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## Dispatcher Larry Rogers to Retire

Anyone who plans retirement is asked the inevitable question, “What will you do with all your free time?”... That question is “suddenly” on the forefront of my thoughts.

Primarily I’m going to spend a lot more time with my best friend, the lady that agreed to marry me, nearly 44 years ago. Mary and I already have several outings planned, including, but not limited to, a camping week, a week at a lake with our daughter and granddaughters, a trip to Las Vegas, and one that we’ve talked about for years, a long week-end houseboat trip near the Boundary Waters Wilderness Area. The majority of those planned are near or on a lake, to satisfy one of our favorite hobbies, fishing.

Secondly, “I’m intending to attend as many of our granddaughters’ school events as I can. My attendance the last few years has lagged, but that’s what happens when you work the “night shift”. The girls have been more than understanding, but they also understand “G-pa” is going to be there a lot more often now.

Both of these center around family. I treasure my family more than I ever thought was possible. Mary and I have been blessed with two daughters and a trio of granddaughters. They are blessings that defy definition.

Summarize my most important retirement plans?



One word: Family

To further keep myself out of trouble, I’ll be doing substitute driving for Bud Fritz Bussing (Worthington Schools) and driving charter coaches for Reading Bus Lines.

July 12, 2001 to April 27, 2017---nearly 16 years of a fun and interesting ride!

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## National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week

The week of April 10-16 is recognized as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week, also known as recognition for 911 Dispatchers.

It is important to show our appreciation for their work that is done quietly behind the scenes where the public does not see them working.

The job of a 911 dispatcher can be very busy and stressful at times.

They are gathering important information from the callers and then sending the appropriate help to the scene.

Dispatchers must be organized, adept at multi-tasking, level-headed and trustworthy.

They must be able to take control of calls that often place them in the middle of life or death situations and then make a quick decision, to insure the safety of those responding as well as the general public.

It helps the dispatcher tremendously if callers stay calm and know the location of the emergency.

The dispatcher will ask questions to obtain information needed to get the

appropriate help faster and more efficiently.

Dispatchers are just a call away, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Thank you to all of our dispatchers for your hard work and dedication!

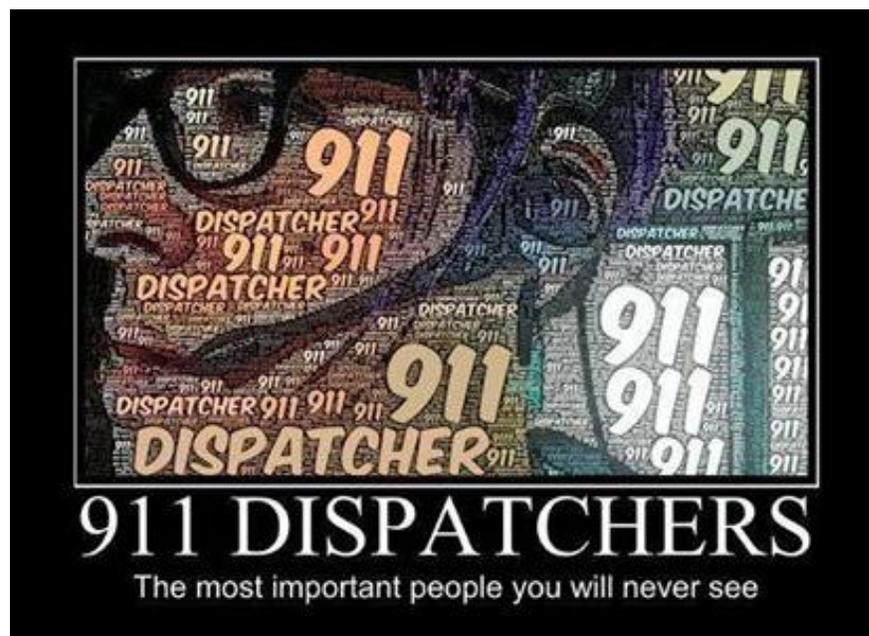


**DON'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH**

Text confidential tips to the  
**Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force**

**100% Anonymous**

BRDTF Tips available on Apple and Android devices



## Severe Weather Awareness Week

Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness week is April 17-21, 2017.

The week is designed to refresh, remind and educate everyone about the seasonal threats from severe weather and how to avoid them.

According to the National Weather Service, Minnesota experiences an average of 40 tornadoes per year.

