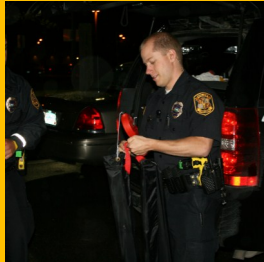


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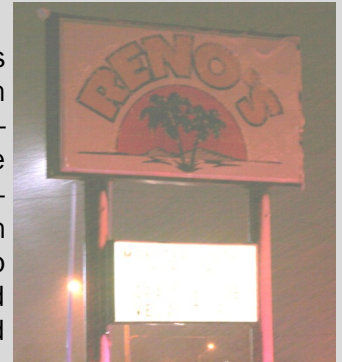
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Welcome to the first edition of “Just the Facts”! This weekly publication will replace the administrative bulletin. It is intended to be brief and informative, while interesting. Enjoy!

Stabbing at Reno's

On Friday, November 12, 2010, the OPD responded to Reno's to investigate a stabbing. The rapid response and investigation led to the arrest of an injured suspect at the scene. As resources were thinning, officers did a great job managing the crime scene. A second stabbing victim appeared at the Owatonna Hospital with serious injuries. Jose Agustin Cardona Merlin was arrested and charged with three felonies, including two counts of second-degree assault with a dangerous weapon and one charge of terroristic threats. He met bail conditions and was released on November 21.



Junk Vehicle Sweep

A city-wide junk vehicle sweep was completed! Community Service Officer LeClaire made 35 citizen contacts that were found to be in violation of the junk vehicle ordinance. The mission is to educate citizens and to seek voluntary compliance. Compliance was achieved from 32 out of the 35 notices served! They were resolved by one of the following: The vehicle(s) was moved off of the property, the vehicle displayed current registration, or the vehicle was operational. The District Team Leaders will be working in collaboration with CSO LeClaire and the property owners to bring a resolution to the pending cases. I commend OPD staff for their initiative and compassion while working with the citizens during tough economic and emotional times, especially those who suffered losses during the flood.

Ivory Wave

Ivory Wave is a new legal high drug which reportedly has effects similar to ecstasy or cocaine. It is advertised as a bath salt and is available on the internet. While it is legal to possess and distribute, abuse of this product has led to overdose and death. Ivory Wave is a white, tan or brown powdery substance sold in 50 mg to 500 mg packets. More information about Ivory Wave can be found by doing a google search online.

Winter Parking

Ah shucks, winter is here! In preparation, the OPD placed “informational” flyers on all vehicles parked on the street two weeks before the ordinance went into effect. In addition, officers placed “warning” flyers on vehicles that were in violation of the ordinance the first week of the season. Starting November 22, 2010, officers will be issuing citations to violators. This approach was intended to be educational and bring awareness to the winter parking ordinance. To view the ordinance, visit www.ci.owatonna.mn.us.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Busiest Day of Week: Wednesday Nov 17th — 153 events
- ◆ Busiest Hour of Day: 4:00 PM — 53 events
- ◆ Total # of Events: 761
- ◆ Average Events/Day: 108.71
- ◆ Average Events/Hour: 4.53
- ◆ Average Traffic Stops: 0.79/hour



Happy Thanksgiving