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Officer Profile: Erick Baumgart

The Officer of the Month for July is Officer Erick Baumgart. Officer Baumgart is originally from Winona, Minnesota and moved to Worthington in December 2011 when he was hired as a patrol officer.

Officer Baumgart has in law enforcement for ten years with the majority of that time spent as a police officer for St. Charles, Minnesota.

In his free time, Officer Baumgart



enjoys participating in World War II reenactments, spending time with his family, traveling, and anything related to zombies.

At the time of this writing, Officer Baumgart has left the Worthington Police Department to pursue a career in clinical counseling. Everyone at the Worthington Police Department wishes Officer Baumgart all the best in his new career!

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Cop on Top

The 3rd annual Cop on Top fundraiser for Special Olympics took place on the roof of Hy-Vee on July 2nd & 3rd. Headed by Officer Jacki Bomgaars, the fundraiser to date earned over \$6600, which was down from the 2012 amount of \$9300. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible!

Donations can still be dropped off at the Law Enforcement Center or they can be mailed to the Worthington Police Department in care of Officer Bomgaars. Checks can be made payable to Special Olympics.

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Law Review: Terroristic Threat

Seldom does a week go by that the Worthington Police doesn't receive a report of someone being the victim of threats.

The threats come in a wide variety, but not all are criminal. For this ordinance, we will focus on Minnesota Statute 609.713, Terroristic Threats.

The terroristic threats statute covers three main topics; threatening violence, communicating to terrorize, and display replica of a firearm.

Threatening Violence – Anybody who threatens to commit a crime of violence with the purpose of terrorizing another or causes the evacuation of a building, place of assembly, vehicle or facility of public transportation or otherwise causing serious public inconvenience or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing terror or inconvenience may be

sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years and/or a \$10,000 fine or both.

Communicates to Terrorize – This section of the statute covers the typical bomb threat by making it a crime to communicate with another with the purpose of causing terror that an explosive, explosive device, or an incendiary device is present at a named location. Under this statute, it does not matter if the bomb exists or not.

Display Replica of Firearm – This section of the statute makes it a crime to display, exhibit, and brandish or otherwise employ a replica firearm or BB gun in a threatening manner if the person is attempting to cause fear in another or



acting in reckless disregard of the risk of causing terror. A replica firearm is a device not defined as a dangerous weapon that is a facsimile or toy version and reasonably appears to be a firearm or rocket launcher. This includes devices or objects that are designed to fire only blanks.



Text Anonymous Information

Send confidential tips to the Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

Text 372DTF with your tip
Send to 847411 (tip411)

tip 411

100% Anonymous

Scam Alert: Photo Sharing Program Scam

The latest scam to hit the internet is the photo sharing program scam.

This scam starts with the criminal posting an item for sale on a website such as Craigslist, but the listing does not include a photograph.

The posting will usually state they will send photographs upon request and this is where the scam starts.

The criminal will send you a file as an email

attachment or will send you a link to view the alleged photograph.

Instead, the attachment or link will redirect you to a fake website where the criminal will steal information from your computer or will trick you into believing the website is legitimate.

When you go to order a product from the website, the criminal gets your credit card numbers and you do not receive the items you ordered.

The easiest way to avoid this scam is to avoid opening any attachments or clicking on any links from people you don't know or don't trust.

As always, if you have been the victim of a scam, please contact the Worthington Police Department.



Ask an Officer: Fireworks

What are the laws regarding fireworks in Minnesota?

The sale and possession of some fireworks are legal in Minnesota.

The fireworks that are legal are non-explosive and non-aerial consumer fireworks.

Some of the lawful fireworks include sparklers, cones and tubes that emit sparks, snakes, and party poppers. A more detailed list can be found at: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/programs-services/Documents/Fireworks/FireworksList.pdf>

State law forbids using fireworks on public property.

Finally, purchasers of fireworks must be 18 years of age.

Please remember that fireworks are not toys and should only be used under adult supervision.

Each year fireworks are responsible for 8,000 emergency room visits throughout the United States. Almost 1 in 3 of these emergency room visits are caused by sparklers and other novelty fireworks.

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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Dumb Criminal of the Month

The Dumb Criminal of the Month for July started with a call to Chautauqua Park for a report of a man waving a crow around by the feet.

As officers arrived at the park, they found our dumb criminal walking by the shelter house waving a crow back and forth by the feet, scaring several bystanders by his conduct.

In talking to the dumb criminal, he stated he caught the bird and it was his pet.

Needless to say, officers quickly realized the dumb criminal was highly intoxicated.

After a quick call to a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer, the dumb criminal was charged with possession of a protected species and disorderly conduct.

The dumb criminal had the opportunity to enjoy the hospitality of the Nobles County Jail while he sobered up and the healthy crow was turned over to the Minnesota DNR.

This case was one of the more bizarre cases the Worthington Police Department has seen.

Thanks to Sergeant Bolt for this dumb criminal story.



Mission Statement

Serving Worthington with honor and integrity by providing community oriented law enforcement and emergency services to all people.

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