

Worthington Police News

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Officer Profile: Detective Sergeant Kevin Flynn

The officer profile for January is Detective Sergeant Kevin Flynn.

In August of 1991, Sgt. Flynn began work as a patrol officer with the Worthington Police Department. He was promoted to Detective in March of 1996 and Detective Sergeant in October of 2005.

Gary Von Wald, a state trooper in the Worthington area when Sgt. Flynn was attending local schools, was the person who sparked his interest in law enforcement.



Sgt. Flynn enjoys investigations as each case is different than the previous and each has unique challenges. One recent observation from Sgt. Flynn is that the "cast of characters" is starting to include children and grandchildren of his "first customers". The use of technology by law enforcement is the most significant change Sgt. Flynn has seen in his career.

An officer now has access to information in seconds that previously took hours or days to retrieve. Sgt. Flynn said he's proud to be a member of the Worthington Police Department. He described his fellow officers, along with Nobles County Sheriff's Office deputies, area Minnesota State Patrol troopers, and DNR officers as some of the best law enforcement personnel one could work with.

When he's away from the Prairie Justice Center, Sgt. Flynn prefers to spend time with family, golfing, and on the road. He lives for University of Minnesota Gopher hockey from October through March and "his idea" of a great weekend is to take his family to Mariucci Arena for a couple of Gopher games! In quieter times he enjoys reading the adventures of Mitch Rapp in the Vince Flynn series.

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New Year's Resolution

This year when you are deciding what your New Year's resolution is going to be, I am asking everyone to consider wearing their seatbelt as their resolution.

Wearing a seatbelt is the one thing you can do to help increase your odds of surviving a traffic crash.

When someone is killed in a traffic crash, it is the family and friends of the

deceased who truly suffer from the loss. Even if you don't want to wear your seatbelt for yourself, at least wear it for your loved ones.

The Worthington Police Department would like to wish everyone a safe and happy new year!



Ask an Officer

Question: The other day I saw a police car driving with the emergency lights on. As I continued to watch the car, I saw it turn the lights off and slow down. Why did they do that?

The simple answer is we do it for the safety of the public we serve.

There are many types of calls, such as 911 hang up calls, where multiple officers respond.

When the first officer arrives on scene, the officer will do a scene size up and determine if the scene is safe and if other officers are needed.

If the officer determines that a scene is safe and other officers are not needed, that officer will notify dispatch that the scene is under control and

other officers are not needed or that they can slow down while responding to the call.

Anytime we drive with the emergency lights and siren, there is the potential for traffic crashes to happen. By notifying other responding police officers the scene is under control and they can slow down, we reduce the risk of a traffic crash.

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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**Text Anonymous
Information**

Send confidential tips to the
Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

Text 372DTF with your tip
Send to 847411 (tip411)

tip 411

100% Anonymous

Scam Alert: IRS Scam

Scams affect everyone and the police are no exception. Recently, Chief Cumiskey received an email from someone claiming to be from the IRS announcing that he was eligible to receive a "tax return" of \$273.33. All he had to do was click on a simple link to receive the form he needed.

In looking at this email, there were several clues to alert us that this was a scam. The first clue was the simple fact the message was sent as an email. A quick check of the IRS webpage states they do not contact taxpayers by email, text

messages or other forms of social media.

The next clue the email was a scam was the fact they list a specific dollar amount of the refund and yet they refer to the recipient only as "taxpayer".


The next thing that stands out is the terminology in the letter. The letter states you are eligible to receive a "tax return". The letter used the term tax return instead of tax refund.

Finally the web page asks you to click on a link in the email. This is where the real danger lies.

When you click on the link, you are redirected to another web page designed to look like a real IRS web page.

When you go to this page, they will ask you to enter your personal information in order to steal your identity. This type of scam is commonly known as a phishing scam.

As a simple reminder, there are no governmental agencies that will contact you by email and request personal information or request you to click on a link.



Internal Revenue Service
DATE: 12/26/2012

NOTICE OF TAX RETURN FOR YEAR 2011

Dear Taxpayer,

I am sending this email to announce: After the last annual calculation of your fiscal activity we have determined that you are eligible to receive a tax return of:

\$247.33

Please submit the tax return request and allow us 3-5 days in order to process it.

To access the Tax Return form, [click here](#)

A refund can be delayed for a variety of reasons. For exemple submitting invalid records or applying after the deadline.

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Dumb Criminal of the Month

In a world where technology is a part of daily life, it is easy to forget common sense and rely on electronic devices to do the thinking for you.

As our dumb criminal found out, that often leads to trouble. It all started off with our dumb criminal making a simple trip from Nebraska to the Twin Cities.

As he reached the road construction near the Blue Line Travel Center things got confusing. The GPS said to go straight, but due to the road construction, the road had been removed.

What to do? In this case, our dumb criminal trusted technology over common

sense and followed his GPS right into the area where the road used to be, getting stuck in the mud.

After an expensive tow bill, a lot of wasted time and a lecture from the officers on scene, our hapless motorist was sent on his way.

There is a lesson to be learned from this and that is to not trust technology over your own common sense. You simply cannot trust computers to give you all the information you need to make informed decisions about what is going on around you.

Thanks to Officer Palmersheim for this story.



Mission Statement

Serving Worthington with honor and integrity by providing community oriented law enforcement and emergency services to all people.

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