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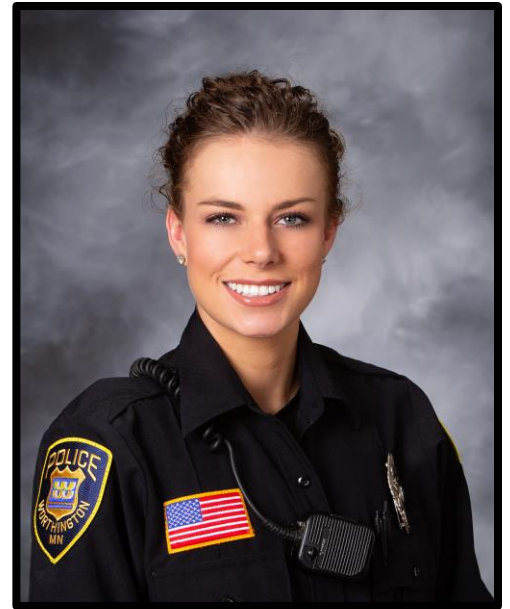
Worthington Police Department (507) 295-5400

Officer Profile: Madison Stearns

Officer Madison Stearns has just accepted a police officer position with the Rochester, Minnesota Police Department and will be leaving the Worthington Police Department.

By the time this newsletter is completed, Officer Stearns will have completed her last shift as a Worthington Police Officer.

Please join us in wishing Officer Stearns the best as she continues her career with the Rochester Police Department!



Employee Anniversary Dates

Congratulations to the following members of the Worthington Police Department on their work anniversaries:

Community Service Officer Myra Onnen	22 years
Dispatcher Tonya Aanenson	21 years
Officer Randy Liepold	17 years
Sergeant Dustin Roemeling	4 years
Officer Jacob Refsland	4 years



Animal Control

Josh Erwin

Community Service

Myra Onnen

Reception

Barb Hussong

Records

Shari Droll

Julie Jeppesen

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Nancy Veen

Dispatch

Tonya Aanenson

Stephanie Evers

Jodi Mulder

Zach Ramerth

Joe Reith

K-9 Officers

Frankee

Mack

Winston

2019 By the Numbers

Crimes Against Persons:

Murder	0
Attempted Murder	0
Robbery	2
Assaults	61
Domestic Assaults	116
Criminal Sexual Conduct	20
Threats	54
Indecent Exposure	2
Harassing Communications	102
Disorderly Conduct	97

Property Crimes:

Burglary	30
Burglary Attempt	15
Arson	1
Theft	134
Shoplifting	26
Motor Vehicle Theft	37
Bicycle Theft	15
Property Damage	126
Gas Drive Off	51
Fraud/Forgery/Counterfeit	40
ID Theft	10
Scam Calls	62

Traffic:

Traffic Stops	3,670
Motorist Assists	96
Vehicle off the Road	19
Traffic Accidents	525
Injury Accidents	73
Fatal Accidents	0
Hit and Run Accidents	129
Parking Complaints	104
Driving Complaints	91

Dog and Animal Complaints:

Dog and Animal Complaints	101
Barking Dogs	39
Dog at Large	106
Dog Bites	7

Quality of Life Calls:

Disturbing the Peace	36
Public Nuisance	419
Junk Vehicles	56
Parking on the Lawn	28
Loud Parties	73
Illegal Burning	12

**Alarm Calls**

Burglary Alarm	167
Panic Alarm	26
Fire Alarm	45
Medical Alarm	14

Community Service Calls

Blue in the School	182
Business Walk Throughs	250
Business Checks	379
Lift Assists	104
Open Door Checks	13
Found Property Calls	39
Lost Property Calls	24
K-9 Assists	15
Funeral Escorts	66

911 Calls

911 Calls	1,487
911 Text Calls	7
Call 911-Non-Emergency	4

Miscellaneous Calls

Threat of Suicide	70
Coroner Call	12
Verbal Arguments	73
Parental Calls	79
Runaways	21
Missing Persons	41
Child Custody Issues	25
Civil Matter	122
Firearm Calls	6
Trespassing	154
Fire Calls	24
Ambulance Calls	528
Suspicious Activity	166
Suspicious Persons	244

DON'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH

Text confidential tips to the

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Scam Alert: FedEx Scam

FedEx tweeted out an alert recently that warned people about a new scam going around.

In this scam, potential victims are receiving emails or text messages that appear to be coming from FedEx.

In the message, it states that the potential victim has a package and then gives them a link to follow.

These messages can either carry a virus or are a phishing scheme trying to get your personal data.

If you receive a message like this, you should delete the message without opening it. You can also report these messages with the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), the Minnesota Attorney General's Office and at abuse@fedex.com and they will investigate it.

As a reminder, companies like FedEx will not send unsolicited text messages or emails.

They will also not request money, package information or personal information.

Common Warning Signs of a FedEx scam:

Unexpected request for money in return for delivery of a package, often with a sense of urgency.

Requests for personal or financial information.

Links to misspelled or altered website addresses (fedx.com, fed-ex.com).

Claims you won a large sum of money in a lottery or settlement.



Certificate errors or lack of a Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) for sensitive activities.

Credit: FexEx.com

Ask an Officer:

Does Worthington still have Odd/Even Parking?

While the Odd/Even Parking ordinance is still on the books, Worthington has switched to using snow emergency declarations.

When the snow emergency is declared, all vehicles need to be off the streets to allow the street department to plow the streets as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Is it true that if I get a ticket for having expired registration, I can purchase the registration and get out of the ticket?

Minnesota State Statute 168.09 Subdivision 5(2) states that a defense to that charge of having expired registration is if the person renews the registration and pays the motor vehicle tax and fees within ten days of being cited for the violation.

In order to use this defense, the vehicle needs to have been previously registered.

I recently saw a YouTube video where someone installed a "train horn" in their car and went around scaring people with it. Would that be illegal in Minnesota?

Yes, that would be illegal. While Minnesota State Statute 169.68 requires all motor vehicles operated upon a highway to have a horn in good working order, the statute prohibits the horn from emitting an unreasonable loud or harsh sound or whistle.

In addition, Worthington City Ordinance 130.01 Disorderly Conduct makes it unlawful for anyone to make or produce unnecessary noise by shouting or by any other means including the blowing of any automobile horn.

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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**Ask an
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Humor in Law Enforcement

Police in Huron County, Ontario received help from an unlikely source last week while investigating a suspicious vehicle.

Upon arriving on scene, officers found the suspect was a wanted fugitive who had fled the scene.

Searching the area, police soon found a set of footprints and started following them.

Police also noticed a second set of footprints from an animal that was following the first set of footprints.

After a dedicated search, the officers found the suspect hiding about 30 feet up in a pine tree.

The 28-year-old suspect was ordered out of the tree and he eagerly complied with the officer's request.

The suspect told the officers that the second set of footprints belonged to a coyote who chased him up the tree.

The suspect was arrested and is facing multiple charges, including failing to stop



for police, taking a motor vehicle without consent and dangerous operation.

There is no word on if the coyote is considering a career as a K9.

Credit: The Sun Times

Mission Statement

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

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