



**City of Oshkosh  
Auxiliary Police**  
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**FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER**

Oshkosh Auxiliary Police meeting, **Wednesday February 8, 2016, 6:00 PM** at the Oshkosh Police Department.

**EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH  
(Oshkosh, Wisconsin’s Event City)**

February 3,	Friday	Otter Street Fisheree (Concert & Traffic)	6:00 PM – 10:30 PM	2-4 APO’s
February 4,	Saturday	Otter Street Fisheree (Traffic)	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	6 ea. Shift
Feb. 16-17,	Thur-Fri	Special Olympics Polar Plunge (Security)	4:00 PM – 6:00 AM	2 ea. Shift
February 17,	Friday	Special Olympics Polar Plunge (Security)	4:00 PM – 10:00 PM	4-6 APO’s
Feb. 17-18,	Fri-Sat	Special Olympics Polar Plunge (Security)	10:00 PM – 6:00 AM	2 ea. Shift
February 18,	Saturday	Special Olympics Polar Plunge (Traffic)	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	6 ea. Shift
February 18,	Saturday	EAA Ski-plane Fly-In (Traffic/Parking)	9:00 AM – Noon	2-4 APO’s
Feb. 22-23,	Wed-Thur	Battle on Bago (Security)	10:00 PM – 6:00 AM	2 ea. Shift
Feb. 23-24,	Thur-Fri	Battle on Bago (Security)	10:00 PM – 6:00 AM	2 ea. Shift
February 24,	Friday	Battle on Bago (Traffic & Security – FishFry)	4:00 PM – 10:00 PM	4 APO’s
Feb. 24-25,	Fri-Sat	Battle on Bago (Security)	10:00 PM – 6:00 AM	2 ea. Shift
February 25,	Saturday	Battle on Bago (Traffic & Security)	6:00 AM – 6:00 PM	6 ea. Shift
February 25,	Saturday	Snowflake Shuffle 5K	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	2-3 APO’s
Feb. 25-26,	Sat-Sun	Battle on Bago (Security)	6:00 PM – 6:00 AM	2 ea. Shift
March 4,	Saturday	EAA Hops & Props	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	4-8 APO’s
March 11,	Saturday	Shamrock Shuffle	9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	4-6 APO’s

**We need your help!**

Our February details have become some of our largest details of the year...some requiring significant staffing over multiple days. These same details have become some of our largest contributors of financial donations to our Unit.

We have several dates and shifts that need additional staffing, specifically Battle on Bago, February 24 and 25. The Snowflake Shuffle 5K was also added and will occur on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> this year.

Please check your schedules. If you’re able to assist with this event on either of these two days, we certainly would appreciate your help!

**Personnel:**

**Trent Gilbert-Roeder** has submitted his resignation notice. Trent has been with the Unit one year this month. He indicated he has recently enrolled in the Law Enforcement Academy in Wisconsin Rapids and will be pursuing a career in Law Enforcement. We wish Trent much success as he begins the Academy and thank him for his service.

**Matt Mikkelsen** who was introduced as a new member in the January Newsletter has had to resign. A family situation has developed and the result leaves Matt unable to provide time to serve with our Unit.

## Unit History:

Did you know our Unit has assisted the Green Bay Police Department during Packers home games? If you didn't, you wouldn't be alone!

Here are two articles from the Oshkosh Northwestern that list our members assisting with traffic and crowd control.

As you read these, it again points out that even though the past 50 years have brought much change, our core values of volunteer service, community involvement, Unit fellowship and loyalty remain as relevant today as back then!



Oshkosh Northwestern  
May 3, 1964

Oshkosh Northwestern  
October 13, 1966

## 8,000 Hours of Work in 5 Years

OSHKOSH — Whenever crowds may gather, whether it be a football or basketball game, state convention, concert or the Miss Wisconsin pageant — the men with the white helmet liner, jacket, flashlight and night-stick are on hand to help police control traffic.

These men make up the Civil Defense Auxiliary Police which a week ago marked its fifth anniversary.

