Domestic Violence and Weapons—

On September 10th, an officer initiated a domestic assault investigation. The female victim reported an argument ensured over an impending break-up and the male suspect began hitting the victim in the face and head with a closed fist—the officer observed injuries to the victim consistent with the alleged assault. The victim also warned officers that the suspect carries a gun. Officers searched for the suspect, but were unable to locate him to make an arrest. Early morning on the 13th, we received word the suspect may be at a home in 100 block of East McKinley and obtained a search warrant for the home. The warrant was executed and the suspect was located and arrested. A search incident to the arrest revealed a .22 caliber round in his pocket. In the same room the suspect was located, officers recovered a loaded & chambered Ruger MKII .22 pistol and a container, holding eighty-seven .22 caliber rounds—these items were found tucked into a bedframe. Guillermo Padron, age 33 of Owatonna, has been charged with Domestic Assault—a gross misdemeanor and Illegally Possessing Ammo/Firearm after being convicted or adjudicated delinquent of a crime of violence—a felony.

Car Seat Safety—

National Child Passenger Safety Week (September 15th – 19th) is a time for parents to have their child seats inspected for free by trained professionals. The Owatonna Police Department has an officer on staff, Nathan Heeren, who is a certified car seat technician. Officer Heeren is available to give personalized instruction on how to properly use a child’s car seat. Officer Heeren’s shift typically begins at 4:00 PM and he can be reached through dispatch at 507-451-8232.

Wear the Badge—

The Minnesota Chief’s of Police Association recently released another officer profile in their Wear the Badge series. In the latest release you meet Officer Tyler Sinclair of the Big Lake Police Department and learn how his passion for use of police technology steered Officer Sinclair to Big Lake. To view the video, click here.

Police Citizen’s Academy—

Just a reminder—The Owatonna Police Department will be hosting a Citizen’s Police Academy, beginning October 28, 2019 and running through December 16, 2019. Academy participants will meet Monday evenings for eight consecutive weeks from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact Pam Roberts at 507-774-7200 or click here.