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Detective Special Assignment

The Worthington Police Department opened a special assignment for a general detective due to the promotion of Detective Sergeant Brandon Peil.

Officer Jake Walker was selected for the detective special assignment and he has

already started his duties as a detective. Officer Walker was previously a K-9 patrol officer and was partnered with K-9 Winston.

Please take the time to congratulate Detective Walker when you see him!!!



New Animal Control Officer

Join us in welcoming our newest Animal Control Officer, Laura Garcia.

Laura joins us from the Nobles County Jail where she was a correctional officer before joining the Worthington Police Department.

In addition to her duties as the Animal

Control Officer, Laura will also help out Community Service Officer, Myra Onnen with her duties as well.

Laura replaced Josh Erwin who left to pursue other interests.

Congratulations Laura on joining the Worthington PD!



Animal Control

Laura Garcia

Community Service

Myra Onnen

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K-9 Officers

Frankie

Mack

Winston

A Life Saved

With the opioid crisis taking many lives across the nation, the Worthington Police Department took the initiative to train and equip our officers with the nasal spray, Narcan a couple of years ago.

Narcan is a medication used to treat known or suspected opioid overdose emergencies, where the patient is having breathing problems or is unresponsive.

Last month the Worthington Police Department received a

call of a male in the vehicle who appeared to be unresponsive.

Responding officers on scene quickly determined the man was barely breathing and appeared to be under the influence of an opioid.

Officers administered two doses of Narcan, and the male became responsive on scene.

The man was transported by ambulance to the hospital and survived the overdose of drugs.



Due to the quick recognition of the overdose and the ability of Narcan, a life was saved that day!

If you or someone you love needs help with drug addiction, please call the National Drug Helpline at 844-289-0879

COVID-19 Update

The first COVID-19 vaccine has been administered to Long Island Jewish Medical Center ICU Nurse Sandra Lindsay on December 14, 2020.

After receiving the vaccine, Nurse Lindsay said the vaccine felt like any other vaccine she has received.

While the vaccines are being rolled out, it will take some time to get the vaccines out to everyone.

Until the vaccines are distributed, please follow the best practices to keep you and your loved ones safe.

Some of the best practices to avoid COVID-19 include maintaining social distancing, wearing masks, and avoiding travel when you are sick or running a temperature, and washing your hands.

To date Nobles County has had 3,383 confirmed cases of COVID-19. While the vaccine is almost here, don't let your guard down!



Scam Alert: Brushing Scam

Have you ever received something you did not order? If you have, you may have been part of a brushing scam.

Brushing is an unethical method of increasing an online seller's ratings on platforms such as Amazon and therefore increase their visibility to other consumers.

Brushing works when the merchant sends a small item to the unsuspecting consumer.

After the consumer receives the product, the online seller or a third party paid to increase the seller's visibility, will post a glowing review of the product under the customer's name.

The more the online seller does this, the higher they will show up in search algorithms of companies such as Amazon.

This tactic gives the seller the potential to

make many more sales based on fake customer reviews and higher rankings.

If anyone remembers the unordered seed packets that were sent all over the United States, this is now believed to be part of a brushing scam.

Their actions are a violation of false advertising laws and will generally violate the terms of service for companies such as Amazon.



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: Harassment

What should I do if I am being harassed by someone?

Being harassed by someone is never a pleasant experience and can lead to the victim suffering from fear and anxiety from the experience.

As a police officer, receiving these types of calls are all too common. To complicate the issue even further, the police are not in the best position to resolve the issue due to potential first amendment issues.

If you are being harassed by someone, there are a few steps you can talk to help resolve the issue.

The first thing you can do is to block the person harassing you from calling you, texting you, or contacting you on social media.

If you are being harassed at work, talk to your supervisor, and make them aware of the issue.

Don't interact with the harasser at all. Don't talk to them and don't post about them on social media sites.

Finally, if these don't work, consider obtaining a Harassment Restraining Order or HRO.

To apply for an HRO, you can obtain the application from the Court Administrator's Office at the Prairie Justice Center or online at mncourts.gov.

Once the HRO paperwork is completed, a judge will review the application to determine if there is enough cause to issue one.

If there is reason to issue an HRO, a

sheriff's deputy will serve both the petitioner and respondent and the order will be in effect.

Details matter! When you apply for an HRO, you will need to be specific when you apply for the order.

It is highly recommended that you keep a log of the events that happen and save evidence showing the harassment. Screen shots of text messages, call logs, and social media posts can be invaluable evidence when you apply for the HRO.

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

With the winter driving season upon us, the Lawrence Police Department, Kansas has some winter weather driving tips for us!

Credit to boredpanda.com



Lawrence Police
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Our favorite part of the day is when people driving suburbitanks say "I don't know why I couldn't stop on the ice officer, I have 4 wheel drive."

♡ 3,105 2:29 PM - Oct 31, 2019

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Replying to @LawrenceKS_PD

Lots of people with suburbitanks just read this tweet and for the life of them can't understand it. Let's fill them in, shall we?

Four wheel drive makes you go, physics make you stop. Or not stop.

This has been a public service announcement from the Lawrence Police Department.

♡ 2,763 2:32 PM - Oct 31, 2019

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This light dusting of snow in pretend winter is good practice for real winter. If you're having trouble driving in pretend winter, then during real winter you should take the real bus.

♡ 11.1K 4:16 PM - Nov 11, 2019

1,975 people are talking about this

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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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