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Worthington Police News

Worthington Police Department (507) 295-5400



It's with great sadness that we announce the passing of Worthington Dispatcher Regan Roloff.

Regan was diagnosed with cancer in June 2011, just before her marriage to Nobles County Detective, Lonnie Roloff. Regan put up a courageous fight and had a positive outlook throughout her treatments. She was truly an inspiration to many as she founded the organization "Cancer Doesn't Discriminate" to help others going through cancer treatments.

Regan passed away on January 3, 2014 at the age of 34. She was preceded in death by grandparents George Homola, Connie Homola, and Hazel Lee. Regan is survived

Chief Michael Cumiskey

Captain Chris Dybevick

<u>Sergeants</u> Kevin Flynn Tim Gaul Brett Wiltrout

Patrol Officers

Bill Bolt Dan Brouillet Chris Hillesheim Kirk Honius Joe Joswiak Randy Liepold Tyler Olson Josh McCuen Colby Palmersheim Brandon Peil Mark Riley Kirk Schelhaas Dan Walton

Investigators Troy Appel

Shawn Elsing Nate Grimmius Dave Hoffman

<u>School Resource</u> Jacki Bomgaars

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Animal Control Virgil Veen

Community Service Andrea Barrios Myra Onnen

Reception Barb Hussong

<u>Records</u> Shari Droll Julie Jeppesen

TAC/IT Gary Gerdes

Dispatch

Tonya Aanenson Julie Burchill Stephanie Culham Hannah Huls Larry Rogers Nancy Veen

K-9 Officers Thor

DON'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH

Text confidential tips to the

Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

100% Anonymous



BRDTF Tips available on Apple and Android devices

Regan (Continued)

by her husband, Lonnie Roloff, her son Lucas, step-daughters Ashlee and Alexandria, parents Don and Becky Lee, sister Amy (Tony) Olson and brother Joel Lee.

A college fund has been set up for Regan's son, Lucas. Anyone interested in donating can contact:

Adrian State Bank c/o Lucas Roloff Memorial Fund PO Box 129 Adrian, MN 56110 (507) 483-2447 Regan's work ethic, smile, and sense of adventure will be greatly missed by her family and friends at the Worthington Police Department and Nobles County Sheriff's Office.



By the Numbers: Selected Call Numbers

<u>Incident</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Accident-Property Damage	353	325
Accident-Personal Injury	46	28
Accident-Fatality	0	0
Accident-Hit and Run	111	108
Assault	40	80
Assist Other Agency	359	346
Burglaries	32	41
Business Escorts	64	7
CADs	11,400	12,446
Civil Matter Calls	71	101
Disorderly Conduct	100	80
Funeral Escorts	75	78
Gas Drive Off	33	44
Misc. Calls	328	344
Property Damage Calls	127	168
Shoplifting	44	51
Suspicious People	304	392
Thefts	166	171



Scam Alert: The Public Utility Scam

Recently, the Worthington Police Department was called to investigate a scam in which the caller claimed to be from the public utility office. The caller tried to pressure the potential victim into paying a fee or have their utilities shut off.

Fortunately, our victim did not take the caller seriously and instead called the Worthington Public Utility Office and verified that their household did not owe for any past due invoices.

Like always, the scammers use fear and intimidation to try and coerce the potential victim into giving up their hard earned money.

If you receive a call like this or if you receive a call from telephone number 801-822-0865 or 800-956-4532 just hang up the phone.

If you have a concern about a potential past due bill, just call the Worthington Public Utilities office at 507-372-8680 or stop by in person at 318 9th Street, Worthington.



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 <u>chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us</u>. You may remain anonymous.

Ask an Officer: Do I have a valid driver's license?

A common question that people ask police officers is "Do I have a valid driver's license? Can you run it for me?"

The use of the Driver and Vehicle services database is tightly regulated and we are not able to run a driver's license for someone curious about their driving status.

However, all is not lost. Anyone wanting to check out their driving status can go to the Driver and Vehicle Service website at https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dv s/Pages/default.aspx and click on the online services tab. Under this tab, there will be a heading called "Check Driver's License Status". Simply click on this heading and it will open a new page where you can enter your driver's license number and find out if it is still valid.

DRIVER'S LICENSE

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:

chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us

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Animal Control

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Community Service Officer

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We're on the Web!

See us at: www.ci.worthington.mn.us

Criminal of the Month

Our Criminal of the Month for February is a guy that just could not catch a break.

After getting stopped and ticketed by a Minnesota State Trooper for not having a driver's license, our criminal and his friends caught a ride to Walmart from the state trooper.

After getting dropped off at Walmart, our criminal went inside and promptly stole over \$2000 worth of baby formula.

Within a month of the baby formula theft in Worthington, our criminal was arrested in Iowa for the same offense of baby formula theft. After getting out of jail in lowa, a Nobles County warrant was issued for his arrest, along with another member of his group.

As fate caught up with one of the baby formula thieves, she was arrested and transported to the Nobles County Jail.

Being the good friend that our criminal was, he went to the jail to bond out his friend and was promptly arrested for his warrant.

Spending all his money to bond out his friend, our criminal did not have the money to bond himself out and had to sit in jail himself.



Mission Statement

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

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