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Year End Round Up

As 2015 draws to a close, we take a look back at the busy year we had at the Worthington Police Department and look forward to a safe and productive new year.

Here are some selected statistics from 2015:

Computer Aided Dispatches

Total Calls 9,911

Traffic

10-50 (Traffic Accidents) 345

10-52 (Injury Accidents) 37

10-54 (Fatal Accidents) 1
(2 fatalities)

Hit and Run Accidents 102

Traffic Stops 3,638

DWI Arrests 48

Parking 109

Alarms

Burglary 141

Fire 34

Assist Other Agency Calls

General 134

Fire 40

Ambulance 500

Crimes Against Persons

Domestic Assault 91

Assault 42

Disorderly Conduct 81

Robbery 3

Crimes Against Family 39

Criminal Sexual Conduct 40

Property Crimes

Burglary 47

Theft 132

Shoplifting 58

Property Damage 26

Fraud/Forgery 62

Scam Calls 55

Motor Vehicle Theft 25

Miscellaneous Calls

Child Custody 29

Civil Mater 131

Crime Against Justice 24

Lost Child 24

Animal Complaints 211

Animal Control
Virgil Veen

Community Service
Myra Onnen

Reception
Barb Hussong

Records
Shari Droll
Julie Jeppesen

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Gary Gerdes

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New Officers

What is a new year without a couple of new officers to help us celebrate?

The Worthington Police Department would like to welcome Officers Dustin Roemeling and Jacob Refsland, who were sworn in on January 4th and will be starting the field training process.



Tourniquet Training

The Worthington Police Department recently trained all officers in the use of the MAT style tourniquet. Tourniquets have fallen in and out of favor over the years; however, studies by the military have proven that tourniquets save lives.

Tourniquets are used on the extremities in order to stop the flow of blood when someone has suffered a serious injury, such as a gunshot injury, amputation, or crush injury and the bleeding cannot be controlled by direct pressure.

The National Registry of EMTs has recognized the importance of tourniquets and has changed the bleeding protocol to add the use of the tourniquet when direct pressure does not work.

New Law: Insurance and Vehicle Registration

What's a new year without a new law? Beginning January 1, 2016, every owner, when applying for motor vehicle or motorcycle registration or transfer of ownership must provide proof that the motor vehicle or motorcycle is covered by an insurance policy.

Under the new law, required information includes the insurance company's name, the policy number and the policy expiration date. This provision is part of a larger transportation law that mostly took effect July 1, 2015.

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: Phone Cramming

An old scam that recently showed up in Worthington is the phone cramming scam.

Phone cramming is the practice of placing unauthorized charges on a telecommunication subscriber's home or mobile telephone bill.

Typically these charges are only a few dollars a month and are usually small in order to prevent notice of the charge.

In the recent case, the added charges were over \$40.00 per month and easily stood out on the victim's bill.

If you are a victim of phone cramming, you should contact your phone company and request the charges be removed. You should also dispute the charge with the third party that posted the charges and ask them to mail you proof that you authorized the charges.

In addition, you should also file complaints with:

- Minnesota Attorney General's Office – 800-657-3787
- Federal Trade Commission at www.consumer.ftc.gov
- Federal Communication Commission www.fcc.gov
- Minnesota Public Utilities Commission www.mn.gov/puc.



Ask an Officer: Permit to Carry Requirements

What are the requirements to receive a permit to carry a concealed weapon?

- The person applying for the permit must be at least 21 years of age.
- Must complete an application form in order to allow the sheriff's department to perform a background check on the applicant.
- Must be a resident of the county you are requesting the permit from. An out-of-state person can go to their nearest Minnesota county.
- Must provide a certificate of completed authorized firearms training. The training must be provided by a certified instructor and you must have completed the training within one year of the application.

- Must provide a photo ID: Driver's License, State ID Card, or Passport.
- In Nobles County, you must pay \$100 cash.

There are many other permit restrictions listed on the application form. Go to: <https://www.firearmsandliberty.com/PDF-News/MN%20Rev%20-%202003-2015-Permit-to-Carry-a-Pistol-Application.pdf>



Once these steps have been completed, a permit to carry can be issued, typically within 30 days.

Minnesota's permit to carry allows for the open carry of a firearm in addition to the concealed carry of a firearm.

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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Humor in Law Enforcement

It is not unusual for the police to get called to talk to young children who do not want to go to school.

Typically the child will cry and tell their parents they do not want to go, but after talking to the police, we can usually convince the child to go to school.

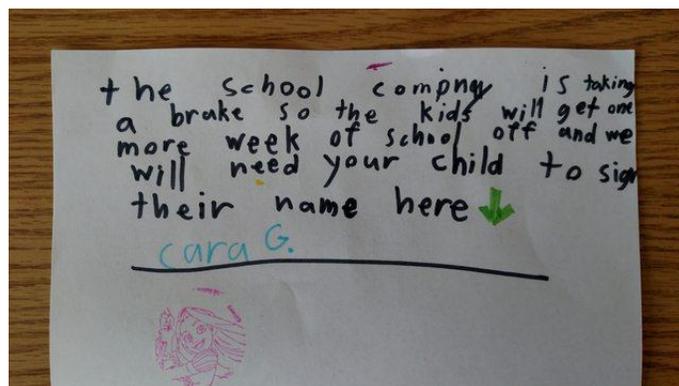
However, for one Des Moines 7-year-girl named Cara, she tried a different route to extend her Christmas break.

One Sunday, Cara gave her mom a handwritten note that she said she just received in the mail stating the "school company" is taking a break and the kids will get one more week off of school.

Her mom almost believed the note but noticed Cara used brake instead of break.

Now I wonder if that would work here to get an extra week off from work!

Source: Reddit



Mission Statement

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

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