



Nuisance Abatement Quadrant Based Enforcement

The Oelwein Police Department has been tasked with the effort to encourage and enforce the cleaning up of the exterior of properties. In August of 2019, the police department, within the goals set by the Oelwein City Council, restructured the enforcement effort process. The new process involved:



- All officers actively working on one quadrant of the community at the same time.
- Officers were assigned to small sections of a quadrant and within a set period of time, all properties with violations were served and either in compliance or summoned into court.
- After a quadrant was completed, officers moved onto a new quadrant but return to the previous quadrant, once per week, to maintain compliance.

Results:



- Prior to the restructured process, the department served 140 nuisance violation notices in the first 7 months of the year.
- Of the 140 notices served, 16 people were cited and summoned to court for failure to comply for an 88.6% compliance rate.
- From August 1st through December 5th, the department served 198 nuisance violation notices.
- Of the 198 notices served, 13 people were cited and summoned into court for failure to comply for a 93.5% compliance rate.

Department Goals For 2020

- Transition a manageable abatement process over to the Community Development Department.
- Sustain and enhance the community engagement activities performed by the officers.
- Research ways in which the department can work with the courts to educate the prosecutors and the judicial system on the negative impact that a lack of accountability, in all levels of the system, has on a community.
- Enhance drug enforcement activities.
- Be courteous and professional in the performance of our duties.

GOALS

A Failure Will Not Start
With Us.