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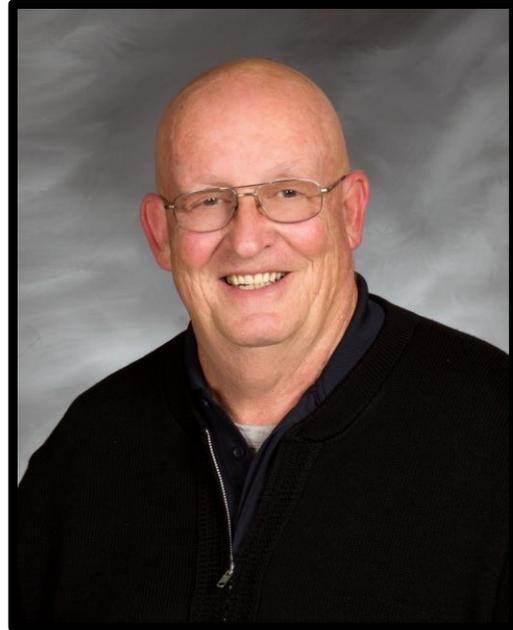
Dispatcher Profile: Larry Rogers

The Dispatcher Profile for February is on Larry Rogers.

Larry is a native of Pipestone, Minnesota and went to Southwest State University in Marshall for Speech-Mass Communications.

After leaving college, Larry worked at radio stations in Marshall and Windom before moving to Worthington in 1976. Larry worked as the News Director for KWOA and KITN radio stations for nearly 24 years. During that time, Larry took a two year break to work as the Executive Director of the Worthington Regional Health Care Foundation.

In 2001, Larry joined the Worthington Police Department as a dispatcher and has spent the last 18 months working the night shift. Larry has found that the night shift is a different world then the day shift.



One night Larry received a call from an elderly lady asking what the emergency number is if she would need the police, fire department, or ambulance. While the question in and of itself is not unusual, the fact that she called 911 to ask the question is.

In reflection of his current duties, Larry mentioned that the toughest calls he takes and the ones that pull on his heartstrings the most are the ones where children have been hurt

or are scared. On the flip side, the calls that are the most aggravating are the 911 pocket dials and the calls where the parents give their young child old cell phones to play with. Larry commented that he has seen so many of these, he has learned to speak "2 year old".

The most rewarding calls Larry can recall is a call he received late one night from a lady whose husband had passed away in his sleep. Larry stayed on the line with (Continued on page 3)

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Taser X26P

With the X26 Taser units reaching the end of their useful life, the Worthington Police Department looked for a replacement to help keep our officers safe while they performed their duties.

After careful consideration, the Worthington Police Department settled on the Taser X26P.

The X26P Taser has a similar feel to the old Tasers and uses the same cartridge that aids in training the officers on its use, but that is where the similarities end.

The X26P uses Charge Metering

technology to measure and deliver the amount of electric charge in order to maximize both safety and effectiveness.

The trilogy logs include Engineering and Event Logs that record every user action: safety activation, trigger duration with times, dates, battery life, and a pulse-by-pulse record of the charge output.

There is an upgraded battery performance using a highly improved power magazine that lasts for approximately 500 duty cycles, which is over twice as long as the previous model.



The X26P has been improved and received additional weatherproofing to resist rain and humidity.

All of these factors come together to provide officers with the most technologically advanced tool available that can increase not only officer safety, but the safety of the suspect as well.

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

Changing Directions: Officer Austin Christensen

Officer Austin Christensen has decided to change directions in his law enforcement career and has decided to join the Minnesota State Patrol.

Austin has already reported to Camp Ripley to attend the 16 week training academy where he will be pushed mentally and physically to improve himself. Even after the 16 week academy is completed, Austin will enter the field training phase of his training. After that is complete, Austin will be finally able to patrol his district, which will be Cottonwood and Jackson Counties.

We wish Austin the best as he continues his career with the Minnesota State Patrol!

Scam Alert: Fake Coupons

Anyone looking for a bargain has probably seen coupons on line that promise to save you money; however, they can leave you with more than you bargained for.

In a best case scenario, you won't get the bargain you were looking for and in a worst case scenario, you could end up with malware on your computer.

There are a few steps to determine if a coupon is fake.

First, if it seems too good to be true, it is. While a coupon for 50% off your order would be nice, it is not realistic and is a probably a scam.

If the coupon is for a free item, it could be a scam. Typically, the free coupons are for new products and are generally for small items and are not circulated online.

Check for the expiration date. If the expiration date is listed 20 years from now, it could be

fake.

If the coupon does not come directly from the company website, it should be suspect.

If you have a coupon that you think may be fake, you can check them out on the Coupon Information Center website located at couponinformationcenter.com.

This website has many of the older fake coupons, but may not have some of the newer coupons.



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.

Dispatcher Profile (Continued)

her until the officers arrived on scene. Larry spent the time talking with the lady about her husband and their life together. Larry said his unexpected reward was from the lady when she saw him at the funeral and she had a big hug for him. No words were needed to express her gratitude for Larry staying with her during one of the worst moments of her life. For Larry, there is no better reward than knowing that he was able to help someone in an unfortunate situation like that.

Larry has been married to his wife Mary for 43 years this summer and he has finally convinced her to keep him around. Larry and

Mary are the proud parents of two adult daughters, Amy of Luverne and Jennifer of Worthington. Larry and Mary are also the proud grandparents of three beautiful granddaughters.

While Larry has few hobbies, he is intense about the hobbies he enjoys. For Larry, there is nothing better than getting out in the boat and heading to the nearest lake with his massive collection of fishing tackle at the ready. If he can work in the camper on the same outing, all the better!

Larry's family will be quick to tell you that the arrival of winter

does not matter, since that is the time to cruise the tackle shops and any fishing shows that he can convince Mary to attend. The number one fishing outing of all time for Larry was the trip he took to northern Ontario with Mary as his best fishing partner.

Larry has also been known to frequent model railroad shows and stores to add to an already massive collection of H-O rolling stock.

If these hobbies cannot be arranged, then spending time with the granddaughters serves as a magnificent substitute anytime.

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Humor in Law Enforcement

This month's story started out one Monday afternoon in Alliance, Ohio with a call to 911 from the Main Moon Chinese Restaurant.

As the 911 phone was answered, the dispatcher was already running the different scenarios through her head that could have prompted the call to 911.

Could it be a fire, someone choking, a traffic crash outside, or a robbery? Even worse, bad Chinese food!

Yes, the caller actually called 911 to report that the food she ate was "not up to par for her liking".

For her trouble, Tracey McCloud was arrested for a misdemeanor violation of Ohio's Misuse of 911 statute and will have a court appearance where she can explain her actions.

Hopefully, the jail food was "up to par for her liking".



Thanks to Hanna for this humorous criminal story.

Source: Alliance Police Facebook Page

Mission Statement

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

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