



OFF THE CUFF

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

OCTOBER 2, 2019

Officers: Todd Soderholm, Jon Holle, Brian Bone, Valerie Holes, Tommie Booth, Mike Thelen, Kurt Schultz, Tara Becker, Joel Horazuk, Brian Plantz, Michael Tietz, Shane Klokonos, Nic Wolf, Marcus Smith, Zach Broughten, Dan Schyma, Justin Drogseth, Jeff Weber, Peter Meuwissen, Gregory Neumann, David Engel, Krista Erickson, Joel Pogatchnik, Cody Yard, James Gibbs, Cory Christianson, Kasey DeJonker, Tony Parker, Wil Hooper, David Fry, Nicole Wilson, Brian Booth, Kailie Hinkle, Sean Marben, Colleen Strohmayer, April Ehmke, Dylan Ordorff, Jordan Mack, Miranda Demo, Alex Witkowski, Brice Hanson

Sergeants: Jeff Smith, Peter Matos, Jim Gummert, Jason Weishaar, Adam Tschida, David Virden, Adam Keeler, Alan Spillers, Josh Gerving

Records: Terry McNulty, Missy Nelson, Alice House, Karen Shaw, Shonda Sauter, Annie Thielen, Kim Kongso

CSOs: Justin Wagner, Alex Walker

Maintenance: Bruce Daubanton

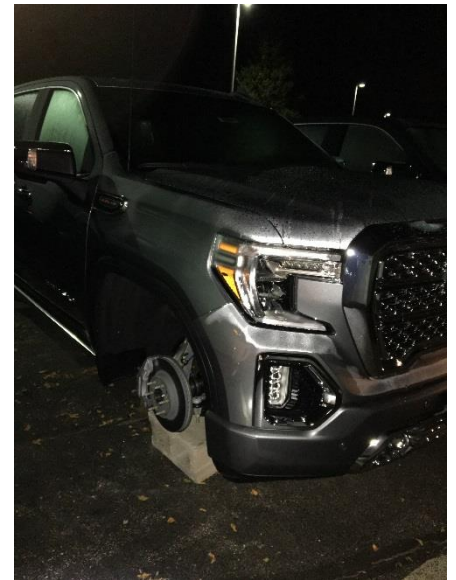
Crime Prevention: Pam Walter

Property Clerk: Denis Schweitzer

Administration: Jon Rechtzigel, Nick Francis, Greg Dahlstrom, Steph Mellesmoen

Night Prowlers – Officers solved a couple of very difficult cases this past week related to illegal overnight activities. These cases exemplify the importance of people calling 911 to report suspicious behavior and the teamwork required of our officers to successfully investigate these cases.

The first incident was on September 22 just before 10:00 PM, when officers were dispatched to a local car dealership. The caller reported suspicious activity in the parking lot of the business and believed people were stealing tires off new vehicles. Officers responded to the area at which point two suspects fled from the car lot crossing Cedar Avenue. Additional officers responded and located the suspects. The first suspect was taken into custody by Officer Christianson and found to have tools needed to remove tires in his pockets. Another suspect ran right into Officer Mack who was in a nearby parking lot watching for suspects. That man had discarded a large socket wrench that he was using to remove the tires. This man refused to identify himself or answer questions. He was wearing latex gloves which is common upon criminals to prevent fingerprints from being left at the scene of a crime. Officers located the suspect's vehicle which contained a large number of cinder blocks. These blocks are used



to place under the vehicles once the tires are removed. A check of the car lot revealed the thieves had just started their project and already removed two tires from a nearby vehicle. Both suspects were jailed and the tires were returned to the dealership.

In the early morning hours of October 1, officers were dispatched to an apartment complex off Germane Avenue on a report of two men going through cars. The men were described as wearing dark clothing with their hoods up to conceal their appearance. Officers arrived on scene and located two juveniles in the area matching the description. Initially, the men denied entering any vehicles. The two suspects were juveniles from Saint Paul and claimed they were dropped off in the area to meet up with some girls. As the investigation continued, the juveniles admitted to stealing property from vehicles in the area. Property taken by the juveniles included a large amount of change, check books, and electronic devices. The teens' parents were contacted and the juveniles were ultimately released to family members after receiving citations for a number of crimes.



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OUR MISSION

To protect our community and improve quality of life through service, education, and enforcement.

OUR VALUES

Service – We value the opportunity to provide service in a manner that is fair, courteous, compassionate and responsive.

Integrity – We value courage, candor, honesty and ethical behavior by all members of our department.

Responsibility and Accountability – We value the effective use of resources.

Professionalism – We value professionalism by having a clear sense of commitment, perspective and direction.

Pride and Satisfaction – We value our work in making our community safe. We believe our work is a calling that helps society and is a source of reward and satisfaction.

I Hate MN! - On September 30 shortly before 1:00 PM, Officer Soderholm responded to a business to deal with an unruly guest. Officer Soderholm arrived at the business and spoke with the owner about his complaint. The owner said the guest had been acting out and told Officer Soderholm that the person was currently getting into his truck to leave the premises. Officer Soderholm was able to catch up to the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop to speak with the guest about his behavior. The man told Officer Soderholm that he was upset and hated this State, advising him that he just wanted to leave. He asked Officer Soderholm for an escort out of Minnesota. The man was allowed to vent and have a few cigarettes which calmed him down considerably. Officers Schultz and Holes had also arrived at the traffic stop and learned that the man had several outstanding warrants for his arrest from Scott County. The man was arrested and taken to the Dakota County Jail on the outstanding warrants.

Sean McKnight Retirement - After 25 years of dedicated service, Detective Sean McKnight retired from the police department. Sean held numerous positions within the department, his commitment and hard work will be missed. Sean also served on various boards outside the department and was the Dakota County Special Operations Commander for several years. Thank you Sean for all of your hard work, we wish you and your family the best in your future endeavors!



New Officer - Congratulations Officer Miranda Demo on becoming our newest officer. Previously, Miranda served as a Community Service Officer with the department. We wish you the best in your new career with the department.

