



**City of Oshkosh
Auxiliary Police**
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MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

Oshkosh Auxiliary Police meeting, **Wednesday March 9, 2016, 6:00 PM** at the Oshkosh Police Department.

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

March 12,	Saturday	Shamrock Shuffle	9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	4-6 APO's
March 19,	Saturday	St. Patty's Day Parade	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	4-8 APO's
March 26,	Saturday	Egg-Citing Day at the Zoo	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM	2-4 APO's
March 29,	Tuesday	WPS Farm Show – EAA Grounds	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	2 APO's
March 30,	Wednesday	WPS Farm Show – EAA Grounds	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	2 APO's
March 31,	Thursday	WPS Farm Show – EAA Grounds	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	2 APO's
April 2,	Saturday	Explorer Competition (FVTC Appleton)	7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	4-6 APO's
April 9-10,	Sat-Sun	Altrusa Club "Art in the Garden" (Hilton)	9:00 PM – 8:00 AM	1 APO
April 9,	Saturday	Spring Pub Crawl	6:30 PM – 2:00 AM	AMAP
April 14,	Thursday	UW-O – LGBTQ Ally Day	6:15 PM – 7:15 PM	4-6 APO's
April 24,	Sunday	Oshkosh Marathon	6:15 AM – 11:00 AM	AMAP
April 29,	Friday	C.A.R.T. Exercise – EAA Grounds	10:00 AM – 4:00 AM	4-APO's
April 30,	Saturday	Run Away to the Bay	6:45 AM – 9:30 AM	4-6 APO's
April 30,	Saturday	6th Annual Walk for Suicide Awareness	8:45 AM – 10:00 AM	4-6 APO's



57th Anniversary and Awards Dinner

Robbins Restaurant, **Saturday April 16, 2016.**

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 31st with **Deputy Chief Footit**. Each member and one guest are invited, no children please. This event is open to all members regardless of the number of events worked.

Per our new procedures, this will be the one annual social event funded by the Unit. It's important to use this event to recognize the history and tradition of our organization; acknowledge those who have achieved milestone years of service and highlight members who have served above and beyond. All members are encouraged to attend!

Meeting Attendance:

Captain Gutche requests all members who are students to provide him with your schedule if your schedule interferes with meeting attendance.

All members are reminded to contact your Squad ranking staff and advise if you are not able to attend a meeting for any reason.

Member Submitted Article:

By Robert Yerges

With the seasons changing so is the Auxiliary's take on knowing medical information about their fellow officers. Weather can affect an Auxiliary officer's health in severe ways. If you are diabetic and are out in the extreme temperatures that we are often in, the warning signs of glucose control are challenged. It can make you drop or jump without previous knowledge of this happening. This needs to be addressed before you have an episode or collapse. Carrying resources that can increase your sugar is one preventive measure but many diabetics do not carry the resources. Several options are available such as regular soda (which is not recommended), bread or chips are a much better choice. Most diabetics should know how to control their sugars...however it is not just enough to know yourself. I have experienced and have seen warning signs of other people and gave them the help needed. (This includes a Santa not realizing he was passing out as kids sat on his lap.) The big thing is DON'T BE AFRAID TO INTERVENE.

I will use my own chronic illnesses as example. I have just recently returned to active duty after being off due to several illnesses attacking me at once and not knowing how to control it. I am an extreme on the factor of how the weather affects illnesses but others can have similar symptoms.

Let's look at the example of my trucking incident that forced me resign from the company due to my condition. I worked for the trucking company for several months and the supervisors were alerted of my health concerns. On one occasion I started to feel weak but figured it was the excessive hours I was working...one evening I was suppose to come in and drive a semi with two trailers down to Chicago. As I exited my pickup to report to work, I fell. I walked inside and warned the dispatcher that I felt sick and didn't think it would be safe to drive. I went to the doctors and was told my blood pressure had dropped to blacking out conditions due to an allergy to a new medication. I was put on home rest for a week to get my blood pressure back to normal levels. The thing was when I returned to work a dispatcher came up to me and said he saw me acting unusual at the dock and knew something was wrong, but he didn't tell me at the time that he saw this. This is what ticks me off, I was unaware of my health change but he saw it, he ignored it to the point that I could have killed other drivers with my 80,000 lb truck!

