



# THE OXFORD POLICE

## NEWSLETTER WINTER 2016

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I hope everyone had a great holiday season. Even though we haven't had any snow to this point (which is good news for some of us), it will be a matter of time, therefore, please keep in mind the Town of Oxford's Winter Parking Ban. This is in effect from December 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The ban takes effect when there is an accumulation of three (3) or more inches of snow, day or night. Fifteen minute parking is allowed for postal and package delivery, per the board of Selectmen. On street parking is prohibited during these months from 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.

Operation Santa was held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center, with over 160 children attending. Once again, thank you to the volunteers for their hours of dedication, this event would not take place without your selfless efforts. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, our department once again participated in the Goods for Guns Buyback Program, led by Lieutenant Saad. The police department collected 27 firearms. Residents turning in firearms to the police department were in turn provided with Market Basket gift cards in different denominations, depending on the type of firearm turned in. This year, sixteen communities participated in this program, which has been a success for many years.

On January 15, 2016, Officer Matthew Gray will be graduating from the Boylston Police Academy. Officer Gray has done an excellent job while training in the academy, and will be assigned to patrol upon his graduation. Officer Gray will be an asset to our department for many years to come. This will bring our department to twenty full-time officers, with the hope that another officer on our permanent-intermittent list is appointed to full-time status in the next few months. As mentioned in the fall newsletter, the town appointed five permanent officers to the department. Two of the officers, Bishoy Ibrahim and Erik Spitz, have completed the Reserve Academy and are working with our department Field Training Officers. The other

three officers, Tuan Nguyen-Le, Craig Gagner and David Peck are currently attending the Reserve Academy, and, upon completion, will begin training with our department.

A topic I would like to make you aware of is Home Security and easy ways to detect burglars. Home burglaries typically aren't elaborate, well planned heists. Most of the time, burglars are simply looking for an easy mark: unlocked doors, empty houses, and valuables left in plain sight ripe for the picking. While the most foolproof way to detect burglars is to invest in a home security system, often all you have to do to turn off a burglar's interests is to simply not make it easy to break in. This could be as easy as locking your doors, installing lights, and asking neighbors to pick up mail when you're not home. Some ideas include: locking doors and windows, showing signs that your house is being lived in (i.e.: mowing your lawn, collecting mail, papers and packages), hiding your valuables (move away from window, or keep shades or blinds closed), and making entry points unattractive (such as installing lighting at both the front and back door entries). Also, a dog can deter would be burglars. A barking dog is a problem for burglars and can alert neighbor's to the fact that someone has broken into your home.

If you have any questions regarding the above subjects or any other matter, feel free to email me at [mhassett@town.oxord.ma.us](mailto:mhassett@town.oxord.ma.us) or call me at 508-987-0156.

Thank You,

*Chief Michael Hassett*

**FYI**

-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](mailto: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 Lieutenant Anthony Saad at 508-987-0156 or by email: [asaad@town.oxford.ma.us](mailto:asaad@town.oxford.ma.us).

-OPD can be accessed on line at [www.oxfordpolice.info](http://www.oxfordpolice.info) or through the Town of Oxford Webpage: [www.town.oxford.ma.us](http://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](mailto:rpicard@town.oxford.ma.us).*

**CRIME BUSTERS**

The Oxford Police Department wishes to encourage anyone with any knowledge of a crime, be it past, present, or future, to contact the Oxford Police or any of its Officers. All calls will be returned and anonymity will be maintained whenever possible. Call 508-987-0156 or email Sergeant William Marcelonis at:  
[wmarcelonis@town.oxford.ma.us](mailto:wmarcelonis@town.oxford.ma.us)