



**City of Oshkosh  
Auxiliary Police**  
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## MARCH 2014 NEWSLETTER

Oshkosh Auxiliary Police meeting, **Wednesday March 12, 2014, 6:00 PM** at the Oshkosh Police Department. As always, refreshments will be provided following the meeting.

A training class will be held prior to the meeting beginning promptly at **6:00 PM**. The self-defense class will be conducted by OPD Officers and may contain elements of the Krav Maga self defense system currently being taught to all OPD Officers as part of their spring in-service training. All Auxiliary Officers who wish to participate in the hands-on training should wear some type of athletic attire as well as athletic shoes (no duty belts). Some Auxiliary Officers may choose to just observe, rather than participate in the physical elements of the training. For more info on the Krav Maga system, go to [www.kravmaga.com](http://www.kravmaga.com)

### EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH and APRIL (Oshkosh, Wisconsin's Event City)

March 15	Saturday	Shamrock Shuffle 5k Run/Walk	9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	4-6 APO's
March 15	Saturday	St. Patrick's Day Parade	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	6-8 APO's
March 29-30	Sat-Sun	Altrusa Club "Art in the Garden" (Hilton)	9:00 PM – 8:00 AM	1 APO
April 5	Saturday	Bay Lakes Explorer Competition (FVTC-A)	7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	4-6 APO's
April 12	Saturday	Spring Pub Crawl	6:30 PM – 2:00 AM	AMAP
April 13	Sunday	Oshkosh Half-Marathon	6:15 AM – 11:00 AM	AMAP
April 17	Thursday	LGBTQ Ally March at UW-O	6:15 PM – 7:15 PM	4-6 APO's
April 26	Saturday	Run Away to the Bay	6:45 AM – 10:30 AM	4-6 APO's
April 26	Saturday	Walk for Suicide Awareness	8:45 AM – 10:00 AM	4-6 APO's
April 26	Saturday	Fox Cities Showdown (Kimball Auditorium)	4:00 PM – 10:00 PM	3 APO's

- Notes: 1) Details on 3/15/14 are a morning and evening event  
2) 4/12/14 and 4/13/14 have back to back large events (Pub Crawl and Half Marathon)  
3) Details on 4/26/14 are overlapping events. The Kimball Auditorium event is a male and female bodybuilding exhibition.

### Save The Dates:

#### 55th Anniversary and Awards Dinner

Robbins Restaurant, **Saturday April 5, 2014.**

Cocktails at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, Service awards presentation to follow.

Reservations accompanied by a \$20.00 deposit (refunded at the dinner)

must be made by **March 30th** with **Deputy Chief Footit.**

Members and guest are invited, no children please.

This event is open to all members regardless of the number of events worked.

All members are encouraged to attend!

#### Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Baseball Game

**Wednesday, May 21, 2014.**

6:30 PM at the Fox Cities Stadium in Grand Chute,

Wisconsin Timber Rattlers vs. Kane County Cougars

Wednesday is "Bang for your Buck night".

Cher-Make hotdogs, Sodas or Miller beer for just \$1.00 each!

***This is a Family Event!***

Please contact **Capt. Youngbauer** for further information.



## Battle-On-Bago:



Our participation in the 7th Annual Battle-on-Bago was a huge success. According to reports by the Oshkosh Northwestern an estimated 7,000 people attended, making this the largest fishing tournament of this kind in the country. About 400 vehicles were parked on the ice and another 250 vehicles were parked on the field parking lot north of Millers Bay.

On Wednesday afternoon, February 19th I received an e-mail from **Officer Harris** indicating he had just completed a conversation with the event organizer. The event organizer indicated that they had sold approximately three times as many tickets for the 2014 event, as were sold in 2013. He had a significant concern that without security and monitoring, the Miller's Bay parking lot would be full of vehicles and therefore congested for general traffic on Saturday. He requested that our Unit provide security beginning at 5:00 AM on Friday up until our overnight shift began at 10:00 PM Friday evening. We would need to staff an additional four shifts to satisfy the request.

Given this last minute request, Officer Harris and I were concerned we wouldn't be able to obtain enough volunteers to fill the hours required. In addition to the Battle-on-Bago event, we were already committed to staffing an Oshkosh West vs. Neenah boy's varsity basketball game Friday evening. Once again e-mails and calls were placed looking for additional volunteers to meet the request. And as always, our Unit Members came through! By Thursday Noon, February 20th we had secured enough additional staffing to meet the organizers request.

In addition to the staff already assigned, **Capt. Gutche, Lt. Schouten, Sgt. O'Bright and Officers Peterson, Kirby, Decker, Williams** also worked the newly added shifts.

In addition to our Unit, the Oshkosh Police Explorers assisted with vehicle parking at the field parking area, and Community Service Officers assisted with traffic flow and parking violations. **Officer Harris** was on-site throughout the day Saturday to supervise the event.

All totaled, **16 Auxiliary Officers volunteered about 100 hours** working this event from 5:00 AM Friday morning until 5:00 PM Saturday afternoon.

As this event has grown tremendously the past few years, we will have to plan for a similar or even larger event next year.



## Thank You notes:

The following appeared on the Oshkosh Northwestern Editorial Page, February 14, 2014

### Letters to the editor: Auxiliary police help make events a success

I would like to call out and publicly thank a group of volunteers whose hard work and dedication is another shining example of why Oshkosh is such a great place to live and work. I am referring to the Oshkosh Auxiliary Police. As the head of Oshkosh Festivals, I am continually calling on this group for help. No matter what the weather or difficulty of the task, they are always ready and eager to answer my call.