More than 8,000 hours of police work have been provided by these 80 men in five years in addition to the hours they have spent in training. It has cost the city about \$2,000, the cost of equipment issued them. The men supply their time without compensation.

Training meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the assembly room of the police department. Until the new city hall was opened, meetings were held wherever a spare room was available.

### Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held monthly. The only non-training session is the steak fry held in July with wives as guests. The men also have a family Christmas party.

Coming under the overall director of Police Chief Harry A. Guenther, the auxiliary police work directly with Lt. Robert C. Klifoth, their instructor and liaison representative with the police department. Also working with them in training from the police departments are Lt. Frank Burder and Sgt. Donald Utecht for traffic handling and Lt. Joseph Weber for first aid.

Only Klifoth and Burger are authorized to call the auxiliary police into duty.

The auxiliary police program began in the fall of 1958 and had its first class in April of 1959. Of the 23 men in the first class, 21 are still with the auxiliary police. Over the five years, about 100 have been trained and 80 remain with the unit.

Each member must receive 30 hours of basic civil defense, 10 hours of first aid and 10 hours of introduction to police services. Training, though, is continued monthly beyond those 30 hours for each member.

Seven of the group's officials have taken a 10-hour radiological monitoring course.

The Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. here provided a station wagon in 1959 equipped for use as an emergency vehicle. A second vehicle was added a year later.

These two vehicles are equipped with all necessary first aid materials plus stretchers and oxygen. Oshkosh police use them as standby vehicles at the Winnebago County fair and at other activities.

Auxiliary police have been used at the fair, parades, Fourth of July programs, Oshkosh High School, sports contests, events at the civic auditorium, conventions, the Miss Wisconsin Pageant, and many other events.

### Help in Green Bay

Last year the auxiliary police were called into action 25 times and provided a total of 1,256 hours. Six members last fall helped Green Bay's auxiliary police in handling Green Bay Packers football game traffic.

Five walkie-talkie units were provided by the city, and last year a base citizens band radio unit was added. The city also furnishes helmet liners, rain-

coats, jackets, flashlights, nightsticks, whistles, overseas caps, arm bands, and badges, plus equipment needed for special details. The men provide their own white shirt, black tie, dark trousers, dark socks and dark shoes.

Auxiliary police have their own constitution, elect their own officers and have their own board for disciplining members for any violations. They pay for their own steak fry and the family Christmas party.

### Members' Fellowship

"One reason for the success of the auxiliary police has been the fellowship feeling among the members and their sense of loyalty," Lt. Klifoth said. "They run the entire program themselves. The men are dedicated to this work and many have spent their spare time in the police station to study police methods. In the five years of the program the police chief has had no trouble with auxiliary police members. Only one person had been expelled by their own board. Arrest for any serious offense means dismissal from the group."

Members carry their equipment in their cars. Each has been assigned a post to which he is to report in event of disaster.

Serving as chief of staff for the auxiliary police is Donald Kujawa. He was elected by the members.

Serving as captains are Robert Reif, Wilmer Dorschner, George Wood and James Keliher. Under them are Lis. Floyd Hazen, Harold Meton, Tony Kronschnabel and Victor Baier. Baier also serves as supply officer.

## CD Police To Assist At Ball Game

During its monthly meeting Wednesday evening in the assembly room of the Oshkosh police department station, the Oshkosh Civil Defense auxiliary police volunteered its services for traffic and crowd control at this weekend's Oshkosh High School and Wisconsin State University - Oshkosh Homecoming football games and for other home games through November.

As it has for a number of years past, the local auxiliary police organization will again work with the police department on Halloween patrol.

Chief of Staff Donald Kujawa reported that the CD auxiliary police will send a contingent of 12 men to a Green Bay Packers home football game later this month in order to obtain further training in traffic and crowd control.

Lawrence Poeschl last evening became the third auxiliary policeman to resign from the unit in order to join the Oshkosh police department. He was preceded by Dale Witzke and Roger Wilkum.

