congratulations are in order for both agents!

A review of the overall arrests—

So You Want to Be a Police Officer—

Due the retirement of former Officer Willie Goodsell and the resignation of now Eagan Officer Mike Schneider, we have a couple of openings in our patrol staff. In collaboration with the Police Civil Service Commission, we initiated a hiring process in June and had 113 people apply for the two positions. Of the 113 applicants, 78 individuals continued with the process by taking a written examination. After the written tests were scored, we invited the top 45 candidates back to participate in a physical agility evaluation. The physical agility evaluation was comprised of a vertical jump, sit-ups, 300 meter run, push-ups and ended with a 1 ½ mile run. All candidates participating in the physical agility evaluation were assessed upon an established set of criteria based upon age and gender; the evaluation was scored as a pass or fail. 28 candidates passed the physical agility evaluation and were invited back for an oral interview before a broad section of police department staff. The top 18 candidates from the first set of interviews were invited back for a second oral interview before a different set of police department staff. The top candidates from the second interview will be invited back for an oral interview in early September before the Police Civil Service Commission. The top four scoring candidates will be presented to Chief Keith Hiller who will interview the candidates a final time before selecting the two individuals who survived this process and will be offered a position. The pictures below are of the officers participating in the physical agility evaluation.