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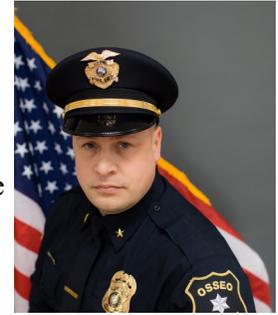
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# Blue Line Dispatch

## From your Chief

As our weather turns warmer and people start to get back to our new normal, I wanted to share information about our Social Host Ordinance with you. This ordinance 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 there is drinking going on at your place of residence, but your child allows it to occur, your child can be cited under this ordinance.



Chief Shane Mikkelson

Some people believe it is acceptable for their children to consume alcohol if done in the privacy of their home. From a developmental standpoint, their bodies and brains are not prepared to handle the consequences and compromising results that come from underage drinking.

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 alcohol retailers holding licenses in Osseo were compliant in checking customer identification.

## Osseo History Facts

- In 1875, by and act of the State Legislature, Osseo was incorporated with a president, three councilmen, a recorder and a treasurer.
- During the development of Osseo Pioneers from Eastern States and Canada Migrated here to make homes for their families.
- Potatoes were one of the major farm crops for many farmers in the Osseo area.
- The water tower that stands at the center of town was constructed in 1915 to provide fire protection of the community.



*Leadership*  
*Commitment*  
*Service*



## Crime Prevention—Car Theft Protection

Hello Osseo, Officer Zitzlsperger here, with more crime prevention tips. As you know, the weather doesn't stop criminals. Sometimes, the weather can give a criminal an advantage. Often, we find ourselves rushing around in the mornings trying to get ready for work, school, etc. On cold mornings, we go outside to start our vehicles to let them warm up and leave them unattended. Occasionally, for the unlucky few, when you return, your vehicle is gone.



Officer Zitzlsperger

Criminals tend to notice easy targets and participate in what we Police Officers like to call "crime of opportunity." In other words, a criminal may not have been planning on stealing a car but if they come across an unoccupied vehicle that is running, they may decide to take it.

Other easy targets include vehicles parked in low-lit areas that are left unlocked. They will pull on every vehicle door they can and take any items of value.

Here are some tips to help keep your vehicle safe:

- Always Lock your doors. (Summertime, ensure windows are rolled up).
- Never leave your keys in your car.
- Never leave your vehicle running and unattended.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle, especially in plain sight.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Ensure garage door/side doors are closed/locked.
- Put motion sensor lights/cameras outside your home covering the areas you park.
- If you own a Kia, you can purchase a Steering wheel lock! \$20 on Amazon!

In the case of a vehicle theft:

- Hide a tracking device somewhere in/under your vehicle where no one would find it.

Catalytic Converter:

The Osseo Police Department offers CATGUARD. CATGUARD is a form of protection against catalytic converter thefts. Come by the Osseo PD and pick up CATGUARD today or to learn more. CATGUARD provides labels and information on how to register your catalytic converter.

As always, if you see something strange, unusual, or suspicious, call 911. Remember, Osseo, YOU are the eyes and ears of our department.

## What's Happening in your neighborhood?

### Incidents:

Medical – 2/1 – Officer dispatched for party with diabetic issue. Party was responsive upon officer arrival. North Ambulance arrived and cleared officers.

Traffic stop – 2/2 – Central Ave and 93rd Ave – Officer observed driver of vehicle on their cell phone while waiting for red light. Officer initiated traffic stop and found driver to have a gross misdemeanor Hennepin County warrant and to have a revoked drivers license. Officer was able to take cash bail and set up a court date for the driver. Driver was also cited for driving with a revoked license (misdemeanor) and for driving while on their cell phone (petty misdemeanor)

Traffic stop – 2/4 - Co 81 and 4th St SE – Officer observed vehicle driving while on cell phone. Officer initiated traffic stop and issued citation for driving while on phone, a petty misdemeanor.

Traffic Stop – 2/4 – Co 81 and Central – Officer observed vehicle displaying 2023 registration. Officer confirmed expiration with DVS as early 2023. Driver issued a citation for expired motor vehicle registration, a misdemeanor.

Theft – 2/10 – 100 Blk of Central Ave – Officer called for parties stealing items from store. Officer arrived and was assisted by a Hennepin County Deputy. While our officer was filling out trespass paperwork they found that a party had given them a false name. The deputy on scene had an Ibis (fingerprint reader synced with identification database). Our Officer asked the party for their ID again and they provided the same one of another person. The deputy used the Ibis and was able to find their real identity. They found that they had a misdemeanor warrant. The party was arrested on the warrant and the report has been sent to the prosecutor for Gross Misdemeanor providing false information of another person to police.

### Accidents:

PI Accident – 2/3 – Central Ave and 3rd St NE – Officers dispatched for an accident with injuries, one vehicle involved left the scene. Offices arrived on scene and searched the area for the vehicle that left the scene. Officers were able to identify the driver and vehicle that left the scene. Party on scene was transported to a local hospital. Officers located the hit and run driver and took them into custody. Officers believed this party to be under the influence of alcohol. Officers conducted breath test and determined party to be over the legal limit. Party charged with leaving the scene of an accident and for 4th degree DWI.



*“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  
THE BOND BETWEEN THE POLICE AND  
COMMUNITY THROUGH A TRADITION  
OF LEADERSHIP, COMMITMENT  
AND SERVICE

