

# Press Release

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## **Onalaska Police & Hallman Lindsay Quality Paints Begin Graffiti Removal Program**

The Onalaska Police Department is pleased to announce that it has teamed up with Hallman Lindsay Quality Paints located at 1226 Crossing Meadows Drive in an effort to combat graffiti in and around the city of Onalaska.

The ongoing graffiti removal program started in June and became possible through the efforts of police intern Mitchell Hunsley and Hallman Lindsay store manager Lewis Weisinger. At the onset of the program, Hunsley went out and painted over pre-existing graffiti on city infrastructure. After the initial clean up, Hunsley began conducting weekly graffiti patrols. When new damage is discovered it is quickly painted over.

“This program has been implemented at a very minimal cost to the Taxpayers, we have been wanting to address this problem for several years,” said Sergeant Tim Berg “We plan to continue this project for as long as graffiti remains a problem in Onalaska.”

“This is a great way for us to help keep the City of Onalaska looking sharp and it is the right thing to do,” said Lewis Weisinger “When Hunsley approached us with the idea we knew we had to be involved.”

The police department plans to continue the program through the use of future interns, the Onalaska Police Reserves and the support of Hallman Lindsay Quality Paints.

Anyone having any questions concerning the Graffiti Removal Program should contact Sergeant Tim Berg at (608)781-9550. Residents are also encouraged to call 911 if they see anyone destructing private or public property.