



THE OXFORD POLICE

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I hope that everyone had a great summer, one of the hottest on record! School started back in session after Labor Day, allowing for a longer summer vacation than usual. The Fall Festival was held on September 24th and all went very well. The First Annual 5K Road Race, with proceeds benefitting Operation Santa, was held on August 28th and the event was a great success. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this a success, led by Brittany Morgan. This year, Operation Santa will be held on December 4th, 2016 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Oxford Community Center. Once again, the Christmas party is for all **Oxford** children ages 0-10 years of age. As always, all children must be accompanied by a parent or adult. Any questions, please contact via email @SSanta@town.oxford.ma.us.

On August 4th, Officer Bishoy Ibrahim was appointed as a full-time police officer with our department. Officer Ibrahim did an outstanding job as a part-time officer with our department and is sure to be a continued asset in our department for years to come. He will be attending a full-time academy early in 2017, which will last for approx. 23-24 weeks. The Board of Selectmen recently voted to start the process to hire several permanent-intermittent officers. This is a process which can take several weeks or months to complete. Extensive background checks are done by our department investigators on prospective candidates, at which time the information gathered is thoroughly reviewed and forwarded to the Board with accompanying recommendations. The candidates chosen are appointed conditionally, and must then pass a Medical Exam and Physical Abilities Test before being officially hired.

Now that school has once again started, it's important to bring up the topic of child safety. The National Center for Exploited and Missing Children have published a conversation starter called Take 25. This is the suggestion parents to find 25 minutes talk to their children about safety, covering different age groups.

Conversation starters for the following age groups: **Kids (ages 5 to 8)** – Could you tell me our address? Our home phone number? My work number and cell phone number? Has anyone ever called or knocked on the door while I was gone? What did you do? Let's make a list of 3 people whom you can call in case of an emergency. Who are your online friends? Do you know all of them in person?

Tweens (ages 9 to 12) – What websites do you like to visit? Can you show them to me? Have you ever come across anything online which made you feel uncomfortable? Do you think it's ok to share your passwords with your friends or best friend? **Teens (ages 13 to 17)** – What kind of information do you feel is safe to share about yourself online? Are you comfortable with the information that you have posted online, knowing that it might be seen by friends, or officials at your school, or employers? What would you do if someone approached you on foot in a vehicle? Do you know what to do if someone tries to touch or grab you inappropriately?

If you have any questions regarding the above subjects or any other matter, please feel free to email me at mhassett@town.oxofrd.ma.us or call me at 508-987-0156.

Thank You,

Chief Michael Hassett

FYI

-LTC (License to Carry) and FID (Firearms Identification Card) applications are available at the Dispatch window. Any questions can be directed to Lieutenant Anthony Saad 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 Robert Picard at rpicard@town.oxford.ma.us.*