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Lifesaving Awards

On August 20, 2019, emergency services were called to Trojan Field for a juvenile male who had collapsed during football practice and was barely breathing.

Officer Hillesheim was patrolling nearby and responded to the scene where he found football coaches, Gene Lais and Casey Hertz, tending to the juvenile male.

It was quickly determined that the juvenile male was not breathing and did not have a pulse.

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) was used on the male and CPR was performed.

After four minutes of CPR and two shocks from the AED, the juvenile male started breathing on his own and his heart started beating normally.

The Sanford Ambulance arrived on scene and transported the male to the emergency room



Photo Courtesy of Worthington Globe

where he was stabilized and later transferred to Iowa City for further treatment.

During the November 25, 2019 Worthington City Council meeting, Worthington Police Chief Troy Appel stated the incident was a good example of school and coaching staff, law enforcement personnel, and medical personnel working together to save a life.

Chief Appel further stated that without the competence of any of the three, or without the lifesaving equipment

provided to our police officers, a life would have been lost on the WHS football field on August 20th. The actions of Coaches Gene Lais and Casey Hertz, along with Officer Hillesheim were lifesaving, heroic, and outstanding contributions to public safety in the City of Worthington.

For their actions at Trojan Field on August 20, 2019, the three men received the Worthington Police Department Lifesaving Award for saving the life of the young male.

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Crime Stoppers of Minnesota

The Worthington Police Department is proud to announce that we are now partnering with Crime Stoppers of Minnesota.

Crime Stoppers provides a safe place for citizens to provide anonymous information about crime and fugitives.

Crime Stoppers will deliver your information to the proper authorities to investigate without revealing your identity.

If your information leads to a felony arrest, you may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000!

You can call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) toll free from anywhere in Minnesota and the

phone will be answered 24 hours a day.

When you call Crime Stoppers, they will not ask your name, but will instead assign you a unique tip ID, which will allow you to provide additional information or to check on the status of receiving your reward.

Crime Stoppers accepts and translates calls in different languages.

If you are more comfortable submitting tips online, you can go to crimestoppersmn.org and leave a tip.

Currently the only languages available for online tips are English, Spanish, French, and Somali.

Tips left online will not



have their IP or email address recorded.

There is also a phone app available for iPhone and Android devices.

To qualify for a reward from Crime Stoppers, your information about a suspect, felony crime, or fugitive must be submitted directly to Crime Stoppers using the telephone number, online web tip, or by using the mobile app before the suspect is arrested.

For more information, go to crimestoppersmn.org.

DON'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH
Text confidential tips to the
Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

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BRDTF Tips available on Apple and Android devices

Space Heaters and Power Strips

With the cold weather here to stay, many people turn to space heaters to help warm areas of their house. There are dangers in using space heaters to warm your house. One of the biggest overlooked dangers of using space heaters is plugging them into power strips or extension cords.

Power strips and many extension cords are not designed to handle the extra electricity needed by the space heater and can quickly overheat and catch fire. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 25,000 fires and 300 deaths are caused by space heaters each year.



Scam Alert: Two Factor Authentication Scam

Scammers are constantly looking for new ways to defeat security measures put in place to stop them.

With the advent of two factor authentication (2fa), this has been a detriment to many types of scams.

For those not familiar with the process surrounding two factor authentications; it is another layer of security beyond just a user name and password.

After the user enters a user name and password into a website requiring (2fa),

they will be required to enter a code or password that is typically sent to their mobile phone before being allowed access to that website.

With this process stopping many scammers from being able to access your information, they have turned to social engineering to learn the 2fa code.

The scammers will often send a text message to the victim and state they used to have the victim's telephone number and now

they are trying to access an account, but they need the 2fa code sent to the victim's phone to do so.

Most people who want to be helpful will give the 2fa code to the person who texted them.

In reality they just gave the scammers access to their own accounts. Most of these text messages are sent by the scammers, who already have your user name and password; they just need the 2fa code.



If you happen to receive one of these text messages, don't respond to it and block the number!

Ask an Officer: Clearing Windshields

How much of my windshield must be cleared of frost to be legal?

For this answer we turn to Minnesota State Statute 169.71, Subdivision 3, Defrosting Requirement.

This statute states that "No person shall drive any motor vehicle with the windshield or front side windows covered with steam or frost to such an extent as to prevent proper vision."

If the frost on your windshield blocks your view, then it would be a violation of this state statute.

While the statute does not require the rear windows of the vehicle to

be cleared, we would highly recommend you taking a few minutes to clear them as well.

It is also recommended that you clear the snow off the hood of your vehicle as well. Loose snow can blow on your windshield and block your view or cause your windshield to fog over.

While we are on the subject of clean windshield, this statute also requires that every vehicle be equipped with a device for cleaning rain, snow or other moisture from the windshield, otherwise known as windshield wipers.

It is also recommended that you inspect your wiper blades to

ensure they are operating properly and will clear your window when you need them.

Plan ahead and take a few extra minutes to help make your travels as safe as possible.



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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Crime Doesn't Pay...We Do!

Humor in Law Enforcement

One Ohio bank robber was left wondering how he was caught by the police so easily.

Entering a US Bank location in Cleveland, Michael Harrell (54) is alleged to have passed a note to the bank teller demanding money.

Unfortunately for Michael, the note he gave the teller had his name and address on the back side of it, since he had used it at the DMV earlier in the day.

The teller complied with his demands and gave him a massive \$206.00.

The teller even referred to him as Michael during the incident.

Michael, who was a frequent customer of the bank, did not wear a mask or otherwise hide his identity. He has been arrested for the robbery.

Sometimes they just catch themselves!

Credit: NY Post



Mission Statement

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

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