#### **JUNE 2020**

#### OSSEO POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Police Chief

Shane Mikkelson

#### **Full Time Officers**

Michael Smith Anthony Mortinson Todd Kintzi Brendan Current Heather Starry David Johnson

#### Part Time Officers

Nicholas Englund Greg Burstad Chris Hudok Robert Anderson Adam Rolshouse Stephen Nelson Drew Moldenhauer

## **Reserve Officers**

John Grimm Jacob Andersen Zachary Prokosch

# Officer Manager Felicia Wallgren

# Blue Line Dispatch

## From your Chief

We have been working very hard to outfit our officers with the most up to date technology to enhance their efforts to keep you safe. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Osseo City Council authorized the police department to purchase a new squad camera system. With this purchase also comes body-worn cameras for each officer to wear during their shifts. As part of the process of implementing this new body-worn cam-



era system, we need your input.

I have created a policy which we will be placing on our website for you to review and give comment. You will be able to comment using both email and mail. The police department email is <u>osseopd@ci.osseo.mn.us</u>, and our address is 415 Central Ave. These comments are not just about the policy we are going to implement but also to comment on the body cameras themselves. We will also be setting a public hearing during a council meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>. If that council meeting is virtual, you can send an email to cityhall@ci.osseo.mn.us.

I believe that to protect our citizens and police officer, this is the correct thing to do. We will be purchasing the system from Getac, which includes both a squad car and body-worn cameras. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Your Chief, Shane Mikkelson 763-269-2468 smikkelson@ci.osseo.mn.us

# Blue Line Dispatch

#### Page 2

# Scams Related to the Covid-19 Pandemic

Leadership

Commitment

Service



Scammers are leveraging the COVID-19 pandemic to try and steal your money, your personal information, or both. Do not let them. Protect yourself and do your research before clicking on links purporting to provide information on the virus; donating to a charity online or through social media; contributing to a crowdfunding campaign; purchasing products online; or giving up your personal information in order to receive money or other benefits. Be on the lookout for the following:

## Fake CDC Emails.

Watch out for emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or other organizations claiming to offer information on the virus. Do not click links or open attachments you do not recognize. Fraudsters can use links in emails to deliver malware to your computer to steal personal information or to lock your computer and demand payment. Be wary of websites and apps claiming to track COVID-19 cases worldwide. Criminals are using malicious websites to infect and lock devices until payment is received

## Phishing Emails.

Look out for phishing emails asking you to verify your personal information to receive an economic stimulus check from the government. While talk of economic stimulus checks has been in the news cycle, government agencies are *not* sending unsolicited emails seeking your private information to send you money. Phishing emails may also claim to be related to:

- Charitable contributions
- General financial relief
- Airline carrier refunds
- Fake cures and vaccines
- Fake testing kits

## Counterfeit Treatments or Equipment.

Be cautious of anyone selling products that claim to prevent, treat, diagnose, or cure COVID-19. Be alert to counterfeit products such as sanitizing products and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including N95 respirator masks, goggles, face shields, protective gowns, and gloves. More information on unapproved or counterfeit PPE can be found at <u>www.cdc.gov/niosh</u>. You can also find information on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration website, <u>www.fda.gov</u>, and the Environmental Protection Agency website, <u>www.epa.gov</u>. Report counterfeit products at <u>www.ic3.gov</u> and to the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center at iprcenter.gov.

If you believe you are the victim of an Internet scam or cyber crime, or if you want to report suspicious activity, please call 911 and report the incident to the police.

If you are looking for accurate and up-to-date information on COVID-19, the CDC has posted extensive guidance and information that is updated frequently. The best sources for authoritative information on COVID-19 are <u>www.cdc.gov</u> and <u>www.coronavirus.gov</u>. You may also consult your primary care physician for guidance.

\*\*This information is provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.





# Blue Line Dispatch

#### Page 3

# **City Ordinances/Code Enforcement**

# **Burning/Recreational Fires**

Leadership

Commitment

Service

- Burning of leaves, grass clippings, painted or treated wood products, yard and garden waste, and household trash is prohibited.
- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a building, combustible materials, power lines, or property lines. No flames shall be allowed more than three feet above ground level.
- Buckets, shovels, garden hoses, or a fire extinguisher with a minimum of 4-A rating shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.
- Recreational fires shall be constantly attended by an adult person knowledgeable in the use of fire-extinguishing equipment and supervise the fire until it is completely extinguished. No recreational fire shall be of such an intensity that persons cannot withstand heat within five feet of the fire.
- It is the homeowner's responsibility to verify with DNR on any burning bans by checking the DNR website.

# Traffic Tips

Motorcycle safety from the MN Office of Traffic Safety

- Public safety officials urge motorcyclists to wear protective gear, which includes a DOT-approved helmet and brightly-colored protective gear for visibility and protection.
- Riders should be prepared for inattentive drivers by staying focused on riding and keeping their speed in check.
- Riders should never drink and ride.
- Riders should always ride within their skill set, use good judgment and maintain at least a 2-second following distance.
- Riders should take a training course every couple years to dust off and improve their riding skills.
  - There are courses available for advanced riders, not just beginners. Training is available April through September, with some courses running into October. Riders can find a training site and register online at www.motorcyclesafety.org
- Motorists can help prevent motorcycle deaths by looking twice for motorcycles before entering a roadway or changing lanes.
- Motorists should give riders room, check blind spots, pay attention and drive at safe speeds. Motorcycles are smaller, so their speed and distance is more difficult to judge.





# Volume 1, Issue 1

Page 4

# What's Happening in your neighborhood?

#### Arrests:

A 53-year-old Osseo man was arrested for 5<sup>th</sup> degree assault. He was transported and booked at Hennepin County jail.

A 48-year-old Osseo man arrested for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault. He was transported and booked at Hennepin County jail.

A 63-year-old Saint Paul man was arrested for driving with a revoked driver's license. He was released with a citation.

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 21-year-old Bloomington man was arrested for 5<sup>th</sup> degree assault. He was transported and booked at Hennepin County jail.

#### Incidents:

An Officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Street SE and County 81 after noticing the vehicle stopped in the middle of the road with no lights on. During the Officer's investigation he learned that the occupants of the vehicle were in a dispute and a physical altercation may have occurred. The situation was mediated by Officer's and the parties were separated from the vehicle. After further investigation the Officer determined an assault did occur and filed a criminal complaint.

Officers were dispatched to a report of vandalism at the 300-block of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW. The Officers found that several areas of the building and sidewalk had been spray painted. There were no witnesses and suspects were unable to be developed from camera footage. This incident was closed pending further information.

An Officer was dispatched to a complaint of customer trouble at the 400-block of County 81 Service Road W. The suspect, who had previously pawned his daughter's lpod, was upset that he wasn't informed that the item had sold. He wanted to by it back. The Officer mediated the situation. There were no criminal charges.

#### Accidents:

An Officer was dispatched to a two-vehicle property damage hit-and-run accident at the 400-block of County 81 Service Road W. Following an investigation, a suspect was identified and a criminal complaint was filed.

An Officer responded to a two-vehicle property damage accident at the intersection of Central Avenue and  $6^{th}$  Street NE. The Officer managed the crash scene and facilitated the exchange of information.



"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 415 Central Ave Osseo, MN 55369

Phone: 763-424-5444 Fax: 763-424-4616 Email: osseopd@ci.osseo.mn.us



Osseo Police Department Mission Statement

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



Osseo Squad 663 2013 Interceptor-Taurus