



**City of Oshkosh
Auxiliary Police**
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JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Oshkosh Auxiliary Police meeting, **Wednesday January 11, 2017, 6:00 PM** at the Oshkosh Police Department.

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

February 3,	Friday	Otter Street Fisheree (Concert & Traffic)	5:30 PM – 10:30 PM	2-4 APO's
February 4,	Saturday	Otter Street Fisheree (Traffic)	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	6 ea. Shift
Feb. 16-17,	Thur-Fri	Special Olympics Polar Plunge (Security)	10:00 PM – 6:00 AM	2 ea. Shift
February 17,	Friday	Special Olympics Polar Plunge (Security)	4:00 PM – 10:00 PM	4-6 APO's
Feb. 17-18,	Fri-Sat	Special Olympics Polar Plunge (Security)	10:00 PM – 6:00 AM	2 ea. Shift
February 18,	Saturday	Special Olympics Polar Plunge (Traffic)	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	6 ea. Shift
February 18,	Saturday	EAA Ski-plane Fly-In (Traffic/Parking)	9:00 AM – Noon	2-4 APO's
Feb. 22-23,	Wed-Thur	Battle on Bago (Security)	10:00 PM – 6:00 AM	2 ea. Shift
Feb. 23-24,	Thur-Fri	Battle on Bago (Security)	10:00 PM – 6:00 AM	2 ea. Shift
February 24,	Friday	Battle on Bago (Traffic & Security – FishFry)	4:00 PM – 10:00 PM	6 ea. Shift
Feb. 24-25,	Fri-Sat	Battle on Bago (Security)	10:00 PM – 6:00 AM	2 ea. Shift
February 25,	Saturday	Battle on Bago (Traffic & Security)	6:00 AM – 6:00 PM	10 ea. Shift
Feb. 25-26,	Sat-Sun	Battle on Bago (Security)	6:00 PM – 6:00 AM	2 ea. Shift

2016 Results:

After calculating our total assignments, once again this year, your dedication and participation in our program continues to provide a significant service to our Community.

- **89** Individual events were worked.
- **149** Separate detail shifts were required to staff the events.
- **2,048.8** Hours were worked based on the times listed on each monthly newsletter.

A sincere **Thank You** to each and every Auxiliary Officer for your profound volunteer commitment to the Oshkosh Police Department, and the citizens of Oshkosh!

Details:

As you can see, there are no details scheduled for January, yet February has become a significant month for events. As everyone has had a nice break with few details scheduled in November and December; we expect a large number of members will volunteer to work our February details. Your help is needed to meet our staffing requests!

Please remember, as outlined in our Rules and Regulations Manual. All personnel must obtain ten (10) detail credits in one year, January 1 through December 31, to remain a member of the Oshkosh Auxiliary Police Organization. New recruits are exempt from these requirements during their probationary period.

Please review the detail list and check your calendars, then come to the meeting prepared to assist us this February. This is an excellent opportunity for some of you to obtain several detail credits early in the New Year.

Thank you in advance!!

OPD Personnel – Promotions and Transfers:

Chief Smith has announced the following personnel changes which will have an effect on our Unit. As a result of these changes, both our Unit Coordinator and Unit Advisory staff will change.

Auxiliary Police - Unit Coordinator:

Captain Kurt Schoeni



Captain Schoeni began his association with our Unit in November 2006. Then a Sergeant, he was selected to be one of our Unit Advisors. Sergeant Schoeni received a promotion to Lieutenant in 2007 and remained in his capacity as an Auxiliary Police Advisor.

Lieutenant Schoeni was promoted to the rank of Captain and was placed in-charge of the Patrol Services Bureau in June of 2008. As part of his duties as Captain of Patrol, he was also given the role of Auxiliary Police Coordinator, and has served in that role ever since.

As of January 2, 2017 Captain Schoeni will become the Commander of the Administrative Services Bureau, in that role he will no longer be the Unit Coordinator for the Oshkosh Auxiliary Police.

Captain Schoeni has been a staunch advocate of our Unit; his leadership, guidance and support has truly been appreciated. Captain Schoeni's personal involvement with us has made us a stronger more unified group. We thank him for his time directly involved with our day-to-day operations, and wish him continued success in his new position!

Captain Kelly Kent



As a result of the change outlined above, Captain Kelly Kent, who currently is the Administrative Services Bureau Commander, will be taking the role of Patrol Services Bureau Commander.

