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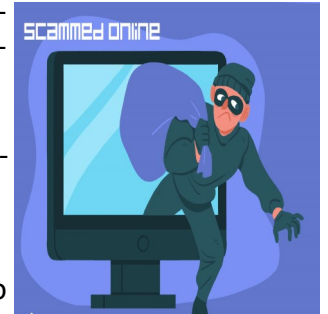
Felicia Wallgren

Blue Line Dispatch

Computer/Phone Scams

The internet and telephone are commonly used by criminals to scam people out of money. To avoid this from happening to you follow these tips:

- If you receive an email from a source you're not familiar with, or just suspicious about, don't open it.
- Research the companies that contact you.
- If the information that's being given to you seems too good to be true, or odd, you're probably right.
- Don't share your personal information, such as your Social Security Number. Etc.
- Be aware of unusual payment requests such as gift cards, or anything that can't be traced and documented.



From your Chief

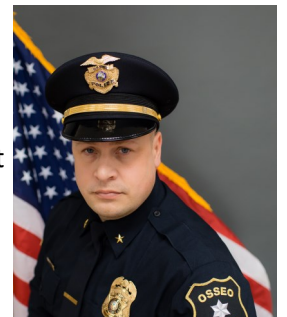
As we head into fall, the Osseo Police Department will be conducting code violation inspections. The Code Inspector will be looking for parking violations. Residents need to park their vehicles on an approved surface. The vehicles cannot be parked on just grass. We will also be looking for brush piles or leaf piles that need to be cleaned up.

We are also looking forward to being visible in our community during Halloween night. If you see an officer please take time and give them some encouraging words of support. They are working Halloween night away from their families so you can have a happy and safe time around Osseo.

I also wanted to let you know that we will be a part of the Justin Morneau coat drive again this year. Bring in any slightly used or new coats to the Osseo Police Department, and we will turn them in so they can help those less fortunate than us. Stop by or call an officer, and we will take your coats.

I hope you are ready, but winter is just around the corner! Please take some time and review our new Snow Emergency Policy and get familiarized with it. This new policy is different and will take some getting used to. Again, if you have questions, let us know at 763-424-5444 or osseopd@ci.osseo.mn.us

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New Department Equipment—Lights, Camera, Action!

Last month the Osseo Police Department deployed new squad dash cameras into its fleet of vehicles and issued every officer a body-worn camera (BWC). Squad car cameras have been in use by the department since the early 2000s, but the addition of BWC's are a new asset to the department.



BWC's will be mandatorily worn by officers to record their interactions with the public or gather video evidence at crime scenes. Technology with squad dash cameras and BWC's has come a long way over the years. Gone are the days of recording video onto a VHS tape, DVD, or an unreliable computer hard drive system. The new cameras are designed to automatically upload recordings from the squad camera and BWC directly offsite onto a cloud storage system.

With the old camera system, recordings were saved onto a hard drive. If an attorney needed a copy of the squad video, staff would have to burn the video onto a DVD then mail it. Now, with a few clicks of a mouse video can be shared instantly via a secure email link; saving staff hours, DVD costs, and postage. Also, with the new system clerical and administrative staff can blur out faces or sensitive information in accordance with data practices laws. The new cameras are intended to promote accountability, foster trust with law enforcement, and capture evidence-

Crime Prevention

With Halloween right around the corner, it is important to remember these important safety tips to ensure you and your children have a safe, fun, and spooky Halloween!

- Use the buddy system.
- Stick to sidewalks where possible and look both ways before crossing the street.
- Wear comfy, well-fitting shoes. Avoid heels, and all shoelaces should be double tied and tucked into the shoes to avoid tripping.
- Stay well lit. Use reflective tape or glow sticks with your child's costume to ensure they are seen by drivers. Carry a flashlight to light the way. Make sure all costumes are short and hemmed properly to avoid tripping.
- Check your child's candy. When sorting through your child's candy, be sure to throw away any opened candy or those not in their original wrapper.

And be sure to report suspicious behavior or dangerous situations to the police as soon as possible.

We hope you all have a safe and very happy Halloween!

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City Ordinances/Code Enforcement

93.38 Owners Responsible for Trimming, removal and the Like

All property owners shall be responsible for the removal, cutting, or disposal and elimination of weeds, grasses, and rank vegetation or other uncontrolled plant growth on their property, which at the time of notice is in excess of eight inches.

