



THE OXFORD POLICE

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Another summer has flown by, I hope everyone enjoyed it. As always, it has flown by, school is back in session and fall activities are on-going. The Fall Festival was held a couple of weeks ago and as usual, it went very well. This year's Operation Santa will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2015, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Oxford Community Center. 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. Registration forms for this annual event are due to be sent home from school the first week in November. Any questions, please contact via email @SSanta@town.oxford.ma.us.

On August 3rd, Officer Matthew Gray entered the Boylston Police Academy, which he will be attending until early 2016. This past August, the Board of Selectmen appointed five permanent-intermittent officer's to the Oxford Police Department. Bishoy Ibrahim, Tuan Nguyen-Le, Craig Gagner, Erik Spitz and David Peck were all appointed conditionally (pending Medical Exams and Physical Abilities Testing) as officer's. Also, on September 1st, permanent-intermittent officer Joseph Conlon was conditionally appointed to full-time status with the Oxford Police Department. Officer Conlon has worked as a full-time officer with the Hopedale Police Department since 2004, holding various positions with that department in that time period. Also, Officer Kevin LeBreton was appointed to the position of Detective, bringing a wealth of knowledge to the position.

From time to time, especially around this time of the year when school has started, it's important to provide families with information that can help keep children safer. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has analyzed more than 9,000 confirmed attempted child abductions by someone unknown to the child. While these abductions are rare, important patterns emerged during the nine-year analysis, including the fact that many attempts took place when children were going to and from school, and that most children who escaped an abduction ran, screamed or pulled away. Analysis revealed most children were offered rides or candy by their would-be abductors.

NCMEC has teamed up with Honeywell to develop an innovative program called KidSmartz. It uses tips, role-playing, video animations, song and dance to give kids the knowledge and confidence to avoid abduction. KidSmartz.org teaches children four important rules: Always check with a parent, guardian or other trusted adult before going anywhere; take a friend along; tell people "NO" if they try to touch or hurt you; and tell a

trusted adult if anything makes you feel uncomfortable. To help your children understand and remember the safety rules, visit www.KidSmartz.org.

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

Thank You,

Chief Michael Hassett



******Caller ID Spoofing Alert******

Caller ID service is susceptible to fraud. Using a practice known as “caller ID spoofing,” callers can deliberately falsify the telephone number and/or name relayed as the Caller ID information to disguise the identity of the calling party. For example, identity thieves who want to collect sensitive information such as your bank account or other financial account numbers, your social security number, your date of birth or your mother’s maiden name, sometimes use caller ID spoofing to make it appear as though they are calling from your bank, credit card company, or even a government agency.

Please visit the FCC.gov link below for more information.

<http://www.fcc.gov/guides/caller-id-and-spoofing>

******IRS Scam******

Over the past month or two, you may have received a phone call from someone claiming to be an IRS agent. The person calling identifies themselves as being an agent of the IRS and is calling in regards to outstanding back taxes. The IRS agent tells the party that “legal application” is being processed against the party unless \$5,000.00 outstanding tax debt is paid. The alleged agent knows the name and address of the person they are calling but then attempts to gain further background information such as (date of birth, social security number and workplace etc.). If this was truly the IRS calling, they would already have the information and have no need to be asking for it. Don’t be fooled, as they try to intimidate you with this term of “legal application” in order to get money out of you. They will even tell you that if they do not receive the taxes owed then they will issue a warrant for your arrest. According to the IRS website, the IRS never contacts you by phone. If you have any questions or concern please visit the IRS website <http://www.irs.gov/> for further information.

-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 Lieutenant 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.