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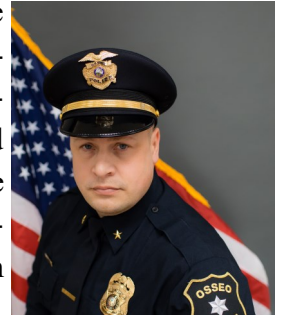
Felicia Wallgren

Blue Line Dispatch

From your Chief

Hello all,

One of the ways the Osseo Police Department ensures the safety of our community is by taking action against underage drinking and drug offenses. When youth consume alcohol, often, they put themselves in dangerous situations and make poor decisions that endanger themselves and those around them. The Osseo Police Department has devoted significant time to addressing underage and overconsumption of alcohol in our community.



Chief Shane Mikkelson

We utilize many tools in our efforts to reduce alcohol offenses. One of those involves finding the source of alcohol provided to underage drinkers. With prom and graduation season approaching, alcohol consumption by teens typically rises. Citing underage drinkers may have a punitive effect on the individual, but it does not curtail the community-wide problem of underage drinking. This is why we examine the source of the alcohol.

In Osseo, we have a Social Host Ordinance. This makes it illegal to allow underage drinking on private property. This means if you allow your children's friends to consume alcohol on your property, you are breaking the law, even if you do not provide the alcohol. If you are unaware of drinking going on at your residence, but your child allows it to occur, your child can be cited under this ordinance.

In addition to our efforts in reducing underage drinking, we partner with area liquor retailers to keep our community safe. All our businesses that serve alcohol undergo Responsible Beverage Server Training, where they learn to identify intoxicated patrons and underage customers. Employees are encouraged to contact the police if they witness any illegal activity involving alcohol.

The Osseo police department does regular compliance checks to ensure retailers check for identification. I am pleased to report that all the alcohol retailers holding licenses in Osseo were compliant in checking customer identification.

Your Police Chief
Shane Mikkelson

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Osseo Reserve Program

The Osseo Police Department relies on our dedicated Reserve Police Officers to take care of many things in our city that don't require the attention of a sworn police officer.



Our Reserve Officers provide additional personnel at city-sponsored events to assist with general security, traffic direction, and public relations. Reserve Officers also conduct uniformed patrolling of our city which gives us an extra set of eyes in our city and helps with keeping a police presence at peak times for criminal activity.

Reserve Officers have also proven to be essential in their on-call capacity to help with natural disasters and major emergencies. Reserve Officers can also assist our sworn officers with calls like motor vehicle accidents, medicals, domestics, crowd control, prisoner transports, and more. Our Reserve Officers are essential to keeping our police department running smoothly.

As the new Police Reserve Coordinator, I would like to build our roster to its capacity of six officers. If you are looking to volunteer some time for your community and have an interest in law enforcement, please complete an application. Applications can be obtained at discoverosseo.com or by picking one up at our police department.

Officer Brett Letourneau

New Osseo Officer

Hi, my name is Matthew Peterson. I grew up on a family farm in the Clear Lake/Clearwater area and attended grade school and college in St. Cloud. I moved to the Twin Cities metro area in 2021, where I attended the law enforcement program at Hennepin Technical College.



I have worked in the Osseo area from 2020-2023 at the Osseo Gun Club, as well as doing private security for a local firm for the last year. In my free time, I enjoy competitive shooting and martial arts and spending time with my wife and daughter.

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Crime Prevention

Like many other communities in the metro area, Osseo is seeing an uptick in reported stolen vehicles. Many of these vehicles are Kia and Hyundai. Law enforcement learned that these are more vulnerable to theft due to a design flaw. Sadly, many of these vehicles we have learned are stolen by youth. This past year, videos were posted on social media showing how easy it was to breach a vehicle ignition system to hot wire a car. Minneapolis Police report they have arrested suspects as young as 12 years old multiple times in stolen vehicles.



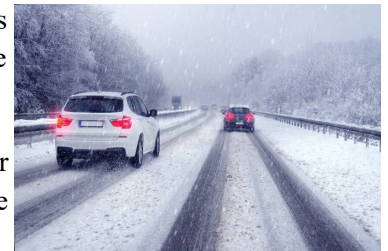
As the community, police department, and other stakeholders work together to address this problem; I remind everyone to be vigilant. If you see something odd, I urge you to call 911 and report it immediately. The sooner the Police can be notified of suspicious activity, the greater the odds are that we can solve a crime before something terrible happens.

