



# THE OXFORD POLICE NEWSLETTER



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Summer is on our doorstep and school will soon be on vacation. Commuting will be somewhat easier but remember the kids will be out and about so drive carefully. We have had a few pedestrian and bicyclist accidents versus car recently. The investigations that followed indicated in each incident the pedestrian or bicyclist were at fault. The operators of the vehicles in each case were following the rules of the road and not exceeding the speed limit. Because of the lack of speed in each instance the injuries sustained, although serious were not life threatening. So please drive carefully over our roadways.

I very recently had some complaints about traffic speeding on or near Holly Street. Some of the residents have expressed to me that since Sunset Drive has been closed to through traffic, the cars on Holly Street have been speeding and not obeying stop signs. We have had a couple of accidents there and will be stepping up enforcement in that area. It's mainly people that live in that neighborhood, so please slow down these are your own children you are putting at risk.

Many people will be going away on vacation this summer. A reminder, if you are a home owner going away on an extended vacation please let us know. You can print a copy of our House Check form on line and either send it to us or drop it off at your convenience.

We have had a few instances of attempted fraud in recent weeks. The most prevalent fraud in the area are the drive way scams. These are generally conducted by gypsy families and have been a summer time theme for a long time. They knock on your door, usually the homes of elderly people and tell them that they just completed a job and have some asphalt left over, just enough to do their driveway. Usually a very shoddy overpriced job is done and they flee the area. Be careful when hiring people to do work for you. If you need work on your home use due diligence and check on the company. Get a list of references in the area and call or see their work personally. If they say you can only get this good price today, let them walk away. There are so many unscrupulous people looking to take advantage of you.

We have begun using some of our patrol time to have an Officer walk the center beat. When manpower is at full shift strength we will have an Officer walk the beat during the summer. This will happen only when the number of Officers on patrol is sufficient. During the warm weather the center can be a crowded place and the number of calls increase. Hopefully we utilize this beat enough to make a small impact in the center area. I have asked for a parking space directly in front of the Town Hall so the Officer can park his cruiser. I think that accomplishes two things. If the Officer is needed in another part of town for an emergency, he can get to his cruiser quicker. Also, if the cruiser is parked in the center for the foot beat everyone can see that there is an Officer in the area. If anyone is thinking of doing anything nefarious I think knowing that will give them pause. I know the bloggers will be upset because we are taking a parking space in front, but it's really not because we are lazy or think we need special treatment, it's because it will serve the greater good for the businesses and towns people doing business in the center.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to call or send me an email, [mboss@town.oxford.ma.us](mailto:mboss@town.oxford.ma.us).

Thank You,

Michael Boss, Chief of Police

## LAW OF THE MONTH

### Approaching Stationary Emergency, Maintenance or Recovery

#### Vehicle with Flashing Lights

Mass General Law Chapter 89, section 7C

**-When approaching a stationary emergency response, highway maintenance or recovery vehicle with flashing lights, a motorist must:**

**-Always proceed with due caution** (reduce speed properly given the road conditions); and

**-Switch into a non-adjacent lane if practical** on a highway having at least 4 lanes, with 2 lanes proceeding in the same direction as the operator's vehicle.

**Definitions:** "Emergency response" is a police, fire, ambulance, or disaster vehicle. "Highway maintenance" is any government or privately-contracted vehicle used to maintain roads or highways. "Recovery" is any vehicle designed to tow or assist a disabled vehicle.

***Violators of this law are subject to a Civil Motor Vehicle Infraction (ticket) of \$100.***

Scheft, Motor Vehicle Massachusetts Police Manual 2010

## NEW HARASSMENT PREVENTION ORDERS

As of May 10, 2010, a new procedure was created for anyone to obtain a protective order for harassment. The process is almost identical to that employed in domestic violence cases under Mass General Law Chapter 209A, but unlike 209A orders, Harassment Prevention Orders (HPO) are available to anyone, not just "family or household members." This makes the HPO a potentially useful tool in cases of chronic bullying within the school environment.

**Harassment is:**

**-3 acts of intimidation, abuse or property damage.** 3 or more acts of willful and malicious conduct aimed at a specific person with the intent to cause fear, intimidation, abuse or damage to property, and which does result in fear, intimidation, abuse or property damage; or

**-Involuntary sexual relations.** A forceful or threatening act that causes another to involuntarily engage in sexual relations; or

**-Specific Crimes.** A violation of the crime of indecent A&B on a child under 14 or on a person 14 and over; or A&B or indecent A&B on a person with mental retardation; or rape, rape of a child, statutory rape; or assault with intent to rape; or enticement; or stalking or criminal harassment; or drugging to engage in intercourse.

