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Lifesaving Award

June 17th started out as a normal day for Randall Childers of Fairmont, Minnesota.

Randall and his wife Mary Ann were returning from an appointment in Sioux Falls when they decided to stop at KFC before continuing home.

A minute later, the 911 phone rang in the Worthington Police Department dispatch center reporting a male lying on the ground at KFC.

Detective Brandon Peil was only a block away from KFC when the call came out and responded.

Detective Peil arrived at KFC and found Randall was not breathing and did not have a pulse. Randall was in cardiac arrest.

Detective Peil immediately started CPR and was joined in performing CPR by Officer Tyler Olson.

The two officers performed CPR until a



defibrillator shock was administered and Randall's heart started beating again.

Randall was transported by ambulance to the Sanford Worthington Medical Center and was later airlifted to Sioux Falls.

On July 26, 2016, Detective Peil and Officer Olson were awarded the Worthington Police Department Lifesaving Award at the city council meeting.

Randall and Mary Ann were present during this meeting and were able to personally thank them for

their actions.

Chief Appel said the entire incident was a testimony to the professionalism of our local dispatch, police officers and medical staff. Without the quick and efficient response and treatment, a life would have been lost.

For Detective Peil, this is the second lifesaving award that he has been awarded in the last year.

Congratulations to Detective Peil and Officer Olson for a job well done!

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Pokémon Go

Pokémon Go is one of the hottest crazes of 2016 with over 15 million people playing this game.

In Pokémon Go, the players walk around to different locations to catch Pokémon, battle at Pokémon gyms, and to pick up other related items to help them “catch them all”.

While the game can be great fun, here are some tips to help make the game safe and enjoyable for everyone.

First of all, please respect private property. If you don't have permission to be on someone's property, please don't

go on it.

Be aware of your surroundings. If an area you are in does not seem safe, leave immediately. There has been at least one case where armed robbers have targeted Pokémon Go players.

Be respectful of where you are playing. Avoid playing in solemn areas such as cemeteries and monuments. Avoid other places where playing may be disruptive.

One of the most important tips we can give is that you should never drive while playing Pokémon Go.



Not only is it illegal, there have already been reports of players crashing their cars while playing.

One player even crashed into a Baltimore city police car. While nobody in this case was hurt, this could have been much worse.

Have fun, be aware of your surroundings, and go out and “Catch them all”

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: Use of Wireless Communications Device

With Pokémon Go being all the rage, now would be a good time to review Minnesota State Statute 169.475, Use of a Wireless Communications Device.

The law simply states that no person may operate a motor vehicle while using a wireless communication device to compose, read, or send an electronic message, when the vehicle is in motion or part of traffic.

The definition of electronic message under this statute includes, but is not limited to e-mail, text messages, instant messages, a command or request access to a World Wide Web page, or other data that uses commonly recognized electronic communications protocol.

Commonly recognized electronic communications protocol would include the use of applications such as Pokémon Go.

Appreciation

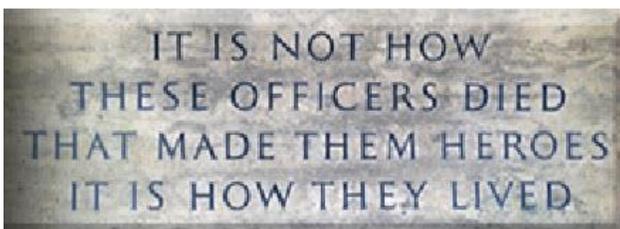
July has been a tough month to be a police officer in the United States. On July 7th, five officers in Dallas, Texas were murdered and 9 others were shot in the deadliest incident for American law enforcement since the terrorist attacks of September 2011. The shooter in this case expressed anger toward law enforcement due to recent police shootings and an overall anger toward white people in general.

Ten days later, three Baton Rouge police officers were also murdered and three more were shot by a gunman, who was also upset about recent police shootings. Two days later, a Kansas City police officer was murdered while sitting in his patrol car. According to Foxnews.com, shooting deaths of law enforcement officers has spiked 78 percent in the first half of 2016. Many news organizations have dubbed these incidents as a “war on police”.

Hardly a day goes past where you don’t hear about anti-police protests going on throughout the country or police being assaulted or murdered. This has had a stifling effect on police recruiting. Most agencies report a great decrease in the number of applicants for open positions. The Seattle Police department is reporting a 90% decrease in applicants (ABC.com) while the State of Michigan is reporting they have over 4,000 vacant police officer jobs they are having difficulty filling (fox2detroit). This has caused many current police officers to contemplate their choice of being police officers and why they make the sacrifices they make.

Through all of the negativity surrounding the world of the policing, our community has recognized the pain we feel from these tragedies and has gone out of their way to show support for our local law enforcement officers. From people thanking us for our service to sending care packages to people sending us care packages or food, the community has made their support known. This support reaffirms why each of us chose to be police officers and shows the amazing character exhibited by the people we serve. For this, we cannot thank you enough!

On the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officer’s Memorial is a quote from Vivian Eney Cross, whose husband was killed in the line of duty. The quote is “It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived”. I could not find a more fitting quote to describe the sacrifice these officers made.






NIGHT to UNITE!

Neighbors Joining Together

FREE!!
Open to Public!!

5:00-7:00p.m.
Tuesday, August 2, 2016
Pioneer Village, Worthington

Food
Provided!!

Night to Unite Organizations on Display:

- Law Enforcement Emergency Response Unit (ERU)
- Southwest Crisis Center Display
- Worthington Fire Department
- Sanford Ambulance

Entertainment

- Food provided
- Bouncy House
- Face Painting by Southwest Crisis Center
- Door Prizes for kids and adults (kids bikes, helmets, yard games, etc.)
- Free Children's ID Kits, reflectors and more.
- DJ Barry Roberts



Night to Unite is observed annually on the first Tuesday in August and provides citizens and public safety personnel the opportunity to join together to give crime, drugs and violence a going away party.

Night to Unite is sponsored by the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association, HyVee, Walmart, Fareway Foods, DJ Barry Roberts, Radio Works, W-2 Meats, Daily Globe, JBS and the Worthington Police Department



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Humor in Law Enforcement

Police officers are called on to perform a wide range of tasks, but we can't do everything.

For one Winnipeg male, that point simply was getting through to him.

Distraught that his favorite hockey team, the Winnipeg Jets, moved to Phoenix 14 years' prior, the caller was bound and determined to do something about it.

In this case, the man started calling 911

and demanding that the responding officers do something to get the hockey team back to Winnipeg!

After repeated calls to 911 in which the man started to insult the dispatchers, officers were sent to arrest him for misuse of the 911 system.

Upon finding out his fate, the man responded by saying "If you're coming to get me, can you bring me some smokes?"
(Foxnews.com)



Mission Statement

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

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