

Blue Line Dispatch

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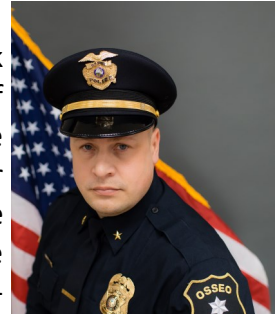
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From your Chief

Hello everyone,

In this edition of the Blue Line Newsletter, I wanted to talk about the current situation in policing. I know that some of us have many questions about where we are and where we are going in these tumultuous times. I do believe in our police officers, and I know in Osseo we have some of the best around. I support my officers in their ability to make connections with anyone, and they do their jobs with compassion, pride, and determination.



Chief Shane Mikkelson

The officers of Osseo still have a job to do, which includes enforcing laws and making arrests. They will have disagreements with people, and they will sometimes make you mad. That does not give anyone the right to fight, hurt, or threaten a police officer. That anger should be taken to the courts, both criminal and civil, if needed. Officers are not superhuman or any different from all of us. Officers have good days and bad days; they have family issues, and distractions and mistakes will be made. Since we are dealing with human beings that are not perfect, sometimes even the worst things happen. We need our police officers to be the best they can be so they can protect us and keep us safe from others' mistakes. Our officers need our support, well wishes, and guidance to do their jobs efficiently and effectively.

I know that the Osseo Officers are hurting right now. What happened to George Floyd was a matter of sin, tragedy, and willful neglect of human life. Our officers are upset with what happened to Mr. Floyd, but they feel that society is painting them with a broad brush. We all feel the pain, see the reactions, and hear the outcry for change. We will do what we can to make our community feel safe and do what is right.

The words we have been using in our department to signify what we stand for is that our officers need to stand tall, stay safe, and do what is right. We will continue to serve our community, engage with our citizens, and be present when you need us.

Your Chief,
 Shane Mikkelson

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Car Seat Safety

In the United States, motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death among children. In 2017, 675 children 12 years old and younger died in motor vehicle crashes, and nearly 116,000 were injured. Of the children 12 years old and younger who died in a crash in 2017 (for which restraint use was known), 35% were not buckled up. Parents and caregivers can make a lifesaving difference.

Data shows that:

- In 2017, restraint use saved the lives of 325 children ages 4 years and younger.
- Car seat use reduces the risk for injury in crashes by 71–82% for children, when compared with seat belt use alone.

Booster seat use reduces the risk for serious injury by 45% for children aged 4-8, when compared with seat belt use alone.

So remember. Whenever you are on the road, make sure children—aged 12 and under—are buckled in age- and size-appropriate car seats, booster seats, or seat belts, and always in the back seat.

City Ordinances/Code Enforcement

We would like to remind out residents about garbage storage containers. Garbage containers should not be placed on sidewalks, streets or alleys on trash collection days. Garbage containers should be placed at the end of the driveway accessible to the refuse disposal hauler. See ordinance for more information:

50.03 STORAGE CONTAINERS; LOCATION.

(A) *Container restrictions.* Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all garbage, refuse, and recyclable materials shall be kept in watertight and non-absorbent containers as provided by the collector. Yard waste shall be placed in plastic bags or biodegradable bags if collection is desired by occupants. All containers which contain garbage, refuse, recyclable materials, or yard waste shall at the time of collection be placed adjacent to the abutting street or alley for collection.

(B) *Container placement.* Garbage containers shall be kept at or near the back door of the building using the same or at the rear of the property if there is an alley, but shall not be kept on a public sidewalk, street, or alley.

(C) *Dumpsters.* Dumpsters serving multi-housing dwelling units or commercial establishments shall be kept at or near the back of the building, screened from the sidewalks and streets abutting the property, and in no instance be placed upon a public sidewalk, public street, or alley.

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Traffic Tips

How to schedule your Class D knowledge test – Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety

It's safe to say that COVID-19 has changed pretty much everything we do. Even getting a class D instruction permit is different. Because of the virus, Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services division (DVS) exam stations were closed for eight weeks, so the demand for Class D knowledge tests is high.

