

City of Oshkosh Auxiliary Police 420 Jackson Street P.O. Box 1130 Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54903-1130

NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

Oshkosh Auxiliary Police meeting, Wednesday November 12, 2014, 6:00 PM at the Oshkosh Police Department. As always, refreshments will be provided following the meeting.

EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY & FEBRUARY (Oshkosh, Wisconsin's Event City)

November 13, T	hursday	Holiday Parade – Pre-Event Assistance	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	2-4 APO's
November 13, T	hursday	Holiday Parade	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	AMAP
November 27, T	hursday	Turkey Trot (Thanksgiving Day)	7:00 AM - 11:00 AM	AMAP
November 28 F	riday	Basketball Tournament (2 games at ONHS)	5:30 PM - 10:30 PM	2-4 APO's
November 29 S	aturday	Basketball Tournament (2 games at ONHS)	5:30 PM - 10:30 PM	2-4 APO's
December 3 W	Vednesday	Mueller Auto Christmas Party	4:30 PM - 8:30 PM	4 APO's
December 5 Fi	riday	O.W.H.S. Basketball vs Fond du Lac	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
December 6, S	aturday	EAA Christmas in the Air	10:30 AM – 4:30 PM	6-8 per shift
December 6, S	aturday	Race for the Light	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	AMAP
December 12, Fi	riday	O.W.H.S. Basketball vs Appleton North	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
December 16, T	uesday	O.N.H.S. Basketball vs Appleton North	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
December 19, Fi	riday	O.N.H.S. Basketball vs Neenah	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
December 23, T	uesday	O.W.H.S. Basketball vs Appleton West	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
January 2, Fi	riday	O.W.H.S. Basketball vs Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
January 6, T	uesday	O.N.H.S. Basketball vs Hortonville	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
January 9, F	riday	O.N.H.S. Basketball vs Oshkosh West	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
January 16, Fi	riday	O.W.H.S. Basketball vs Neenah	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
January 20, T	uesday	O.W.H.S. Basketball vs Appleton East	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
January 23, F	riday	O.N.H.S. Basketball vs Appleton West	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
January 27, T	uesday	O.N.H.S. Basketball vs Kimberly	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
January 30, F	riday	O.N.H.S. Basketball vs Fond du Lac	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
February 3, T	uesday	O.W.H.S. Basketball vs Kaukauna	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
February 6, F	riday	O.N.H.S. Basketball vs Appleton East	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
February 10, T	uesday	O.W.H.S. Basketball vs Kimberly	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
February 13, F	riday	O.W.H.S. Basketball vs Oshkosh North	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
February 20, F	riday	O.N.H.S. Basketball vs Kaukauna	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
February 26, <u>T</u>	hursday	O.W.H.S. Basketball vs Hortonville	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	2-4 APO's
Celebration of Lights – Menominee Park – Weekends from October 31st through December 28th – Hours as Required				



Christmas Dinner Saturday December 13, 2014 **Robbin's Restaurant** Cocktails at 5:30 PM - Dinner at 6:30 PM



Reservations accompanied by a \$20.00 deposit (refunded at the dinner) must be made by December 1st with Deputy Chief Scott Footit Check with Sgt. Mary Knudsen regarding detail eligibility to attend. This does not apply to first year members. Member and guest only...no children.



High School Sporting Events:





As we begin our high school basketball season; it's a good time to review our procedures when covering school sporting events. Our first primary responsibility is to provide an official uniformed presence to the events we cover. Players, parents, fans and officials see our officers in uniform as a security force who must be prepared to address threats and negative issues that might occur. Officers working these events must always provide a command presence and be ever vigilant for any activities that might be disruptive to the game.

