Just the Facts

Friday, June 9 to Thursday, June 15

- **Busiest Day of Week:** Wednesday—136 events
- **Busiest Hour of Day:** 6:00 PM—54 events
- **Total # of Events:** 813
- **Average Events/Day:** 116.14
- **Average Events/Hour:** 4.84
- **Average Traffic Stops:** .76 per hour
- **DWIs for the week:** 1

**Ready for Solo Patrol**

Congratulations to Probationary Officer Casey Martin who has successfully met OPD’s field training and evaluation requirements and has been recommended for solo patrol by the field training unit. In most cases, the field training program consists of 16 weeks of on-the-job training with a certified field training officer to serve as a coach, mentor, and evaluator. The police officer candidate must demonstrate proficiency in several categories before reaching this milestone. Congratulations to the field training unit & to Officer Martin!

**Por’s Jailed**—During OPD’s bi-annual predatory offender registration (POR) compliance checks, Brian Schnagl and Jesse Moe were found to be non-compliant for failing to keep a corrections officer, law enforcement agency or the BCA informed of their whereabouts. In Schnagl’s case, he listed his employer as a restaurant in Albert Lea but the manager, who has been there for over a year, never heard of him. Since then, he has worked in Northfield and Owatonna and failed to update his place of employment requirements. Schnagl was picked up in Dakota County and held at the Steele County Jail. In Moe’s case, he was evicted from a residence on E. Vine Street on September 16, 2016, and failed to update his registration card after changing addresses. Moe was found at a residence on Greenwood Drive and arrested. Both subjects were charged with a felony for failing to register as a POR offender.

**Drug Presentation**—On Wednesday, Owatonna Police Department Detective Sergeant Andy Drenth gave a presentation to Viracon’s leadership group with about 100 in attendance on drug identification, trends and local case studies. Officer John Petterson and his partner Kash also presented to the audience showcasing how they work as a team. These presentations provide the opportunity to exemplify our department’s efforts and professionalism.

**Driver’s Ed**—On Monday, June 12th, FTO Officer Zack Schumaker and Probationary Officer Valerie Satre were invited to speak to the Owatonna High School student driver’s education class instructed by Mr. Stormo. The session gave the students an opportunity to meet the officers and ask them questions about teen driving laws and traffic safety.

**Popped**—At 01:39 on Sunday morning, OPD officers went to Kwik Trip on a complaint of a man passed out behind the wheel. When the officer arrived, she saw the car door open and a slumbering driver. Efforts to awake the driver were unsuccessful. The officer resorted to a sternum rub—twice, to arouse the driver. The driver began to mumble and slur his words and said he was there to get a pop. The officer could smell an odor of alcohol and observed bloodshot eyes. A back-up officer saw an open container of alcohol inside the car. The driver attempted to do field sobriety tests for the officer but had difficulty holding his balance while standing on two feet. The driver, Obed Miller, 44 of Owatonna, was arrested and taken to the Steele County Jail for DWI processing. Miller tested .22 on the breath instrument. Miller was charged with a 3rd Degree DWI, no driver’s license and open bottle. Video surveillance shows Miller operating and parking his vehicle before the officer arrived.

**This week the Firearms Training Unit concluded the annual firearms training and qualification course as required by the Minnesota Peace Officers Standards & Training Board. Each officer must be able to demonstrate safety, proficiency and maintenance for each authorized weapon. All licensed peace officers must also participate in firearms training at least once annually during cold or inclement weather and in low light environments.**

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