



THE OXFORD POLICE NEWSLETTER



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I would like to thank all of you who attended the open house. It was a nice time and I hope everyone who wanted, received a tour of the building. It is somewhat problematic for us because unlike most buildings that are dedicated, we are always open for business. Trying to carry on our jobs and conduct a dedication/open house is not without issues. But it was done without too many problems.

The fall months are here and we must be wary of the snows coming soon. I would like to take a moment and caution drivers operating in the winter months. We investigate a large amount of motor vehicle accidents, always more than 300 per year. In 90% speed or inattentiveness is the issue. Please be aware that in winter you need to slow down and leave enough space between you and the vehicle in front of you. The Department of Highways Safety recommends 1 car length for every 10 miles per hour you are travelling. Unfortunately that is almost impossible today. It seems anytime you leave a safe distance to the next vehicle its an invitation for someone to change lanes directly in front of you. Drivers also seem to believe that just because they put their directional on its fair game to change lanes and cut you off. That's not the case, an unsafe lane change is a non criminal violation whether your directional is on or not.

We have had a number of complaints on our streets that we are trying to correct, but we do not have the luxury of a dedicated traffic division that would allow us to concentrate on certain streets that speed has been an issue. The volume of vehicles on the roads is increasing everyday, and the size of the roads trying to accommodate them are not growing. We happen to have very easy access to Route 395, the Mass Pike, and Route 146, so we are a hub of commuters in the morning and afternoon. I am sure anyone who has to traverse Charlton Street in the morning and Sutton Avenue in the early evening could attest to the volume of cars. Please use caution when driving.

While on the topic of driving, we recently have experienced accidents that have left a devastating impact on some families in our town. We have lost several of our elderly citizens to motor vehicle accidents recently. I am sure we all know relatives or friends that might be losing their ability to safely operate a 3000 pound vehicle. One of the toughest things we will ever have to do is to tell a family member they no longer possess the ability to operate a motor vehicle. It can be devastating to them because in many instances they lose their freedom when they lose their license. It may be difficult but it is important to take the necessary steps to make sure they are safe and the others operating on the roadways are safe as well. There are steps that can help family members make that decision. Speak with your loved one's physician, they can help you if you feel that mom or dad should no longer be driving. They have mental exams that they can give. If they do not pass and the doctor believes the patient's cognitive abilities are so diminished that operating a motor vehicle would be dangerous, the doctor will make an Immediate Threat Report to the RMV. If we could ever be of any help in this please call and speak with an Officer. We might be able to assist you.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at: mboss@town.oxford.ma.us.

Michael Boss

LAW OF THE MONTH

Citizen Interference with Emergency Vehicles

MASS General Law Ch. 89, s. 7A

Drivers Must:

Pull to the right and stop. Immediately pull their vehicle to the right side of the road and stop when approached by an emergency vehicle that is responding to a fire or emergency; and

Not continue until emergency vehicle passes. They cannot continue until the emergency vehicle has passed; and

Never drive within 300 feet of vehicle with lights or siren activated. Furthermore, no driver may follow within 300 feet of an emergency vehicle, responding with lights or siren activated.

Violations of this law subject the driver to a \$300 Civil Motor Vehicle Infraction.

Willful Obstruction of Emergency Vehicle (M.G.L. Ch. 89, s7) No person may willfully obstruct or hinder an emergency vehicle exercising its right of way to respond to a fire or emergency.

Violations of this law subject the driver to a Criminal Complaint processed through the Courts. If the driver's actions create a breach of the peace, the driver may be arrested.

Scheft, Motor Vehicle Manual 2009

OXFORD ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

Oxford is well served by its two Certified Animal Control Officers, Sheila Donohue and Ashlee Martinbeault. Both are graduates of the ACO Academy of Massachusetts. The approximately 80 hour training covered such topics as animal health including the signs and symptoms of unhealthy animals, proper and safe animal handling, and the various Federal and State laws pertaining to animals. Sheila and Ashlee are both Massachusetts appointed Animal Inspectors. These appointments fall under the Commonwealth's Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health.

