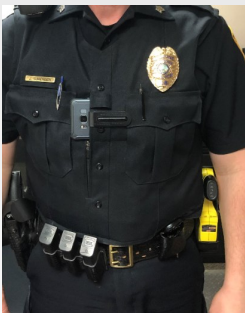




THE OWATONNA POLICE  
DEPARTMENT  
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The Owatonna Police Department is dedicated to providing a safe and secure community through partnerships, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Policing excellence through our People, our Work, and our Relationships



The officer pictured above is displaying how his cellphone BWC is positioned on his uniform

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# Just the Facts

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## Scam Alert—

We like to keep our readers informed of scams as they are reported to us and a new one came across this writer's desk this past week involving YouTube. In this case, a victim was following a favorite YouTube and was contacted by a male who purported to be the manager of the YouTube channel the victim was following and that she was the winner of a \$5,000 prize. To receive the prize, the scammer conveyed that the victim's identification needed to be verified and a payment of \$80 was needed to verify her identification. The victim sent the \$80 through a cash payment app, and surprise, never received her alleged \$5,000 prize. Although this victim is only out 80 bucks the message is clear; if something seems too good to be true, it probably is. We recommend before sending unsolicited payments, contact your local police department to discuss whether you're being scammed.



## Body Cameras and In-car Video—

The Owatonna Police Department is about a year into our body worn camera (BWC) project and we've been very happy with the performance of the system we purchased. Our BWCs work on a simple cell-phone platform, enabling a city-issued cellphone to operate as a body camera, digital camera and voice recorder via software installed on the phones. Our BWC software vendor, Visual Labs, has been working to incorporate the same software into a usable in-car camera system, similar to our current, but aging in-car video system. We've been testing the Visual Labs in-car system and have been so pleased that we'll soon be installing their in-car system in our entire marked fleet. Both systems, the BWC and in-car video, operating off the same software platform, will be linked enabling the officers to associate recorded case data from a singular event to a singular evidence management repository and not a separate one as they currently do. We hope these new systems will be installed in our patrol vehicles in the upcoming couple months.

## We Remember—

The staff at the Owatonna Police Department are like family. The past seems to fade away in the rear view mirror faster and faster each year. It is important to remember the past for so many reasons. On January 28, 2019, retired police officer and current Community Service Officer David M. Schroeder lost his battle with Glioblastoma, an aggressive form of brain cancer. David was a talented and kind man. His stories made us laugh and smile. He was a husband, father, and grandfather. He was a musician, outdoorsman, and teacher. We think about him often! Take time to share your love and appreciation of others this year. Watch over us David!



## Our Team

### Administration

- Chief of Police 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 Deltjenbruns
- Andrew Van Osdale
- Melissa Michael
- Alan Callahan
- Derrick Quinlan
- Alexandra Vogel
- Casey Martin
- Luke Selvik
- Travis Johnson
- Benjamin Metcalf
- Joshua Lee
- Todd Schwanke
- Anna Martin
- Zachary Plein
- John Van Alstine
- Jeremy Katz
- Brandon Fandel
- Michael Brein

### Community Service Officers

- Brian Shaw
- Gabrielle Flemming
- Julia Hansen

### 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
- Osbeida Aguilar
- Asberry Thoreson
- Maddie Ziegler

### Records Staff

- Kate Schroeder
- Renee Babcock
- Rebecca Melchert
- ShaLee Ebertowski