



THE OXFORD POLICE

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Another year has passed by, I hope everyone had a very safe and happy holiday season. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Town of Oxford's Winter Parking Ban is in effect. The ban is from December 1st, 2014 through April 1st, 2015. On street parking is prohibited between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. The parking ban will also take effect when there is an accumulation of three (3) or more inches of snow, day or night. Fifteen (15) minute parking is allowed for postal and package delivery, per the Board of Selectmen. Again, please be extra careful when pulling out into the roadway, especially after a snowstorm, as snow banks can block your line of vision.

Operation Santa was held on December 7th at the Community Center, with over 150 attendees. It's hard to overstate that this event would not take place without the volunteers who provide their time and efforts for to make all of this possible. These contributions begin well in advance (several months) and this contributes to a great day at the Community Center. Again, thank you to the many generous citizens and businesses who contribute to Operation Santa and Secret Santa for helping those less fortunate. This event once again highlights the importance of our community working together to make a difference.

On December 13th, the Oxford Police Department participated in the Goods for Guns buyback program. This is a collaboration between several area police departments, UMass Memorial Children's Medical Center, the Division of Public Health and other organizations, with the endorsement of the Worcester District Attorney's Office. Goods for Guns offers a \$75 gift certificate for a semi-automatic weapon, \$50 for a pistol and a \$25 gift certificate for a rifle. Also accepted were non-operable guns, pellet guns, knives, firearm accessories and live ammunition. Lt. Anthony Saad represented our department and collected several firearms along with ammunition on this date. Since its inception in 2002, Goods for Guns has taken nearly 2,400 guns off the streets.

In early November, Officer Burdett and his K-9 partner began drug detection training, working with other area departments, training and instruction was provided by the Worcester Police

Department K-9 Unit. This training, which was just completed, is in addition to the fourteen week academy Officer Burdett and Jago attended in Boston last year and provides another asset for our department. On January 26, 2015, Officer Daniel Ausmus will be attending the Boylston Police Academy for approximately twenty-two weeks, with a projected graduation in late June.

I'd like to recommend visiting our department webpage, where you may find several links or interest. Local links include area Police and Fire Departments, Government links include the Drug and Enforcement Administration and several others. There is also a Families and Parents link, which includes the Alzheimer's Safe Return Program, Car seat safety, Heroin Rehab, and the Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to name a few.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the above subjects or other matters, please feel free to email me at: mhassett@town.oxford.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.

-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.*

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