Some specific procedures that should always be followed at sporting events:

- 1) <u>Never congregate and remain in groups</u>. Officers should be deployed by the OIC to various areas thought-out the facility.
- 2) <u>Provide visible security at all entry points</u>. The OIC should have these positions identified as part of their event briefing and personnel deployment action plan.
- 3) <u>Never eat or drink soda in areas visible to the public</u>. If a break is needed, advice the OIC and take a snack or beverage break in a discrete area.
- 4) <u>Remain aware, alert, vigilant</u>. Don't just focus on the game and act as a spectator; scan the crowd, watch the corners, halls, doorways and aisles. Take note of those standing in out-of-the-way areas.
- 5) <u>Be aware of "things" that look out of place</u>. A person wearing a long or bulky over-size heavy winter coat that remains buttoned while in the warm gymnasium stands; or someone with an unusual carry-in should be a person of interest and brought to the attention of the event OIC.
- 6) <u>Patrol</u>. The OIC should generally be on patrol, covering non-staffed areas associated with the facility. If troublemakers see a uniformed APO moving and patrolling areas around the event...even the parking lot if warranted, they will be far less likely to create a disturbance.
- 7) <u>Technology/Social Media</u>. Expect that everyone has a cell phone...and every cell phone is a camera and video recorder. Expect that everything you do in uniform, in public, is likely to be recorded and placed on a variety of social media sources.

We are in uniform representing the Oshkosh Police Department and the City of Oshkosh...people watch us. They watch how we conduct ourselves and make judgments and opinions based on what they see. If they see a group of APO's leaning against a wall talking, laughing and eating pizza during a basketball game...what impression is that giving them of the professionalism of our Officers?

If they see our group reasonably deployed throughout the facility, focusing on entry points, with heads on swivels watching the crowd, spectators and entire venue, alert, confident and prepared...they will have a sense of well-being and leave with the impression that our Officers are competent and diligent performing their assignment.

Our basketball season covers 19 regular season games plus tournament and play-off games. Thank you to those that work and insure the spectators have an enjoyable, safe experience!

Call-out – Frederick Street Incident:

A large part of our monthly meetings are devoted to staffing our scheduled detail assignments. Many of these details occur each year and as such, many members place them on their personal schedules so they can plan time around them.

Call-outs are a significant part of our duties as Auxiliary Officers. These events are by definition unplanned and generally urgent in nature...they are the exact opposite of our normal scheduled details. Call-out requests require rapid response to assist the Department with serious matters that need immediate attention.

We received another call-out request on the afternoon of Friday October 31st and then again on Saturday November 1st.

Our assignment, which is part of the Department Incident Command System, is to be responsible for perimeter security and containment at incident deployments. On this occasion we were requested to staff intersection assignments around the residence at 803 Frederick Street.

After a few phone and text messages we were able to staff our assigned positions. The following Auxiliary Officers quickly and without hesitation volunteered to work the incident scene:

Friday October 31, 2014 Approximately 4:00 PM - Midnight

- Deputy Chief Footit
- Captain Gutche
- Lt. Schouten
- Lt. Oestreich
- Sgt. O'Bright
- APO Kargus
- APO Russell
- APO Welch
- APO Williams
- APO Yerges

Saturday November 1, 2014 Approximately 11:00 AM – 3:00 AM (Sunday)

- Chief Suess
- Deputy Chief Footit
- Captain Gutche
- Captain Schroeder
- Lt. Schouten
- APO Brown
- APO Welch
- APO Edwards

Because we had assignments at Oshkosh West and Menominee Park on Saturday, we were assisted by the following APO's so we could meet those obligations as well as maintain our Frederick Street perimeter security assignment;

- APO Russell
- APO D. Pable
- APO Kargus
- APO Olson

Over the two day event, Auxiliary Officers provided over 200 hours of volunteer time insuring incident scene security. Your efforts allowed those assigned to investigate the crime scene to process that scene in a secure environment.

I've said it before, and will continue to say...I'm am constantly amazed at the response I receive when making call-out phone calls to our Unit members! Almost without exception I receive positive responses to my requests for help. This speaks of the dedication and commitment each of you shows to the Community, Department and Auxiliary Unit!

