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Worthington Police News



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Officer Profile: Ivan Martinez

Please help us welcome our newest officer to the Worthington Police Department, Ivan Martinez!

Officer Martinez is originally from Iowa, but moved to Minnesota about 10 years ago.

After completing high school, Officer Martinez wanted a career where he could help people that was not repetitive, so he was naturally attracted to law enforcement work.

Officer Martinez attended Minnesota West Community and Technical College for law enforcement.

Officer Martinez was then hired by the Worthington Police Department and completed the field training program.



When he is not working, Officer Martinez enjoys spending time with his friends and family as well as playing video games.

Officer Martinez is fluent in Spanish and is hoping to use his skills to help get more people from different ethnicities to try law enforcement work and help protect their communities.

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Heading out West – SRO Gabe Vander Veen

School Resource Officer Gabe Vander Veen has resigned his position with the Worthington Police Department and has accepted a police officer position with the Pierre, South Dakota Police Department.

Good luck with your future endeavors Gabe!



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New School Resource Officer – Tyler Olson

With School Resource Officer (SRO) Gabe Vander Veen leaving the Worthington Police Department, an opening was left for a new SRO.

Officer Tyler Olson has been selected as our newest SRO. Officer Olson has already received Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Training and has taught DARE classes to Worthington School Children.

Congratulations to SRO Olson in his new assignment!!! Working with and protecting our children is one of the most important functions a police officer can do.



Cellular Telephone Examinations

The use of technology and cellular telephones in crime is an everyday occurrence and law enforcement agencies are always working hard to keep on top of new technologies.



The Worthington Police Department recently had Officer Chris Hillesheim attend the Cellebrite Certified Operator (CCO) course. This training will allow Officer Hillesheim to perform cellular telephone examinations to help officers find evidence stored on digital devices such as cellular telephones and drones.

Active Shooter Training

Officers from the Worthington Police Department teamed up with Deputies from the Nobles County Sheriff's Department for our annual active shooter training.

Officers studied active shooting events that have occurred across the United States before performing multiple training scenarios. The training is designed to cause high levels of stress in the officer and to test their critical thinking skills as they navigate unknown situations.

Work Anniversaries

Christopher Hillesheim	Police Officer	19 Years
Brandon Peil	Detective Sergeant	10 years



Scam Alert: Facebook Cheating Spouse Scam

A new scam is showing up on Facebook that has been targeting local residents.

The scam starts with a person posting that they are selling off their cheating husband's property, because he left it behind after he moved out.

The post claims they moved away from the area and that they need money sent upfront, so

they can pay the shipping fees for the item sold.

The post will then ask for money to be sent via various methods such as CashApp or Apple Pay.

Once the money is sent, the post and your money disappear.

This scam works by tricking the victim into sending money

using a service that cannot be stopped or reversed once the money is sent.

If you are looking to purchase anything from someone that you don't know, it is safest to use a payment method like a credit card that can be reversed.

You can also meet the person in a public place to make the exchange. Consider



bringing a friend or family member when purchasing something from a person that you don't know.

If all else fails, remember the adage that "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is".

Another Dangerous Tik-Tok Trend: Chroming

There is another dangerous trend going around Tik-Tok known as Chroming.

Chroming, also known as huffing, is the latest social media challenge going around Tik-Tok.

In this new "challenge", teenagers are encouraged to inhale various aerosol chemicals in order to get high from it.

This challenge was already proven to be deadly when 13-year-old Esra Haynes from Melbourne, Australia inhaled the chemicals from an aerosol deodorant.

Haynes suffered irreparable brain damage and went into cardiac arrest after participating in the

activity. Haynes was hospitalized for a week before she died.

The inhalation of toxic substances gives the user a temporary high similar to the use of alcohol but can have deadly side effects.

These side effects can include heart attack, seizures, suffocation, coma, choking, permanent organ damage, and death.

Long term inhalation of toxic substances can also cause cognitive impairment including the inability to concentrate, memory loss, impaired judgement, and a lower IQ.

Not only can the use of inhalants seriously injure or kill you, but there are also legal repercussions

from the use of it as well.

The use of inhalants is illegal under state law and people under the influence of inhalants can be charged with Driving While Impaired.

With all the dangerous trends coming from Tik-Tok, parents should monitor their child's use of social media and talk to them about the hidden dangers of these different challenges.

Some of the different toxic chemicals used include aerosol cans, paint, permanent markers, nail polish remover, hairspray, deodorants, lighter fluid, glue, cleaning supplies, nitrous oxide, and gasoline.

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Humor in Law Enforcement

Here are some funny stories from police blotters across the US.

Squirrels

A caller on West Point Avenue reported that a belligerent squirrel was preventing him from using his boat dock.

The caller understood there was nothing that could be done but wanted officers to know "what kind of squirrels are running about in the community".

Computer Theft

A women reported that someone broke into her home and switched the

hardware in her computer with identical hardware that does not work. There are no suspects.

Animal Complaint

Police were informed by a local resident that a family in the area is taking over the minds of local dogs and are turning them against their owners.

Police were advised by the person that the only way to protect a dog is to install an anti-force field on its head before letting the animal go outside.

Theft

A 21-year-old women reports that her gold rope



chain with a diamond pendant was missing from her home.

The women suspects that her ex-roommate took the chain and also took the woman's husband, who is also missing.

Mission Statement

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

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