



Oswego Police Department

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Information

Public Information Notices

The Oswego Police Department uses numerous outlets to share information with our community. We believe that information sharing assists with building partnerships with our community as well as staying transparent and informed of the events going on in town. The following links will assist you in being more informed on what messages the Department is want to share.

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Village-of-Oswego-Police-IL/286452414721491>

<http://www.oswegopoliceil.org/news.shtml>

<https://twitter.com/oswegopolice>

<http://www.oswegoil.org/email-alerts.htm>

Parking after a Snowfall

Did you know that it is a violation of Village of Oswego Ordinance to have a vehicle parked on the street after a snowfall of 2" or more? Ordinance prohibits this until such time as the street has been plowed, the snow has been removed and the snow has stopped falling.

Having the vehicles off the streets during snow removal allows our Public Works Department to more effectively and quickly remove the snow from the roads. If your vehicle is found in violation of this ordinance it can be subject to both an ordinance fine and towing. This ordinance applies to the entire village street system including those streets that are normally exempted from the overnight parking ordinance.

Comments or questions about this publication can be directed to Deputy Chief Nick Sikora.

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Winter Is Returning – Well our bit of nice mild weather appears to be leaving us and winter may finally decide to show up! We are expecting some snow this weekend and a round of very cold temperatures for next week. We would like to remind everyone to please slow down, leave extra space between vehicles, and be aware of changing roadway conditions. Be sure to have good battery in your vehicle also to ensure it starts in the cold weather.

Below are several tips for driving during the colder winter months.

- Bridges and overpasses freeze first, so always slow down and avoid sudden changes in speed or direction.
- Keep your vehicles windows clear.
- Look farther ahead in traffic. Actions by other drivers will alert you to problems and give you extra time to react.
- Use your brakes cautiously. Abrupt braking can cause brake lock-up and cause you to lose steering control.
- To make Antilock Brakes work correctly, apply constant and firm pressure to the pedal.
- Leave plenty of room for stopping and brake early. It takes more time to stop when the roads are wet and icy.
- Slow Down! Drive according to road and weather conditions. Remember, the posted speed limits are for dry pavement.
- Drive with your headlights on.
- Semi-Trucks take longer to stop, so don't cut in front of them.
- If you get stuck in the snow, straighten the wheels and accelerate slowly. Avoid spinning the tires.

Above all, if you do not have to go out during in-climate weather, stay off the roadways. The more vehicles on the roadway increase chances for a crash.

Warming Centers and PADS sites – Although most people who are reading this newsletter probably are not the ones in need of the use of a warming center or PADS site some of you may know someone that is in need. Please be aware also of the fact that there are a number of people in our area that rely on these sites on a daily basis due to their current situations.

Additional information on these programs is available on our website. The locations and details are too long to list in this newsletter however the link below will take you to the page that has the information available.

<http://www.oswegopoliceil.org/pads-shelters.html>

New Officer Started - Officer Nicholas Orsolini was sworn in on December 28th. He will fill a spot vacated by the resignation of a previous officer. Officer Orsolini will be attending the police academy for twelve weeks beginning Monday January 11th.