When possible, I urge residents to park their vehicles in their garages or a well-lit area. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle; consider investing in an alarm system or other theft deterrent devices. Most importantly, do not leave your vehicle running unattended.

Winter Driving Tips

Don't let winter get the best of you — follow these tips for winter driving to keep yourself and others safe on the road.

- Take time to plan out your ride ahead of time. Your car will be safer, and those traveling with you will be too.
- Be sure to contact your agent to review our road trip accident coverage options in case the unexpected happens when you're away.
- Get your car serviced. Make sure your car is up-to-date on maintenance and in good working order by checking in with your mechanic for a thorough review of your car's winter road-worthiness.
- Practice winter driving. If you haven't driven in snow for a while, maybe it's time to give it a whirl — in an empty parking lot.
- Don't text and drive. Keep your passengers and the other cars on the road safer by avoiding distractions, like texting, fiddling with the music or eating.



What's Happening in your neighborhood?

Traffic Arrests/Citations:

A 25-year-old Monticello man was arrested for a stolen vehicle, fleeing an officer in a motor vehicle, and property damage.

A 48-year-old Osseo man was arrested for several misdemeanor Hennepin County Warrants.

Incidents:

On December 12th, officers were dispatched to the 600 block of 2nd Ave NE for vehicle theft. Upon arrival, the officer met with the reporting party, who stated he was dropping off his kid and went inside the house, leaving his vehicle unlocked and running in the street. When he returned a few minutes later, his vehicle was gone. The car was later found in Maple Grove and returned to the owner.

Accidents:

Officer was dispatched to the intersection of 93rd and Jefferson for a two-car accident. Driver 1 admitted to turning left and did not see the other vehicle traveling west on 93rd Ave N and had the right of way. Driver 1 was cited for failure to yield when making a left turn.

Officer was dispatched to 5th Street NW for a two-car accident. Both drivers stopped at a stop sign but were unsure who had the right away. Both cars collided in the middle of the intersection—causing minor damage to both vehicles.

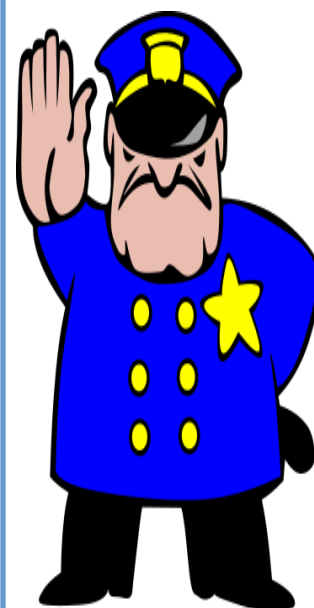
Officer was dispatched to Osseo Middle School. Both drivers headed in opposite directions in the parking lot and met at a bend/curve. The driver of Unit 1 skidded on the slippery road surface, and both vehicles sideswiped each other. Unit 2 (school bus) did not have any passengers. Both drivers were not injured, and both vehicles were drivable.

Officer was dispatched to Co Rd 81 to report of a hit and run. Driver 1 stated that she had turned right from the west service road of Co Rd 81 to go East on 81. Shortly after, she attempted to change to the left lane when an unknown grey sedan driven by an older white male collided with her. She stated that the right front bumper/fender of unit 2 collided with the left front bumper/fender of unit 1. The driver of unit 1 made a u-turn at 85th Avenue, hoping the driver of unit 2 would follow her into a parking lot to exchange information. The driver of unit 2 continued east on Co Rd 81.

Officer was dispatched to Highway 169 to a report of a single-car crash. Driver was heading Northbound on Highway 169; the driver stated that they were going around 40 mph. The driver then stated that they hit a patch of "black ice" they then lost control and drove off the road and into the ditch. When I found the vehicle, it was facing the wrong way, in the ditch. There were clear tracks showing the vehicle had spun around. No damage was done to the vehicle, and the driver was ok.



*"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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