I simply can't **Thank You** enough for your excellent response and performance to this and every call-out we respond to.

Call-out – Frederick Street Incident:



















Personnel:

We are happy to introduce Zach Rashid as a new member of our Unit.



Zach Rashid 1731 Oshkosh Avenue Oshkosh, WI 54902 Cell phone: 920-539-5133 Email: <u>zrashid1219@gmail.com</u> Squad B Badge #31 Zach enjoys fishing, spending time with his family and cars. He works at Holiday Automotive in Fond du Lac and is looking forward to be an active member of the unit. He is a criminal justice student in his freshman year.

Change in Status:

Because of her exemplary performance, dedication working an extraordinary amount of details, competency in skills, communication and relationship building....Captain of Training Chad Gutche has promoted Shawna Russell to Field Training Officer. FTO Russell has been re-assigned to the Training Squad and will retain her badge number 35.

Please take a moment to welcome Zach to our Unit, and congratulate Shawna on her well deserved accomplishment.

Detail Update: Down Town Trick-or-Treat

The annual Down Town Trick-or-Treat was held Wednesday October 29th from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM. This event is sponsored by the Oshkosh BID.

50 businesses were scheduled to participate, providing treats for the youngsters as they walked Main Street.

This year **APO's Grace Pable**, **Justin Donaldson** and **FTO Matt Kirby** worked the event. **Matt Kirby** filed his after detail report with me and indicated pedestrian traffic was extremely busy. In some cases the volume of trick-or treaters caused them to overflow the sidewalks and expand into the street. Up and down Main Street the same conditions occurred, an almost overwhelming response to this event.

In 2013 we had 8 APO's sign up to work this event. We clearly could have used that number this year.

Notes have been made that our staffing must increase in 2015. Additional staff will help to insure that those taking part in this holiday tradition will do so safely.

Thank you Matt, Grace and Justin for you help!





Audit Committee:

Committee selection to occur at the November meeting.

Per Article III Section 6 of the Oshkosh Auxiliary Police Association by-Laws

Audit An audit of the Treasurer's report shall be conducted each year.

Audit Committee

Mission: The Audit Committee is organized to provide a standardized yearly review of the financial standing of all Oshkosh Auxiliary Police Association funds.

Purpose: An Audit Committee shall consist of three (3) Oshkosh Auxiliary Police Officers in good standing. These Officers shall perform the audit. The Audit Committee members must be non-probationary Auxiliary Officers, with at least one (1) year of active service with the Unit. If more than three (3) members wish to serve on the Committee, the selection method shall be by drawing names. The results shall be reviewed and approved by the Officers of the Association.

- Each November Committee Chosen
- Each January Audit performed, reviewed and approved by the Officers of the Association.
- Each February The Committee shall present their report to the membership.

Oshkosh Auxiliary Police Meeting Minutes October 8, 2014

Meeting was held in the OPD training room with 21 officers attending and OPD Sgt. Matt Harris.

Mandy Krueger, Crime Analyst with OPD, presented an overview of what she does, how she acquires data and then

how that information is used. Thank you Mandy for your time and interesting presentation.

Radio use was reviewed. Procedures to change to the alternate channel were given by Lt. Schouten.

Discussion on alcohol use and presence of dogs on the Riverwalk and Leach Amphitheater area.

Discussion on E-cigarette concluded with not to do anything about them at this time.

Deputy Chief Scott Footit gave a summary of the call out that involved a crash.

Officers signed up for new details.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Sgt. Mary Knudsen, Secretary



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, <u>Thank You</u> for your dedication and service!

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

Next Ranking Officer Meeting:

December 17, 2014. 5:00 PM – Oshkosh Police Department, Erickson Meeting Room

Next General Meeting: January 14, 2015. 6:00 PM – Oshkosh Police Department Training Room