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SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS CAMPAIGN

The Owatonna Police Department is encouraging Owatonna residents to know their neighborhood and to be diligent in reporting suspicious activity, including any areas of concern to the police department. With the change in seasons, particularly winter, our residents tend to close themselves off from their neighborhoods. As a result, the Owatonna Police Department has compiled a manual which outlines neighborhood safety and the need to partner with your police department to have a positive impact on the safety and overall quality of life in the Owatonna community.

Strategically, the Owatonna Police Department focuses on achieving and sustaining excellent customer service by demanding responsibility and accountability from personnel for successful problem solving outcomes. As a result, we have identified five broad goals that are prioritized as follows: Leadership – expand programs and opportunities that develop skills and build leaders; Accountability – promote, build and consistently demonstrate a culture of accountability at the individual, organization and community levels; Diversity – achieve diversity in all ranks that reflects the community we serve; Efficiency – operate efficiently and effectively with every resource entrusted to our stewardship; Crime Reduction – improve community participation in our efforts to reduce crime and traffic hazards.

Our publication, "Your Guide to Neighborhood Safety" can be found on the police department website. You can access this document in the following way: ci.owatonna.mn.us/police/publications. Further, this document can be made available at your request from the Records Unit located at the Law Enforcement Center, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, Minnesota.