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Worthington Police News

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Officer Profile: Chris Dybevic

After 27 years of faithful service to the City of Worthington, Captain Chris Dybevic decided to change course in his career and jump ship to the Nobles County Sheriff's Department.

Captain Dybevic will be taking over as Chief Deputy, replacing the position held for years by Chris Heinrichs.

Captain Dybevic started his law enforcement career working part-time for the City of Worthington, policing special events and band concerts, directing traffic and doing a lot of foot patrol around town.

Captain Dybevic was promoted to Patrol Sergeant and served in that capacity for 15 years. In 2005, Captain Dybevic was promoted to Captain where he oversaw a department of 36 employees.



When Captain Dybevic is not working, he enjoys spending time with his wife Diane, traveling, golfing, cooking and motorcycling. We wish Captain Dybevic the best in his new career with the Nobles County Sheriff's Department.

Promotions: Nate Grimmus and Nancy Veen

Congratulations to Nate Grimmus, who was just promoted to the position of Sergeant and was sworn in on August 1, 2014.

Congratulations to Nancy Veen, who was promoted to the position of Dispatch Supervisor and has already assumed her duties.



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K-9 Officers
Mack
Thor

Notable Calls: Domestic with a Gun

This notable call started out early one morning with the Nobles County Sheriff's Department receiving a call of a domestic assault involving a gun.

The call was only a couple miles from town, so two Worthington Police Officers also responded to the call.

Officer Palmersheim was the first officer to arrive on scene and observed a truck stopped on the side of the road near the location of the call.

As Officer Palmersheim approached the vehicle, the suspect started to pull away and drive

past him.

Officer Palmersheim quickly turned around and performed a felony stop on the driver. Before stopping, the suspect driver started to back up toward Officer Palmersheim's vehicle.

Officer Honius arrived on scene and assisted in taking the suspect into custody without further incident.

Officer Palmersheim and his K-9 partner Thor were able to locate the gun used in the incident buried in a field near where the truck was originally stopped.



During an interview with the suspect, officers learned the suspect had considered trying to shoot responding officers, but then changed his mind and buried the gun.

Fortunately for everyone involved, the incident ended peacefully.

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

Law Review: New Work Zone Safety Laws

Beginning August 1, 2014, several work zone safety laws have come into effect. Motorists who speed in a work zone are now subject to a \$300 fine.

In addition to the \$300 fine for speeding in a work zone, motorists who do not obey work zone flaggers' traffic directions can also be fined \$300.

Safety is a top priority in Minnesota work zones and the purpose of these new fines is to get motorists to slow down in the work zones and to pay more attention while driving. The lives of our road workers are in your hands!

Scam Alert: Microsoft Scam

One of the latest scams showing up around Worthington is the Microsoft Scam.

In this scam, the potential victim receives a telephone call from someone pretending to be from Microsoft and is requesting access to your computer.

The caller will usually say there is some problem with your computer, such as a virus or security patch that needs to be installed immediately.

The caller will give step by step directions to fix the problem, but what the caller is doing is setting up a program that allows for remote access to the victim's computer.

Once the caller receives the remote access, they install malicious software, access personal records such as banking information on the computer, or redirect the computer to fraudulent websites.

According to Microsoft, they do not make unsolicited telephone calls so anyone calling you claiming to be from Microsoft is a scammer.

If you receive one of these telephone calls, just hang up on the caller.

If you are concerned about a computer virus on your computer, install an anti-virus program on your computer and seek the guidance of a trusted computer repair company.



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: Black Mourning Bands

I have been receiving many questions about the black mourning bands that the police officers have been wearing over their police badges recently.

The black bands are known as mourning bands and are placed over our badges when an officer is killed in the line of duty and is removed after the funeral for the fallen officer.

Recently, we were wearing the mourning bands for Mendota Heights Police Officer Scott Patrick, who was shot to death on July 30, 2014 while performing a traffic stop.

The mourning bands are usually only worn when an officer from Minnesota dies in the line of duty, however it may be worn in other circumstances, such as when an officer from a neighboring department is killed.

According to the Officer Down Memorial Page, there have been 21,812 line of duty deaths in the United States since 1791.

Of those 21,812 line of duty deaths, Officer Patrick became the 236th officer to die in Minnesota.



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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Criminal of the Month

The Criminal of the Month started out late one night with a traffic stop for a vehicle that crossed the center line and was stopped for several other traffic violations.

The officer turned on the emergency lights and the vehicle came to a very abrupt stop. So abrupt that the driver was lifted off of the seat.

As the officer reached the vehicle, he found the driver's seat to be empty. As he looked around the vehicle, he observed a passenger in the front seat, still wearing his seatbelt.

As the officer looked between the front bucket seats, he found the driver

sitting on a case of beer and talking to the passenger.

As the officer knocked on the window, the driver did everything he could not to look at the officer.

The officer called out to the driver and the driver continued to talk with the passenger and act like the officer was not there.

Eventually the passenger reached over and opened the window.

Despite the driver's best attempt at not being seen and blending into the background, he was still arrested for DWI after failing several field sobriety tests.



Mission Statement

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

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