



THE OXFORD POLICE NEWSLETTER



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We have not had a Newsletter for awhile because the building of the New Police Station has taken quite a lot of my time, so I apologize for that. There are few things I wish to address in this newsletter that may be of interest to you. First an update on the building process of the new Police Station. We are currently looking at a date of August 03, 2009 as the move in-day. Obviously that is subject to many things, but the most important of those is when the State 911 will have the 911 lines up and running. The day they have the lines in is the day we move. We plan on having an open house once we have time to settle in, most likely around the beginning of September.

There are many issues in building a new facility as I am sure you can imagine. It is a learning experience like no other I have been involved with in the 34 years I have been here. The landscaping is finally being worked on. It was set way back because of the wet weather. The plantings are mostly complete and the loam is being hydro seeded. Hopefully we will not have a prolonged dry spell.

The rooms are substantially complete, and the furniture for the most part is in place. Issues with the radio system and the recording system are being worked on presently. We are anxiously awaiting "Punch List Day." We were able to do away with the antiquated telephone line that we needed for the mobile radio communication. This line ran from the tower at Federal Hill Road to our small tower at our present building. This line was always breaking down requiring repairs and loss of radio contact. We now will employ a Micro Wave Dish. In practical terms when an Officer calls over his cruiser's 2 way radio, the signal goes to the tower on Federal Hill Rd. It will now be re-transmitted over micro wave to the tower at the new Police Department, the big one you see going south on route 12. We will no longer have to pay Verizon for rental of the line and hopefully it will be much more efficient than the ground line we presently use. Using the Micro Wave Dish will also give the town the flexibility in the future of employing IP cameras in certain areas of town. A signal from a camera can be transmitted back to the dispatch at the Police Station. We can then monitor certain areas of town that are prone to vandalism or theft.

We have also applied for and received a grant to purchase video cameras in the cruisers. The new building has recordings in most parts of the new building. We will be able to record all arrests from the time the officer enters the building via the Sally Port and throughout the booking process. We will also monitor the subject while in the cell, up to the time the person is released from custody. We were never able to record the actual arrest in the field. It didn't make much sense so we applied for a grant and were fortunate to receive it. We will be purchasing video equipment that will mount in the cars and record all the activities surrounding the arrest. I believe it will accomplish a number of things for us. It will let the judge or jury see what the officer saw on the street, and not make a judgment based on something other than the truth. It will lessen the liability of frivolous civil suits to the town. It will also be an everyday cost savings. On most criminal cases of any magnitude, the arresting officer will spend many hours in the courthouse unnecessarily, often waiting for a case to be called ultimately to have it continued to another day. By video recording the arrests many cases will never go to court because the event will be memorialized for all to see. Many defendants will plead for a deal and not wish to risk a trial once a judge or jury can actually see what transpired in the field that instigated the arrest in the first place. This will obviously lessen the court time paid unnecessarily. It is my hope we will have enough money to outfit 5 cruisers. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at mboss@town.oxford.ma.us.

LAW OF THE MONTH

Assault & Battery (A & B)

(MASS General Law Chapter 265, section 13A)

I. Intentional A & B

1. The Suspect intentionally touched another person, however slight;
2. Without having any right or excuse to do so; and
3. Either:
 - a. Caused physical harm; or
 - b. Did so without the consent of the person touched.

II. Wanton/Reckless Conduct A & B

1. The suspect engaged in wanton or reckless conduct;
2. Which caused bodily injury to another.

Basic A & B is a misdemeanor subject to arrest if in the presence of an Officer, a Breach of the Peace, or committed during a domestic violence event. A & B is felonious if the perpetrator causes serious bodily injury (permanent disfigurement; or the loss or impairment of a bodily function, limb, or organ; or substantial risk of death); commits the crime against a person who they know or "have reason to know" is pregnant; or commits the crime against a person who has a temporary or permanent vacate, restraining or no contact order or judgment.

Criminal Law, 2007, Scheft.

PROJECT ALERT

Last fall a new program called Project ALERT was started at the Oxford Middle School. This program was put on in conjunction with the Oxford Police Department and the School Resource Program. Project ALERT is an age-appropriate substance abuse prevention curriculum proven effective in reducing experimentation among teens and pre-teens, and in reducing usage among teens who experiment.

Project ALERT contains eleven lessons in its initial year that focus on alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and inhalants—those substances that are the first and most widely used by young people today. Project ALERT's focus is on motivating non-use, learning to recognize pressures used, and developing and practicing skills to resist these pressures.

The Oxford Police and the Oxford School Department are committed to providing the most effective approaches to preventing the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in our schools and communities. We know that prevention of alcohol and drug use and abuse is most effective when it is a partnership between the community, the school, and the Police.

Project ALERT was taught to Oxford sixth graders by Oxford Police Officers Jeromy Grniet and Robert Picard. In addition to the classroom teaching there were structured home learning opportunities which served to create discussions between the students and their parents. According to a nationwide survey released by the partnership for a Drug-Free America, youths who learn about the risks of drugs at home from their parents are much less likely to use drugs than those who do not.

OXFORD POLICE ARRESTS

05/01/09 Sean M. Moodie Arrested Attempt to Commit a Crime, Malicious Destruction Property, Disturbing the Peace, Protective Custody.

05/01/09 Juvenile Female Arrested CHINS Runaway.

