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2017 Crime Report

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) has released the 2017 Minnesota Uniform Crime Report for the State of Minnesota and Worthington has ranked significantly lower than other cities of comparable size.

Overall, violent crimes, which include; murder, rape, robbery, human trafficking, and aggravated assault have increased 0.5 percent since last year.

Property crimes which include; burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson have increased 4.4 percent over the last year.

Last year, Worthington had a crime index of 3,782 crimes per 100,000 residents with a crime clearance rate of 58% in Worthington.

Nobles County has a



crime index of 1,530 crimes per 100,000 residents with a clearance rate of 57%.

To put these numbers in perspective, Marshall has a crime index of 6,537 per 100,000 residents, New Ulm has a crime 7,037 per 100,000 and Fairmont 9,415.

Nobles County crime index of 1,530 is lower than Murray County (2,014), Pipestone County (4,295), and Jackson County (1,974).

The state average crime clearance rate is 47% and both the Worthington Police Department and Nobles

County Sheriff's Department is well above the state average.

While the low crimes rate is testament to the hard work of our local law enforcement officers, dispatchers, and office staff; none of this would be possible without the help of the community we serve.

If you would like to read the 2017 Minnesota Uniform Crime report, you can go to:

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/bca/bca-divisions/mnjis/Documents/2017-Minnesota-Uniform-Crime-Report.pdf>

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New Minnesota License Plate Design

A new license plate design is now available from the Driver and Vehicle Services offices.

The Law Enforcement Memorial license plate helps raise money for the families and departments of fallen officers.

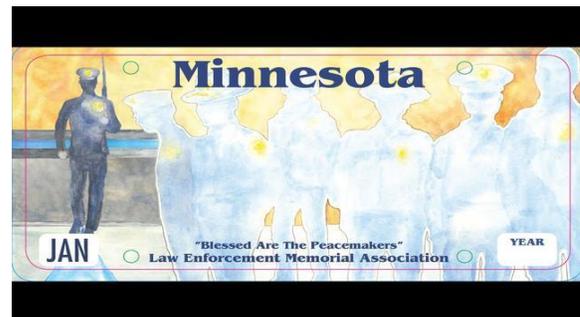
The license plate was designed by Minnesota artist Michele Steffen and shows an Honor Guard member walking the thin blue line with the phrase “Blessed Are The Peacemakers” along the bottom.

The license plate also has light blue outlines of officers from

different agencies such as the State Patrol, sheriff’s departments, city police, SWAT, and the DNR. They are recognizable by the style of hat they wear.

In addition, the badges on each uniform “shine to represent service and hope”.

The new license plates are \$25 plus a yearly donation of at least \$5 per year.



Law Review: Misrepresentation of a Service Animal

Governor Mark Dayton signed a new law that makes misrepresenting a service animal as illegal.

This law which took effect on August 1, 2018 makes it illegal for anyone to misrepresent an animal in that person’s possession as a service animal in any place of public accommodation to obtain any rights or privileges available to a person who qualifies for a service animal.

A first-time offense is a petty misdemeanor, while a second or subsequent offense becomes a misdemeanor.

This law will be codified as Minnesota State Statute 609.833. At the time of this writing, the statute is not listed on the Minnesota Revisor’s website.

DON'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH

Text confidential tips to the

Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

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Scam Alert: Scam Arrests

According to Gizmoto.com, several dozen IRS scammers from India were arrested for their roles in the scam.

In India, the call center employees posed as IRS and Immigration agents and would tell potential victims that they owed money and would be arrested if they did not transfer money immediately.

They also posed as agents with the U.S

Citizenship and Immigration Service and threatened to deport victims if they did not pay.

The scammers used call scripts and would instruct their victims to purchase gift cards, iTunes cards or prepaid debit cards to pay their “debt”.

It is estimated the scammers ultimately stole in excess of \$100 million dollars from the victims.

The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) estimated there were thousands of people targeted by the ring.

Each defendant is now facing up to 20 years in prison and some will face deportation after their sentences have ended.

The DOJ has a website with updated information about this scam and encourages anyone who may have fallen victim to this scam to contact



the Federal Trade Commission.

Ask an Officer: Can the Police Really Lie to You?

I was reading a Facebook post about the school referendum and it mentioned the police can lie to people. Is this true?

There are no clear-cut laws on what types of police deception (lies) is legal or not so the issue is governed by court decisions, commonly referred to as case law.

In 1969, the United States Supreme Court decision in *Frazier v. Cupp*, the Supreme Court affirmed the legality of deceptive interrogation tactics.

In *Frazier v. Cupp*, the police were investigating the murder of Russell Anton Marleau and told one of the suspects, Martin E. Frazier, that his cousin Jerry Lee Rawls had confessed to the crime and implicated him in the crime.

This action by the police caused Frazier to eventually confess to the murder, which was used against him in court.

The Supreme Court rules that the statement made by police did not render the confession involuntary, based on a totality of the circumstances.

When the courts look at the actions of the police, it looks at the entire situation surrounding the actions of the police, which is commonly referred to as the “totality of the circumstances” to determine if the actions of the police are reasonable.

Typically, when the police lie to someone, it is in the context of interviewing and interrogation. In these cases, the courts are going to determine if the confession is voluntary or if it was coerced.

If the confession is determined to be coerced, the courts will not allow it to be used in court.

If the police do not lie to people, every single undercover investigation could be stopped with the question “Are you a cop”?



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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Humor in Law Enforcement

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Our story this month comes from the city of Cape May, New Jersey where they had a run in with a sneaky character prowling in back yards along the 1300 block of New Jersey Avenue.

As officers arrived on scene, they quickly captured the prowler who goes by the name Bean the Pug.

Bean was transported to the local jail where he was booked into the jail and his photo was placed on Facebook. Due to the power of social media, Bean was

quickly identified, and his owner was notified.

Bean's owner eventually showed up several hours later and posted his bail in cookies.

Bean was rumored to say "I didn't choose the pug life; the pug life chose me" as he left the Cape May Police Department.

After his adventures, Bean was placed on house arrest and was last seen sleeping on the floor at his house.



Mission Statement

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

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