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Worthington Police News



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Sergeant Promotion: Mark Riley

The Worthington Police Department would like to congratulate K-9 Officer Mark Riley on his promotion to Sergeant!

Sergeant Riley will take the place of Sergeant Roemeling, who took a position with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as a Conservation Officer.

Sergeant Riley has already started his duties as sergeant.

Please take a few moments to congratulate Sergeant Riley when you see him.



Anniversaries

Julie Jeppesen	Records	32 years
Nathan Grimmus	Captain	18 years
Joshua McCuen	Sergeant	16 years
Dan Brouillet	School Resource Officer	9 years

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Animal Control
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Animal Control Corner – Pets in Hot Vehicles

With the hot summer weather here, now would be a good time to talk about leaving your pets locked in your cars.

During 70-degree weather, the temperatures in your car can easily top 100 degrees in just 30 minutes. When the temperatures hit 80-degrees, the interior temperature can top 114 degrees.

These temperatures can easily cause life-threatening injuries or can become fatal for our furry friends.

You should avoid leaving your pets in the vehicle for any amount of time without the air conditioning running.

Both Worthington City Ordinance and Minnesota State Law allows peace officers to remove animals when they are locked in a hot vehicle.

Worthington City Ordinance grants immunity to peace officers and animal control officers arising out of entry into a vehicle.



This means that the peace officer and animal control officer cannot be sued for damages caused to a vehicle while rescuing an animal from a hot car.

Please don't leave your pets in a hot car, they deserve better!



New Law Change – THC Edibles and Beverages

There was a new law in Minnesota that took effect on July 1, 2022, that allows edibles and beverages containing up to 5 milligrams of THC per serving and up to 50 milligrams per package to be sold and consumed under Minnesota State Statute 152.72 as long as they are derived from hemp.

THC or Tetrahydrocannabinol is the active ingredient in marijuana that gives the user the "high" feeling.

Sales of the edibles and beverages are limited to those 21 years of age and older.

Motorists under the influence of THC, can still face potential DWI charges if they are impaired by the THC while driving or in physical control of a motor vehicle.

Scam Alert: Don't be a Money Mule!!!

Have you ever been browsing the online job postings and found one that asks you to provide banking services for another person or company?

The posting will want you to open a bank account so you can receive money for the business and then send the money out to a third party.

In exchange, you will receive payment for each transaction sent.

Seems harmless, right?

You just became a money mule and participated in the criminal offense of money laundering.

According to the FBI, money mules are needed to help move stolen money from country to country to help hide the identity of those involved.

Money mules are not just limited to forwarding money

from a bank account. Another version of this crime involved the criminal tricking scam victims to send cash in a box or other package to the money mule who in turn will forward it to another person.

This is done to hide the true destination of the money and to help provide a level of anonymity to protect the criminal.

If you receive a solicitation like this,



ignore them and do not respond to them.

If you believe you are participating in a money mule scam, stop transferring the money and notify law enforcement and your bank immediately.

TZD: Speed Enforcement

Summer in Minnesota means families are once again hitting the road for vacations and weekend fun.

While many Minnesotans drive smart, too many are still driving too fast.

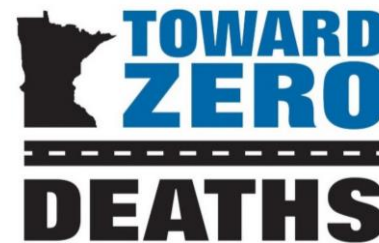
Speed was the largest contributing factor in fatal traffic crashes during the 100 deadliest days last summer (Memorial Day to Labor Day).

To remind motorists to slow down and drive safely, law enforcement partners will be participating in a statewide extra enforcement and awareness campaign from July 1-31.

You Speed, You Crash

While getting a ticket may be a primary concern when exceeding the speed limit, drivers should worry about far more dangerous consequences:

- In 2021, 166 motorists died in speed-related crashes (preliminary), the most since 2003 (195).
- During the 100 deadliest days in the past five years (2017-2021), preliminary numbers show that 196 people lost their lives in speed-related crashes.
- Speed contributed to an average of 82 deaths per year



from 2012-16, but an average of 113 deaths per year from 2017-21.

More than twice as many speed-related fatal crashes occur on rural roads than major urban roads.

**Reduce speed,
reduce the chance
of a crash!**

Meme Round Up

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Crime Doesn't Pay... We Do!

Dogs might be called
"man's best friend"



But we don't show the police
where your drugs are

When Second Shift walks in and sees
Dayshift busy and chaotic.

DAYSHIFT:



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RICE: Neighbor trouble- 78xx NE River Rd- Caller reports a male on his motorcycle is going up and down the road and the caller says the motorcycle is very loud. The caller also says the suspect has a sign saying "we don't like cop callers".

★ Added by admin [#scanner](#)

Mission Statement

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

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