Wear the Badge—

The Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) has announced a unique, new statewide initiative, Wear the Badge, aimed at improving the recruitment and retention of police officers and the overall perception of the profession. Wear the Badge will help Minnesotans explore the changing dynamics of a law enforcement career and give potential candidates and the public a better understanding of what it's really like to work as a peace officer in the 21st Century. The Wear the Badge campaign will include a series of short, authentic video profiles or mini-documentaries of Minnesota police officers at work explaining why they chose to Wear the Badge. The videos were produced by the MCPA and will be distributed monthly through social media networks, statewide and community partnerships, law enforcement agencies and events and other channels. The videos, along with blog posts, podcasts and career information, will be highlighted on wearthebadge.org. To watch the stories of Minnesota cops, click here.

A DWI and More—

During the early morning hours last Sunday, an Owatonna officer made a traffic stop near downtown for an equipment violation. As the officer spoke with the driver, he smelled an odor of alcohol and observed signs of intoxication. At the same time, a back-up officer observed marijuana and an open container of alcohol in the car—the driver admitted the marijuana was for personal use. After failing roadside sobriety testing, the driver was placed under arrest for drunk driving. During a subsequent search of the vehicle, officers uncovered a quart-sized plastic bag that contained an additional 52.2 grams of marijuana. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the detention center for additional DWI testing. Abdulkadir Mohamed, age 28 of Owatonna, has been charged with two counts of DWI and 5th Degree [Possession of a] Controlled Substance—all gross misdemeanors.

New Years Safety Tips—

Drive sober or line up a sober ride. Holiday cheer means different things to different people. For some, alcohol is involved. Think about your sober ride before you start to drink. And if your holiday celebration doesn’t involve spiked egg nog, offer to drive someone else home. Extra DWI enforcement is out statewide in full force weekends through December 29th.

Property Damage—

Our officers have fielded a number of calls of reports of vehicles being spray painted with orange spray paint. The majority of these calls have come within a close proximity of Rose St. and Pine Ave. We are seeking anyone with information related to these calls to call 507-774-7207.