Weapons Offense Arrest—

On August 23rd, our officers were called to the 400 block of N. Elm for an assault involving a weapon. Officers learned the victim in this case was sitting in his back yard when a male acquaintance showed up. The male was told to leave, but remained and started drinking. An argument ensued when the male allegedly pushed the victim up against a garage, withdrew a bladed box cutter and held it to the victim’s neck for 30-40 seconds. Another male grabbed hold of the suspect’s arm and the box cutter was dropped on the ground. The suspect was located on scene, arrested and jailed. In addition to the assault, the suspect also violated a Harassment Restraining Order—he was in contact with a female party that was at the residence. David D. Bryant, age 36 of Owatonna, has been charged with 2nd Degree Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and Violating a Harassment Restraining Order, both felonies.

Opioid Abuse Mitigation—

The opioid epidemic continues in Minnesota and we continue to lose too many people to opioid abuse. Part of curbing opioid abuse is encouraging Minnesotans to safely and properly dispose of medications that are no longer needed to limit opportunities of those medications to be misused or diverted. The 16th National Prescription Take Back Day is occurring on October 27th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. As a result of Take Back Days, Minnesota alone has collected more than 152,000 pounds (76.24 tons) of medications and nearly 45% of that total has occurred during the last three Take Back Days (April 2017, October 2017 & April 2018). Although October 27th is the designated Take Back Day, locally, every day is Take Back Day. We at the Law Enforcement Center have a disposal box in the lobby where you can safely and responsibly dispose of your unused medications.

Fugitive Arrested—

On August 23rd, the OPD assisted the Department of Corrections Fugitive Task Force with a wanted person. A DOC agent was searching a residence in the 200 block of E. McKinley and found the fugitive hiding under a couch. While being removed from under the couch, 3 baggies weighing a total of 3.7 grams of presumptive meth was found. Shayne Bowers, age 28 of Faribault, was arrested for the warrant and also charged with 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance—a felony.