



THE OXFORD POLICE NEWSLETTER



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In this issue of the Newsletter I would like to provide an update of a few things going on at the Police Department. As one can see the new Police Station is coming along fine. The concrete footings and floors have been poured and the underground plumbing is in place. Shortly, the walls will be constructed in hopes of the building being weather tight before winter. It is a busy time and it will be getting busier.

There have been some discussions on what night to have Trick or Treating. Based on some of the emails I have seen in the Selectmen's office and the blogs, one would think the Selectmen had abolished it. The Selectmen's first thought should be safety. The amount of traffic on Fridays between 4pm and 7pm is extremely heavy, maybe the busiest traffic of the week! Without question, Saturday traffic between 4pm and 7pm is much lighter. With many parents utilizing day care during the week it makes it difficult to get the kids home, fed, dressed in their costume, and outside to trick or treat before 5pm. From a Cop's perspective, any time you mix pedestrians with motor vehicles it makes for a dangerous situation. So any time you can take one of these factors out of the equation it makes for a safer situation. Does it make it completely safe? Obviously it does not, but it makes the climate better. As we know the squeaky wheel always gets the grease. So the ones complaining are always going to make good print. I would not be very surprised if there are not as many or more parents who are ecstatic because they don't have to rush home, get the kids out of day care, feed and dress their kids in costumes, and rush out the door to go trick or treating. Those parents you will never hear about though.

We hope to be online with our website soon. We had put our website under construction last year and we have been working to bring on line a new and more interactive website. We recently met with a computer company who will be assisting us and we are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel with this project. I would like to thank Sergeant Anthony Saad and Officer Paul McCarthy for all their efforts. Officer Paul McCarthy in addition to all his other police duties is also responsible for putting together this newsletter.

We have been training several Officers in different specialized areas of Law Enforcement. Some of these Officers will be part of the CEMLEC team. CEMLEC stands for Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council. These are Police Departments in central Massachusetts that are bonded by a Memorandum of Understanding which states that each Department will provide Officers to other Departments through a Mutual Aid agreement. We currently have Officer Jason Burdett assigned to CEMLEC for Special Weapons and Tactics. We will also have 2 other Officers assigned as soon as their training has been completed. Officer Randy McCarthy will be assigned to the Accident Recon Team and Officer Kevin LeBreton will be assigned to the Cyber Crimes Unit. In these times of limited budgets it is necessary to have various resources from which you can draw. These units assist in providing entrance teams for High Risk warrant executions and drug raids, as well as sharing their expertise in accident reconstruction and computer crimes. This expertise is so valuable to small Police Departments. We have utilized CEMLEC in the past but we never had Officers trained in areas that qualified them to be active CEMLEC members. We also have Detective William Marcelonis assigned to help with the South County Task Force. The Task Force consists of the towns of Charlton, Dudley, Oxford, Southbridge, and Webster. The mutual aid provided to and by these towns allows us to draw upon much experience and manpower when needed. These organizations are funded in large part by Grants, which lowers the cost considerably to the participating towns.

LAW OF THE MONTH

Failing to Stop for School Bus with Flashing Red Lights

(MASS General Law Chapter 90, section 14)

ALL VEHICLES MUST STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS WITH FLASHING RED LIGHTS and not proceed until flashing lights are deactivated.

Motor Vehicle Law, 2007, Scheft

A violation of this law may result in a \$250 Civil Citation. This law is significant in that it is designed to protect children as they get on and off school buses. *All Emergency Vehicles* are covered by this law so no emergency vehicle driver may proceed past a school bus displaying flashing red lights that has stopped to let children on or off. The operator of a "trackless trolley" must also bring his vehicle to a complete stop. The only *exception* to this law is that a Police Officer directing traffic may signal an operator to proceed—otherwise, the driver must stay stopped.

This law was enacted for the safety of children and as such the fines are steep and the penalties strict for any violation of this law. As mentioned the initial Civil assessment is \$250. A second offense within two (2) years results in a \$1000 fine and a six (6) month license suspension. The consequence for a third offense within four (4) years is a \$2000 fine and a one (1) year license suspension.

Please stop for all school buses flashing red lights and if in doubt ... Stop anyway just to be sure!

RAD KIDS

Since its inception in 1998, radKIDS, Inc. has been committed to providing education that enhances the ability of children and parents to utilize knowledge, skills, and power to protect themselves from violence and harm. radKIDS strengthens family, encourages physical fitness, and teaches core safety values to live by through its program. Fun, activity-based programs include lecture, safety-drills, muscle memory exercises and dynamic simulation. Through radKIDS training, children become empowered and learn to replace the fear, confusion, and panic or dangerous situations with confidence, personal safety skills, and self-esteem.



The radKIDS Personal Empowerment Safety Education Program is a 10-hour family centered safety education program that emphasizes essential decision-making skills as well as physical resistance options to escape violence. Children from 5-12 years of age participate in the program with their adult partners to create a true safety partnership.

Oxford Police Officer Robert Picard will be teaching a radKIDS class at the Oxford Community Center starting on Tuesday, October 14, 2008. This class will be for 10-12 year old children. Class times are 5 pm to 7 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays for a total of five (5) classes. This class is sponsored through Community Policing Grants and is free to participants. Enrollment will be limited to ten (10) children. A class for 7-10 year olds will be announced at a later date.

Officer Picard can be reached for questions by calling the Oxford Police at 508-987-0156 or email at rpicard@town.oxford.ma.us. Sign up is at the Oxford Community Center located at 4 Maple Road (508-987-6002).

OXFORD POLICE ARRESTS

07/02/08 Christopher J. Cole Arrested Default and Straight Warrants.