As of January 2, 2017 Captain Kent will become the Commander of the Patrol Services Bureau, in that role he will also be the Unit Coordinator for the Oshkosh Auxiliary Police.

We all welcome Captain Kent's involvement with us. As a Bureau Commander and Senior Leader within the Department, Captain Kent is already familiar with our operation. In the next few months we will have the opportunity to become better acquainted, and we all look forward to working with Captain Kent!

History of Auxiliary Police Unit Coordinators:

Captain Harold Graves (Retired)
Captain Scott Kronenwetter (Retired)
Chief Scott Greuel (Retired)
Captain Cyndi Thaldorf
Captain Kurt Schoeni

OPD Personnel – Promotions and Transfers:

In addition to the Unit Coordinators, some changes will also occur in the structure of our Unit Advisors.

Auxiliary Police - Unit Advisors:



Sergeant Matt Kroening has been an Advisor to the Auxiliary Police Unit since April 2007. On January 13, 2017 Sergeant Kroening will receive a promotion and will become Lieutenant, Patrol Services Bureau, 3rd Shift.

Lieutenant Kroening will remain an Auxiliary Unit Advisor.

We congratulate Lieutenant Kroening on his well-deserved promotion and look forward to continue our association, working with and assisting him as he accepts the new challenges of his position!



Sergeant Matt Harris has been an Advisor to the Auxiliary Police Unit since June 2010. Sergeant Harris was selected to be the Departments Special Operations Officer at that time. He continued in that role and was promoted to Sergeant in 2014.

On January 13, 2017 Sergeant Harris will become Sergeant, Patrol Services Bureau, 2nd Shift.

Sergeant Harris will remain an Auxiliary Unit Advisor and assist with the transition of his Special Operations duties. We look forward to continue our association, working with and assisting him as he accepts the new challenges of his position!



On January 13, 2017 Sergeant Eric Stenson will become Special Operations Sergeant. Sergeant Stenson brings a wealth of knowledge to this position and will be working closely with Sergeant Harris to insure a smooth transition.

In his role as Special Operations Sergeant, Sergeant Stenson will also become the Primary Advisor to the Auxiliary Police Unit. Sergeant Stenson will be our point of contact for all circumstances.

We congratulate Sergeant Stenson on his new role and assure him we will assist him in any way possible to insure he is successful in his new assignment!

History of Auxiliary Police Unit Advisors:

Captain Robert Klifoth (Deceased)

Sergeant Frank Burgert (Retired)

Chief Donald Utech (Retired)

Officer Joseph Weber (Retired)

Officer David Kumbier (Retired)

Sergeant Lawrence Poeschl (Retired)

Lieutenant James Jewell (Retired)

Officer Kevin Thompson (Serving with other Dept.)

Sergeant William Schumacher (Retired)

Sergeant Timothy Bakri (Serving with other Dept.)

Captain Kurt Schoeni

Lieutenant Matthew Kroening

Officer William Fowler

Sergeant Matthew Harris



As a small token of our appreciation as they begin their new assignments, AP Captain Schroeder created and presented Capt. Schoeni (not pictured), Sgt. Kroening and Sgt. Harris with framed leadership/inspirational artwork.

Sgt. Kroening commented – “Working with this group of dedicated volunteers has been one of the best experiences of my police career. Thank you for the kind sentiments OAP”

It’s truly been our pleasure working with and for each of you!

Awards and Recognition:

Since the Unit began in 1959, a foundation principle of the Oshkosh Auxiliary Police has always been one of volunteer service. Without a financial incentive, we recognize that it is crucial to our on-going success to recognize and thank each and every one of you for the service you perform.

We attempt to recognize the voluntary service each of you contributes in many ways. The Unit has always understood the importance of acknowledging the years of service our members contribute. We highlight that achievement by presenting certificates or plaques and service stripes in five year increments. Beginning in 2002, we began selecting and acknowledging an individual within the Unit for their outstanding service to the Unit over the prior year. A plaque is presented to this member at our annual anniversary and awards banquet. Participation in working details and events is the basis of what we do, and as such, in 2014 we began acknowledging those members who worked 30 or more details over the previous year.

