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Dave Hoffman  
Joe Joswiak  
Kyle Schreier  
Jake Walker

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Dan Brouillet

## Individual Highlights:

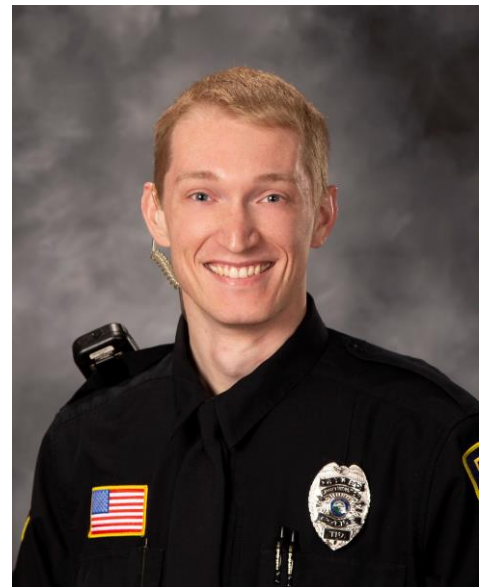
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## New Beginnings

Worthington Police Officer Alex VanSomeran has accepted a job as a police officer in his hometown of Hudson, Wisconsin. Officer VanSomeran was with the Worthington Police Department for a year and has said he has learned a lot from our officers and greatly enjoyed his time here.

We wish Officer VanSomeran all the best in his law enforcement career! Officer VanSomeran has already started his duties with the Hudson Police Department.



## Oldies but Goodies

### Work Anniversaries

Shari Droll	Records Clerk	14 Years
Mark Riley	Police Officer	11 Years
Joseph Joswiak	Detective	11 Years

# Congratulations

**Animal Control**  
Laura Miesen

**Community Service**  
Kirk Honius

**Reception**  
Barb Hussong

**Records**  
Shari Droll  
Julie Jeppesen

**TAC/IT**  
Gary Gerdes

**Dispatch Supervisor**  
Nancy Veen

**Dispatch**  
Tonya Aanenson  
Stephanie Evers  
Jodi Mulder  
Zach Ramerth  
Joe Reith

**K-9 Officers**  
Frankie  
Winston

## No Knock Search Warrants

With no-knock search warrants being in the news lately, it would be a good time to discuss what exactly a No-Knock Search Warrant is and what it is not.

A no-knock search warrant is not a separate type of search warrant from a normal search warrant.

When an officer applies for a search warrant, there are two special provisions they can request.

The first is a nighttime search and the second is a no-knock provision.

In Minnesota, an officer

must have a specific reason to search a residence outside of the hours of 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Likewise, an officer must have specific and articulable facts to request a no-knock search warrant.

Common reasons for a no-knock search warrant would include knowing a subject is armed and dangerous or the officers have reason to believe the suspect would destroy evidence.

The officer needs to give specific facts in the search warrant



application to justify both the search warrant and the no-knock provision.

If the officer does not demonstrate a reasonable and legal need for the no-knock provision, it will be denied by the judge reviewing it.

For a search warrant to be approved by a judge, it needs to meet the legal standard of probable cause.

## Online Safety – What is your favorite?

By now, everyone has seen social media posts asking for seemingly harmless personal information about you.

What is your favorite food, what school you went to, and so on.

There is a hidden danger to answering these questions!

These questions are commonly used by different websites to log in if you forget your password.

When you post these answers online, you are

First job title: **STOP**  
Favorite food: **GIVING**  
Favorite color: **PEOPLE**  
First pet's name: **YOUR**  
First child's name: **PERSONAL**  
Favorite restaurant: **INFO**  
Where are you from: **TO**  
Favorite singer/band: **GUESS**  
Street you grew up on: **YOUR**  
First type of car you had: **PASSWORDS**  
Favorite teacher's name: **AND**  
Your mother's maiden name: **SECURITY**  
One unpopular opinion you have: **QUESTIONS**

giving hackers the answers to security questions that can be used to hack your online accounts.

Don't make it easy for the hackers and scammers to get into your accounts!



## 2020 Year in Review

	2020	2021	Change
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>			+/- %
Murder	0	0	0
Attempted Murder	0	0	0
Robbery	1	0	-100
Assaults	44	64	+45
Domestic Assaults	123	54	-56
Criminal Sexual Conduct	15	31	+107
Threats	59	67	+14
Indecent Exposure	4	4	0
Harassing Communications	110	123	+12
Disorderly Conduct	118	148	+15
<b>Property Crimes</b>			
Burglary	28	14	-50
Burglary Attempts	12	5	-42
Arson	0	0	0
Theft	148	142	-4
Shoplifting	35	15	-57
Motor Vehicle Theft	27	18	-33
Bicycle Thefts	6	10	+67
Property Damage	144	139	-3
Gas Drive Off	60	81	+35
Fraud/Forgery/Counterfeit	42	46	+10
ID Theft	10	18	+80
Scam Calls	41	68	+66
Trespassing	139	125	-10
<b>Animal Complaints</b>			
General Complaints	87	91	+5
Barking Dogs	38	62	+63
Dog at Large	142	116	-18
Dog Bites	17	30	+76
<b>Fire/EMS Calls</b>			
Fire Calls	29	35	+21
EMS Calls	414	513	+24
<b>Quality of Life Calls</b>			
Disturb the Peace	114	62	-46
Junk Vehicles	0	1	N/A
Parking on the Lawn	0	4	N/A
Loud Parties	2	103	5050
Illegal Burning	31	14	-55

	2020	2021	Change
<b>Traffic Enforcement</b>			+/- %
Traffic Stops	3107	3816	+23
Motorist Assists	93	107	+15
Vehicle off the Road	11	19	+73
Traffic Accident	311	309	-1
Traffic Accident w/ Injury	20	22	+10
Traffic Accident w/ Fatality	1	0	-100
Hit and Run Accidents	110	126	+15
Parking Complaints	92	95	+3
Driving Complaints	121	120	-1
<b>Community Service Calls</b>			
Blue in the School	64	78	+22
Blue in the Community	N/A	457	N/A
Business Walk Through	99	87	-12
Business Checks	414	231	-44
Lift Assists	86	57	-34
Open Door Calls	12	19	+58
Found Property	39	55	+41
Lost Property	16	23	+44
K-9 Assists	16	9	-44
Funeral Escorts	77	76	-1
<b>Miscellaneous Calls</b>			
Suicidal Person	40	45	+13
Coroner Call/Death Investigation	12	14	+17
Verbal Arguments	61	58	-5
Parental Calls	68	101	+49
Runways	15	34	+127
Missing Person	21	40	+90
Child Custody Issues	30	24	-20
Civil Matters	106	149	+41
Firearms Calls	5	6	+20
Suspicious Activity	242	309	+28
Suspicious Persons	195	231	+18
<b>Alarm Calls</b>			
Burglary	97	107	+10
Panic	34	20	-43
Fire	33	25	-24
Medical	24	42	+75

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## Humor in Law Enforcement

In the "sometimes they just catch themselves" category for the month is this drunk driver. Bloomington Police Officers found this unlucky drunk stuck in the middle of the street on top of a snowbank.

When asked why he was parked on top of the snowbank, the hapless drunk driver stated he just wanted to see what his truck could do and got stuck.

Fortunately for the drunk driver, the Bloomington Police knew a good tow truck operator that could help rescue the vehicle while the drunk driver received a warm place to stay for the night.

The Bloomington Police would like to remind everyone to make a smart decision and don't drink and drive!



## Mission Statement

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

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