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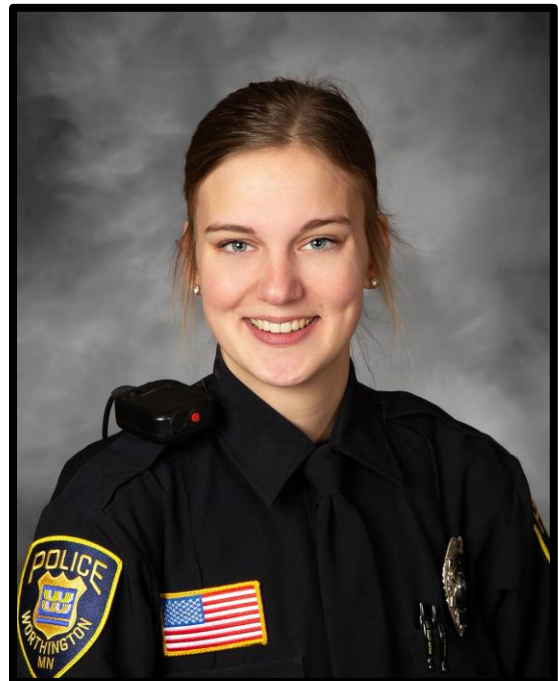
The newest officer to join the Worthington Police Department and successfully pass our field training program is Officer Christina Shorter.

Christina was born and raised just outside of Worthington and graduated from the Worthington High School.

After graduation she attended Alexandria Technical and Community College where she received her Associate Degree in Law Enforcement.

After successfully passing the Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) test, Christina was hired by the Worthington Police Department.

After completing the 12-week field training program, Christina is now patrolling on her own.



As a police officer, Christina has many noble goals she would like to achieve including;

- To protect and serve the people in the community where she grew up and lives,
- To foster a strong bond and relationship between the police department and the community,
- To continue to learn and develop her skills as a police officer,
- And finally, to serve the community with honor and integrity and be fair to everyone.

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

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New Law for 2021

With the start of 2021, a new law went into effect that changes how restricted sexual assault examination kits are handled.

A restricted sexual assault kit is a sexual assault kit that the victim does not want processed.

Typically, these kits are held for three to six months, depending on the investigating agency's policy.

The new law will require the unrestricted kit to be held indefinitely by the submitting agency once it has been returned from the testing laboratory.

Prior to the change in the law, the investigating law enforcement agency had discretion to submit these restricted kits to the forensic lab for testing.

The change in the law has now removed that discretion.



The law also requires the hospitals that prepare the kit or the law enforcement agency to send the kit to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) within 60 days and requires the BCA to store all restricted kits for at least 30 months.

Lifesaving Award

On December 23, 2020, Officer Christopher Hillesheim was awarded the Worthington Police Department life-saving award for his actions while dealing with a suicidal male.

On July 26, 2020 Worthington officers received a call of a male who was threatening to kill himself.

While attempting to talk with the male, he pulled out a knife and stabbed a Nobles County Deputy Sheriff causing severe bleeding. Officer Hillesheim quickly placed a tourniquet on the deputy's arm, stopping the bleeding.

The deputy was transported to the hospital for treatment of his injury.

Unfortunately, efforts to save the life of the suicidal male were unsuccessful.



Officer Hillesheim's actions on July 26, 2020 were credited with saving the life of the deputy sheriff.

This is Officer Hillesheim's third lifesaving award since 2017.



Scam Alert: Fake Facebook Advertising

There is no doubt that scammers are everywhere, and this includes Facebook.

Scammers are now taking advantage of Facebook advertising by posting fake ads designed to steal your money and your personal information.

These fake ads are showing up in the newsfeed like sponsored ads, but without the word “sponsored” above them.

If you see something that appears to be an ad, but it does not state it is a sponsored ad, then it is almost guaranteed to be a scam.

All legitimate Facebook ads will be marked as a sponsored ad.

While Facebook does actively look for and remove these fraudulent ads, many still slip by.

If it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is.

Even if an ad is listed as a sponsored ad, it could still be a fraudulent ad.

The sponsored ad simply means that someone paid Facebook for the ad and does not actually guarantee the ad is legitimate.

If you have questions about the legitimacy of the ad, simply do not do business with the company.



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

You may remain anonymous.

Ask an Officer:

How can I tell if my information has been part of a data breach?

If you are concerned that your information has been compromised in a data breach, you can go to the website <https://haveibeenpwned.com> to find out.

When you go to haveibeenpwned.com, you can enter your email address into the website, and it will not only tell you if your information was compromised, but it will also tell you what data breach it was involved in.

The website will also state if there have been any “pastes” that have showed up with your data.

A “paste” refers to a posting to a certain website that is commonly used to release large amounts of data to the public.

Some of these pastes can contain millions of user names and passwords of effected users.

RockYou was a gaming company that made widgets for the Facebook platform and was later invited to make software applications for Facebook.

In December 2009, RockYou suffered a data breach that resulted in the exposure of over 32 million user accounts. To make things worse, RockYou failed to provide notification of the breach to users and then

miscommunicated the extent of the breach.

The data from the data breach was posted online in a paste for anyone to find.

The password list from the data breach is now commonly found in password cracking software since these passwords are real world passwords being used and people commonly reuse passwords.

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

Our next story comes from reddit.com where someone asked, "Police of Reddit, what is the funniest arrest you made on duty"?

User MSien replied with the story of a loud house party that he responded to.

During the first call, he made contact with the homeowner and told them to shut down the party and get sober rides, since there were underage kids drinking inside the house.

After the third call to the residence, which involved a fight in the

front yard, officers decided to shut down the party.

While officers dealt with the fight in the front yard, MSien went to the back yard to look for stragglers.

The back door burst open and six teens took off running out of the door.

After yelling "Stop, Police", he called out that he was in a foot pursuit and started to chase the group.

As he was catching up to the back of the group, one of the teens stopped



and sat down on a stone bench in the neighbor's yard.

The teen turned to the officer and said, "Oh, good evening, I think they went that way"!

The bewildered officer asked if the kid was high. Why yes, yes he was!

Mission Statement

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

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