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Retirements

The Worthington Police Department is happy to announce the upcoming retirement of two long-time employees.

Officer Kirk Honius is retiring after 32 years of dedicated service to the Worthington community.

Community Service Officer Myra Onnen is also retiring after 23 years of dedicated service to the Worthington community.

Please join us in wishing Kirk and Myra the best as they enjoy many more years of retirement!



Lifesaving Award



On June 16, 2021, Officer Jacob Refsland and Officer Lucky Sayveo were presented with lifesaving awards for their actions on January 30, 2021.

While on patrol, Officer Refsland observed a suspicious vehicle at a local gas station. As Officer Refsland checked on the occupant, he found the occupant to be unconscious and barely breathing.

Officer Refsland started immediate medical care and recognized the male had overdosed on opioids. Officer Refsland administered a dose of Naloxone also known as Narcan. Officer Sayveo arrived and helped provide medical care. Officer Sayveo administered a second dose of Naloxone.

Due to the quick response of Officer Refsland and Officer Sayveo, the male recovered from the overdose.



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Laura Garcia

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Disguised Guns

Finding guns while executing a narcotics search warrant is not unusual; finding a gun disguised as a Nerf gun is.

The Catawba County Sheriff's Department found a Glock 19 pistol with a 50-round drum magazine when they executed a search warrant.

The Glock 19 and a shoulder stock for the gun was painted orange and blue and had the Nerf logo painted on it.

While guns like this are not illegal to own, they are concerning to law enforcement.

In the wrong hands, they can be used to get an officer's guard down in order to ambush them.



This just goes to show some of the hidden dangers that police officers face on their day-to-day patrols.



Blue in the news



Minnesota Chiefs @MNPOLiceChiefs · 2h

@WorthingtonPD1 Officer Shorter was on routine patrol recently and saw a child "impersonating" a police officer. She stopped to "investigate" and came to realize she deserved a sticker, not a ticket! #communitypolicing



Credit: MNPOLiceChiefs Twitter Feed



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Internet Safety: Steam Hijacking

Steam is a popular video game digital distribution service by Valve.

Gamers will download the steam software onto their computer, and they can then buy and store digital copies of games on the platform.

Steam is a high value target for scammers since some game collections can add up to thousands of dollars, credit card information can be stored on the website as well as gift cards.

One Worthington officer's Steam account was

targeted by potential thieves in July.

The officer's Steam account name and password were part of a data breach.

The officer received 11 emails from Steam showing that someone tried to access the account, but they were not able to do so.

What helped the officer's account from being hijacked was that he used 2 factor authentication for the account known as Steam Guard Mobile Authenticator.

The Steam Guard Mobile Authenticator will check the IP address of the computer logging in.

If the log in is from a different IP address then normal, Steam Guard will send an email to the account holder with a password that needs to be entered in order to access the account.

Without the Steam Guard password, you simply cannot log into the account, even if you have the account name and password.



Ask an Officer

I am looking at buying a boat, however the boat owner does not have a title for it. Can they sell a boat without a title?

In Minnesota, boats do not have a title issued so they can be sold with just a bill of sale.

If you want a title for your boat or watercraft, you can apply for a title from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Anniversaries

Officer Kirk Honius	31 Years
Detective Shawn Elsing	24 Years
Captain Nathan Grimmus	17 Years
Sergeant Josh McCuen	15 Years
School Resource Officer Dan Brouillet	8 Years
Dispatcher Joseph Reith	4 Years

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Humor in Law Enforcement

Bungling Bandits

- Rhode Island police were sure they had the right man when the suspect in a string of coin-machine thefts paid his entire \$400 bail in quarters.
- Two robbers in Michigan entered a record shop nervously waving revolvers. The first bandit shouted, "Nobody Move" and when his partner moved, the startled bandit shot him!
- Texas police officers responding to a store robbery, seized a man who was fleeing naked. The male robbed a store and figured his clothing would make him identifiable.
- Detectives in Brunswick, Georgia were investigating a purse snatching and stopped a man matching the suspect's description. The detectives took him back to the scene so the victim could identify him. The suspect got out of the car, looked at the woman and said



"Yeah, that's the women I robbed".

- Nashville police responded to a home where the burglar was found fast asleep on the couch.

Credit: funny-jokes.com

Mission Statement

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

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