93.19 Nuisance Parking and Storage

- A person must not cause, undertake, permit or allow the outside parking and storage of vehicles on residential property unless it complies with the following requirement.
- All vehicles must be currently licensed and in operable condition, and shall be parked only on the driveway or other hard surface abutting a garage as approved by the city. Vehicles are allowed to be parked in the backyard, provided they are on hard surface, such as a driveway, if the driveway enters off an alley
- Vehicles that are parked or stored outside in the front-yard area must be on a paved or graveled parking or driveway area.

Traffic Tips

Motorist Safety Tips to Avoid Deer Crashes

- Drive at safe speeds and always be buckled up
- Be especially cautious from 6—9 p.m., when deer are most active.
- Motorists: don't swerve to avoid a deer. Swerving can cause motorists to lose control and travel off the road or into oncoming traffic.
- Motorcyclists: Avoid night and low-light riding periods. A rider's best response when encountering a deer is to use both brakes for maximum braking and to keep your eyes and head up to improve your chances of keeping the bike up.
- Don't count on deer whistles or deer fences to deter deer from crossing the roads.
- Watch for the reflection of deer eyes and for deer silhouettes on the shoulder of the road.
- Slow down in areas known to have a large deer population—such as areas where roads divide agricultural fields from forest land; and whenever in forested areas between dusk and dawn.
- Deer do unpredictable things. Blow your horn to urge deer to leave the road.
- Any Minnesota resident may claim a road-killed animal by contacting a law enforcement agency

What's Happening in your neighborhood?

Arrests:

A 62-year-old Osseo man was arrested for a Hennepin County gross misdemeanor DWI warrant. He was transported and booked at Hennepin County jail.

A 21-year-old Saint Michael man was arrested for theft. He was released with a citation.

A 46-year-old Minneapolis man was arrested for driving after cancellation – inimical to public safety and a Hennepin County gross misdemeanor warrant for the same offense. He was transported and booked at Hennepin County jail.

A 58-year-old Saint Paul man was arrested for 1st degree DWI and driving after cancellation – inimical to public safety. He was transported and booked at Hennepin County jail.

Incidents:

An Officer was dispatched to the 600-block of Central Avenue for a theft from auto. The victim reported that he returned to his vehicle and noticed that his exhaust was very loud. The victim took the vehicle to a repair shop and learned that the catalytic converter had been removed from the vehicle. This case was closed pending further information.

An Officer responded to the 100-block of 5th Avenue NE on a report of car prowlers. The officer was able to locate a suspect and suspect vehicle based on a witness description. After further investigation the Officer was able to collect enough evidence to establish probable cause. Charges were submitted by formal complaint for tampering with a motor vehicle.

An Officer was dispatched to the 400-block of 3rd Avenue NE for a theft from auto. The vehicle reported that sometime overnight someone entered her unlocked vehicle and stole over \$2,200 in salon equipment. The Officer located a fingerprint that possibly belonged to the suspect. Hennepin County CSI processed the scene but was unable to collect any viable evidence. This incident was closed pending further information.

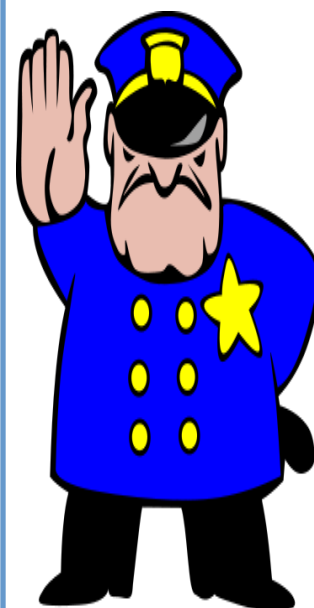
Accidents:

An Officer was dispatched to a two-vehicle personal injury accident at the intersection of County 81 and 4th Avenue SE. One passenger sustained minor injuries. The Officer managed the crash scene and facilitated the exchange of information. One driver was cited for a moving violation.

An Officer was dispatched to a two-vehicle property damage accident at the intersection of 1st Avenue NE and 3rd Street NE. The Officer managed the crash scene and facilitated the exchange of information. Both drivers were cited.



*“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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