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Medicine Drop Box

Did you know the Osseo Police Department accepts unwanted and unused medication from residents?

The Osseo Police Department has a medicine drop box located in the lobby at 415 Central Avenue. The box is an easy, environmentally safe way for Osseo Residents to safely dispose of unused prescription medications.

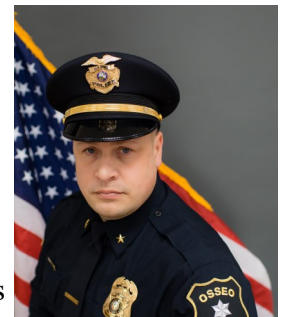


The Osseo Drop box is accessible, Monday through Thursday 7:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. and Fridays 7:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. in a secured and monitored locations. Household prescription medications, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins/supplements, and pet medications are accepted. No needles, sharps, or syringes are accepted.

From your Chief

As we head into the Christmas season, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some programs that we offer to our residents.

The first program available to our residents is the car seat program. We have a certified Car Seat Technician. Officer Mortinson is available to assist anyone with installing a car seat into your vehicle. The Osseo Police Department also has access to new car seats that can be given to those in need. Contact the police department for details.



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The second program available to the public is free winter coats. We have sizes for youth and adults. If you know of someone in need of a coat, please reach out to us. We would be happy to help in any way we can.

As we head into 2021, we can all use a little cheer in our lives, and look out for those less fortunate than us. Please let us know what we can do for you. The Officers of this department love Osseo and are willing to help in any way. We are here when you need us and always on duty!

Your Chief!

Leadership

Commitment

Service



Crime Prevention

Telephone Scams are an increasingly prevalent form of fraud. The ordinary telephone is today's weapon of choice for criminals. One of the most common complaints reported by seniors and their loved ones is how often they encounter scams and fraudulent schemes over the phone.

Some common examples of fraud:

- "I'm calling from Microsoft and it appears you have a computer virus..."
- "You've won a foreign lottery and you just need to send money to claim your winnings..."
- "This investment is low risk and high return."
- "This offer is good for today only."
- "This is your grandson and I'm in jail and need bail money."
- "You owe money and face serious consequence."

Scammers use public information to find out your name and phone number. They often use scare tactics to get you to send money, provide personal information, or gain access to your computer. If someone calls and wants you to hand over money, be very suspicious. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

End the call. Don't be a "courtesy victim." When it comes to protecting yourself, there is no such thing as being rude. Just end the conversation and hang up the phone.

Never give out your personal or financial information over the phone.

Be suspicious of ANY call from a stranger asking you to give them money, even if they claim to be with a law enforcement or government agency.

If you get a call from someone who claims to be a law enforcement official and is making an unusual request, ask for their name and agency. Call the agency directly (not the phone number they might give you) to confirm that they are who they say they are.

Don't trust caller ID, because it can be easily "spoofed" to show a fake name or number.

Use common sense. If something doesn't sound or feel right, it probably isn't.

Phone a friend. If you are confused or concerned by a phone call, contact a trusted friend or family member for advice. Don't let a caller rush you into making a decision.

Report fraud. We can't stop fraud that we don't know about. Be sure to call and report the activity to law enforcement.

This information was provided by the MN Department of Commerce. If you have questions regarding the above information you can call 651-539-1600 or 1-800-657-3602 (Greater MN) or by email at consumer.protection@state.mn.us.

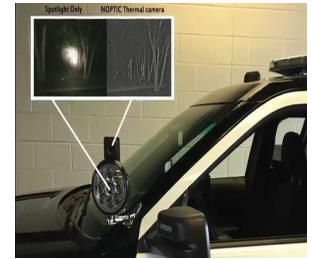
Leadership Commitment Service



What's new in the Department?

The Osseo Police Department recently took delivery of a NOPTIC thermal camera. This new camera will be permanently installed on one of our squad car spotlights and will give officers the ability to see heat signatures in the dark.

