Just the Facts

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Friday, May 20
to
Thursday, May 26

- Busiest Day of Week: Friday—97 events
- Busiest Hour of Day: 11:00 AM — 42 events
- Total # of Events: 603
- Average Events/Day: 86.14
- Average Events/Hour: 3.59
- Average Traffic Stops: .93 per hour
- DWIs for the week: 0

Department News

Signature Tattoos—On Monday evening, the In-keeper for the Oakdale Motel called OPD for unwanted persons staying in a room. Upon officers arriving, two persons left the hotel room and were stopped by the officers. One man was identified, was clear warrants, and was told not to return. His companion—Heather Marovich wasn’t as wise. She lied about her identity, most likely because she was a wanted person. During this interview, the in-keeper gave helpful information to the officer by recalling her name used during previous rentals. That name, although not entirely complete or correct, was used to point officers in the right direction. The officer used a Rice County booking picture and tattoo identifiers on her neck to match her up with the true identity of Heather Jo Marovich. Marovich had outstanding Rice County warrants and was thus arrested; however, not without some resistance and expletives towards the officers. Officers found hypodermic needles and a schedule III narcotic without a prescription. Heather Marovich was charged with one felony count of 5th degree controlled substance and misdemeanor counts of false name and obstructing legal process (arrest).

Out and About—This week Captain Rethemeier was invited to attend the annual City of Owatonna Landlord Association (COLA) meeting at the West Hills Senior Place where he met with property owners and fielded various questions related to landlords & tenants and Crime Free Multi Housing. Captain Rethemeier also attended the morning Rotary meeting where he gave a department overview and provided information on some other trending topics in law enforcement.

Workers on Wheels—On Thursday afternoon, Officer Berg participated in the Wilson Elementary School's Workers on Wheels presentation. The annual event allows the students the opportunity to explore various careers and ask questions of people who primarily use vehicles in their job. The kids spent the afternoon asking great questions and exploring one of our patrol vehicles. It is our understanding that Officer Berg and his squad car were one of the kids’ favorites and gave him a thumbs up!

Crime Scene School—Officer Brady Vaith and Detective Matt Oeltjenbruns attended Burnsville Police Department’s Crime Scene School this week. This is a highly recommended course for all patrol officers and detectives where they receive 40 hours in continuing education credits. The course offers hands-on training in the areas of crime scene photography, evidence preservation and collection, crime scene reconstruction, DNA evidence, latent print recovery, casting tool marks, shoe prints and tire treads, death investigations, and state crime lab services.