05/02/09 Crystal L. Bedard Placed in Protective Custody.

05/02/09 Melissa A. Hendricks Arrested Larceny Over \$250.

05/03/09 Joseph K. Marnell Arrested Malicious Destruction Property, Breaking & Entering into Building-Misdemeanor, Protective Custody.

05/03/09 Joseph K. Marnell Arrested (new incident) Breaking & Entering Nighttime-Felony, Trespass, Disorderly Conduct.

05/11/09 Angela L. Benoit Arrested Straight Warrant.

05/13/09 Lloyd L. Andrews Arrested OUI-Liquor Second Offense, Marked Lanes Violation.

05/14/09 Juvenile Male Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery, Domestic A&B Dangerous Weapon, Malicious Destruction Property.

05/15/09 Juvenile Male Arrested Straight Warrant.

05/16/09 James M. Flanagan Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery, Domestic A&B Dangerous Weapon.

05/17/09 Ashley E. Butler Arrested Disturbing the Peace.

05/17/09 Jason D. Welton Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery—two counts, Domestic A&B Dangerous Weapon.

05/18/09 Scott Avery Cassell Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery.

05/20/09 William T. Murphy, Jr Arrested Possession Class D Drug –Subsequent Offense, Possession Class D with intent to Distribute, Breaking & Entering Nighttime—Felony, Malicious Destruction Property.

05/20/09 Joseph G. Bissonnette Arrested Straight Warrant.

05/21/09 Michael S. Ljunggren Arrested Violation of a Restraining Order.

05/21/09 Juvenile Male Arrested Violation of a Restraining Order.

05/27/09 Kelly A. Halbrook Arrested Shoplifting by Asportation.

05/27/09 Raymond J. Witkowski Placed in Protective Custody.

05/29/09 Timothy S. Mason Arrested Failure to Register as a Sex Offender.

05/30/09 Thomas W. Izbicki Arrested Carrying a Dangerous Weapon, Improper Storage of a Firearm, Possession of Ammunition, Protective Custody.

05/31/09 Josue Ocasio Arrested Disorderly Conduct.

05/31/09 Juvenile Female Arrested Person Under 21 Possession of Liquor.

06/01/09 Brandon M. Chadwick Arrested Malicious Destruction of Property.

06/01/09 Davin R. Forsberg Arrested Operating Suspended License, No Inspection Sticker.

06/01/09 Jesus Gilberto Santiago Arrested Operating Suspended License.

06/02/09 Keith J. Bergeron Placed in Protective Custody.

06/03/09 Juvenile Male Arrested Domestic Assault, Deface Property.

06/08/09 Cary A. Thompson Placed in Protective Custody.

06/08/09 Peter John McMaster Arrested Default Warrant—two counts.

06/08/09 Christian P. Valles Arrested Operating Suspended License.

06/08/09 Albert L. Denham Arrested Domestic Assault.

06/09/09 Juvenile Male Arrested CHINS Runaway.

06/10/09 Willie B. Sims, Sr. Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery.

06/10/09 Juvenile Male Arrested Assault & Battery, Assault & Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon.

06/11/09 Juvenile Male Arrested False Report of Firearm, Bomb or Any Weapon.

06/11/09 Anna Darlagiannis Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery, Possession of Class A Drug.

06/12/09 Glen M. Rose Arrested Disorderly Conduct, Assault & Battery.

06/13/09 Adam W. Faneuf Placed in Protective Custody.

06/13/09 Michael G. Martellotta Arrested OUI-Liquor, Negligent Operation MV, Marked Lanes Violation, Person Under 21 Possessing Liquor.

06/13/09 Bethany Grantham Placed in Protective Custody.

06/20/09 Jacob M. Fehser Arrested Domestic Assault & Battery.

06/21/09 Mariana Aponte Arrested Operating Suspended License, Lights Violation.

06/21/09 Juliana Marie Sedlock Placed in Protective Custody.

*From January 1, 2009 through
June 30, 2009,*

*OPD has made 322 Arrests &
Investigated 161 MV Accidents!*

OXFORD POLICE ARRESTS

06/22/09 Brian F. Bonin Arrested Domestic Assault.

06/24/09 Juvenile Male Arrested Possession of Infernal Machine-8 counts, Malicious Destruction Property—2 counts.

06/25/09 Angela L. Benoit Arrested Straight Warrant.

06/25/09 Roland C. Hague Arrested OUI-Liquor 4th Offense, Negligent Operation, Fail to Signal, Failure to Wear Seatbelt.

06/27/09 Crystal Cunningham Arrested Breaking & Entering into Building-misdemeanor, B&E Vehicle-misdemeanor.

06/27/09 James R. Quaiel Arrested Breaking & Entering into Building-misdemeanor, B&E Vehicle –misdemeanor.

06/27/09 Douglas J. Daly Arrested Larceny Over \$250, Conspiracy.

06/27/09 Stephen P. Barlow Arrested Larceny Over \$250, Conspiracy, Operating Suspended License.

06/28/09 Benjamin A. menard Arrested Straight Warrant.

06/29/09 Ellen N. Kirkemo-Sautter Arrested Straight Warrant.

06/29/09 Rebecca R. Muska Arrested Assault & Battery Dangerous Weapon, Malicious Destruction Property –2 counts.

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:

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