07/03/08 Clayton J. Sinclair, Jr. Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery, Domestic Assault Dangerous Weapon.

07/04/08 Brock L. Scott Arrested B&E Night Time for a Felony, Larceny Over \$250, Larceny Under \$250.

07/04/08 James M. Wahlstrom Arrested Public Drinking, Threat to Commit Crime, Protective Custody.

07/05/08 John H. Smith Placed in Protective Custody.

07/06/08 Kevin S. Meersman Placed in Protective Custody.

07/06/08 Nolan R. Laflamme Arrested Assault & Battery Dangerous Weapon.

07/09/08 Craig M. Higgins Placed in Protective Custody.

07/10/08 Charlene M. Brennan Placed in Protective Custody.

07/10/08 Jeffrey E. Lamoureux Arrested Default Warrant.

07/11/08 Efrain Lopez, Jr. Arrested Suspended License, Marked Lanes Violation, Leaving Scene Property Damage.

07/11/08 Kurtis E. Lachance Arrested Straight Warrant.

07/11/08 Matthew L. Masters Arrested Default and Straight Warrants.

07/12/08 Renee R. Noel Placed in Protective Custody.

07/13/08 Jeffrey A. Sprague Placed in Protective Custody.

07/16/08 Eric S. Kampe Arrested Possession of Class B & D Drugs, various MV Violations.

07/19/08 Michelle Nestor Placed in Protective Custody.

07/22/08 Kyle Minton Arrested Straight Warrant.

07/23/08 David P. Putis Arrested Straight Warrant.

07/23/08 Eric M. Blomquist Arrested Straight Warrant, Improper Use of credit Card under \$250 (3 Counts).

07/25/08 Jose Lazada Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery.

07/26/08 Arthur T. Christian Arrested Violation of a Restraining Order.

07/26/08 Cindy Dronzek Placed in Protective Custody.

07/28/08 David M. Sears Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery, Witness Intimidation.

07/28/08 Thomas A. Oneil Arrested Default Warrant.

07/30/08 David Laliberte Arrested Default Warrant.

07/31/08 Alexander Cintron Arrested Possession of Class D Drug.

08/01/08 Kurtis E. Lachance Arrested Assault & Battery, Assault & Battery Dangerous Weapon.

08/02/08 Rene A. Armenia Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery, Assault & Battery Dangerous Weapon.

08/02/08 Timothy J. Hamlin Arrested Domestic Assault.

08/03/08 Lisa A. Leake Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery.

08/03/08 Kerry B. Blackwood Arrested Possession of Class A Drugs.

08/08/08 Edward W. Fox Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery, Protective Custody.

08/08/08 Female Juvenile Arrested B&E Daytime Felony, Larceny Over \$250, Break Into Depository, Conspiracy.

08/09/08 Michael J. Curll Placed in Protective Custody.

08/09/08 Jonathan M. Waterman Arrested Operating with License Suspended for OUI.

08/15/08 Keith J. Bergeron Arrested Assault Dangerous Weapon, Attempt to Commit a Crime.

08/15/08 Andrew C. Frosch Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery, Assault Dangerous Weapon, Threat to Commit Crime.

08/16/08 Edward H. Gloff Placed in Protective Custody.

08/16/08 Mindy Kalil-Johnson Arrested OUI Liquor, Negligent Operation of MV.

08/16/08 Jeffrey E. Lamoureux Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery, Domestic Assault Dangerous Weapon, Protective Custody.

08/17/08 Michael R. Going Arrested Disorderly Conduct, Destruction of Property over \$250.

*From January 1, 2008 through
August 31, 2008,*

*OPD has made 332 Arrests &
Investigated 197 MV Accidents!*

FYI

-Requests for any reports (Accidents, Arrests, and Incidents) can be obtained by contacting Oxford Police Records Clerk Debra Light. Mrs. Light can be reached at 508-987-0156 or by email: dlight@town.oxford.ma.us.

-LTC (License to Carry) and FID (Firearms Identification Card) applications are available at the Dispatch window. Any questions can be directed to either Sergeant Anthony Saad or Debra Light at 508-987-0156 or by email: asaad@town.oxford.ma.us.

-The Oxford Police Webpage is currently under construction and we eagerly await its return to being on line. In the meantime OPD can be accessed on line through the Town of Oxford Webpage: www.town.oxford.ma.us.

-*Oxford Safe Return*. This is a new program to assist our Elderly Citizens who may be at risk. For more information call 508-987-0156 or email: Officer Carol Knapp at cknapp@town.oxford.ma.us or Officer Robert Picard at rpicard@town.oxford.ma.us.

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08/17/08 Corey J. Bertini Arrested Disorderly Conduct, Destruction of Property over \$250.

08/20/08 Juvenile Male Arrested Straight Warrant.

08/21/08 Janet Cullinan Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery.

08/21/08 David H. Smith Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery Dangerous Weapon, Default Warrant, Straight Warrant.

08/22/08 Mariusz Brzostowski Arrested Disorderly Conduct.

08/24/08 John A. Fedorisky Arrested Straight Warrant.

08/26/08 Joseph K. Marnell Arrested Straight Warrant.

08/29/08 Jason M. Allen Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery.

08/30/08 John M. Hamilton Arrested Operating with a Revoked License.

08/30/08 Joneta R. Bailey Arrested Default Warrant.

08/31/08 Carrie Ann Leduc Placed in Protective Custody.

08/31/08 Jody P. O'Connell Placed in Protective Custody.

08/31/08 Kevin P. Pittman Placed in Protective Custody.

CRIME BUSTERS

The Oxford Police Department wishes to encourage anyone with any knowledge of a crime, be it past, present, or future, to contact the Oxford Police or any of its Officers. All calls will be returned and ano-



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