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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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## Welcome Home Arik—

On a cold Monday morning, many hearts were warmed when Waseca Police Officer Arik Matson was flown to the Owatonna Degner Regional Airport for his return home. Law Enforcement officers from many jurisdictions across the state sent officers to welcome Arik and his family. As Arik's flight landed, taxied and his family debarked the plane, they were greeted by an array of flashing squad car lights and cheers from the multitude of law enforcement officers, EMS workers, family and well-wishers in attendance.



## Toward Zero Deaths—

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, Officer Joel Hunt represented the Owatonna Police Department in the annual Southeastern Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) regional photo shoot in Winona. The OPD is a proud supporter of the TZD program whose mission is to create a culture for which traffic fatalities and serious injuries are no longer acceptable through the integrated application of education, engineering, enforcement, and emergency medical and trauma services.



## Cops in the Community—

On Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, Community Service Officer (CSO) Brian Shaw and his partner, McGruff the Crime Dog, made a special appearance at a home daycare. CSO Shaw talked to the youngsters about Stranger Danger and then gave the kids a squad tour and siren demonstration.



## Knife Wielding Suspect Arrested—



Eloy Tarango

On Saturday evening, our officers were summoned to the *Just One More* bar for the report of a male who had been knocked out. The investigating officers soon learned the knocked-out victim was actually the suspect in this case. Witnesses reported the male approached a male and his wife, harassing them and picking a fight. The suspect prodded the victim to come outside and reached around his side and produced a knife. The victim punched the suspect, knocking him to the ground. The suspect continued swinging the knife at the victim's wife; the victim kicked the suspect in the face, knocking him out. Eloy Tarango, age 41 of Owatonna, was arrested and jailed. Tarango has been charged with two counts of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault with a Dangerous Weapon. A green folding knife was recovered at the scene.

## Our Team

### Administration

- Chief Keith Hiller
- Captain Eric Rethemeier
- Captain Jeff Mundale

### Sergeants

- Jason Petterson
- Andy DeVinny
- Andy Drenth
- Josh Sorensen
- Tracy DuChene
- Jason Matejcek
- Zack Schumaker

### Detectives

- Brady Vaith
- Christian Berg
- Ben Johnson
- Steven Bowman
- Valerie Satre
- Travis Ardolf

### Patrol Officers

- Joel Hunt
- Matt Oeltjenbruns
- Andrew Van Osdale
- Melissa Michael
- Alan Callahan
- Derrick Quinlan
- Alexandra Vogel
- Casey Martin
- Luke Selvik
- Travis Johnson
- Nathan Heeren
- Matthew Borash
- Benjamin Metcalf
- Joshua Lee
- Todd Schwanke
- Anna Martin
- Zachary Plein
- John Van Alstine
- Jeremy Katz
- Brandon Fandel

### Community Service Officers

- Brian Shaw
- Michael Brein
- Gabrielle Flemming

### Canine

- Vegas

### Support Staff

- Kimberly Dub
- Pam Roberts
- Wendy Gasner

### Chaplains

- Brent Carlson
- Nancy Deetz
- Loren Olson

### Reserve Officers

- Michael Leyva
- Bill Traetow
- Julia Hansen
- Steve Wrede
- Gabrielle Flemming
- Asbeida Aguilar
- Asberry Thoreson
- Maddie Ziegler

### Records Staff

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