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K-9 Officer Profile: Laika

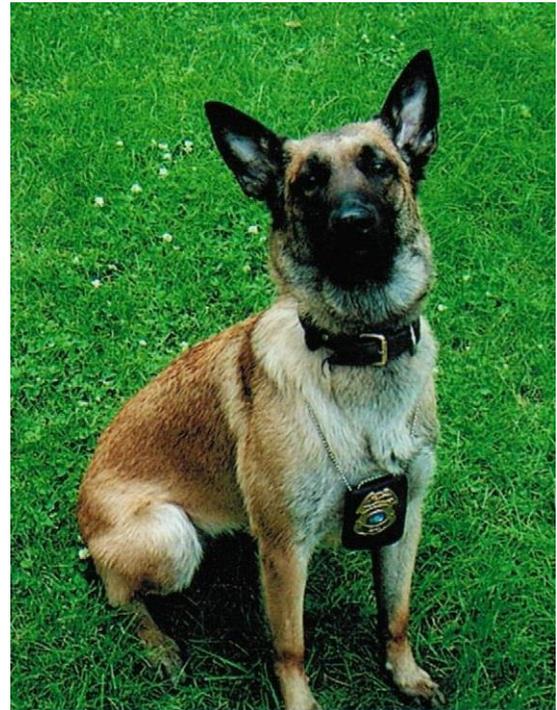
The officer profile for January is also our latest officer to retire, K-9 Laika.

Laika was born on May 6, 2003 near Amsterdam in the Netherlands. Laika moved to Florida and was purchased from a Florida police K-9 trainer.

After being hired with the Worthington Police Department, Laika was certified through the United States Police Canine Association in Patrol Dog 1 and in Narcotics.

Laika started her career partnered with Officer Jason Beckman but switched partners in 2005 to Officer Randy Liepold.

Throughout her career, Laika has had many notable accomplishments. In narcotics detections, she helped Trooper Nordseth locate over one-hundred pounds of marijuana in a motorhome and in a separate case, located



\$27,000 cash in a car.

Laika's best year for locating people was in 2011 when Laika was credited with locating eleven people.

In competition, Laika has won several trophies throughout her career. Laika's top

trophy was for placing 13th in the 2009 United States Police Canine Association National Trials.

At the end of December, Laika officially retired to Officer Liepold's farm.

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Notable Calls

Officers are often credited with having a “sixth sense” when dealing with people.

This “sixth sense” often breaks down to the officer making several observations about a person and being able to articulate them.

This notable case started off late one afternoon with Officer Riley on patrol.

Officer Riley noticed a male walking down an alley and decided to drive past him for a better look at the male.

As Officer Riley drove past the male, he noticed the male look down and turn his head away.

Finding this conduct unusual, Officer Riley turned around and drove past the male again. This time, the male pulled his hood up higher over his head.

Officer Riley stopped and talked with the male. Upon approaching the male, Officer Riley immediately smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the male.

After a protective pat down of the suspect, Officer Riley found over 87 grams of marijuana or over 3 ounces valued at approximately \$700.00.



What started off as a male walking through an alley turned into a felony arrest for 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance. This happened not only because of a “sixth sense”, but because of the astute observation of a Worthington Police Officer.

DON'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH

Text confidential tips to the

Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

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Law Review: Duty to Drive with Due Care

Minnesota State Statute 169.14, Subdivision 1, is the Duty to Drive with Due Care statute. This law requires all drivers to drive with due care. The statute states that no person shall drive a vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions.

This statute also states that in every event, speed shall be so restricted to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle or other conveyance.



Scam Alert: Fake Bank Call

The latest scam that is starting to make the rounds is the fake bank call scam.

The fake bank call scam involves a technique known as “vishing” which employs the use of text messages, voicemail messages, phone recordings or robo-calls, and email messages to trick bank customers.

Typically the messages will tell the bank customers that their

credit card or debit card is locked and they need to call a telephone number and provide personal information, including bank account number, credit card or debit card numbers, and ATM pin numbers to unlock the card.

If you receive a message like this from someone claiming to be from your bank, never call the number provided by the message.

If you must call the

bank, call the number provided in your bank statements.

As always, you can call the Worthington Police Department to report these scams.



Ask an Officer: How Fast Can I Drive Without Getting a Ticket

Recently I was asked how fast someone can drive without getting a ticket.

The short answer is that if you speed, you risk being stopped and ticketed for speeding.

Even if you are not speeding, but are driving too fast for the weather conditions or road conditions, you can be ticketed.

When it comes to the decision to stop someone for speeding, each law enforcement agency and each officer has their own threshold for stopping speeders.

For example, a military police officer I spoke with typically stops people for driving one mile per hour over the speed limit and issues speeding citations for two miles per hour or more over the limit. While this may be on the extreme side, the fine for one mile per hour over the speed limit is the same as for ten miles per hour over the speed limit.

There are a couple more things you should realize before you think about speeding. If you are traveling 20 miles per hour or more over the speed limit, the fines double. If you travel over 100 miles per hour, your driving privileges will be revoked for a minimum of six months.

As you can see, the minimal amount of time you save in your travels are simply not worth the risk of receiving a ticket.



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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Criminal of the Month

Our criminal story this month starts out with a call to Walmart for a group of disorderly teenagers.

As officers arrived on scene, the group was pointed out as they were getting ready to leave the building. Officers walked the group to the front entryway to talk to them about their conduct.

One of the officers asked our criminal for his identification. When it was discovered the criminal did not have any identification with him, he was asked for his name.

This is where our story turns from a "routine" call to a criminal story. Instead of simply identifying himself, he

refused to do so.

Our criminal was warned that if he refused to identify himself, he would be arrested.

Once again our criminal refused to identify himself and was promptly placed under arrest.

Upon seeing this, the other teenagers scrambled to find their identification cards.

Once our criminal was placed in the squad car, he had a change of heart and identified himself.

When asked why he refused to identify himself, all he had to say was, "That did not go the way I thought it would".



Mission Statement

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

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