This technology will increase officer safety and allow officers to conduct stealth surveillance at night. The department will be evaluating the camera performance and may add more thermal cameras to our other vehicles in the future.



City Ordinances/Code Enforcement

During a snow emergency, residents are allowed to park on the street in all residential areas. However, residents are encouraged to remove their vehicles from the street so that city snowplow crews can plow snow to the curb when possible. "Snowbird" parking enforcement in residential area will take place 24 hours after city snow plows begin clearing the roads.

After a snow emergency is declared, parking is prohibited in the downtown district for one night between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. This will provide the opportunity for City snowplow crews to haul away snow from the downtown area safely and without risk of damaging parked vehicles. The City will make every attempt to declare a snow emergency no later than 8:00 p.m.

Traffic Tips

The holidays are known for being merry and bright, but they can also be the deadliest time to travel because of impaired driving. Drunk driving kills thousand of people in the United States each year.

Here are some tips to keep Minnesota roads safe:

- Think first: Even one drink can impair your judgement and reaction time; the risk of getting arrested for driving drunk or causing a crash.
- Plan ahead: If you will be drinking, designate a sobor driver before the party begins.
- Help others: Be responsible. If you see someone who is impaired about to drive, take their keys, take them home, or help them arrange a safe ride home.
- Report it: If you see a driver on the road that appears to be intoxicated, contact police when it is safe to do so. Your actions could help save a life.

Remember to play it safe this holiday season, and always plan your sober ride before the festivities begin.

What's Happening in your neighborhood?

Arrests:

A 36-year-old St. Paul man was arrested for a felony Washington County warrant for possession of a controlled substance. He was transported and booked at Hennepin County jail.

A 32-year-old New Hope man was arrested for DWI and obstructing the legal process. He was transported and booked at Hennepin County jail.

A 45-year-old Champlin woman was arrested for driving with a suspended driver's license. She was released with a citation.

A 27-year-old Petersburg, VA man was arrested for DWI. He was transported and booked at Hennepin County jail.

A 22-year-old St. Paul man was arrested for theft. He was released with a citation.

Incidents:

An officer was dispatched to the 600-block of North Oaks Drive for a theft from auto. The victim reported that a witness contacted her and reported that they saw a group of males jack up her vehicle and remove parts; later found to be the catalytic converter. The witness refused to identify themselves to her or speak with police. The incident was closed pending further information.

Officers responded to the 300-block of Central Avenue for an unwanted person at a business. The suspect entered the store and asked to use the phone. Employees allowed him to use the phone; after which he became upset and started swearing at them. A suspect was developed, but the witness was unable to identify them in a lineup. This incident was closed.

Officers were dispatched to a residential intrusion alarm in the 100-block of 5th Avenue NE. Officers found that a handy man on site had removed the alarm panel from the wall while making repairs, setting the alarm off. No other problems were discovered.

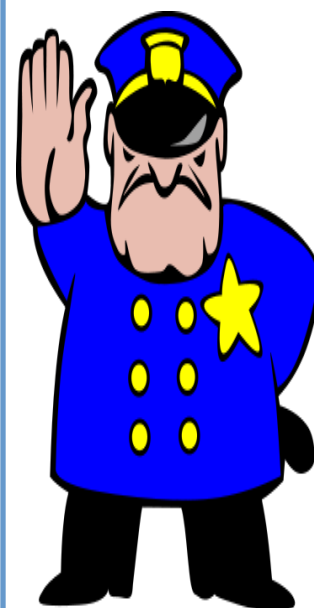
An officer responded to the 600-block of Central Avenue for customer trouble at a business. The customer purchased a vehicle which almost immediately broke down after leaving the parking lot. She returned to the business and engaged in an argument with the owner. The officer mediated the situation and advised the customer to take her grievances to civil court.

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.



*"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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THE MISSION OF THE
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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

