

Blue Line Dispatch

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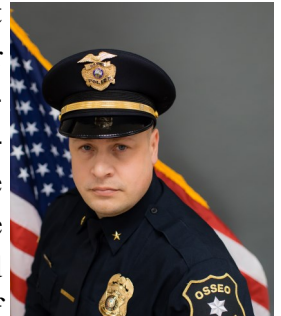
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From your Chief

As we move into spring, we will be doing our code checks at residences throughout the City Of Osseo. We will look for house numbers, yard clutter, and appropriately stored vehicles during these checks. If you receive a letter from the police department, you will be given some time to make the proper fixes, and we will check back in the amount of time given in the letter. Please try and check your own home and see what you can do to make Osseo a better place to live. If you have any complaints about your neighbor, please let us know so we can try and fix the issue. If you have questions about any code violations, please refer to our city ordinances or call us at 763-424-5444.



Chief Shane Mikkelson

I also wanted to thank all of you as I embark on my 8th year as your Chief of Police. It has been very rewarding personally and fulfilling in my work life. Please let me know if there is something you see that we can do better. This year will be a year of some changes within our department as we push ahead with technology, staffing, and new training for our officers. I am committed to keeping our city safe and providing residents with the best service possible.

New Position

Hello Osseo, for those who don't know me, my name is Todd Kintzi, your newest Osseo Police Lieutenant. I am honored and humbled to serve the citizens of Osseo in this newly created leadership position. The City of Osseo hired me in 2007 as a part-time patrol officer, and in early 2008 I was promoted to full-time. I have had the opportunity to meet and work with the business community, elected officials, city staff, and amazing residents.



LT. Todd Kintzi

There are not many communities in the Minneapolis metro area where police officers and residents are on a first-name basis with each other. I'm very proud to serve the citizens of Osseo and feel grateful to be part of this unique town. Since starting with the city, the Osseo Police Department has grown, and our police department has taken on many new programs and responsibilities. I'm grateful for this city's support of the police department. In my free time, my family and I recently built a new cabin in the Brainerd Lakes area, and I try to spend as much time as possible up there swatting mosquitoes, boating, ATVing, etc., and enjoying time with friends and family.

Leadership Commitment Service



Crime Prevention

Peer-to-peer online selling and swapping sites are growing like crazy. They are very convenient and provide a way to sell items that may otherwise be discarded. They also allow for a way to present less expensive options for people when they are looking to purchase goods and services. While these sites have always had some level of fraud and crime, there's been a significant increase in crimes related to online selling sites like Facebook Marketplace in the last year. Here are some helpful safety tips to keep in mind when doing business on these sites:



1. **Don't disclose personal information.** If you have no choice but to have someone come to your home to pick up an item, be very selective about who you give that information.
2. **Know that profiles might be fake.** It is very easy to create a fake profile and account to commit fraud on unsuspecting purchasers.
3. **Meet in a public place.** Avoid going to a person's home or having someone come to your home.
4. **Pick up or drop off items when someone is available to be with you.** There is safety in numbers. If you are alone, you may be more likely to be victimized.
5. **Rely on contactless pick-up when possible.** This helps keep your anonymity and is generally a safer option.
6. **Stick to local transactions.** This way, you can complete the financial portion of the transaction at the same time as the delivery takes place to reduce the risk of fraud.
7. **Consider the credibility and legitimacy of the listing.** If the seller is advertising many of the same items for sale, there is a good chance those items are stolen.
8. **Avoid high-dollar transactions.** Many transactions are done with cash; the larger the amount, the more of a target you are with a thief.
9. **Use good judgment and follow your instinct.** Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

In general, use these types of sites cautiously. There are many legit, honest, and trustworthy buyers and sellers that use these sites often and with no issues. Just be mindful that some users don't have the best intentions, and you could become the victim of a crime. Some basic precautions will reduce your risk and allow you to take advantage of all these "wheeling and dealing" sites offer!

What's Happening in your neighborhood?

Traffic Arrests/Citations:

A 32-year-old Maple Grove man was arrested for canceled IPS.

A 37-year-old Burnsville man was arrested for 5th-degree drug possession and several misdemeanor Hennepin County Warrants.

A 31-year-old Maple Grove woman was cited for driving over the speed limit.

A 18-year-old Brooklyn Park man was cited for expired motor vehicle registration.

Incidents:

On February 6th, Officers responded to a stolen from auto report. Upon arrival, the officer met with the reporting party, who stated that when he started his car, it made a loud noise. From further investigation, he noticed that someone had stolen his catalytic converter. There are no suspects at this time.

On February 16th, Officers responded to a stolen vehicle report. Upon arrival, officers spoke to the reporting party, who stated her car was taken from her garage but didn't know when. The reporting party stated she thinks it was taken by someone she knows while she was on vacation. An investigation is pending.

On February 20th, the officer was on routine patrol when he observed a vehicle with expired tabs. A routine check of the vehicle's license plate revealed that the vehicle was stolen. The officer conducted a felony stop and arrested the driver.

Accidents:

Officers were dispatched to the intersection of CO RD 81 and 3rd ST SE to a report of one vehicle smoking and possibly on fire. Upon arrival, officers located two vehicles with moderate damage but no injuries.

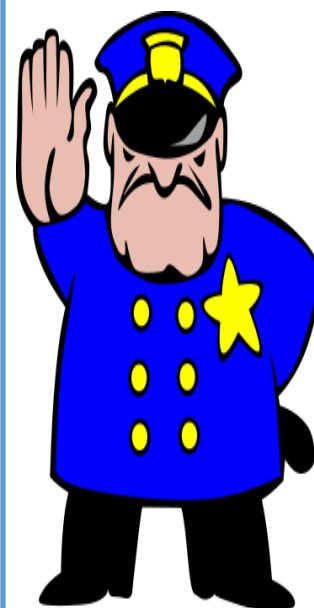
Officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of 93rd Ave to a report of a hit and run. Upon arrival, officers spoke to the reporting party, who stated he was leaving a parking lot when he was sideswiped by another vehicle. The reporting party was able to provide officers with a license plate. The officer located the vehicle and provided the reporting party with insurance information.

An officer was dispatched to the 500 block of 2nd ST SE to a report of a two-car accident. Upon arrival, officers located two vehicles with minor damage and no injuries.

Officers were dispatched to the intersection of CO RD 81 and Central Ave to a report of a hit and run. Upon arrival, an officer spoke with the reporting party, who stated she was traveling westbound on CO RD 81 when a car merged into her lane, hitting her rear right panel. The reporting party pulled over, but the other vehicle continued traveling westbound. The reporting party was able to provide officers with a plate. An investigation is pending.



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



Osseo Police Department Mission Statement

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OSSEO POLICE DEPARTMENT
IS TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE
OF ITS CITIZENS AND STRENGTHEN
THE BOND BETWEEN THE POLICE AND
COMMUNITY THROUGH A TRADITION
OF LEADERSHIP, COMMITMENT
AND SERVICE

