



**City of Oshkosh
Auxiliary Police**
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NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Oshkosh Auxiliary Police meeting, **Wednesday November 11, 2015. 6:00 PM** at the **Sunnyview Expo Center.**

**EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2015
(Oshkosh, Wisconsin’s Event City)**

November 12, Thursday	Holiday Parade – Pre-Event Assistance	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	2-4 APO’s
November 12, Thursday	Holiday Parade	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	AMAP
November 26, Thursday	Turkey Trot (Thanksgiving Day)	7:00 AM – 11:00 AM	AMAP
December 2, Wednesday	Mueller Auto Christmas Party	4:30 PM – 8:30 PM	2-4 APO’s
December 5, Saturday	EAA Christmas in the Air	10:30 AM – 4:30 PM	6-8 per shift
December 5, Saturday	Race for the Light	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	AMAP

November Meeting Location:

Our November meeting will be held at the **Sunnyview Exposition Center**, 500 E. County Road Y (Also known as Sunnyview Road)

Sgt. Harris has arranged for us to receive further information and training related to the CART program. The information and training will be held indoors.



Auxiliary Association - Unit Financials:

As I first advised you in the June-July Newsletter, some significant changes have occurred that affect our Units financial situation. As you review the meeting minutes of our Ranking Officers meeting, you will begin to understand some of the specific changes that have occurred.

Most importantly, regarding the audit of our Unit finances by the Oshkosh City Financial Department; other than three clerical type issues, there were no significant irregularities or financial improprieties noted. This is a testament to the good judgment and practices of those in the Unit who’ve been responsible for purchasing and managing Unit funds.

One of the larger changes that will affect everyone in the Unit is how we conduct our social activities going forward. We’ve been directed to discontinue our annual Steak-fry, Christmas Dinner and Anniversary and Awards Dinner as they currently exist.

There is no question the City and Department appreciate us and support us. They recognize our significant service and acknowledge the value we bring to just about every event held in Oshkosh. The City Manager commented at the recent budget hearing that our Unit was second only to the Seniors Center as contributing the most volunteer hours by any city associated agency.

Chief Greuel acknowledges that the extensive volunteer efforts of members contribute year in and year out must be recognized. Furthermore he also supports the involvement of spouses and significant others on these occasions.

At some point in the near future, the Leadership Team of Ranking Officers will develop one annual event that will be held to recognize members volunteer services as well as milestone service awards. This event may take the shape of a picnic or dinner, and will likely be somewhat lower-key than what we've had in past years.

These changes will better align our Unit with Department and City policies and regulations, making us a more cohesive organization. I along with the entire Ranking Staff ask for your support and continued positive attitude as these changes are implemented...and as always, my Thanks to each and every one of you for the remarkable service you provide as a volunteer Auxiliary Officer!

Oshkosh Auxiliary Police Meeting Minutes - October 14, 2015

Meeting was held in the OPD training room with 14 officers and OPD Sgt. Harris attending.

Training was presented by Deputy Chief Footit consisting of scenarios regarding a chemical incident at Hydrate. Officers were divided into 3 groups and then presented how they would have handled the situation.

Thank you to those responding to the homicide call out.

CART call out procedures for our unit need to be discussed with those in charge of that program. A follow up will be discussed at the Ranking Officers Meeting.

CRT training exercise went well.

Pub Crawl went well. Most activity was on the campus and not downtown.

Congratulations to Sara Waddell on her wedding.

Officers signed up for details.

Meeting adjourned.

Thank you to Sharon and Joe for treats after our meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Sgt. Mary Knudsen, Secretary

Oshkosh Auxiliary Police Ranking Staff Meeting Minutes - October 27, 2015

Meeting was held in the Erickson Room at OPD with Chief Suess, Deputy Chief Footit, Capt. Youngbauer, Capt. Gutche, Lt. Schouten, Lt. Oestreich, Lt. O'Bright, Sgt. Knudsen, Sgt. Winkler, Sgt. Welch and OPD Capt. Schoeni attending. OAP Capt. Schroeder excused.

Report on the financial situation was given by OAP Chief Suess and OPD Capt. Schoeni. The results of the audit done by the city was presented. There were no major issues with the audit.

The following are the results:

- Capt. Gutche, Treasurer, is to close out our account and give the check to Capt. Schoeni to be given to the city to be deposited into a special account that has been created for the Auxiliary Police. That will be Capt. Gutche's last duty as treasurer. That position will now be eliminated.
- Details and Events will be handled by OPD Sgt. Harris and he will decide if it is appropriate for our unit to work. If so, then he will contact Chief Suess. Sgt. Harris will follow through with the event organizer.
- Purchasing items will be handled by Sgt. Harris. There will be 2 levels including the day to day smaller operational/consumable items and larger items for long term. He will determine if appropriate and if the budget or special account monies will be used.
- Donations will not be accepted by anyone in the Auxiliary Police Unit. All donations or questions regarding donations will go through Sgt. Harris. He will take care of any paperwork needed to be done and make sure the monies donated go into our special fund if designated for that. He will keep the Auxiliary Police unit aware of donations.
- Social events, dinners/steak fry, are not approved however social events on a lower key, picnic style, are ok. This could be reviewed.
- Call out needs and expenses are to go through the chain of command, incident commander, for approval and logistics.
- Unit needs to do a complete documented inventory of assets.

Capt. Schoeni clarified many points and indicated that this process makes our unit a better unit and puts the unit on a higher level overall. Patience is needed while going through the changes and learning the new procedures. He is confident that our unit will have that and work together to keep positive in moving forward. The unit has everything to gain. It won't lose anything to continue the work done. He is there to help the unit in any way he can.

CART program is not fully ready to go on all levels. More discussion is needed on this topic with the organizers before we get involved in call outs with them.

Special projects were assigned. Lt. O'Bright will make a video on fueling the vehicles. Lt. Schouten will make a video on the using of the various aspects of the radio. Sgts. Knudsen, Winkler and Welch will up date the Rules and Regulations.

Discussion on membership and details worked in past and in the future indicated the need for recruitment. Capt. Schroeder has several things in line for that. All members can be involved in recruitment by spreading the word of need.

Vehicle relocation from Osborn garage to 3rd street is still on hold waiting for changes to be made to accommodate that.

Meeting adjourned. Thank you to Capt. Schoeni for his participation.

Respectfully submitted by
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Recent Details:

Special Olympics Run with the Cops:



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Recent Details:

Active Shooter Training:



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As we approach Thanksgiving, it's an appropriate time to thank each and every one of you for your contribution to our Unit. The legacy that began in 1959 remains strong because we have a group of exceptional volunteers who are committed to our mission of public service. It simply can not be said enough, Thank You for your dedication and service!

Wishing you and your families a safe, happy, healthy Thanksgiving!

Next General Meeting:

January 13, 2016. 6:00 PM – Oshkosh Police Department, Training Room

Next Ranking Officer Meeting:

December 16, 2015. 6:00 PM – Oshkosh Police Department, Erickson Meeting Room