Any resident of Oxford can contact either Sheila or Ashlee with any questions or concerns about local animals. From complaints about barking dogs to issues of proper animal husbandry, the Oxford ACOs will either have an answer or find the resources to properly assist you. They are an invaluable asset to both new pet owners as well as experienced pet owners. They can guide, educate and assist in properly licensing, inoculating and caring for your pets.

Ashlee and Sheila are also well versed in helping with unwanted animals, such as skunks and raccoons. Sheila is a licensed Trapper and both can assist with setting up traps to capture problem animals.

Feel free to contact the Oxford ACOs via email: animal@town.oxford.ma.us, or visit their town website: [Oxford Animal Control](http://OxfordAnimalControl), or call 508-987-6047.

OXFORD POLICE ARRESTS

09/01/09 Kimball Buccheri Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery, Resisting Arrest.

09/02/09 Juvenile Female Arrested CHINS Runaway.

09/03/09 Mark Blomberg Arrested Breaking & Entering into Building for Misdemeanor, Protective Custody.

09/13/09 Nicole Anderson Arrested Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

09/13/09 Jason Anderson Arrested Disorderly Conduct.

09/13/09 My Anh Ho Arrested Conspiracy, Attempt to Commit a Crime, Furnishing a False Name, Subsequent Offense Operating a MV with a Suspended License.

09/13/09 Hoang Van Nguyen Arrested Conspiracy, Attempt to Commit a Crime, Shoplifting by Asportation.

09/18/09 Jose Quinonez Arrested Straight Warrant.

09/20/09 Charles Adams Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery.

09/22/09 James Moseley Arrested Violation of a Restraining Order.

09/23/09 David Burgos Arrested Unlicensed Operation of a MV, Use of a MV without Authority.

09/24/09 Michael Dalio Arrested Straight Warrant.

09/26/09 Juvenile Male Arrested Assault by Means of a Dangerous Weapon, Negligent Operation of a MV.

09/28/09 Alan Jean-Baptiste Arrested Shoplifting by Asportation.

09/28/09 Clayton Laguerre Arrested Shoplifting by Asportation.

10/01/09 Frederick Reeks, III Arrested Tagging Property.

10/03/09 Mark Blomberg Placed in Protective Custody.

10/06/09 Heather Laforest Arrested Larceny Over \$250.

10/06/09 Kevin Pittman Arrested Default Warrants.

10/06/09 Sean Garneau Arrested Default Warrants.

10/07/09 Charles Murphy Arrested Operating a Motor Vehicle in Violation of License Restriction.

10/11/09 Jesse Daviau Arrested Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License, Subsequent Offense.

10/12/09 Joseph Mondor Arrested Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License.

10/17/09 Michael Cullinan Arrested Possession of Class B Drug, Possession of Open Container of Alcohol in Motor Vehicle.

10/17/09 Eric Tomlin Placed in Protective Custody.

10/21/09 Joseph Hurley Placed in Protective Custody.

10/24/09 Justin Bennett Arrested OUI-Liquor.

10/25/09 Brock Scott Arrested Default Warrant.

10/25/09 John Real Arrested OUI-Liquor, Second Offense.

10/26/09 Juvenile Male Arrested CHINS Runaway.

10/29/09 Sarah Ann Piette Arrested OUI-Liquor, Marked Lanes Violation.

10/29/09 Michael J. Walsh Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery, 2 counts.

10/29/09 Kara Beahn Placed in Protective Custody.

10/29/09 Kristine Kenney Placed in Protective Custody.

10/30/09 Michael McCarthy Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery.

*From January 1, 2009 through
October 31, 2009,
OPD has made 492 Arrests &
Investigated 249 MV Accidents!*

OPERATION SANTA

The Oxford Police, Fire and EMS Associations, along with the Oxford Women's Club, would like to invite you to the 2nd Annual Christmas Party. The Christmas Party is for all Oxford children ages 0—12 years old. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult.

When: Sunday, December 6, 2009 2:00—5:00 p.m.

Where: Oxford Community Center

Refreshments and Entertainment provided.

Come meet Santa & Mrs. Claus

If you are planning to attend you must register no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2009.

We will need the number of children attending and the ages please.

Any questions or to register please contact via email @ SSanta@town.oxford.ma.us

Or call 508-987-0156 and ask for Debbie Light

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.

-OPD can be accessed on line at www.oxfordpolice.info or 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.*

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.



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