

Worthington Police News

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Officer Profile: Bruce Stugelmeyer

The Officer of the Month for December is Officer Bruce Stugelmeyer.

Officer Stugelmeyer attended Alexandria Vocational Technical Institute, graduating in 1984.

In March of 1985, Officer Stugelmeyer started his law enforcement career with the Worthington Police Department.

Officer Stugelmeyer served on the department's Emergency Response Unit for 14 years. He also served as a sniper for the entry team.



In 2004, Bruce was promoted to Detective and served in that capacity until 2007.

Officer Stugelmeyer is currently serving the Worthington Police Department as a member of the patrol division.

A lifelong resident of Worthington, Officer Stugelmeyer has enjoyed interacting with the community during his career. He has been involved in coaching youth baseball, football and wrestling.

In his off time, Officer Stugelmeyer enjoys fishing and hunting.

Other favorite pastimes are traveling and site seeing with his wife, Jodi, on their motorcycle and spending time with their children and grandchildren.



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From all of us at the
Worthington Police
Department,
we wish you a
Merry Christmas and
a safe and
Happy New Year.



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Winter Survival Kits

Each year hundreds of Minnesotans find themselves stranded on the roadside in the winter.

As we all know, exposure to the elements can kill someone in just a matter of minutes.

By taking the time now to prepare a winter survival kit, you can not only survive being stranded on the roadside but do so comfortably.

A basic winter survival kit should include some basic items such as:

- Blankets/clothes
- Non-perishable food
- Water
- Flashlights/Flares
- Shovel
- Cat litter or Ice Melt



Ask an Officer

Do officers really mark vehicle tail lights when they are at the bar in order to find drunk drivers?

A car simply being at a bar does not constitute reasonable suspicion for an officer to stop that car and investigate the driver for a possible driving while impaired violation.

First officers have to find a lawful reason to stop the car or have another lawful purpose to have contact with the driver; such as receiving a driving complaint, receiving a call of a traffic crash or finding a person slumped over in their car.

When it comes to driving conduct, Officers typically look for signs the driver may be impaired.

Driving conduct typically seen with impaired drivers may include traffic violations, wide turns, weaving in the lane of



traffic, crossing the center line or drifting off of the road way.

The driving conduct does not have to be a violation of traffic code for an officer to develop reasonable suspicion to stop a car. For example, someone continually weaving in the lane of traffic is reasonable suspicion for a traffic stop.

After the car is stopped, the officer still has to find signs that a driver is impaired. Officers will look for signs of impairment such as an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the driver, slurring of speech,

bloodshot or watery eyes, lack of coordination and the presence of nystagmus in the eyes.

Marking cars at the bar simply does not serve a legitimate law enforcement purpose and is not done. Worthington officers have already made 103 DWI arrests this year compared to 89 in 2010.

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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**Text Anonymous
Information**

Send confidential tips to the
Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

Text 372DTF with your tip
Send to 847411 (tip411)

tip 411

100% Anonymous

Scam Alert: The Fake Tax Return

The scam alert this month involves scammers posing as an IRS agent.

The scammer called our victim and told her she had a \$2000 tax return coming, but that she needed to pay a \$150 fee by Green Dot Moneypak.

Our victim paid the fee and never received the alleged refund.

Like Western Union, once the money was sent by Green Dot Moneypak, the money was gone and not recoverable.

When an officer from the Worthington Police Department called the telephone number the scammer had called from, the scammer continued to pretend to be an IRS agent.

However, the fake IRS agent could not answer simple questions such as the address of the office building he was working or what D.C. stands for in Washington D.C.

The scammer eventually became mad and hung up several times on the officer.

The lesson here is to never

trust anyone who calls you unless you personally know them.

As a reminder, the IRS does not charge a fee to get your tax refund.

If you are ever in doubt to who called you, feel free to look up the agency that called you and verify the information that you received. Never trust the telephone numbers you are given, always use an independent source such as the telephone book or internet .



Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

Nothing can ruin the holiday season faster than being the victim of a crime.

Unfortunately burglars see the holiday season as a time of opportunity to burglarize your home for cash, presents and other valuables.

There are steps you can take to prevent your holiday from being ruined this year. First be vigilant about locking your house, even if you are going to be gone for only a few minutes.

Don't leave gifts and other valuables visible in or near a window where they can be seen from the street.

If you are going to be gone for the holiday, ask your neighbors to check your house and pick up your mail. Stacks of mail or newspapers are clues to the burglar that your house is unoccupied.

If you go out in the evening, turn on a radio or television to give the impression that someone is home. Lights on a timer are another way to give the impression that someone is home.

Don't leave keys to your home hidden around the door. Burglars know people do this and look for the hidden keys. Instead, give a spare key to a trusted neighbor.

Be careful when using social media such as Facebook. Burglars have been known to search Facebook to see who will be gone for the holidays and target their homes.

By taking a few small steps, you can protect yourself this holiday season.



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Dumb Criminal of the Month

One thing that many new police officers quickly learn is that things are not always what they seem.

This held true one afternoon when officers received a 911 call reporting an assault at a local restaurant.

Officers quickly arrived at the restaurant and found the assault involved the manager of the restaurant and an employee.

It turns out an employee at the store was looking for a sauce packet and could not find one. The store manager was able to find one so he tossed it to the employee.

The employee attempted to catch the packet but missed. The packet struck our hapless employee in the face.

Upset about the situation, she did the only reasonable thing she could think of; she called 911 and reported she was assaulted.

Officers looked at our victim and noticed there were no signs of injury such as redness or swelling.

Not being one to take undue risks, our victim went to the emergency room anyway, just in case.



Mission Statement

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

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