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COVID-19 and the Worthington Police Department

If you are like most of us, you are tired of hearing about COVID-19.

However, COVID-19 is a serious pandemic that has already led to the deaths of at least 21 law enforcement officers across the nation.

The men and women of the Worthington Police Department are taking this pandemic serious as well.

We have put into place numerous policy changes to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 as we perform our duties across the city.

Some of the policies we have put in place include:

- A mandatory sick leave policy for any employee that has used public transportation or otherwise shows symptoms of COVID-19.
- A policy that restricts patrol vehicles to just one officer at a time.



- A policy that requires each patrol vehicle to be completely decontaminated between shifts.
- Policy changes for warrant and warrantless arrests.
- A new procedure for any officer to decontaminate if they believe they have been exposed to the COVID-19.

In addition to these policies and procedures, each officer has been issued N-95 masks, gloves, and face shields. Officer has access to decontamination supplies and hand sanitizer as well.

This crisis requires all of us to do our part.

Follow the governor's orders on self-quarantine and avoiding large groups will help flatten the curve on new COVID-19 cases and prevent our hospitals from being overwhelmed.

For additional information:

Minnesota Department of Health
www.health.state.mn.us

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
www.cdc.gov

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Severe Weather Awareness Week

Severe weather normally refers to any dangerous weather event with the potential to cause the loss of life or injuries, significant damage to structures, or any other serious disruption to communities.

Forms of severe weather events vary, but all types can be potentially hazardous.

Storms, including tornadoes, high winds, hail, lightning or flooding, are the most common types in Minnesota.

Receiving timely information about weather conditions or other emergency events can make all the difference in knowing when to take action to be safe.

Local police and fire departments, emergency managers, the National Weather Service (NWS), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),

and private industry are working together to make sure you can receive alerts and warnings quickly through several different technologies no matter where you are—at home, at school, at work, or in the community.

While severe weather can't be prevented, there are some simple steps everyone can take to stay safe and protect themselves and their homes whenever severe weather threatens.

- Make a plan with your family today.
- Know which types of disasters could affect your area
- Know how you'll contact family members and reconnect if separated
- Confirm your mobile device can receive Wireless Emergency Alerts
- Sign up for text and/or email alerts from your local jurisdiction
- Consider purchasing a NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards
- Download relevant hazard alerts and warnings apps



The most important events during Severe Weather Awareness Week are the two statewide tornado drills. They are scheduled for 1:45 pm and 6:45 pm on Thursday, April 16th.

They provide an excellent opportunity for citizens to prepare their homes, families, neighborhoods and communities!

Information from the Homeland Security and Emergency Management



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Anniversaries

Officer Tyler Olson

7 Years

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

Every year during the second week of April, the telecommunications personnel in the public safety community, are honored.

This week-long event is a time to celebrate and thank those who dedicate their lives to serving the public.

February 16, 1968 was a momentous day for public safety – it marked the first time a 9-1-1 call was ever made.

Since then, telecommunications have become the first voice that you hear when you call for help and are life-saving heroes.

How can you help a dispatcher when you call 9-1-1?

Details are critical. Stay on the line with the operator and answer all the questions that they ask. Provide an accurate location and all the details that you can, so that first responders can be dispatched as soon as possible. Try to stay calm and speak clearly. Don't hang up when calling 9-1-1.

If you called by mistake, let the operator know.

DO NOT call 9-1-1 for jokes or prank calls. 9-1-1 is for police, fire and medical emergencies only.

Dispatchers are there to help you! This week is to recognize and acknowledge the work that they do.

Telecommunicators will be there at any hour of the day or night to answer your calls.

They provide critical assistance during a person's worst moments and the reassurance that the help you need is on the way.

If you ask the men and women who answer the millions of calls to 9-1-1 each year about their work,

they will probably tell you they're just doing their job.

The truth is they're helping to save lives every day.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work!



Dispatchers Joe Reith & Jodi Mulder

Testing for COVID-19

With the doom and gloom that has been surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak, it can be hard to tell when and if you should be tested.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has made the following recommendations about COVID-19.

Symptoms

Symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild symptoms to severe illness and death and may appear from 2 to 14 days after exposure.

These symptoms can include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Who Should Get Tested?

Most people do not need to be tested, since they will have a mild illness and are able to recover at home.

Currently, there are no treatments specifically approved for this virus.

Decisions about testing for COVID-19 are up to the discretion of the state and local health departments and individual clinicians.

Warning Signs

When should you seek medical attention for an illness you believe is COVID-19?

Emergency warning signs for COVID-19 include:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face

If you develop these signs and symptoms, seek medical attention immediately

This is a partial list. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or are concerning.

Older adults and people who have severe underlying

medical conditions like heart or lung disease appear to be at a higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19.

How to Get Tested

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 and want to get tested, contact your local medical provider.

While supplies of these tests are increasing, it may still be difficult to find a place to get tested.

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Humor in Law Enforcement

In these stressful times, here is a little humor from the Kalispell (MT) Police Blotter. (Yes, these are real calls).

A Kalispell man requested that law enforcement help physically remove all of the family members who came to visit him on Christmas.

A Kalispell family ended their Christmas Eve celebration with a screaming match.

A Kalispell store owner reported that there was a woman "pretending to shop" and she wanted the woman to either shop for real or to leave his store.

A Columbia Falls man was "acting up again" by wandering around the neighborhood boarding up windows in his underwear.

A Columbia Falls man reported his neighbor keeps running a power cord to his house to steal his power. He admitted it wasn't a pressing issue, but he is getting pretty tired of it.

A Kalispell woman reported that "her baby daddy showed up and caused a scene".

A drunk man was "going off about the government and other things".



A Libby man called 911 because his neighbor was mowing his lawn. The man thought 10:39 p.m. was a lousy time to do yard work!

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Mission Statement

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

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