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Officer Profile: Jacob Refsland

The newest officer to join the ranks of the Worthington Police Department is Jacob Refsland.

Officer Refsland is currently finishing his field training and will be assigned to the patrol division to start his career.

Officer Refsland grew up and attended high school in Rochester, Minnesota.

After high school, Officer Refsland attended Mankato State University where he received his degree in Criminal Justice.

Officer Refsland worked at Scheels before coming to work for the Worthington Police Department.



When Officer Refsland is not working, he enjoys playing guitar and camping.

Please join us as we welcome Officer Refsland to Worthington!

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2016 Citywide Cleanup

- Animal Control**
Virgil Veen
- Community Service**
Myra Onnen
- Reception**
Barb Hussong
- Records**
Shari Droll
Julie Jeppesen
- TAC/IT**
Gary Gerdes
- Dispatch Supervisor**
Nancy Veen
- Dispatch**
Tonya Aanenson
Stephanie Culham
Hannah Huls
Jodi Mulder
Larry Rogers
- K-9 Officers**
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Mack
Thor

The annual Spring Cleanup is here again! Starting on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 you can start placing trash pickup items on the curb.

The City will begin picking up the trash starting Monday, May 2, 2016.

Items for free pickup include: windows, metal, lumber, doors,

water heaters, and steel.

Items picked up for an \$11.00 fee include: refrigerators and other appliances, carpet, furniture, toilets, tubs, sinks, mattresses, televisions, computers, and air conditioners.

Items that will not be picked up include: clothing, trees and branches, toys, pesticides, bricks and

cement, gas, oil, paint, and tires.

The \$11.00 pickup tags may be purchased starting April 25, 2016 through April 29, 2016 at City Hall, Public Utilities, and Schaaps Sanitation.

Are You Ready for Severe Weather?

The most common types of severe weather in Minnesota are storms, including tornadoes, high winds, hail, lightning, and excessive precipitation. Thunderstorms can produce straight-line winds that exceed 100 miles per hour, and cause tornado-like damage. Every thunderstorm produces lightning, which kills about 100 Americans each year.

April 11-15 is Severe Weather Awareness week. The week is designed to refresh, remind, and educate everyone about the seasonal threats from severe weather and how to avoid them. Knowing how you can receive weather warnings and what to do when you get them can mean the difference between life and death. To receive a cell phone alert for severe weather, go to <http://www.ci.worthington.mn.us/public-safety> and scroll to the bottom to the to the signup box shown below.

The annual statewide tornado drills are scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. so the outdoor warning sirens will be tested. We encourage everyone to make a plan, build an emergency kit and practice drills so they are prepared for weather related hazards. Stay Safe!!

DON'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH

Text confidential tips to the
Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

100% Anonymous

BRDTF Tips available on Apple and Android devices

Sign up for alerts from the
Worthington-Nobles County Public Safety
& other public safety agencies in your area.

Mobile #

Email

Zip Code

Language

I accept the [Terms & Conditions](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)

Sign Up!

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Lifesaving Award: Karter and Kara Honius

At the March 28th Worthington City Council meeting, Karter and Kara Honius were awarded the Worthington Police Department lifesaving award

Karter and Kara were both working as lifeguards at the YMCA last December when they saw a 12-year-old boy

jump into the pool and fail to resurface. The child was observed to be unresponsive on the bottom of the deep end of the pool.

Karter Honius jumped into the pool and pulled the child to the surface where Kara Honius assisted with pulling the child onto the pool deck.

The child started to cough water out of his lungs and was taken by ambulance to the Sanford Worthington Medical Center for further treatment.

Mayor Kuhle was amazed at the calmness of the two young lifeguards during the incident.

A fact more amazing was that Karter Honius had only been a lifeguard for just a few weeks prior to this incident.

The Worthington Police Department would like to extend our congratulations to both Karter and Kara for a job well done and a life saved!

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Each year, one full week in April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as Public Safety Telecommunicators.

This year, the week of April 10-16 will be observed in honor of those whose diligence and professionalism keep our community safe.

Emergencies can occur at any time and may require police, fire, or emergency medical services. Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers, fire fighters, EMTs and paramedics by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety.

They are dependent on the quality and accuracy of information that is obtained from the citizens who call into the dispatch center.

A 911 dispatcher must be able to take control of a situation that

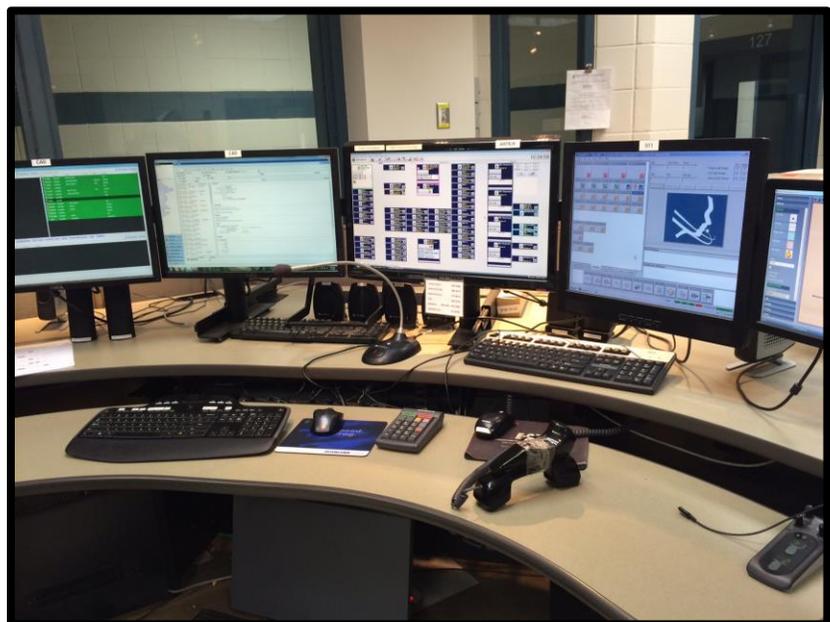
may be chaotic, heart-wrenching, stressful, or confusing. They have the ability to think quickly, use decision-making skills to evaluate the situation, establish priorities and resolve matters.

It can be stressful at times, but they are dedicated to serving the public and making it a safer place. This week is set aside to celebrate

and say thanks to all the dispatchers for their service and dedication.

The Worthington Police Department would like to thank Nancy, Tonya, Stephanie, Hanna, Jodi and Larry for all their hard work!

We appreciate the job you do!



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www.ci.worthington.mn.us

Humor in Law Enforcement

Our criminal story this month comes from Mt. Morris, New York and started out with the burglary of the local Build-A-Burger restaurant.

During the burglary investigation, deputies arrived on scene and discovered the suspects stole a cash register, the store's surveillance system, and a bowl of macaroni salad before making their getaway.

As the burglars made their getaway, deputies were hot on

their trail, following a track of cash register parts, surveillance system parts, rubber gloves, loose change, and macaroni salad.

As it turns out, the suspects stole the large bowl of macaroni salad and were taking turns eating it as they made their escape down a nearby trail.

As the suspects ate the salad, they spilled it, leaving a trail the deputies were able to follow right to the suspects.



For their trouble, the three suspects were arrested for burglary, criminal mischief, and grand larceny.

Mission Statement

**Serving Worthington with honor and integrity
by working WITH the community
to provide exceptional public safety.**

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