



# THE OXFORD POLICE NEWSLETTER



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Spring has finally arrived. We have been fortunate that we have not had many of the problems with water that many towns have experienced in the north east. We are getting down to the final days of the fiscal year, we have about 12 weeks to the end and as far as the Police Budget we are very close to where we should be. I should probably not say this for fear of jinxing myself, but we have been lucky this year, there have not been many unexpected expenses which always helps your budget especially when you are dealing with so little margin.

We have finally had all the video cameras installed in the cruisers. With money received from a DOJ grant we were able to purchase and install 5 cameras in line cars. A 6th camera was purchased from the towns insurance carrier, Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association, MIIA. After explaining to them that we were short money in which to outfit all of the line cars they gave us a grant for enough to purchase and install another camera.

You probably have seen video from cruiser cams in the past. In my opinion it is an invaluable tool in law enforcement. We can capture video from on street arrests, motor vehicle stops, and many other incidents that take place in the field. As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words. We have had video for awhile now in the police station building, but not in the field where 90% of the incidents we are involved in take place.

The cameras display the video in the rear view mirror. The officer will wear a microphone so all the audio can be picked up during any incident. The officer is obliged to inform the persons of the recording. The person can object to being recorded. The objection will be noted by the officer. The video portion of the recording will then continue but the audio will be shut off.

All of the video captured will be stored per policy upon a computer server. Though not currently up and running at this writing, the video captured will be wirelessly downloaded as soon as the cruiser parks at the police station. Wireless nodes have been installed during the construction phase in anticipation of wireless downloading. Another wireless node will be installed in each cruiser, so when the cruiser is in the vicinity of the police station back lot it will automatically begin the download process. Once it is complete the memory card will be erased so there will be no need (hopefully) to manually download video. The necessary equipment to wirelessly download should be installed within 30 days.

We will keep all video captured according to the Secretary of State Policy on document retention. All video to be used for prosecution purposes as evidence will be maintained by the court officer like all other evidence. The reporting officer will make a copy of the arrest or incident on a CD and that CD will be kept in the file in the evidence room.

The camera system is designed to turn on by the activation of the emergency lights. Once the emergency lights are activated the cameras turn on until manually turned off. It is also designed to be recording every 15 to 20 seconds prior to activation, so the system always records 15 to 20 seconds prior to the emergency lights being activated. It is our hope that this system will save the town money in regards to less court time, less frivolous complaints that need to be investigated, and less frivolous law suits that need to be defended. It will also serve to be a very good collector of evidence that will make our criminal cases much stronger especially as they appear to a jury. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Michael Boss

## LAW OF THE MONTH

### HOME INVASION

Mass General law Chapter 265, Section 18C

**Enter.** The suspect knowingly entered the dwelling place of another;

**Aware of occupants.** While:

- Knowing or having reason to know that one or more persons were present in the dwelling; or
- Entering without that knowledge, but then remaining inside after learning or having reason to know that one or more persons were present in the dwelling;

**Armed.** While armed with a dangerous weapon; and

**Threatened occupants.** The suspect:

- Used force or threatened the imminent use of force upon any person in the dwelling, regardless of whether injury occurred; or
- Intentionally caused any injury to any person in the dwelling.

This Felony is punishable with State Prison not less than 20 years, not more than Life.

*Scheft, Criminal Law Police Manual, 2009*

## DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATIONS & SALES

Through Town by-law, Oxford has established registration requirements and specific operation requirements for persons intending to engage in door-to-door canvassing or solicitation. The purpose of this by-law is to protect Oxford residents from disruption of peaceful enjoyment of their residences and from the perpetration of fraud or other crimes; and to allow reasonable access to residents in their homes by persons or organizations who wish to communicate either commercial or non-commercial messages.

Every person or organization intending to engage in soliciting or canvassing door-to-door in the Town of Oxford must apply for a permit with the Chief of Police at least three (3) business days in advance by filing a registration application form with the Chief of Police. Registration Applications and additional information is available at the Oxford Police Station.

Persons engaged in solicitation or canvassing as defined by this by-law must wear a registration card issued by the Chief of Police. This registration card must be worn at all times and presented to any person solicited or upon the request of any Police Officer. The registration card will have the person's name, photo, organization, a statement that the person has registered with the Oxford Police Department, and specific dates or period of time covered by the registration.

If in doubt as to who is knocking on your door, don't answer the door and call the Police Department for additional assistance.