Unit leadership is always looking for ways to improve what we do. Over the past several months, a unified awards and recognition program has been developed. The objective in creating this program was to establish a procedure that results in the proper recognition of outstanding public safety and/or community service. We believe that the awarding of medals will increase the Auxiliary Officers pride and acknowledge the exceptional service provided to the Department and/or community.

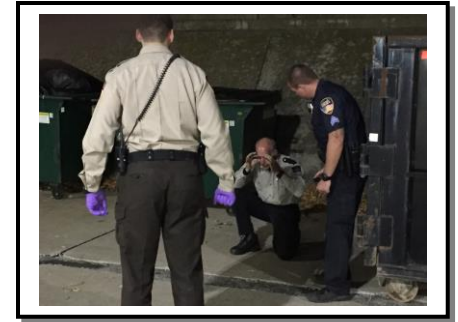
Members of your ranking staff who served on the committee that established this policy will present the program to you at the January meeting. A policy has been developed and you will be issued a copy at the meeting. The awards and methods to obtain them that are outlined in the policy, will become available as of January 1, 2017.

Similarly, the Oshkosh Police Department has recently updated their Awards Policy. Their policy now has several awards that are able to be issued to Auxiliary Officers and civilian employees.

It’s our hope that our new Awards and Recognition Policy, coupled with the changes that were made to the Departments Awards Policy provide a comprehensive method to meet our objective of rewarding you for your outstanding service to the community!

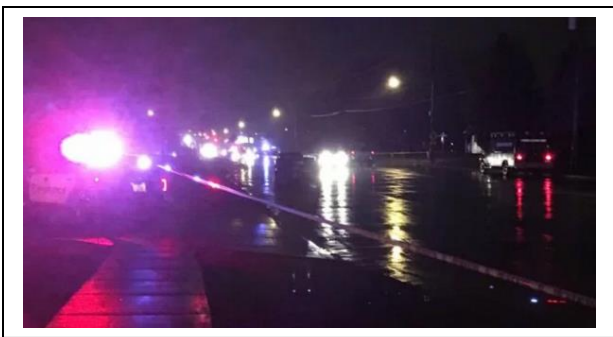
November 2016 – O.C. Training:

At our Wednesday November 9th meeting, OPD Sgt. Ziegler presented an O.C. update for all members. New members were able to be subjected to an exposure, so they would clearly understand the effects of O.C. as well as how they would need to respond if they received an exposure.



Call-In – Witzel Avenue:

Monday November 28th we received a call for assistance to provide traffic and perimeter control at the scene of a crash that resulted in the injury of a 15 year old female pedestrian. Auxiliary Officers responded and assisted at the scene for several hours. Heavy rain made this a challenging detail.



Thank you to those that answered the call!

Deputy Chief Footit
Captain Gutche
Lt. O'Bright

Sgt. Winkler
OAP Kargus
OAP Yoder

2017 City Budget:

Each year, we along with all other Oshkosh city entities must submit an operations budget. Our Auxiliary Police submission is part of the Oshkosh Police Department total budget.

If you are ever interested in reviewing any part of the city budget, the entire document is available on-line at the City's website. Go to - <http://www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us/government/Budget/>

Each yearly entry can be found under the heading - Operating Budgets/Revenue Summaries.

2017 will be a somewhat historic year in terms of a capital purchase for our Unit; we will be replacing our Auxiliary Van #116. We are excited to announce, that the Oshkosh City Council approved a request to secure funds for our Unit to purchase a **2017 Ford F-150 Special Services Vehicle!**

We were able to secure the support for this vehicle through a joint funding effort. Half of the cost of the vehicle will be financed using donations our Unit has received from working a variety of details over the past several years...the other half will come from the City. The budget request was unanimously approved and the truck will be ordered early in 2017.



1972 Ford Econo-Line Cargo Van

Our first Vehicle was donated by the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Oshkosh. The van was originally part of the Pepsi Company fleet. Pepsi reconditioned and painted the van for our use.

This van was by our Unit for over 15 years!



1992 GMC 1/2 Ton Cargo Van

This was the first new vehicle our Unit obtained. It was funded completely through the City.

The van has about 28,000 actual miles and is maintained in exceptional shape...as is all the equipment we have.

This van will have been used by our Unit for 25 years!