In 2012, 37 twisters touched down. A record was set in 2010 with 104 tornadoes across the state.

Understanding this threat and knowing what to do when a tornado is approaching can save lives.

The most important events during Severe Weather Awareness week are the two annual statewide tornado drills.

These drills are scheduled for Thursday, April 20 at 1:45 p.m. and at 6:45 p.m.

Outdoor warning sirens will sound in a simulated tornado warning.

What is the difference between a watch and a warning?

A watch means weather conditions are favorable for dangerous weather to occur. A warning means that a weather event is imminent or occurring somewhere

in the defined warning area and that people need to take shelter as soon as possible.

It's a great time to make and practice your emergency plan and prepare for weather-related hazards.



## Law Review: Graffiti

As we begin to look at the Graffiti ordinance, we will start with the rationale behind city ordinance 92.35, the Elimination of Graffiti.

In developing the graffiti ordinances, the Worthington City Council looked at information on criminal gang activity collected by the police department and determined the presence of graffiti is detrimental to the health, welfare, morals, and safety of persons in the city.

The study of graffiti and the toll it takes on communities has caused the city council to determine it to be a public nuisance and destructive to the rights and values of property owners as well as the private community.



## The Siri Prank

Those of us who own an iPhone are familiar with Siri feature. Siri is a voice activated assistant that recognizes speech and can be used to perform different actions such as making telephone calls.

There is a prank that is going around the internet designed to trick unsuspecting iPhone owners into calling emergency services.

The prank encourages the owners of the Apple iPhone to say the number "108" to Siri.

The number "108" is the equivalent of 911 in India and Siri will recognize the request as a command to

contact emergency services in the phone user's local area.

In this case, that request will cause the telephone to dial 911!

While it may appear to be a harmless prank to many; emergency services in many places is already stretched thin and this prank does not help the situation.

To make matters worse, some pranksters are taking this a step farther by telling users to close their eyes for five seconds after saying the number "108", as doing so prevents them from seeing what's happening and stopping the call before

it can be connected.

This prank can also be used with other emergency numbers used throughout the world such as 112, 118, 119, 000, 110, and 999. In Worthington, all 911 calls are investigated to determine the nature of the emergency and what emergency services are needed.

In all cases where 911 is dialed, a police officer is dispatched to the location of the call.

If you ever dial 911 by accident, please stay on the line and explain the incident to the dispatcher. People caught making 911



calls when no emergency exists can face criminal charges under Minnesota Statute 609.78.

Violations of Minnesota Statute 609.78 can range from a misdemeanor with a penalty of 90 days in jail and/or fines of up to \$1,000 all the way up to a felony with a sentence of 10 years' imprisonment and/or a fine of \$20,000.

## Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force Award!!!

Congratulations are in order for the Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force, who on March 9, 2017, received the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, 2016 Outstanding Investigative Effort Award.

The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program was created by Congress with the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 to provide assistance to Federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug-trafficking regions of the United States.

The BRDTF was recognized for their outstanding achievements and significant contributions to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program.

Congratulations on a job well done!!!



## Dispatcher Joke

Caller: "Yeah, I'm having trouble breathing. I'm all out of breath. I think I might pass out".  
 Dispatch: "Sir, where are you calling from?"  
 Caller: "I'm at a pay phone. North and Foster".  
 Dispatch: "Sir, an ambulance is on the way. Are you asthmatic?"  
 Caller: "No"  
 Dispatch: "What were you doing before you started having trouble breathing?"  
 Caller: "Running from the police"!



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## Humor in Law Enforcement

Sometimes reality can be stranger than fiction.

For one police officer, a lazy Sunday afternoon was disrupted by a call of a man breaking the windows out of a car.

As the hero of our story arrived on scene, he saw what looked like Ronald McDonald swinging a baseball bat at a car.

As the officer got out of the car, "Ronald" immediately took off running between the houses.

Thinking he was part of a bad joke, the officer looked around trying to

figure out what he just saw.

The officer quickly realized the incident was not a joke by seeing the looks on the faces of the bystanders.

In taking off after the suspect, the officer ignored several requests by dispatch for a suspect description.

After rounding a corner, the officer saw a pair of size 42 floppy shoes hanging out of a nearby Ford Fiesta.

After dragging the suspect out of the car and handcuffing him,



the suspect was walked back to the squad car. A group of children saw the clown in handcuffs and gave the officer a thumbs down and began to boo him.

Sometimes you just can't win!

## Mission Statement

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

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