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Officer Profile: Randy Liepold

The Officer Profile for April is on Officer Randy Liepold.

In February 2003, Officer Liepold was hired by the Worthington Police Department and currently serves as a patrol officer on the morning shift.

Officer Liepold has been involved with the police department K-9 program and has served as a K-9 handler from 2004 to 2013.

Officer Liepold has also assisted the Worthington-Nobles Emergency Response Unit from 2003 to 2013 where he served as a sniper.



When not working for the police department, you can find Officer Liepold working on his family farm with his father and uncle growing corn and soybeans.

Officer Liepold also enjoys spending time

with his wife, 3 year old son and 15 month old daughter. Officer Liepold's favorite hobbies include taxidermy, woodworking, planting apple trees (150 so far) and dirt work with an excavator and dump truck.

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - SEIZURES

Recently I was dispatched to a call for a person having a seizure. When I arrived, I found a family member sticking their finger into the mouth of the person having the seizure.

I took over care for the patient and placed an oxygen mask on. The family member ran up, pulled the oxygen mask off, and placed her finger into the mouth of the patient while screaming that she was going to swallow her tongue.

After calling another officer to assist me with the family member, the patient was transported to the hospital. Afterwards,

this made me realize that many people are not aware of what to do in common emergencies.

So what should the family member have done in this case?

After calling 911 for an ambulance, the most important thing you can do to help the person is to protect them from further injury. This can be achieved by placing something soft under their head and protect them from falls.

You should never place something in the mouth of a seizing person or between their teeth. If you do, you could cause the patient to chip or



break their teeth, break their jaw, or choke on the item placed in their mouth.

What about the patient swallowing their tongue during the seizure?

According to the Center for Disease Control, it is simply not possible for someone to swallow their tongue.

DON'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH

Text confidential tips to the

Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

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Law Review: Swinging Gate on Truck

This month we will be looking at Minnesota State Statute 169.43, Swinging Gate on Truck. This little known statute makes it unlawful for any truck to be driven or parked on any highway with the tailgate or tailboard hanging down or projecting from the vehicle.

The exceptions to this statute are when the vehicle is being loaded or unloaded and when a load on the tailboard makes the closing of the tailboard impossible.



Scam Alert: IRS Scam

With this year's tax season coming to a quick end, the IRS related scams are just getting started.

In one of the largest IRS scams to date, over 20,000 people have been victimized by this latest scam.

The scam involves fake IRS agents calling taxpayers and claiming they owe for unpaid taxes and demand they pay the tax immediately using a wire transfer or pre-paid debit card.

If the taxpayer refuses to make the payment, they are typically threatened with arrest, deportation, or the loss of a business license or driver's license. So far, victims of this scam have lost over one million dollars.

The fake IRS agents will typically "spoof" the caller id to make the call appear to come from a real IRS telephone number and will typically know the last four digits of the taxpayers social security

number. The fake IRS agent will commonly follow up with official looking emails.

Real IRS agents typically contact taxpayers by mail to start with and will not demand immediate payment by wire transfer, credit card or debit card.

If you are ever in doubt that the person calling you is from the IRS, hang up and call the IRS from a number you have found yourself.



Do you have a question about a scam or have been a victim of a scam that you would like warn others about? If so, please email chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us. You may remain anonymous.

Ask an Officer: Traffic Violation – Arrest vs Ticket

Why do officers arrest some people for a simple traffic violation, while other people get a ticket for committing the same violation?

There are several reasons someone may be arrested for a traffic violation.

The first reason that someone may be arrested is because they cannot properly identify themselves. If you do not have any form of identification on you, we cannot find a driver's license or identification card in the state Driver and Vehicle Services system, or find prior contacts with you in our record management system, then you

may be arrested for the traffic violation and required to show identification to get out of jail.

Another reason someone may be arrested instead of ticketed is when they have a history of failing to respond to court proceedings or paying the fine. If someone does not show up for court or pay a fine on a traffic ticket, a notation is made on their driving record stating "fail to appear or pay fines". Depending on how many of these notations are on your driving record and how recent they are may determine if you get arrested.

A third reason that you may be arrested instead of being ticketed

is to prevent criminal activity. For example, if you receive several tickets for driving without a valid license and you continue to drive, you run the risk of being arrested for the repeated offense.

Hope this helps answer your question!

Do you have a question for a police officer, but never had the chance to ask?

Here is your chance! Each month, one question will be selected and answered in this newsletter. Send your comments and questions to:

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Funny Call of the Month

Have you ever made a decision that you instantly regretted?

A recent caller to 911 experienced just that early one March evening.

The evening started off innocently enough with a group of friends having a party and having a few drinks.

It was not long before our caller was starting to wonder what he could do to impress the other people at the party.

Then it hit him! The caller had the brilliant idea of trying to impress his friends and show everyone how much of a man he was by spraying

himself in the face with a can of pepper spray.

As the caller depressed the trigger on the can of pepper spray, an instant wave of regret, along with a severe burning sensation appeared.

After letting out a high pitched shriek and a quick call to 911, the caller ran outside until the police arrived.

The police, who have experience with being pepper sprayed and treating people who have been pepper sprayed, directed the caller to stand in a cold shower to relieve the effects of the pepper spray until an ambulance could check him out.



This leaves the question, did he impress his friends?

Well, it's hard to impress your friends when you are running around the house shrieking in pain, so I'm guessing not.

Mission Statement

Serving Worthington with honor and integrity by providing community oriented law enforcement and emergency services to all people.

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