**OXFORD POLICE ARRESTS**

- 01/01/10 Jason Belec Arrested OUI-Liquor, Operating with Suspended License.
- 01/01/10 Maxwell Zussman Arrested Straight Warrant.
- 01/01/10 Corey Caraballo Arrested Straight Warrant.
- 01/03/10 Juvenile Male Arrested CHINS Runaway.
- 01/03/10 Raymond Teague Placed in Protective Custody.
- 01/04/10 James Grasse Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery—2 counts.
- 01/04/10 Juvenile Female Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery.
- 01/07/10 Christopher Greenslit Placed in Protective Custody.
- 01/09/10 Peter Shays Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery—2 counts, Default Warrant.
- 01/11/10 Juvenile Male Arrested Straight Warrant.
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- 01/12/10 Juvenile Male Arrested Assault with Intent to Murder, Assault & Battery—4 counts.
- 01/14/10 Christopher Field Arrested Possession of Class D Drug with Intent to Distribute,  
Drug Violation within School Boundaries.
- 01/14/10 Michael McCarthy Arrested Witness Intimidation—2 counts, Violation of Abuse  
Prevention Order, Threat to Commit a Crime.
- 01/16/10 Ryan Gibree Arrested Shoplifting by Concealing Merchandise.
- 01/16/10 Joseph Bissonette Arrested Assault & Battery on Police Officer, Protective  
Custody.
- 01/16/10 Michael Bissonette Arrested Assault & Battery on Police Officer –2 counts, Resisting Arrest, Protective Custody.
- 01/17/10 Samuel Torres Arrested Shoplifting, Assault & Battery.
- 01/19/10 Jonathan McGrath Arrested Larceny Over \$250, Malicious Destruction of Property.
- 01/20/10 Michael Salvidio Arrested Straight Warrant.
- 01/30/10 Dennis Socia Arrested Marked Lanes Violation, Negligent Operation of MV, OUI-Liquor/.08% - 2nd Offense, Protective Custody.
- 01/31/10 Adam Carlson Arrested Violation of Restraining Order.
- 02/02/10 Thomas Eldred Arrested Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest.
- 02/04/10 Paul Anderson Placed in Protective Custody.
- 02/07/10 Joseph Bennett Arrested Speeding, OUI\_Liquor—2nd Offense.
- 02/13/10 Juvenile Male Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery, Threat to Commit a Crime, Malicious Destruction of Property.
- 02/15/10 Nick Gay Arrested Fail to Stop for Police, Disorderly Conduct, Negligent Operation of MV, Unregistered MV, Uninsured MV.
- 02/15/10 Michael Freedman Arrested Assault & Battery with Dangerous Weapon, Assault with Dangerous Weapon.
- 02/16/10 Amy Harrison Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery, Domestic Assault & Battery with Dangerous Weapon.
- 02/16/10 John Buduo Arrested Domestic Assault.
- 02/17/10 Juvenile Male Arrested Assault & Battery.
- 02/18/10 Ryan Hassett Arrested Default Warrant.
- 02/21/10 Theresa Venuti Arrested Default Warrant, Straight Warrant.
- 02/22/10 Joyce Murphy Arrested Negligent Operation of MV, OUI-Liquor / .08%.
- 02/24/10 John Farland Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery, Malicious Destruction of Property.
- 02/24/10 Danny Roy Arrested Assault & Battery.

*From January 1, 2010 through  
February 28, 2009,  
OPD made 82 Arrests &  
Investigated 48 MV Accidents!*

## WINTER PARKING BAN

*The Town of Oxford's Winter Parking Ban is still in effect through April 1, 2010. ON-street parking is prohibited between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.*

*The parking Ban will also take effect when there is an accumulation of three (3) or more inches of snow, day or night. Fifteen (15) minute parking is allowed for postal and package delivery.*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:asaad@town.oxford.ma.us).

-OPD can be accessed on line at [www.oxfordpolice.info](http://www.oxfordpolice.info) or through the Town of Oxford Webpage: [www.town.oxford.ma.us](http://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](mailto:cknapp@town.oxford.ma.us) or Officer Robert Picard at [rpicard@town.oxford.ma.us](mailto:rpicard@town.oxford.ma.us).

## 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 anonymity will be maintained whenever possible. Call 508-987-0156 or email Officer William Marcelonis at:

[wmarcelonis@town.oxford.ma.us](mailto:wmarcelonis@town.oxford.ma.us).



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