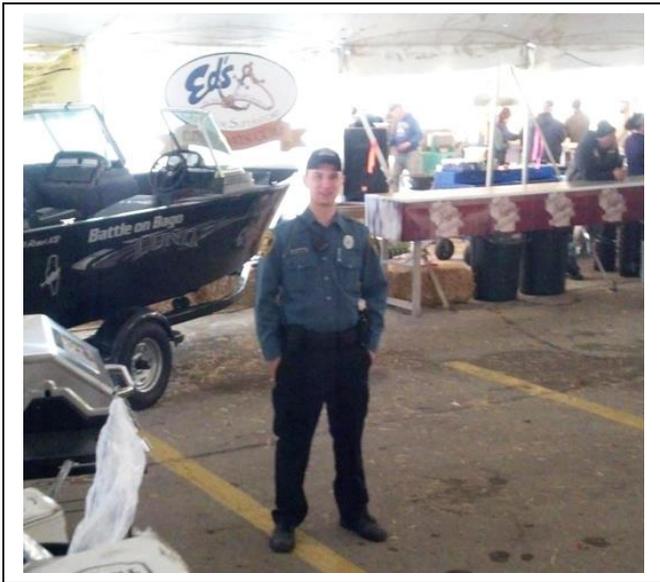
Now, I have learned to watch for signs and have taken steps to help avoid problems. I actively ask friends, family, and co-workers to keep an eye on me, especially if I start making mistakes or act differently. I have alerted the Auxiliary to my several illnesses which include, Gastroparesis, Diabetes type 2, IBS, and more.

These diseases often limit my ability which is really the hardest to admit. I wanted to share my experiences so you are aware that even the mild illnesses can affect you on the job. Over the past couple years my illnesses have created a crippling life change, including losing my job and being eligible for S.S. Disability, but the biggest thing I've learned was to not be afraid to share my difficulties with the senior officers in our department. There are steps they take to ensure our safety that including quickly reacting to providing restroom breaks when needed and regularly monitoring time spent on my post assignment.

If you see an APO who is missing equipment, we let them know or offer our assistance. When you have an illness, the equipment we need might include the reassurance of another officer which just might be a radio check. It may also just be that you need more breaks or a vehicle to sit in. We need to beware that the call outs we have are usually in unknown weather and this may make some of us more vulnerable than others. To help avoid that feeling of "I can't do this anymore," don't be afraid to contact a senior officer and explain your medical concerns or for that matter any concerns you might have.



February Training & Detail Photos:
 - Tactical Combat Care, Emergency 1st Aid
 - Otter Street Fisheree
 - Battle-On-Bago



Oshkosh Auxiliary Police Meeting Minutes February 2, 2016

Meeting was held in the training room at OPD with 20 officers attending and 4 officers excused.

OPD Capt. Schoeni referenced an incident of Note to Folder for OAP Lt. O'Bright and OAP Sgt. Welch that involved finding an active taser that was lost by a patrol officer during a snowstorm. As time was running out for a public notice being put out, they found the taser. OAP Chad Gutche was also involved. Congratulations to all involved.

Training included Policy and Procedures review presented by Lt. Schouten. Areas included were Uniforms, Equipment, Personal Appearance, Disciplinary actions, Detail requirements and Attending Meetings.

OPD Sgt. Harris presented information on the Peer Support Team that is available to anyone with the Police Department, including the Auxiliary Officers. This program offers support, help, counseling, coping, health issues, just talking to someone about a situation, etc. For more information, contact Sgt. Harris. This is through Winnebago County.

Sgt. Harris also presented information on Tactical Combat Care --- EMR. This is first aid or assistance until help can get there. He referenced the RED BOX which contains items for handling hazard materials and for first aid. The GO BAG, a black bag that is kept in the blue tote box and can be taken along with the responding officer. Both are kept in the trunk of the squad. He showed what was in the two containers and how to use the items.

Be sure you carry rubber gloves when on duty. They are available in the resume room.

Meetings. Per Rules and Regulations, meeting attendance is required and if, for an extreme reason one cannot attend, the officer must let a ranking officer in their squad know prior to the meeting in order to be excused. Three (3) unexcused absences will result in disciplinary actions. A record of attendance/excused will be kept.

Details were reviewed and officers signed up for new details.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted by,
Sgt. Mary Knudsen, Secretary

Next Ranking Officer Meeting:

March 16, 2016. 5:00 PM – Oshkosh Police Department, Erickson Meeting Room

Next General Meeting:

April 13, 2016. 6:00 PM – Oshkosh Police Department Training Room