**Weekly Highlights**

**Friday, May 9 to Thursday, May 15**

- **Busiest Day of Week:** Monday—110 events
- **Busiest Hour of Day:** 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM — 45 events
- **Total # of Events:** 691
- **Average Events/Day:** 98.71
- **Average Events/Hour:** 4.11
- **Average Traffic Stops:** .71 per hour
- **DWIs for the week:** 1

**Department News**

Recently, the Owatonna Police Department donated forty unclaimed bicycles to the Elk’s Club. The bikes were reconditioned to working order and will be used at the Minnesota Elks Youth Camp.

Officers Brandon Fandel and John Petterson returned last week from a week-long training conference in New Brighton where they were certified as field training officers.

Officers Zach Schumaker and Ben Johnson also recently returned from a week-long conference in Burnsville where they were certified as physical evidence officers—or crime scene technicians.

**Friendly Gesture Leads to Stolen Car**

On Wednesday afternoon, Owatonna officers were called to the area of Mills Fleet Farm for the report of a suspect walking through the lot who had just stolen a car. The first arriving officer located a female matching the description of the suspect in this case—she was detained and told officers to arrest her because she stole a car. Other responding officers learned that the victim in this case had offered to give the suspect a ride from the downtown area to the detention center so that the suspect could visit her boyfriend. The suspect was given a ride, but learned visiting hours didn’t begin until later in the day. The victim offered that the suspect could ride with him as he attended to some appointment and he’d bring her back to the jail at visiting time—the suspect agreed. While attending to an appointment, the suspect remained with the vehicle while the victim was inside a business. While inside the business, the victim looked outside and observed the suspect driving away with his vehicle. The victim flagged down another motorist and followed the suspect to Fleet Farm where she was arrested by Owatonna officers. Sara Kim, age 26, was formally charged with Motor Vehicle Theft—a felony and Driving without a Driver’s License.

**Click it or Ticket**

Seat belt and child restraint violations will be the target May 19th through June 1st, as troopers, deputies and the Owatonna Police Department will work together to save lives and prevent needless tragedies on Minnesota roadways during the annual May Click-It or Ticket seat belt enforcement campaign. Since many of our crash injuries and fatalities involving the non-use of seat belts occur at night, about half of the enforcement hours can be expected to be held during the time period between 4 p.m. and 1 a.m. Minnesota’s seat belt law is a primary offense, meaning you can get stopped for not being appropriately restrained. Memorial Day will be a main focus time period, as it is in the top six dangerous holidays on our state roadways. Looking back from 2009 – 2013, the Memorial Day holiday weekend was the deadliest of the holidays, with at least 31 deaths and more than 2,060 reported crashes.

**Officer Finds More than He Bargained For**

On Tuesday evening, an Owatonna officer was called to Mills Fleet Farm for the report of a shoplifter. The officer arrived to find the suspect and a Fleet Farm employee near the exit door—the officer noted the suspect appeared agitated and uncooperative with the employee. The officer requested the suspect to empty his pockets and in doing so, the suspect appeared to be hiding something. The suspect was placed under arrest for theft and was searched for further items. Upon searching the suspect, the officer came upon a tin case attached to the suspect’s belt. Inside the tin, the officer located a small amount of marijuana, Oxycodone pills and presumptive positive methamphetamine. Nathan J. Greenwood was placed under arrest and transported to jail. He was later formally charged with 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, Theft and Possession of a Small Amount of Marijuana.

On behalf of the staff at the Owatonna Police Department, we are excited to present the 2013 Annual Report in its newest format. This new viewer allows you to flip through the pages by clicking the arrow buttons to either the left or right of the publication. In the toolbar, you may also navigate through the thumbnail feature or click the search button to inquire by key words of your choice as well as zoom in and out. I hope you find this new layout friendly and informative. To view the publication, click on the photo to the right.

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