OPD welcomes Matt Borash, a part-time CSO to replace Mohamed Abdi after he resigned in September. Matt grew up in Medford and attended Medford H.S. He is currently attending Minnesota State University – Mankato and expects to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Law Enforcement this spring. Matt has been an officer with our Reserve Unit since March of 2016. Matt’s career goals are to become an Owatonna Police Officer.

Crime Scene Technicians visited the Owatonna Middle School Forensics class on Thursday morning. Detectives Christian Berg, Matt Oeltjenbruns, and Brady Vaith along with Evidence Technician Kimberly Dub presented on the responsibilities of the technicians and how to process a crime scene. Students had the opportunity to review a robbery case and see how the crime scene was processed. The crime scene technicians then taught students about fingerprints and each student was assigned a piece of “evidence” to observe, document, collect, and analyze for fingerprints.

Summary of DWI’s for the Week

Saturday 4:23 p.m. Brandon David Wencl – BAC .25 – Driving complaint - Intoxicated subject inside business who urinated himself.

Saturday 6:25 p.m. Miguel Estrada – Refuse to Test (PBT .154) – Collision with a fixed object/power pole.

Sunday 6:41 p.m. Raymond Ceferino Plancenia – Refuse to Test (PBT .108) - Two vehicle crash/suspect fled and captured.

Monday 9:41 p.m. Jessica Frank – BAC .18 – Collision with a fixed object/electrical box.

Wednesday 10:53 p.m. Jose A. Parajon – BAC .09 – pursuit/crash in Owatonna – Steele County Arrest assisted by OPD.

Citizen Tip Leads to DWI Arrest—On Monday night, power went out in the area of 22nd Street NE and Condor Place. A citizen outside began watching the area and heard a vehicle pull into the cul-de-sac making a loud screeching noise. The vehicle pulled into a garage located at 2225 Condor Place. Officers investigating noticed an electrical box knocked off its base and power was out in the neighborhood. Officers went to the residence and heard a man and woman talking inside the garage. The conversation centered around the woman hitting a transformer. Officers then made their presence known, but things turned quiet. After being told to get a warrant, officers observed the garage door open. They met with a female standing inside the garage and observed pieces hanging off the front of the vehicle. The female admitted to driving and hit the electrical box as she was backing out. The investigation lead to a DWI investigation. Officers determined the driver, Jessica Frank of Hollandale, was impaired. She was arrested and transported to jail. The investigating officer, also a breath test operator reported Frank’s alcohol concentration was 0.18 – twice the legal limit. She was charged with a 2nd Degree DWI and leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

Daylight Savings Reminder
Clocks are to be set back one hour during Fall Back. This year, Fall Back occurs on Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 AM. Fall Back is also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.