Just the Facts

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Friday, Nov 9 to Thursday, Nov 16

• Busiest Day of Week: Wednesday — 130 events
• Busiest Hour of Day: 10:00 AM — 43 events
• Total # of Events: 709
• Average Events/Day: 101.29
• Average Events/Hour: 4.22
• Average Traffic Stops: .61 per hour
• DWIs for the week: 2

POR Notification

On Thursday evening Detective Berg and the DOC, held a community meeting at OPD to inform the public that Gerald Becker, a Level 3 sex offender, has moved to our community and will reside in the area of Elm/Rice Street. His victim pool has been vulnerable adults.

- REMINDER -

The Odd-Even Winter Parking Ordinance is in effect until March 31st. The Snow Emergency Hotline is (507) 444-4399. The winter parking ordinance can be found here. Search for Ord. 72.02.

On Wednesday night, November 15th, two 14 year old boys led OPD officers on a 7 mile pursuit through a SW neighborhood. Stop Sticks were deployed and the suspects continued to flee on flat tires. The picture captures the driver fleeing on foot and was caught by OPD officers on the 300 Block of Allen Avenue. The driver was transported to Olmsted County Juvenile Detention Center. Steele County Deputies assisted.

Hit & Run Subject Arrested—At 7:25 p.m. on November 9th, officers were called to a hit and run crash at Cedar Green Townhomes. Officers learned that the suspect—Dustin Laroque, took a vehicle without permission. As he drove away, he hit a parked car and backed into a building. A witness followed Laroque and saw him hit another vehicle on 14th Street SE near 6th Avenue then return back to Cedar Green Townhomes. Officers found Laroque who displayed signs of impairment and a bloody nose. He refused to cooperate with officers and said “I am resisting you”. Officers took Laroque into custody and obtained a search warrant to obtain a blood or urine sample for a DWI investigation. Laroque failed to cooperate with a blood draw and was released to medical staff. A formal complaint was requested against Laroque for a host of charges stemming from this incident.

On Sunday night, officers were called to Adams Avenue to investigate a gun incident involving a person shooting an air powered BB gun at others inside and outside a home. No one was injured; however, damage estimates may exceed $1,000.00 that include cracked windows, torn screens, and dents to a steel door. A suspect was named but was not located. The suspect returned an hour later and did more damage. On Monday, an officer was called to investigate a BB gun incident in which 4 vehicles traveling on South Oak Avenue were all shot at and reported vehicle damage. The investigation led officers to 408 South Oak Avenue. Officers located a suspect named from the previous day who was also wearing clothes that matched the description from the earlier incident. In the presence of the officer, a parent of the household found a BB gun under her son’s mattress. The suspect, Omar Moreno Jr. was arrested and charged with First Degree Criminal Damage to Property.

A night to KNOW THE TRUTH community forum took place November 15th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Owatonna High School. SCDIU Commander Drenth, SRO Vaith, and Chief Hiller of the Owatonna Police Department participated in a night focused on addressing the problem of drugs, area drug trends, caseloads, school drug trends, parent perspectives, what you can do?, community solutions, and some moving personal stories. A special thank you to Adult and Teen Challenge for allowing Sadie Holland and Tracee Anderson to facilitate this community forum. This event would not be possible without our other representatives, resource fair participants and the Owatonna Public School District.

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