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School Bus Safety

With school right around the corner it's a good time to speak to your child about school bus safety. Here are some tips for riding the bus:

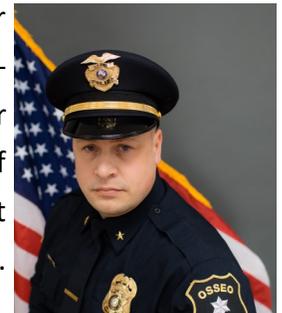


- Walk with young kids to the bus stop and wait with them until it arrives. Make sure drivers can see the kids at your bus stop.
- Teach kids to stand at least three giant steps back from the curb as the bus approaches and board the bus one at a time.
- Teach kids to wait for the school bus to come to a complete stop before getting off and not to walk behind the bus.
- Instruct younger kids to use handrails when boarding or exiting the bus .

From your Chief

Hello everyone,

I wanted to remind everyone that it is that time of the year again for you to protect your property. I am asking everyone to remember to lock your doors, garages and car doors. Most of the property crime in Osseo is a crime of opportunity. Criminals are checking doors to find ones that are open and taking whatever they can get their hands on. By simply locking your doors you can stop most crime in its tracks.



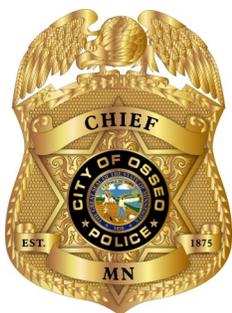
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The Osseo Police Department would also like everyone to remember if you see something out of the ordinary, please call 911. Many residents choose to leave messages at the police department about active crimes. In Osseo, we are asking you to call 911 no matter what you need so we can get an officer to you without delay. With all of us working together, I know we can keep Osseo safe and sound.

Your Chief,

Shane Mikkelson

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New Department Equipment

Look for something new and different in your rear-view mirror this fall. The Osseo Police Department recently took delivery of a new redesigned 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility.



This vehicle is based on the all new 2020 Ford Explorer, however with many factory modifications for police use. With the new body design of the 2020 we felt this was a great opportunity to refresh our outdated black and white livery. With input from our officers on a new design and help from a graphic designer, we think the new squad design will look impressive patrolling Osseo streets.

When a vehicle is delivered from the dealer it's just only a shell and we send the vehicle to an outfitter to install aftermarket police radios, cameras, radars, cool flashy lights, and a siren.

This vehicle will replace our very old and tired 2013 Ford Taurus Interceptor. Look for the new squad to be on patrol sometime in September.

Crime Prevention

Vehicle thefts and thefts of vehicle contents are common crimes. The Osseo Police Department offers the following suggestions to help you prevent them.

Whenever you drive:

- Always lock vehicle doors and keep windows closed.
- Store briefcases, cell phones, and other expensive items out of sight.
- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Avoid driving at night in high crime or isolated areas.

To keep your vehicle from being stolen:

- Always take your keys, lock your doors, and close the windows when leaving your vehicle.
- Park your vehicle in a locked garage at night, if possible.
- If you park in a driveway, park facing toward the street. Doing so gives thieves less cover if they try to tamper with your car.

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City Ordinances/Code Enforcement

93.02 TREE DISEASES.

- 1) Trees constituting nuisance declared. The following are public nuisances whenever they may be found within the city:
 1. Any living or standing elm tree or part thereof infected to any degree with the Dutch Elm disease fungus *Ceratocystis Ulmi* (Buisman) Moreau or which harbors any of the elm bark beetles *Scolytus Multistriatus* (Eichh.) or *Hylun-gopinus Rufipes* (Marsh);
 2. Any dead elm tree or part thereof, including branches, stumps, firewood or other elm material from which the bark has not been removed and burned or sprayed with an effective elm bark beetle insecticide;
 3. Any living or standing oak tree or part thereof infected to any degree with the Oak Wilt fungus *Ceratocystis fagacearum*;
 4. Any dead oak tree or part thereof which in the opinion of the designated officer constitutes a hazard, including but not limited to logs, branches, stumps, roots, firewood or other oak material which has not been stripped of its bark and burned or sprayed with an effective fungicide;
- (5) Any other shade tree with an epidemic disease.

Traffic Tips

Parents' Role in Developing Safe Teen Drivers

Traffic crashes are the second leading cause of teen deaths in Minnesota teens. Teens are at greatest risk on the road due to inexperience, risk-taking behind the wheel, speeding, and distracted driving. Teens also have the lowest seat belt use rate of all age groups.

Here is a list of things parents can do to keep teens safe on the road, such as:

- Train teens on a variety of road types (urban, rural) and in different conditions (nighttime, rain, snow).
- Provide significant supervised driving experience for your teen—use driving skills checklist.
- Talk with teens to reinforce teen driver laws and set limits (such as passengers, nighttime driving)
- Continue to monitor and train teens during the period of greatest crash risk—the first six to 12 months after licensure.

What's Happening in your neighborhood?

Arrests:

A 47-year-old St. Michael man was arrested for possession of narcotics, providing false information to a peace officer, and multiple felony warrants. He was transported and booked at Hennepin County jail.

A 26-year-old Chanhassan woman was arrested for possession of narcotics. She was transported and booked at Hennepin County jail.

A 45-year-old Osseo man was arrested for three Hennepin County warrants. He was released with a court date.

A 30-year-old Brooklyn Park man was arrested for driving with a revoked driver's license. He was released with a citation.

Incidents:

An officer responded to the 100-block of Central Avenue for a theft that had just occurred. The suspect and vehicle were last seen heading eastbound. The vehicle was not located. A witness recorded the license plate, but the plate was assigned held for resale. The previous owner was contacted and informed the officer they no longer owned the vehicle. This case was closed without charges; pending further information.

An officer was dispatched to a theft report in the 200-block of 1st avenue NE. The victim reported that sometime overnight a utility trailer was stolen from their driveway. There were no witnesses to the theft. The officer entered the trailer as stolen.

Officers were dispatched to the 100-block of 7th Street NE for a domestic disturbance; two people arguing about child custody. The officers mediated the situation. There were no criminal charges. Hennepin County human services was advised of the incident.

An officer responded to the 200-block of 4th Avenue SE for a commercial intrusion alarm. The officer discovered and exterior door that had failed to latch closed. No other problems were found by the officer.

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*“Look Officer,
I’m not trying to
be difficult. All
I’m saying is, If
you caught me
then you were
speeding too.”*



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IS TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE
OF ITS CITIZENS AND STRENGTHEN
THE BOND BETWEEN THE POLICE AND
COMMUNITY THROUGH A TRADITION
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AND SERVICE

