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Officer Profile: Kirk Schelhaas

Officer Kirk Schelhaas started his law enforcement career by attending the Alexandria Vocational Technical Institute where he graduated with an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement.



After college, Officer Schelhaas worked for the Kasson Police Department until he was hired by the Worthington Police Department in May 1987.

Since 1987, Officer Schelhaas has enjoyed

working several assignments on the department including; Field Training Officer, Sniper with the Emergency Response Unit (ERU), Investigator, and Crime Prevention Officer. Officer Schelhaas currently is assigned to

the patrol division. Outside of work, Officer Schelhaas is married with three children. When Officer Schelhaas is not working, he enjoys spending time with family and friends, spending time outdoors, and hunting and fishing.



K-9 "Laika" Retirement

Tuesday, December 31, 2013

10:00-12:00 noon

Worthington Fire Hall Training Room

**Come say goodbye and wish Laika a Happy Retirement!
Refreshments will be served!**

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Notable Calls

Every once in a while a call stands out due to the hard work and dedication of the officers involved.

This notable call started off one Saturday night with Officer Walton working the night shift.

Officer Walton just finished arresting his second drunk driver of the night when he returned to patrol.

Shortly after leaving the jail, Officer Walton was downtown when he saw a car fail to completely stop at a stop sign.

Officer Walton stopped the car and a back-up officer arrived shortly after.

Officer Walton recognized the occupants of the car as possible suspects in the burglary of Borch's Sporting Goods in Marshall, where multiple handguns were stolen.

Due to furtive movements by the occupants of the vehicle, the decision was made to pat them down for officer safety.

The first occupant was removed from the vehicle and a loaded handgun was found in his waistband. A check of the handgun determined it was indeed stolen from Borch's Sporting Goods.



A continued search of the vehicle located two more stolen handguns.

For Officer Walton's hard work on this case, he was awarded the Worthington Police Department's Blue Chip award on November 26, 2013.

Congratulations Officer Walton on your well-deserved award!

Law Review: Snow Removal from Sidewalks

Worthington City Ordinance 93.08 Snow, Ice, Debris, and Rubbish

Under Worthington City Ordinance 93.08, every owner or occupant of buildings or grounds adjacent to sidewalks on the master sidewalk map is required to remove all snow and ice within 24 hours after the snow or ice has ceased to fall. Any debris or rubbish is also required to be removed within 24 hours after being deposited.

Anyone failing to remove snow, ice, debris or rubbish may be billed by the city for the cost of the cleanup.

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: IRS Scam

The latest scam to make the rounds is another scam involving the IRS.

In this scam, the victim will receive a call from a scammer posing as an IRS agent.

The caller states the victim owes for unpaid taxes and the bill must be paid immediately. Callers who refuse are threatened with arrest, deportation, or loss of a business license or driver's license.

The fake IRS agent will typically use a common name and a fake badge number to try and convince you the call is a real call from the IRS. The caller will often have the victim's social security number.

In addition, the scammer will make the caller identification box to appear that it is the IRS calling.

If this was not enough, the scammer will send

follow up emails claiming to be from the IRS or will have another scammer call who claims to be from the police or Department of Motor Vehicles.

If you receive one of these calls, hang up immediately and call the IRS at 800-829-1040 and the IRS can help determine if you actually owe unpaid taxes.

If you don't owe unpaid taxes, you can report this



to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484.

In addition, you can file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at FTC.gov.

Ask an Officer: Snowmobiles

This month we have several questions about the operation of snowmobiles.

Is there a speed limit for snowmobiles in town?

Yes, Worthington City Ordinance 71.37 states the maximum speed limit on streets and highways in the city is 20 miles per hour.

Furthermore, Worthington City Ordinance 71.40 states the snowmobile cannot travel at a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under all the surrounding circumstances.

Can I drive my snowmobile across my neighbor's backyard to get to the road?

You can only drive across private property with lawful authority or with consent of the owner or occupant of the property.

Random Snowmobile Law

71.42 Leaving a Snowmobile Unattended

This law requires every person leaving a snowmobile in a public place to lock the ignition, remove the key and take the same with him.

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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Criminal of the Month

Police officers are used to seeing unusual and strange conduct from the criminals we deal with. The criminal of the month did not leave officers disappointed.

Our tale started on Thanksgiving night when officers received a call to a local restaurant for a report of a stolen vehicle.

Two police officers responded to the call and were talking to the victim about her car when the unbelievable happened; the criminal drove around the corner and passed the two police officers taking the stolen vehicle report.

The officers jumped into their respective squad

cars and initiated a felony stop on the stolen vehicle one block away from where it was taken.

Within four minutes of arriving on the scene of the stolen vehicle, the officers arrested the suspect, recovered the vehicle and returned it to the rightful owner.

When interviewed about the theft, our criminal simply did not know why he stole the car.

For his troubles, the criminal was charged with Theft of a Motor Vehicle, 3rd Degree Driving While Impaired and Driving without a License.



MissionStatement

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

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