Two films on traffic safety were shown during the monthly meeting.

Kujawa said the CD auxiliary police unit has a present membership of approximately 80.

## **Unit Call-Outs:**

Beyond our normally scheduled details, we are occasionally called on to assist at urgent, unplanned events which we call "Call-outs". Call-outs are situations when members of our Unit are needed to assist at a significant event that has just occurred, and as such, can happen at any time day or night.

We receive notification, usually a phone call from OPD indicating that our help is needed. Often exact details of what's occurred are limited, just indicating members are needed immediately. We attempt to get basic information about the incident, how many APO's are needed and the extent of time expected.

That's when you typically will receive a call from me.

I felt this topic was relevant as it relates to the recent promotions and assignment changes that have occurred at OPD. Lt. Kroening will now be Shift Commander on 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift. Sgt. Harris will be assigned to a Supervisory role on 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift. Both are directly connected to our unit, they know most of you very well, and have detailed knowledge of our ability and resources.

In the coming months, as they settle into their new assignments they may be very likely to call on us to assist at incidents that they encounter during their shift that require extra manpower.

Historically, I have my call-out pool of "go-to" APO's who always seem to answer the call whenever needed. On occasion, due to the situation, we need extensive staffing and then I begin to go through our Membership Roster making additional calls.

Call-outs are part of what we do...as a Unit member if you're called and can help, wonderful. If not this time, maybe next time...but just know if the phone rings in the middle of the night and it's me or some other ranking staff asking if you're available, that call for assistance is a key part of our Mission..."to assist and support the Oshkosh Police Department with additional trained manpower whenever called upon"

## ***Mission:***

The Oshkosh Auxiliary Police is an organization comprised of community minded civilian volunteers.

Auxiliary Officers exist to assist and support the Oshkosh Police Department with additional trained manpower whenever called upon.

Auxiliary Police Officers are dedicated to public service; committed to providing competent volunteer law enforcement services to our community, with a high degree of courtesy, honor, respect and pride.

## **Oshkosh Auxiliary Police Meeting Minutes January 11, 2017**

Meeting was held in the Training Room at OPD with 15 members attending plus OPD Capt. Kent.

Weather was inclement and due to the low number of officers attending, training was postponed.

OPD Capt. Kent, the unit's new coordinator, was introduced and he gave a background of his involvement with OPD and now working with the unit.

Details were presented and officers signed up to work.

Meeting was adjourned.

Thank you to Lt. Oestreich for taking notes for me in my absence.

Respectfully submitted by

Sgt. Mary Knudsen

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## **Oshkosh Auxiliary Police Ranking Officers Meeting January 18, 2017**

Meeting was held in the Erickson Room at OPD with Chief Suess, Capt. Youngbauer, Capt. Gutche, Lt. Oestreich, Lt. Schouten, Lt. O'Bright, Sgt. Winkler, Sgt. Welch and OPD Sgt. Stenson attending. Deputy Chief Footit, Capt. Schroeder and Sgt. Knudsen were excused.

**Additional officers** are needed to work the February events. An email was sent out regarding this and no response. A ranking officer from each squad will make phone calls in their squad to find out if anyone is available to work.

**Financial review** discussion on Unit income and expenses was done. The Unit is in an acceptable position.

**Scheduling software** and its use was presented by Capt. Gutche. A question of what to do if the program crashed during use came up and it was recommended that a paper copy be kept as well. Capt. Gutche will inquire if the schedule could be printed as the event is ongoing.

**Call-Outs** for unexpected events or additional help was discussed. Eleven of the unit's officers live out of town and would be the last called if needed. Ways to comprise a call in list are being reviewed.

Thank you to Lt. O'Bright for taking notes for me in my absence.

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### **Next General Meeting:**

**March 8, 2017. 6:00 PM – Oshkosh Police Department Training Room**

### **Next Ranking Officer Meeting:**

**March 15, 2017. 5:00 PM – Oshkosh Police Department, Erickson Meeting Room**