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Worthington Police News



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Worthington Police Department (507) 295-5400

Officer Profile: Destini Miller

Please join us in welcoming the newest officer to the Worthington Police Department, Officer Destini Miller!

Destini was born and raised in Marion, South Dakota where she attended and graduated from Marion High School.

After graduation, Destini attended a year of business classes at Southwest Technical College before switching degrees to law enforcement.

Destini finished her law enforcement degree at Minnesota West in 2022, where she received her Associate

of Applied Science degree in law enforcement.

Destini was then hired by the Worthington Police Department where she spent the last three months in the grueling field training program (FTO).

Destini has since completed the FTO program and has started her duties as a patrol officer.

In her free time, Destini enjoys hunting, fishing, boating, drawing, working on puzzles, and spending time with family and friends



The Worthington Police Department would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy holiday season!

We hope this season will be full of light and laughter for you and your family!



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Retirements and More

There have been several changes around the law enforcement world this past month.

Worthington Police Officer **Lucky Sayveo** has resigned his position and has already completed his final shift. Good luck with your future endeavors!

Nobles County Chief Deputy **Chris Dybevic** will be retiring at the end of December.

Chief Deputy Dybevic started his

career with the Worthington Police Department and rose to Captain before joining the Nobles County Sheriff's Department.

Please join us in wishing Chief Deputy Dybevic a long and happy retirement!

Finally, we would like to congratulate long time Minnesota State Trooper, Lieutenant **Matthew Sorenson** on his retirement.

Lt. Sorenson spent the last 32 years as a Minnesota State



Trooper patrolling the highways around Southwest Minnesota, including in and around Worthington.

Your friends and family at the Worthington Police Department wish you all the best in whatever life brings you next!

Snow Fort Safety

Kids of all ages love playing in snow forts! Children can spend hours running around outside, in and around their fort. However, hidden under the fresh white snow is the danger that the snow fort can collapse and trap the child. A child trapped in snow can suffocate in just a matter of minutes and often will not be able to call for help.

If your kids love playing in snow forts, consider using a snow frame. The snow frame provides a stable platform to pile snow on so the kids can stay safe while playing in and around their fort. There are commercial snow frames such as the ones provided by playsnow.com or you can build your own out of basic materials such as pallets and lumber.

When you build your snow fort, consider using only enough snow to hide the frame and be mindful of placing the fort where it becomes vulnerable to vehicle traffic or snow plows.



Credit: playsnow.com



Kids can play in this after it snows!



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Help Wanted

Worthington Police Department is looking for hardworking men and women to join our department as a police officer!

Do you know someone who would be a great fit to the department and to the community?

Encourage them to apply now by downloading an application from the Worthington city website at www.ci.worthington.mn.us.

Qualified applicants need to have either a Minnesota POST Board peace officer license or will be eligible for a POST Board license by January 6, 2023.

The current base wage for 2023 is \$30.07-\$40.69 an hour.

Deadline for this position is January 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Finding qualified applicants can be difficult this day and age and we need your help finding them.

As of this writing, there are 106 different agencies advertizing for law enforcement jobs on the POST Board website. Many of these agencies are hiring multiple officers at once trying to fill their need.



Anniversaries

Dispatcher

Zachary Ramerth

3 Years

Training, Training, Training

The last few months have been a busy time for the Worthington Police Department. Our officers are always training in a wide range of topics. Some of the training our officers have or will be attending include:

Cold / Low Light Shooting

The Minnesota POST Board requires police officers to shoot in cold weather and in low light scenarios every year. This training helps our officers to become familiar with the challenges of shooting while wearing gloves and coats, in addition to a variety of lighting conditions.

Report Writing

All members of the Worthington Police Department will be attending training provided by Imran Ali, a

retired prosecutor from the Twin Cities area. Officers will receive suggestions on how to improve their report writing skills.

Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) Training

Some of our officers are attending the ARIDE training to help officers observe, identify, and articulate the signs on impairment related to drugs, alcohol, or combinations of both to help reduce impaired drivers and impaired driving related traffic crashes.

Use of Force: Law and Principles

This 3-part training covers all aspects of the law and legal requirements regarding peace officers using force in the State of Minnesota.

Humor in Law Enforcement

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This story comes from retired California Police Officer Paul Marrick.

I was a police officer in a small desert town in California. A few days before Christmas, I was walking through the local mall with my partner when we saw a mall Santa.

My partner turned to me and said, "I know that guy"! When a police officer says they know someone, it is never good.

My partner and Santa locked eyes. Santa jumped up and sent kids flying as he took off running. My partner quickly caught up to

Santa and the fight was on.

Kids were screaming while parents yelled, "What is going on?"

Santa was quickly taken into custody while children were crying that the policeman was killing Santa Claus.

My partner pulled off the guy's beard and told the kids the guy was a fake Santa and walked him to the patrol car.

I was left behind to talk to the kids and parents. I told the kids the guy was a fake Santa and the police take that very seriously.



I then pulled the parents aside and told them that "Santa" was a violent felon and could not be around children.

It was a good arrest, but I didn't feel good about how it went down.

Merry Christmas!

Mission Statement

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

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