Ford F-150 Special Service Vehicle (stock picture)



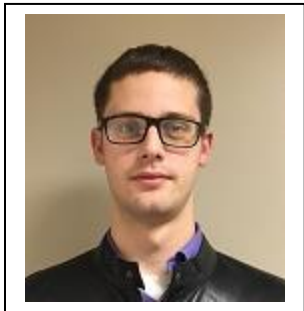
Personnel:

We are happy to announce two new Auxiliary Officers joining our Unit!



Matt Mikkelsen
Squad A
Badge #23

Matt owns a collections company and also manages and maintains rental properties. In his spare time he has begun studying a form of Martial Arts. Matt is a graduate of the Oshkosh Police Citizens Academy. He is married and has two children.



Tom Schmidt
Squad C
Badge #33

Tom is a part-time Criminal Justice student at FVTC. He also works full-time at Allied Universal. Tom is a member of the Army Reserves, Charlie 2127 Company in Fond du Lac. In his spare time, Tom enjoys playing video games.

Jacob Wallner

Jake Wallner has resigned his position as an Auxiliary Officer. Jake was also serving the Department as a CSO. He will soon be accepted as a part time Police Officer with the Markesan Police Department, and continues to actively pursuing full time employment elsewhere.

We'd like to thank Jake for his time serving with our Unit, and wish him nothing but success as he begins his career in law enforcement.

Oshkosh Auxiliary Police Meeting Minutes Nov. 9, 2016

Meeting was held in the OPD training room with 22 officers attending and 4 excused.

Training was OC presented by OPD Sgt. Ziegler. This was done in two parts with classroom and exposure to OC for those who wanted the experience and for those officers who needed it for carry.

Details were reviewed and officers signed up for new details

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted by
Sgt. Mary Knudsen, Secretary

OSHKOSH AUXILIARY POLICE RANKING OFFICER'S MEETING 12-14-16

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

Welcome to OPD Sgt. Stenson. OPD Sgt. Harris is now on 2nd shift patrol command and OPD Sgt. Stenson is now Special Operations Officer. A welcome to Sgt. Stenson as a advisor to our group was given. We are looking forward to working with him in both capacities. He asked for our patience as he learns the ins and outs of his new position.

An updated roster was handed out along with the calendar for 2017.

Training. Since the meeting structure will now allow for more training time, the Training Squad has put together some new and innovative training sessions for 2017. OPD Sgt. Stenson will be involved with helping with the training sessions and procedures.

Vehicles. Per OPD Chief Smith, based on the current issues with incidences occurring with police officers, the Auxiliary Police vehicles need to look different than the OPD vehicles. To accomplish this, based on a presentation from Deputy Chief Footit, we agreed that the color be all black with the Auxiliary patch, Auxiliary name and blue decals/graphics. The other equipment, lights, counsel, etc., will remain the same. Deputy Chief Footit will follow through with what is needed.

This comes at a time when the current Auxiliary squads will be rotated out and replaced with the OPD Taurus. Approximate time of October/November. The white wrap will be removed to present a black vehicle and then decals/graphics per Auxiliary.

The purchase of a truck to replace the van was approved by the City Council with the Auxiliary funding some of the cost. A 2017 police Ford F150 crew cab will be ordered in January. Approximate time of availability for use is March. It will be black with the above mentioned decals/graphics and other equipment needed.

Events. A reminder of the three major events in February involving the Fisherees. These are time consuming events.

Awards. The awards given for various reasons will be determined by the Captains and above. There will be a nomination form that can be used by any officer to nominate someone for an award due to extra work as well as above and beyond service. This will be discussed at the next regular meeting so all officers are aware.

Information given while on duty. A reminder that when working a detail, no information regarding that situation is to be released to or discussed with anyone, other than designated individuals, as that information is not for the Auxiliary to give out to the public. It is sometimes easy to be overheard by others. If anyone asks about the situation, indicate that you have no information and refer them to Sgt. Nichols, the OPD PR officer.

Staffing program. The computer staffing program used during some details is done and ready for use. The ranking staff will be trained for using it.

Donations. The unit has been receiving donations for work done on details and is being tracked by OPD Sgt. Harris at this time. OPD Sgt. Stenson will take over that responsibility.

Meeting adjourned.

A thank you to Chief Suess for providing pizza during the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sgt. Mary Knudsen, Secretary

Next Ranking Officer Meeting:

January 18, 2017. 5:00 PM – Oshkosh Police Department, Erickson Meeting Room

Next General Meeting:

February 8, 2017. 6:00 PM – Oshkosh Police Department Training Room