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Worthington Police Department (507) 295-5400

Officer Profile Bryant Schroeder

The newest officer to join the ranks of the Worthington Police Department is Bryant Schroeder.

Officer Schroeder was born and raised in Worthington, graduating from Worthington High School in 2007.

After completing high school, Officer Schroeder attended Minnesota West Community College in Worthington for law enforcement graduating in 2011.

When Officer Schroeder is not working, he enjoys spending time with his family and children, Braelynn (8), Brock (6), and Bria (5 mo).



Officer Schroeder is also a hardcore Vikings fan and a volunteer youth wrestling coach.

Although it took ten years after college to become a police officer, Officer Schroeder is very happy and excited to join the Worthington

Police Department. He looks forward to giving back to the community he has lived in for the last 32 years.

Please join us in welcoming Officer Schroeder to the Worthington Police Department!



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Work Anniversaries

Secretary Shari Droll	13 years
K-9 Officer Mark Riley	10 years
Detective Joseph Joswiak	10 years

Congratulations



Password Managers

What is the one thing you can do to best protect yourself online?

Use a password manager! A password manager is a computer program that allows users to store, generate, and manage their passwords for local applications and online services. The password manager assists in generating and retrieving complex passwords, storing them in an encrypted database or calculating them on demand.

Using a password manager will allow you to have strong and unique passwords for each application or website you go to. This will prevent scammers from getting access to all of your accounts if one is compromised in a data breach.

Revenge Porn

In 2016, Minnesota passed a new law that made the dissemination of private sexual images (Minnesota State Statute 617.261) without consent of the individual involved illegal.

This law, commonly referred to as the revenge porn law, was challenged in State v Casillas and was determined to be unconstitutional by the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

The Minnesota Attorney General and the Dakota County Attorney's Office

appealed this decision to the Minnesota Supreme Court.

On December 30, 2020, the Minnesota Supreme Court reversed the decision by the Minnesota Court of Appeals and determined the revenge porn law did not violate the first amendment of the United States Constitution or the Minnesota Constitution.

If you believe you are a victim of revenge porn, please contact your local law enforcement agency for help.



Scam Alert: Cardpool

Cardpool is a service where you can trade unwanted gift cards for cash or different gift cards.

Recently the Better Business Bureau gave the company an “F” rating after receiving 2,187 complaints over the course of the last three years.

Common complaints against Cardpool include failing to make payment for cards purchased, failure to make timely

purchases, and selling gift cards with no balance on them.

Customers also have reported difficulty in contacting the company about the issues.

Before using companies like Cardpool, make sure they have easy to find contact information in case something goes wrong.

Make sure you understand the business’ policy about refunds.

Use a payment method that will allow you to dispute the charges if you believe you may have an issue, with credit cards offering the most protection.

Before doing business with certain companies, take a few minutes to research the company. Look for online reviews or check with the Better Business Bureau.

Credit: Better Business Bureau



Ask an Officer: Driving Tickets on Private Property

Can you get a ticket for driving without a valid license on private property?

Like everything that revolves around the law, the answer is a solid maybe...

If you simply do not have a driver’s license, you can drive on private property without a license.

If your license status is suspended, revoked, canceled or canceled – inimical to public safety then you cannot legally drive on private property.

Your license status is not dependent on actually having a driver’s license. Your driving privileges in Minnesota can be

suspended, revoked, or cancelled even if you do not have a driver’s license.

In the Minnesota case of State v Bauman, the court has ruled that the statute prohibiting driving after revocation of license does not require the operation of a motor vehicle on a street or highway for its violation.

Not all traffic laws require the driver to be on a street or highway to be enforced. For example, DWIs can be enforced anywhere in the state, including on private property.

Is a flare gun considered a real gun under the law?

In Minnesota, the court has ruled that a flare gun is not considered a firearm under the statute.

Anyone who is prohibited from possessing a firearm can legally possess a flare gun.

If the flare gun would be used as a weapon against someone in an assault, criminal charges could be brought.

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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Crime Doesn't Pay...We Do!

Humor in Law Enforcement

To finish off the newsletter this month, here are a few police puns!

Did you hear the celery got arrested?

He was charged with stalking.

Why did the thief wear blue gloves?

He did not want to get caught red-handed.

Why did the police arrest the turkey?

They suspected fowl play!

Did you hear about the criminal who stole a lamp?

He got a very light sentence

Why are police officers such great volleyball players?

They know how to serve and protect.

What do you call it when a prisoner takes his own mugshot?

A "cell-fie"



Did you hear the Energizer Bunny was arrested?

He was charged with battery.

Why did the coffee call 911?

It was mugged

Mission Statement

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

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