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Worthington Police Department (507) 295-5400

By the Numbers: 2018 Review

2018 was another busy year for the Worthington Police Department. Listed below are selected statistics showing the different types of cases for the Worthington Police Department.

Total Calls

CADS	10,485
911 Calls	1,360
911 Texts	4

Crimes Against Persons

Murder	0
Robbery	2
Kidnapping	0
Assault	37
Disorderly Conduct	113
Threats	53
Indecent Exposure	1

Crimes Against Property

Burglary	30
Burglary Attempt	9
Theft	116
Shoplifting	21
Motor Vehicle Theft	17
Property Damage	109
Civil Matters	133

Alarm Calls

Burglar Alarms	184
Fire Alarms	21
Panic Alarms	22
Medical Alarms	20

Traffic Related Calls

Traffic Stops	4,160
Traffic Accident	333
Traffic Accident w/ Injury	44
Traffic Accident w/ Fatality	0
Traffic Accident – Hit and Run	116
Traffic Hazards	58
School Bus Stop Arm Violation	44

Community Service

Blue in the School	199
Blue in the Community	261

Worthington continues to rank as one of the safer cities throughout Minnesota. Year after year, Worthington tends to have lower crime rates than other cities of our size such as Marshall, New Ulm, and Fairmont. Worthington has higher case clearance rates as well.

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By the Numbers (Continued)

According to the website Neighborhoodscout.com, the chance of becoming a victim of a violent crime in Minnesota is 1 in 420. The chance of becoming the victim of a violent crime in Worthington is only 1 in 631, approximately 50% lower.

When it comes to becoming the victim of a property crime, the average Minnesotan has a 1 in 46 chance. In Worthington, that drops to 1 in 64.

These numbers would not be possible without the support of the community we serve!



Officer Down: K-9 Officer Haas

Duluth Police K-9 Haas made the ultimate sacrifice on January 13, 2019 when he was shot and killed in the line of duty.

K-9 Haas was born in the Netherlands three years ago and joined the Duluth Police Department; partnered with Officer Aaron Haller.

On January 13, 2019, K-9 Haas and Officer Haller responded to the scene of a barricaded domestic violence suspect.

After an hour of negotiators speaking

with the suspect, the suspect opened fire on officers and shot K-9 Haas and Officer Haller.

K-9 Haas was transported to an emergency veterinary hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Officer Haller was transported to the hospital with "minor" injuries thanks to his ballistic vest.

K-9 Officer Haas served with the Duluth Police Department for two years and was certified in narcotics detection and patrol.



K-9 Officer Haas was the first K-9 Officer killed in the line of duty in Duluth.

Duluth has had eight prior line of duty deaths.

Credit:
Officer Down Memorial Page

Duluth News Tribune

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

Scam Alert: Grant Scammers on Facebook

The newest scam alert is a new take on an old scam, the grant scam.

This scam usually starts with the scammer calling the potential victim claiming they are eligible for free government money and they just need to provide some personal information about themselves and/or pay a fee for the service.

The scammers were finding out that the

average person was wise to this scam and not falling for it.

The grant scammers have now taken to Facebook to search for new victims and try to give themselves the appearance of legitimacy.

The grant scammers have made fake Facebook pages that identify themselves as belonging to the Federal

Grants Department.

The scammers have been contacting people on Facebook or by calling them and referring them to their Facebook page in order to scam them.

If you get called by these scammers, just hang up.

If they contact you on Facebook, report their profile to Facebook and block them.



Do you have a question about a scam or have been a victim of a scam that you would like to warn others about? If so, please email chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us

You may remain anonymous.

Ask an Officer: Recreational Marijuana

What do cops think about recreational marijuana?

The vast majority of law enforcement officers believe that legalizing the recreational use of marijuana is a terrible idea.

We've all heard the claims that legalized marijuana use will solve all the evils in the world including; lowering violent crimes, bringing in more tax income, and curing cancer.

With all these claims it can be hard to determine what the truth is.

The Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Strategic Intelligence Unit did a study tracking the impact of marijuana legislation in the State of Colorado.

This study looks at three different time periods in Colorado including:

2006-2008 – Medical marijuana pre-commercialization and expansion era

2009-Present – Medical marijuana commercialization and expansion era

2013-Present – Recreational marijuana era

From this study, we can see the actual effect that the legalization of marijuana has had on the State of Colorado.

The study collected comparative data in a variety of areas including:

- Impaired driving and fatalities
- Youth marijuana use
- Adult marijuana use
- Emergency Room admissions
- Marijuana related exposures
- Diversion of Colorado marijuana

Over the next few months, we will look at the actual effects of recreational marijuana and why most law enforcement officers disagree with the idea of recreational marijuana.

Stay tuned!!!



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Humor in Law Enforcement

A couple of Chicago robbers showed up at a local restaurant with the intent of robbing the store.

One of the robbers told the owner that "I will kill you. I have a gun with me".

In response, the owner told the two robbers that he was too busy right now and that they should come back in an hour.

Realizing the restaurant owner was probably too busy to be robbed, they came

back an hour later.

To show they were serious about robbing the place, the two robbers demanded \$100 in addition to some food.

The owner told the robbers he needed to get his wife's checkbook and had them wait.

While the robbers waited patiently, the owner called the police and the two hapless robbers were arrested.



The two robbers were charged with attempted aggravated robbery and possession of a replica gun.

According to police, the replica used was a squirt gun.

Credit: Huffington Post

Mission Statement

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

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