The Owatonna Police Department will be receiving a new parking control vehicle next week at the cost of $26,555. The Cushman “GO-4” will be replacing a 13 year old G-4 model that simply wore out. The 2005 model needs a new transmission, and the integrity of the body and frame need repairs. The Go-4 is a gas powered engine with a 1.0 Liter, 3 cylinder engine averaging 45 miles per gallon.

Parent Arrested—On Monday evening, officers responded to an assault in progress at 804 S. Oak Avenue. A child residing at the residence called 911 after being assaulted by a parent, identified by officers as Trennette Myles. Myles allegedly confronted the child about inappropriate behavior then grabbed the child by the hair and threw the child around the kitchen—causing a table to fall over. The child was also punched three times in the face and kicked in the stomach. At some point in the assault, Myles squeezed the child’s neck with both hands so hard that the child couldn’t breathe. Myles was arrested and charged with two counts of Gross Misdemeanor Domestic Assault and Domestic Assault by Strangulation, a Felony.

Chaplain Resignation—Senior Pastor Mark Rosenau, one of five volunteer chaplains that began the Owatonna Police Chaplain program in May of 2012, has recently announced his retirement at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Pastor Rosenau will be focusing the next 13 months preparing his church during this transition. As Police Chaplain, Pastor Rosenau was called upon in many instances to assist police officers and detectives with grieving families at death scenes and assisting officers with death notifications. Further, Pastor Rosenau gave a blessing to new officers during swearing in ceremonies. We give thanks to Pastor Rosenau for his presence, comfort and compassion while serving members of the Owatonna Police Department and the citizens of Owatonna.

Holiday DWI Enforcement Begins—
Beginning on Wednesday, November 22nd through December 31st, the Owatonna Police Department and police agencies throughout the state will be targeting impaired drivers. Grant enforcement agencies that are awarded federal dollars will also be ramping up enforcement efforts during weekend hours. Each driver is asked to do their part in making this holiday season safe for travelers.

» Report suspected impaired drivers by calling 911.
» Don’t drive drunk or drugged.
» Determine a designated driver before the party begins.
» Be responsible – know your limits.