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Worthington Police News



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Officer Profile: K-9 Red

K-9 Red is a German Shepherd and Belgian Malinois cross who was born on March 25, 2022, in Slovakia.

K-9 Red and his partner, Sergeant Mark Riley, attended the Code Blue K-9 Academy in Rushford, Minnesota and after 13 grueling weeks, they graduated from the program on June 15, 2023.

K-9 Red then attended the United States Police Canine Association trails on June 28, 2023, where he was officially certified in narcotics detection and patrol dog work.

K-9 Red's hard work will allow him to work narcotics detections, locating evidence, locating hiding or fleeing



subjects, locating missing persons, suspect apprehension, and handler protections.

Congratulations to K-9 Red and

Sergeant Mark Riley for all their hard work and dedication in successfully completing their training and in the certification process afterward.

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Work Anniversaries

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Bicycle Law Changes – Stop Signs

The Minnesota legislature has changed the bicycle laws regarding stop signs.

Bicyclists are currently required to stop at all stop signs, just like a motor vehicle, however starting August 1st, that will change.

The law will now read that the bicycle operator who approaches a stop sign will now need to slow down to a speed that will allow for

stopping before entering the intersection or the nearest crosswalk.

If there is no vehicle in the vicinity, the bicycle operator may turn or proceed through the intersection without stopping.

If there is a vehicle in the vicinity, the bicycle operator will need to come to a complete stop, just like a motor vehicle would.



This statute does not apply when the traffic at the intersection is being controlled by a police officer or other person authorized to control traffic.

The change in law does not change the right-of-way requirements under section 169.20.

In Remembrance: Joseph Sanow

The Worthington Police Department would like to express our deepest sympathies to the family, friends, and co-workers of Nobles County Attorney Joseph Sanow.

County Attorney Sanow passed away from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash on Saturday, July 1, 2023, near Madison, South Dakota.

You will be missed!!!



Panhandling

With the summer months here, there has been an uptick in panhandling going on.

Is Panhandling Legal?

The courts have ruled that panhandling is protected speech under the First Amendment.

Panhandlers, however, cannot interfere with the flow of traffic or behave in an aggressive manner.

Aggressive panhandling includes:

- Confronting someone that would cause fear,
- Touching someone without their consent,
- Following someone who has refused to give money,
- Using obscene or abusive language,
- Acting with an intent to intimidate

If you see an aggressive panhandler, you can call the police to respond to the incident.

Tips for Responding to Panhandling

Avoid giving money to panhandlers. Pulling out your wallet or purse could make you a potential victim of a crime.

If you want to help the panhandler, consider carrying a small bag with personal hygiene products and food to hand out instead of money.

Business Owners

Business owners can order panhandlers off their property and the police can assist with the notification and removal process if the panhandler refuses to leave.



Code Red Alert System

The Nobles County Sheriff's Department is planning to switch from the Everbridge Emergency alert system to a new emergency management system known as OnSolve CodeRed System.

The CodeRed system is a cloud based software system that has been in use since 1998 and will allow governmental agencies the ability to deliver millions of messages to citizens around the region.

CodeRed is already in use with over 10,000 counties and cities, 250 utility agencies, and over 50 federal agencies. CodeRed is even used with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Amber Alerts!

In Nobles County, the new CodeRed system will offer greater flexibility in sending messages, translation of the messages into multiple languages and will be easier to use.

CodeRed will be able to send messages to most communication device including mobile phones, tablet devices, laptops, and via email messages, text messages, social media and on the special CodeRed app.

CodeRed can send many different messages, including, weather related messages, road closures, chemical spills, police activity, lockdown messages, and evacuation notices.

The new system will allow the messages to be targeted to specific audiences, such as employees or people who live in a certain area.

You can set up your own radius to receive messages ranging from 1 to 25 miles away.

To receive CodeRed messages, you will need to sign up to receive them. As the system gets closer to implementation, the Nobles County Sheriff's Department will release information on social media and will consider sending out a Nixle message so you can sign up.

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Humor in Law Enforcement

Late one winter night in Minneapolis, a police officer was working near the University of Minnesota campus when the officer noticed a car weaving all over the road.

Believing he had a drunk driver; the officer pulled the car over to investigate.

The officer quickly realized the driver was not intoxicated and instead, he stumbled across a car full of deaf people in the middle of a heated argument.

The officer soon discovered the driver was distracted by watching the other occupants of the vehicle using sign language and by taking his hands off the steering wheel so he could continue to argue with the other occupants of the vehicle.

The officer was able to diffuse the situation and calm everyone down and the driver received a warning for distracted driving.

You never know what you are going to come across.



Mission Statement

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

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