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**Reception to introduce works of Oak Park Police artist in residence**

Oak Park Police Chief Rick Tanksley will be a special guest at a reception for local artist Lindsay Olson who will unveil artwork she created while serving as the artist in residence at the Police Department at Village Hall

The reception is scheduled for 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Gallery of the [Oak Park Public Library](#), 834 Lake St., where Olson's art will be on display through June. Joining Tanksley as special guest will be Daniel Smith, author of *On the Job: Behind the Stars of the Chicago Police Department*.

Olson's exhibit, titled *Tools of the Trade: A citizen's view of law enforcement*, consists of 22-inch by 30-inch images of mixed media on paper. The Gallery is open during regular library hours, seven days a week.

As artist in residence at the [Oak Park Police Department](#), Olson helped create the most exclusive gallery in the Village, since it is accessible only to officers who work there. She converted a hallway in the station to transform a portion of the hectic workplace into what Tanksley called a calm, creative space.

The art in the gallery rotates about every six to eight weeks. The gallery now is hosting its 10<sup>th</sup> exhibit. The art can be viewed online at [www.oak-park.us/police](http://www.oak-park.us/police) – just click on the *Police Art Gallery* icon.

In describing her work as artist in residence at the Oak Park Police Department, Olson said, "I'm creating conceptual drawings based on the challenges and tools of law enforcement from a citizen's perspective. The purpose of the work is to understand the challenges faced every day by law enforcement professionals and to create work in support of the department."

Olson said she wanted to share the drawings so citizens can better understand and appreciate hard-working law enforcement professionals and support their mission to serve and protect.

For more information on the art, visit [www.lindsayolsonart.com](http://www.lindsayolsonart.com). For information on the Police Department gallery, visit [www.oak-park.us/police](http://www.oak-park.us/police).

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