This professional group helps in keeping our guests safe and able to leave us with a positive experience of Oshkosh. They are a true asset and deserving of our praise. So, as my group is already planning for Oshkosh St. Patrick's Day Parade and party on March 15 and Irish Fest June 12-15, I thank the Auxiliary Police in advance for their help. Thank you for what you bring to this community. We salute you all.

Matt Miller

Oshkosh

### Battle-on-Bago

I received a call from one of the event organizers, Mark Tushar. Mr. Tushar was extremely appreciative of our efforts to quickly respond and meet the last minute request to staff their event throughout the day on Friday February 21st. He also was pleased with the professional manner in which traffic, parking and pedestrian safety was managed Saturday.

Mr. Tushar was so please with the entire Units performance that he stated he wanted our Unit, in concert with Officer Harris, to handle the entire events security and parking needs in 2015. This would require us to begin several days earlier and provided added staffing to cover all the security needs of the event.

Congratulations to all those who worked this detail.

Auxiliary Officers, CSO's and Police Explorers.

Your performance was certainly noticed and appreciated by the Battle-on-Bago staff!

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## Donation:

**Captain Youngbauer** was performing maintenance on our Command Trailer after the Battle-on-Bago. Among other items, a wall switch that controls the exterior scene lights needed to be replaced. The switch is not a common household variety switch...it's a narrow box RV type which aren't common items at hardware stores.

**Capt. Youngbauer** went to **Beez Electric** to investigate if they could order the switch. Upon investigation, they not only found a source to get the switch, but also donated the replacement switch to the unit.

Thank you **Capt. Youngbauer** and **Beez Electric**!

## Personnel:

Auxiliary Officer **Matt Ralston** has submitted his resignation from the Unit effective immediately. Matt indicated that events over the past few months have changed his ability to be active with our Unit. He wished to thank everyone in the Unit, mentioning he learned a lot and made many connections in his two years with us. We thank Matt for his service and wish him success in his future endeavors.

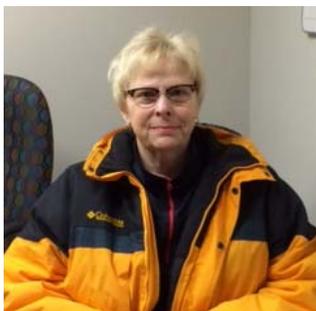
Auxiliary Officer **Riley Schmidt** has submitted his resignation from the Unit effective immediately. Riley recently transferred to UW Platteville. He stated that he has become very busy working full time as an EMT while attending the University. He has very little free time available to volunteer with our Unit. He closed stating that he was thankful for the opportunities the Oshkosh Auxiliary Police has offered him. We also thank Riley for his service with us and wish him well as he continues his education.

**We are pleased to announce a new Auxiliary Officer joining our Unit.**



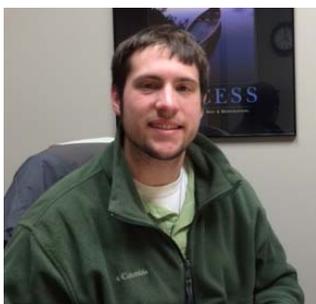
**Alec Hannum**  
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**Squad B**  
**Badge # 28**

Alec is a Criminal Justice student at UW-O, and also works at Menards. Alec comes to us from Marshfield, where he volunteered with the Marshfield Auxiliary Police for 1.5 years. He also enjoys scuba diving and many types of art.



**Barbara Esselman**  
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**Squad B**  
**Badge # 46**

Barbara is a nurse at Aurora, looking to give back to the community. She enjoys sports, especially the Badger, Brewers and Packers. She also loves animals.



**Joey Rebedew**  
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**Squad C**  
**Badge # 21**

Joey is a second semester Criminal Justice student at FVTC. Joey indicates he currently has classes on Wednesday nights until May...but after May he will be able to attend our Wednesday meetings. Joey enjoys hockey and spending time with family and friends. His career goal is to be a law enforcement officer.

## Oshkosh Auxiliary Police Meeting Minutes February 12, 2014

Meeting was held at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office with 26 officers and OPD Officer Matt Harris attending.

Training was a tour of the Winnebago County Jail and Dispatch Center. Thank you to those from the facility who conducted the tours.

Past details were reviewed. No issues from the details were brought up.

New details were discussed and officers signed up to work them.

Audit Committee report was presented by Committee Chair Capt. Schroeder. No concerns were found.

Anniversary Dinner was discussed. That will be held April 5th at Robbins restaurant in Oshkosh. Reservations are due to Deputy Chief Footit by Sunday, March 30th. No late reservations will be accepted.

OAP office relocation was reviewed. It was part of the plan for several offices in the OPD building being relocated.

Detail changes should be emailed to Chief Sues and Sgt. Knudsen for accurate record keeping. We want to give credit for work done. The OIC for a detail can send an email confirming who worked the detail. Any changes would be noted then as well as any changes noted per individual officers.

Wisconsin State Trooper who was involved in a crash on Hwy 41 while helping a motorist during a storm, was seriously injured and will not be able to return to his work position. OPD officers are taking up a collection for assistance to him and his family. Our unit agreed to donate \$200.00 to the OPD collection.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Sgt. Mary Knudsen, Secretary

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**Auxiliary Officer Matt Kirby** receives a Certificate of Appreciation for serving as a school crossing guard. Matt provides crossing guard service to Merrill School at the corner of Jackson and New York.  
**Congratulations Matt!**



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**Next General Meeting:**

**April 9, 2014. 6:00 PM – Oshkosh Police Department Training Room**

**Next Ranking Officer Meeting:**

**March 19, 2014. 5:00 PM – Oshkosh Police Department, Erickson Meeting Room**