Police Explorers Compete in State Competition—

Law enforcement exploring programs are specifically designed to allow youth interested in a career in law enforcement to learn first-hand the duties and responsibilities of a police officer. In addition, it allows for future career opportunities, building life skills, service learning, character education, and leadership experience. Sponsored by a local jurisdiction, the program is open to youth between the ages of 14 and 20. The Owatonna group is currently comprised of 8 explorers. In April, the group participated against 531 other explorer groups at the State Convention in Rochester, competing in the following law enforcement categories: domestic assaults, burglary, hostage negotiations, first aid, bomb scene searches, white collar crime, arrest & search, white collar crime, street decision, interview & interrogation and crime prevention. Although there were no trophies brought home, the explorers performed very well and received many compliments from their judges and role players which are officers from around the state.

The explorers were very excited to finally compete and are already planning on fundraising for next year’s competition. The explorer group is led under the leadership of Officer Melissa Michael and Derrik Quinlan.

Home Invasion Update—

On May 27th and May 28th, two home invasions were reported to the Owatonna Police Department. On Thursday, May 31st, the Owatonna Police Department arrested three individuals believed to be involved in these crimes. Noah Bremer, age 35 of Owatonna, was arrested and charged with Aiding an Officer-Obstructing an Investigation—a felony and Receiving Stolen Property—a misdemeanor. Martin T. Lampkin, age 20 and with no known address, was arrested and charged with 1st Degree Burglary possessing a Dangerous Weapon, 1st Degree Burglary, Aid and Abet 1st Degree Burglary, Aid and Abet 1st Degree Burglary possessing a Dangerous Weapon, Aid and Abet 2nd Degree Assault inflicting Substantial Bodily Harm, Aid and Abet 3rd Degree Assault inflicting Substantial Bodily Harm and Theft—all felonies. In addition, a 15-year old male from Faribault was arrested and charged with Aid and Abet 1st Degree Burglary, Aid and Abet 1st Degree Burglary possessing a Dangerous Weapon, Aid and Abet 2nd Degree Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and Aid and Abet Theft—all felonies.

Collision with Curb Leads to DWI—

Early Saturday morning, an officer on patrol spotted a car making a turn onto N. Cedar Ave from 19th St. NE. What caught the officer’s attention was that the car drove up over the curb and onto the grass before getting back onto the roadway. A traffic stop took place and the officer observed the driver was showing signs of impairment. The driver unsuccessfully performed roadside field sobriety test and was placed under arrest. The driver later submitted a breath test sample which showed a breath alcohol content of .17 or twice the legal to drive. Lateesha Barnes, age 28 of St. Paul, has been charged with two counts of 3rd Degree DWI—both gross misdemeanors.

To Honor the Fallen

Trooper First Class Walter Greene

Connecticut State Police
End of Watch: May 31, 2018

Trooper First Class Walter Greene succumbed to his injuries stemming from his search and recovery efforts after the 2001 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Trooper First Class Greene is the second officer fatality from the State of Connecticut in 2018.

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