Just the Facts
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Domestic Violence Arrest—

During the early morning hours on December 3rd, our officers were called to an address on Lancer Drive for a female heard yelling and screaming for help from within a home. On arrival, an officer observed a male and female through a window—the male had the female by the shoulders pushing her away from the door. Another officer heard a female screaming for help from within and saw her running to a window trying to get out. Officers knocked on the door, but the knock went unanswered. Due to the circumstances, officers began forcing entry into the home when the door was finally opened by an older gentleman. Inside, officers located a female victim hyperventilating and crying hysterically. She had blood about her nose, mouth and hair and the victim was trying to leave. The male later allegedly struck the victim in the mouth with a coffee mug and was choking her as she was screaming for help. The suspect was located in the home, arrested and jailed. Joshua Geary, age 27 of Owatonna, has been charged with False Imprisonment, Domestic Assault by Strangulation and Domestic Assault.

Police Citizen’s Academy—

Monday evening Citizen’s Academy has been chugging along since our last write-up. Bringing everyone up to date, the citizen group recently heard from Officer Joel Hunt and Detective Matt Oeltjenbruns on the South Central Drug Investigation Unit Tactical Team and later, Rice & Steele 911 Administrator Jill Bondhus on the emergency communications center. The following week, Honor-Bondhus on the emergency communications center. The following week, Honorable Judge Joseph Bueltel gave a presentation on the Day of Life of a District Court Judge. During the session on November 26th, Captain Eric Retheimer and Detective Christian Berg gave an overview of investigations, property & evidence, background investigations and a case study on a recent, significant investigation. This past week, Sergeant Joshua Sorensen and Officer Travis Ardolf talked about and ran the group through some Use of Force scenarios. In the photo to the left, a few of the participants are pictured doing some SWAT gear.

Snowmobiles in the City—

Snow is here, probably here to stay, and snowmobile enthusiasts have already been out on their sleds. As a snowmobiler, it is important to know the regulation of operating a snowmobile within the city limits of Owatonna. The city snowmobile ordinance is highlighted below:

- A snowmobile may only be operated on a city street going to and from the city limits and on the most direct route.
- It is unlawful to operate on private property without written permission from the property occupant or owner.
- Snowmobiles may not be operated on school grounds, park property, playgrounds, recreational areas or golf courses.
- Snowmobiles shall not create loud, or unnecessary noise to create a public nuisance.
- Snowmobiles shall not be operated in a careless or reckless manner.
- Snowmobiles shall not be operated in the downtown area.
- The absolute speed limit of a snowmobile operated in the city limits is 15 miles per hour.
- Snowmobiles shall not be operated in the city limits between 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM.
- No one under the age of 14 shall operate a snowmobile within the city.

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Fallen Officers

Our Team—

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Chief Keith Hiller
Captain Eric Retheimer
Captain Jeff Mundale

Sergeants
Robbe Kniefle
Jason Petterson
Andy DeVinny
Andy Drenth
Josh Sorensen
Tracy DuChene
Jason Matejcek

Detectives
Matt Oeltjenbruns
Brady Valtos
Christian Berg

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Sean Cooper
Zack Schumaker
Ben Johnson
Andrew Van Osdale
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Travis Ardorf
Jason Christensen
Steven Bowman
Alan Cahahan
Derek Quinlan
Michaela Smith
Alexandra Vogel
Casey Martin
Valerie Satre
Luke Selvik
Travis Johnson
Nathan Heeren
Matthew Borash
Cory Turner

Community Service Officers
Dave Schroeder
Brian Shaw
Ben Borash (Also Reserve)
Colin Troeger
Brooke Baker
Colin Regenscheid

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Wendy Gasner

Chaplains
Brent Carlson
Nancy Deitz
Loren Olson

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Kyle Clausen
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