**Potential components of HPO include:** Refrain from abusing or harassing the plaintiff (person seeking the order); No contact; Remain away from plaintiff's household or workplace; Pay compensation for any losses suffered as a direct result of the harassment.

**Violators of a Harassment Prevention Order are subject to arrest or criminal complaint.** Refer to Mass General Law Chapter 258E, sections 1-12.

**OXFORD POLICE ARRESTS**

03/02/10 Guang Feng Huang Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery.

03/03/10 Juvenile Male Arrested Domestic Assault.

03/04/10 James Ingersoll Arrested Indecent Exposure, Threat To Commit A Crime, Domestic Assault Dangerous Weapon, Sexually Assaulting of Person.

03/07/10 Robert D. Courtney, III Arrested Breaking & Entering Nighttime Felony, Malicious Destruction Property.

03/10/10 James Lavin Arrested Assault & Battery Dangerous Weapon, Domestic Assault & Battery, 2 counts.

03/11/10 Van Chauvin Arrested Operating MV with License Suspended for OUI.

03/11/10 Paula Rediker Arrested Straight Warrants.

03/12/10 Juvenile Male Arrested Trespassing.

03/15/10 Nicholas Spielman Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery, Vandalize Property.

03/16/10 David Marcoux Placed in Protective Custody.

03/16/10 Nana A. Boadu Arrested Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

03/16/10 Richard Anderson Arrested Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License.

03/17/10 Thomas J. Holt, Jr. Arrested Operating a MV with a Suspended License.

03/20/10 Brian Ford Placed in Protective Custody.

03/21/10 Juvenile Male Arrested Assault & Battery on 60+/Disabled, Assault & Battery Dangerous Weapon, Attempt to Commit A Crime.

03/21/10 William H. Webb, II, Arrested OUI-Liquor 2nd Offense.

03/23/10 Andrew Ruderman Arrested Shoplifting.

03/23/10 John Forand Arrested Straight Warrants and Default Warrants.

03/20/10 Juvenile Male Arrested Assault & Battery Dangerous Weapon, Witness Intimidation, Carrying Dangerous Weapon on School Grounds.

04/02/10 Sara Giglio Arrested Leave Scene Property Damage, OUI-Liquor, Operating MV to Endanger, License Not in Possession.

04/03/10 Maribel Ramos Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery.

04/05/10 Christine Wheeler Arrested Default Warrant.

04/08/10 Matthew Strid Arrested OUI-Liquor 2nd Offense, Speeding, Operating MV Improper/Loud Noise.

04/08/10 James Proctor Arrested Negligent Operation MV, OUI-Liquor 5th Offense.

04/12/10 Ralph Greenidgejr Arrested Evading Taxi Fare; Placed in Protective Custody.

04/13/10 Philip Paradis Arrested Warrant.

04/14/10 Juvenile Male Arrested Possession of Class E Drug.

04/14/10 Juvenile Male Arrested Possession with Intent to Distribute Class E Drug, Drug Violation within School Boundaries.

04/14/10 Scott Albinson Placed in Protective Custody.

04/19/10 Joseph Mulvey Arrested Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

04/20/10 Steven Augusto, Jr. Arrested Warrant.

04/21/10 Joseph Mulvey Arrested Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

04/21/10 Juvenile Male Arrested Straight Warrant.

04/23/10 Michael Kirkpatrick Arrested Shoplifting.

04/23/10 Joshua Gardner Arrested Shoplifting.

04/24/10 Anthony Beeso Arrested Default Warrant.

04/24/10 Ian Scott Fleming Arrested Default Warrant, Shoplifting.

04/26/10 John Leboeuf, Jr. Arrested Larceny Over \$250, Shoplifting, Straight Warrants, Receiving Stolen Property, Various MV Offenses.

*From January 1, 2010 through  
April 30, 2010,  
OPD made 183 Arrests &  
Investigated 94 MV Accidents!*

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04/27/10 Juvenile Male Arrested CHINS Run Away.

04/29/10 Jay Christiansen Arrested OUI-Liquor, Negligent Operation of MV, Speeding.

04/29/10 Leonard Howard Arrested Larceny Over \$250, Conspiracy, Use of MV in Felony/Larceny.

04/29/10 Jason Link Arrested Larceny Over \$250, Use of MV in Felony/Larceny, Fail to Stop for Police, Unlicensed Operation of MV, Conspiracy, Receiving Stolen Property Less \$250.

04/30/10 Justin Brooks Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery.

***Now that the good weather has arrived the Oxford Police reminds everyone, young and old, to wear helmets whenever riding bicycles, scooters, skateboards, or while roller blading. Helmets not only save lives, they protect you from non-fatal head injuries. Think safe, wear a helmet and continue to think safe!***

## 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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