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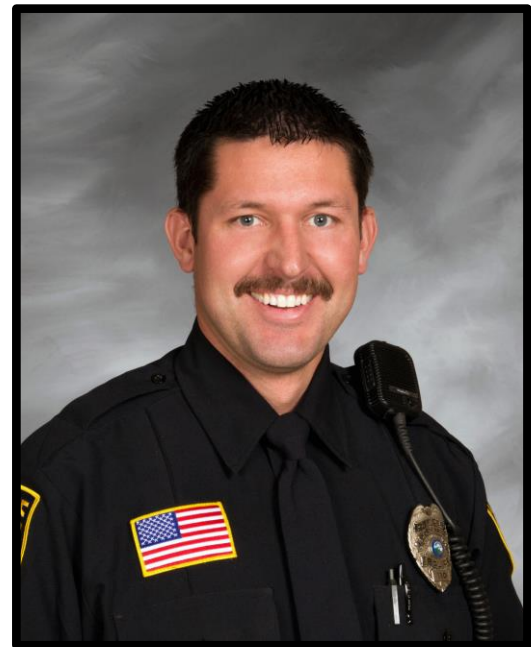
Officer Profile: Phil Butenhoff

The officer profile for December is also one of our newest officers, Phil Butenhoff.

Officer Butenhoff is from Winona and graduated from Cotter High School in 2005.

After high school, Officer Butenhoff attended Winona State University for Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement. Officer Butenhoff completed his education by attending Alexandria Technical College for the skills portion of his education.

After college, Officer Butenhoff was hired by the Rock County Sheriff's Office, where he worked as a part-time Deputy Sheriff for two years and was a member of the Luverne Fire Department. In September 2014, Officer Butenhoff began his duties with the Worthington Police Department as a Patrol Officer.



When Officer Butenhoff is not working, he enjoys spending his free time watching football, hunting, fishing and spending time with his wife and family. Officer Butenhoff has one daughter, Leighton, and is expecting his second child in May.

Officer Butenhoff is the third out of four children and is an uncle to six nephews and one niece.

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Notable Calls

The United States Marshall Service recently called upon the Worthington Police Department to assist them with a dangerous felon who they had tracked to Worthington.

The dangerous felon was wanted on numerous felony warrants from South Dakota and was a suspect in other violent offenses in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota area.

After several hours, the suspect was seen leaving in a motor vehicle. A traffic stop was attempted, but the suspect continued to flee. During the pursuit, the suspect

waved a handgun out the window of the car.

After a 17 mile high-speed pursuit, the suspect stopped, but only after throwing the handgun out the window of the vehicle.

The suspect was then taken into custody without further incident.

Congratulations to Sergeant Nate Grimmus, Sergeant Brett Wiltrout, Detective Shawn Elsing, Officer Tyler Olson, Officer Alex Tokar and Officer Chris Hillesheim for their hard work and professionalism in



taking this dangerous felon into custody in a safe and professional manner.

DON'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH

Text confidential tips to the

Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

100% Anonymous



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Law Review: Disarming Peace Officer

Minnesota State Statute 609.504 Disarming Peace Officer makes it a felony for anyone who intentionally takes possession of a defensive device being carried by a peace officer or from the area within the officer's immediate control without the officer's consent, while the officer is engaged in the performance of official duties.

For the purpose of this statute, defensive device includes firearms, electronic incapacitation devices, authorized tear gas compound, baton, and any item issued by a peace officer's employer to assist in the officer's protection.

Scam Alert: Dating Website Scams

Recently, there have been a couple scams in Worthington that revolve around dating and dating websites.

In the first case, the potential victim was friended by the scammer on a dating website, where they tried to trick the potential victim into sending them a computer in Africa.

In the second case, our victim was friended on Facebook by a scammer who had tricked him into

believing she wanted to date him.

Eventually, the scammer convinced the victim she needed money for airfare to come and visit him.

After receiving some money from the victim, the scammer tried to get more money from him by claiming she was involved in a traffic crash and needed the money before the hospital would let her leave. Fortunately, some co-workers of the victim

found out what had happened and contacted the police about the incident.

While it was too late to recover the money already sent, the victim was prevented from sending any additional money.

In cases like this, never send money or valuables to someone you do not know personally.



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: Child Custody Questions

In cases where two parents are arguing over custody of the children, how do officers determine who gets custody?

Police officers don't actually determine who receives custody of the children. We are often called to mediate disagreements between parents over child custody issues.

Anytime there is a disagreement between the custody of children, officers are required to rely on state law, court orders and department policy to mediate the child custody issue.

The first thing the officers look at is if the parents are married or were married. If the parents are not married or were not married, state law grants custody to the mother, unless there is a court order.

If the parents are married or were married, then the officers will look for any type of court order that would grant custody to one party or the other. Examples of these court orders can include but are not limited to child custody orders and orders for protection.

If the parents are married or were married and there are no court orders, then the officers will rely on department policy. Typically,

the officers will leave the children with the parent they were found with, unless there is a specific reason otherwise, such as a hazard or unsafe condition at a residence.

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

The criminal of the month for December started out his evening with a trip to a local bar for some beers with his friends, but ended it with a trip to jail.

As our criminal of the month was leaving the bar, he saw a Worthington police officer pull up and start watching a group of people that looked like they were getting ready to fight.

As the officer was exiting the patrol car, our criminal decided to do the most reasonable thing he could think of. He ran up to the squad car and slammed the door shut

while yelling, "Get the %\$#@ out of here!"

The officer was able to force the door back open and quickly got out. Our criminal realized the mistake he made and began to run.

Unfortunately for our criminal, the officer was able to catch up to him after a brief foot chase and was able to take him into custody.

For his trouble, our criminal got to spend the night in jail to think about all of the bad decisions he made that night.



Mission Statement

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

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