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## Officer Profile: Micah Mesman

The Worthington Police Department has a new patrol officer who has just finished the grueling field training program.

Micah Mesman grew up in Edgerton and graduated from Edgerton Public School.

After high school, Officer Mesman attended Alexandria Technical and Community College from 2008 until 2010, where he received an associate's degree in law enforcement.

Upon completing college, Officer Mesman joined the United States Army as an infantryman and was deployed to Iraq from 2011 until 2012.

Upon returning home from Iraq, Officer



Mesman worked at a prison in Vermillion, South Dakota for several years before being hired with the Worthington Police Department.

In his free time, Officer Mesman enjoys hunting, fishing and being outdoors.

Congratulations Officer Mesman on completing the field training program and welcome to Worthington!

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## Police Training

The Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training, which is the licensing board for Minnesota police officers, requires police officers to receive 48 hours of continuing education for each 3-year license period in order to maintain their license.

January and February have already been busy months for training the officers of the Worthington Police Department.

In January, all officers attended the 8-hour Use of Force and Taser Recertification course.

In this class, the

officers learned how to use force, when to use force, and the case law and state statutes regarding the use of force.

The officers were recertified in the use of the X26 and X26P Taser.

This class included discussion about the laws surrounding the use of the Taser in addition to a written test and the firing of several Taser cartridges.

The police department has a full schedule of other trainings that we will be hosting throughout the year.

These trainings include: Crimes in



Progress, Traffic & Felony Stops, Emergency Vehicle Operations & Pursuit Intervention Training, Crisis Response, Crisis Intervention Training, Range Qualifications and small group range days.

In addition to these trainings, many officers attend other trainings in a wide range of topics, all with the goal of being the best police department we can be for the community we serve.

**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

## Law Review: Disorderly House

No person may own, lease, operate, manage, maintain, or conduct a disorderly house, or invite or attempt to invite others to visit or remain in the disorderly house. A violation of this is a gross misdemeanor and the violator is subject to a fine of not less than \$300 and not more than \$3,000 for a first time offense.

Minnesota defines a disorderly house as a building, dwelling, place, establishment, or premises in which actions or conduct habitually occur in violation to the laws relating to; the sale of intoxicating liquor, gambling, prostitution, or the sale or possession of a controlled substance.

## Scam Alert: Chinese Text Message Scam

Another new scam that is making its way across the nation is the Chinese Text Message Scam.

This scam is targeting the owners of iPhone and has been starting when the owner of the iPhone receives a message, written in Chinese, to their iMessage account from a foreign telephone number.

After the message is received, a notification

from Apple is received stating that the account is being used on another device.

The notification will only give the option of clicking on "OK". Once you click on "OK", the iPhone will immediately receive a stream of iMessages written in Chinese from a foreign number.

It is believed that the messages are an attempt

to steal personal information stored on the phone.

If this happens to you, we recommend that you immediately change your account password.

You can also go to the Apple resource page for more information about this type of scam.



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](mailto:chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us). You may remain anonymous.

## Ask an Officer: Is it Illegal to Warm Up a Car

### Is it illegal to leave your car running while you warm it up?

Recently a Michigan man made national news when he was fined \$128 for leaving his car running and unattended in his driveway while he was warming it up one cold morning.

This has caused people nationwide to ask if it is illegal to warm your car up while you are not with the car.

In Minnesota, there is no state law that prohibits leaving your car unattended while it warms up.

While each city has their own ordinances that may make this illegal, Worthington does not. So it is legal to leave your car unattended while it warms up.

While it is not illegal to warm up your car; there are certain risks that come with it, including having your car stolen.

According to the FBI, there were 707,758 motor vehicles stolen in 2015, an increase of 3.1%. A motor vehicle is stolen on the average of once every 45 seconds in the United States.

If you find yourself leaving your car unattended while warming up frequently, consider investing in a remote car starter.

Many remote car starters will lock the doors before the car can be started and will prevent the car from being driven without the keys in the ignition.

Other safety tips include locking

the car while it is being warmed up and frequently check the car while you are warming it up.



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](mailto:chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us)

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## Humor in Law Enforcement

Recently Reddit.com had a thread where police officers could post the funny stories they have experienced.

One of the best stories listed was the story of an officer who was called to a college campus for a loud party involving underage kids drinking.

As the officers reached the party on the third floor of the building, they found one partygoer dressed up as Captain Jack

Sparrow from the Pirates of the Caribbean movies.

The partygoer threw open the window and yelled out "Gentlemen, you will forever remember this as the day you almost caught Captain Jack Sparrow" and jumped out the window.

The officers found him lying on the ground with two broken legs. In addition, the partygoer received a ticket for Minor in Possession of Alcohol.



This would have been a great story to tell his kids, except for the part about the broken legs.

## Mission Statement

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

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