



THE OWATONNA POLICE
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The Owatonna Police Department is dedicated to providing a safe and secure community through partnerships, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Policing excellence through our People, our Work, and our Relationships

Just the Facts

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Person of Interest—

The Owatonna Police Department is looking to identify the male in this photograph in regards to a hit and run

investigation. If you have any information, please contact the police department at 507-451-8232 or the tip line [here](#).



December's Patrol Statistics—

In the month of December 2021, the Owatonna Police Department answered 3,701 calls for service, including 472 traffic stops, 79 alarms, 14 domestic disturbances, 161 animal calls, 15 juvenile calls, 242 medical calls, 89 suspicious activity calls, 8 warrants, 97 ordinance violations, and 65 motor vehicle accidents. Patrol Officers issued a total of 111 citations and 398 warnings. The top 5 citation types included speeding, expired registration, no insurance, invalid driver's license, and failure to stop. The month also produced 15 DWI arrests, which ranks the highest month of 2021.



What About Snowmobiles In Owatonna—

With snow on the ground, snowmobile enthusiasts have already been out on their sleds. As a snowmobiler, it is important to know the regulations of operating a snowmobile within the city limits of Owatonna. The city snowmobile ordinance is highlighted below:

- A snowmobile may only be operated on a city street going to and from the city limits and on the most direct route.
- It is unlawful to operate on private property without written permission from the property occupant or owner.
- Snowmobiles may not be operated on school grounds, park property, playgrounds, recreational areas or golf courses.
- Snowmobiles shall not create loud, or unnecessary noise to create a public nuisance.
- Snowmobiles shall not be used in a careless or reckless manner.
- Snowmobiles shall not be operated in the downtown area.
- The absolute speed limit of a snowmobile operated in the city limits is 15 miles per hour.

Staffing Update—

The records department has recently had a change in personnel on Tuesday with the addition of Adriana Gonzales. She will take the vacancy left by Shalee Ebertowski. We wish Shalee the best in her new endeavors and welcome Adriana to our team here at the Law Enforcement Center.



Our Team

Administration

Police Chief Keith Hiller
Captain Eric Rethemeier
Captain Jeff Mundale
Captain Josh Sorensen

Sergeants

Jason Petterson
Andy DeVinny
Andy Drenth
Tracy DuChene
Jason Matejcek
Zack Schumaker
Benjamin Johnson

Detectives

Christian Berg
Steven Bowman
Valerie Satre
Travis Ardolf
Derrick Quinlan

Patrol Officers

Joel Hunt
Brady Vaith
Matt Oeltjenbruns
Andrew Van Osdale
Melissa Michael
Alan Callahan
Alexandra Vogel
Casey Martin
Luke Selvik
Travis Johnson
Benjamin Metcalf
Joshua Lee
Anna Martin
Zachary Plein
John Van Alstine
Jeremy Katz
Michael Brein
Anthony Malepsy
Kyle Martin
Matthew Lounsbury

Community Service Officers

Brian Shaw
Gabrielle Flemming
Julia Hansen

Canine

Vegas

Support Staff

Kimberly Dub
Pam Roberts
Wendy Gasner

Chaplains

Brent Carlson
Loren Olson

Reserve Officers

Michael Leyva
Steve Wrede
Gabrielle Flemming
Maddie Ziegler
Dietrich Piepho

Records Staff

Kate Schroeder
Renee Babcock
Rebecca Melchert
Adriana Gonzales