To make things easier for you, the 14 regional DVS exam stations are discontinuing the first-come, first-served class D knowledge tests and instead requiring appointments starting today (July 13). Going forward, **DVS exam stations will not accept walk-ins for class D knowledge tests.** This will reduce the time you spend at the exam station. Now, instead of having to adjust your schedule around the time you'd have to wait to take the knowledge test, you can schedule an appointment online ahead of time so that you know exactly when to show up (15 minutes before your appointment). And exam stations are only offering a certain number of knowledge tests at one time so that you can properly social distance.

Statewide, DVS is offering an average of 790 class D knowledge test appointments per day at 14 regional exam stations. You can schedule your appointment for locations in St. Paul, Arden Hills, Anoka, Eagan, Plymouth, Rochester, Mankato, Marshall, Willmar, Detroit Lakes, St. Cloud, Duluth, Grand Rapids, or Bemidji.

To schedule an appointment, visit drive.mn.gov, then select "Schedule or Reschedule an Exam" and follow the prompts. If you discover you can't keep your appointment, go back to the website and cancel it as soon as possible so that someone else can have your appointment slot.

When it's time for your appointment, be sure you know your social security number, and bring the **required documents** and money (check, cash or money order) to pay the fee. And don't forget to wear your face mask – they're required. When you arrive, you'll be required to complete a wellness screening before entering the exam station.

One other thing: Commercial, motorcycle, moped and DWI knowledge tests will continue to be offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

The need for instruction permits certainly hasn't changed. But the way you get one has – and it's safer and more convenient for all Minnesotans.



What's Happening in your neighborhood?

Arrests:

A 27-year-old Brooklyn Center man was arrested for possession of narcotics and fleeing in a motor vehicle. He was transported and booked at Hennepin County jail.

A 24-year-old Minneapolis woman was arrested for possession of narcotics. She was transported and booked at Hennepin County jail.

A 31-year-old Ham Lake woman was arrested for DWI. She was released following evidentiary testing and booking; pending criminal complaint.

A 29-year-old Osseo man was arrested for a gross misdemeanor Hennepin County warrant. He was transported and booked at Hennepin County jail.

A 58-year-old Maple Grove woman was arrested for DWI. She was transported and booked at Hennepin County jail following evidentiary testing.

Incidents:

While on patrol Officers encountered an individual walking in the middle of 3rd Street SE carrying what appeared to be a liquor bottle. The Officers made contact and learned that the individual was drinking to excess due to recent life and family changes. His sober counter part was also at the scene, but was having difficulty persuading him to go home. The Officers were able to mediate the situation and the man was transported home without incident. There were no criminal charges.

An Officer was dispatched to the 10-block of 6th Street NW for a theft from auto. The victim reported that during the overnight hours her unsecure vehicle was accessed, and several items were missing. The vehicle was in a secure parking garage. During the investigation CCTV video footage showed a dark colored Chevrolet Avalanche and two suspects inside the building. Both suspects were concealing their identity. It is unknown how they accessed the building. This investigation is ongoing

An Officer responded to the 800-block of Broadway Street E for a trespassing complaint. The Officer identified two people on the property using exterior power outlets to charge their phones. Both parties were issued trespass notices and instructed to leave. There were no criminal charges.

Accidents:

An Officer was dispatched to a two-vehicle property damage accident at the 500-block of 3rd avenue NW. The Officer managed the crash scene and facilitated the exchange of information.

An Officer was dispatched to a two-vehicle property damage accident at the intersection of County 81 and Central Avenue. The Officer managed the crash scene and facilitated the exchange of information. One driver was issued a citation for a moving violation.



*“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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OF ITS CITIZENS AND STRENGTHEN
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AND SERVICE

Osseo Farmers Market

Stop by the Osseo Farmers Market for a wide selection of delicious; healthy produce and other yummy goodies. The market runs every Tuesday 3:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M through September 22, on the north side of Boerboom Park on 5th Street NE. Stay around through the evening for Music , food truck, and movies in the park. For a full schedule of entertainment or for more information about the farmers market, go to <https://discoverosseo.com> under Upcoming Events.

