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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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Motor Vehicle Vs. House—

On April 6th, our officers were called to a personal injury accident at 1338 Linn Avenue—it was reported a single car had struck a house and contained a female passenger. Arriving officers found the vehicle appeared to have struck the front steps of the home and the vehicle sustained heavy front-end damage. In



speaking with the driver, she was exhibiting signs of intoxication and admitted to drinking, “not a lot, but like a whole lot”. Officers applied for a search warrant for the driver’s blood to determine her blood alcohol content. The warrant was granted and the blood sample has been sent to the MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for analysis. The 37-year old female was booked and released pending blood test results and formal charges.



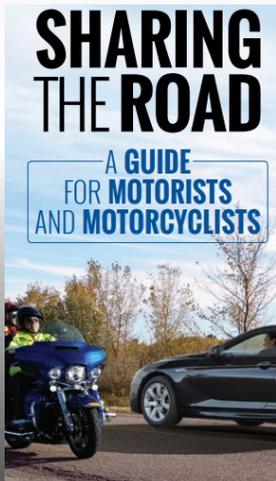
Did you know this is National Public Safety telecommunicators week? The dispatchers at the Rice and

The Hand isn’t Quicker than the Eye—

Early Thursday morning, a patrol officer attempted to stop a vehicle for a driver’s license violation and the registered owner having a warrant for his arrest. As the officer initiated the stop, he observed the driver make a hand gesture toward the passenger side of the vehicle and a small white bag tossed out the window. The vehicle stopped and the driver was found to have a cancelled-inimical to public safety driving status—the driver was placed under arrest. The officer returned to the location and found the item tossed out the window—a bag that contained 33.6 grams of presumptive methamphetamine. During a search of the vehicle, drug paraphernalia was found in the vehicle. Douglas Deitert, age 54 of Montgomery was arrested and has been charged with 2nd Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance—a felony and Driving after Cancellation-Inimical to Public Safety—a gross misdemeanor.

Steele 911 center are our officers and our community’s lifeline—often gathering and providing first responders with critical information as they respond to real-life emergencies. They are our public safety partners and the ones behind the scenes that rarely receive credit for their part in public safety service. Help us this week in recognizing their service to the community!

Sharing the Road—



Riders and motorists should exercise extreme caution this weekend along the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers as thousands of motorcyclists take to the road for the Spring Flood Run Saturday, April 17th. The Spring Flood Run kicks off motorcycle season and typically attracts thousands of riders and takes them on a route between the Twin Cities and Winona. Law enforcement agencies in southeast Minnesota, along with Minnesota State Troopers, will be out patrolling the area during the event to ensure a safe riding environment. There is no doubt as the weather warms we’ll see more and more motorcyclists on the roads in our area—for more information on *Sharing the Road*, click on the graphic to the left.

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