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Officer Profile: Nick Heimer

Officer Nick Heimer is the newest officer wandering the streets of our fair city.

Officer Heimer is a Rochester, Minnesota native who graduated from Lourdes High School.



After high school, Officer Heimer attended Hamline University in St. Paul and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice.

After completing four years of studies at Hamline University, Officer Heimer enrolled into the skills program at Alexandria Technical College where he learned the hands-on skills necessary to be a police officer in Minnesota.

Successfully completing the skills program, Officer

Heimer started applying for jobs and received an offer from the Worthington Police Department.

If 4 years of college and an additional 10 weeks of skills training were not enough, Officer Heimer went into the 12 week FTO program before being allowed to patrol on his own.

During the 12 week FTO program, Officer Heimer was assigned to one of several field training officers for additional training.

This additional training involved a wide range of law enforcement topics including; geography, the use of computer systems, report writing, patrol operations, traffic enforcement, criminal investigations and accident investigations just to name a few.

When Officer Heimer is not working, he enjoys fishing and being outdoors.

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Minnesota Crime Rate Hits 50 Year Low

Every year, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) collects crime information from law enforcement agencies across the state and reports this information to the FBI.

In 2016, this data has shown the crime rate has dropped to the lowest level in 50 years.

The crime index, which is a look at 10 serious types of crime, showed a 4 percent decline from 2015, giving us the lowest crime rate since 1966.

When we look just at the violent crime rate,

it increased less than one percent.

Across Minnesota, there were 130,941 incidents reported, which was about the same as reported in 1966.

This equates to about 2,372 incidents per 100,000 residents.

Murders in Minnesota also dropped from 130 murders in 2015 to 100 murders in 2016.

Of the 100 murders, 40 occurred in Hennepin County and an additional 20 took place in Ramsey County.

In Hennepin County, investigators were



able to clear over half of the cases while Ramsey County investigators were able to clear 75 percent of their murders.

One notable increase was in sex trafficking offenses, which data only started in 2014.

Sex trafficking increased from 119 offenses in 2015 to 235 offenses in 2016.

DON'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH

Text confidential tips to the

Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

100% Anonymous



BRDTF Tips available on Apple and Android devices

Law Review: Graffiti Prohibited Acts

Worthington City Ordinance defines graffiti prohibited acts as:

- (A) Defacement – application of graffiti to any natural or man-made surface on any city-owned or private property.
- (B) Possession of Graffiti Implement –
 1. By minors at or near school facilities - possession of graffiti implements on school property, or in areas immediately adjacent to those locations unless the minor is participating in a class that the school formally requires the use of broad-tipped markers.
 2. In designated public places - including public facilities, parks, playgrounds, swimming pools, recreational facilities, or other public building operated by the city; or within 50 feet of an underpass, bridge abutment, storm drain, or similar infrastructure unless otherwise authorized by the city.

Safety Warning: Snapchat Update

Snapchat is one of the most popular apps available to mobile phone users.

According to mediakix.com, over 158 million people use the app to send 2.5 billion snaps each day.

Chances are that if you have a child with a cell phone, they have this app.

A new concern appeared after Snapchat updated their app to include a

feature they call “Snap Map”.

The “Snap Map” update allows the user to be tracked by making their current location visible on a map.

This should be concerning for anyone who uses the app but especially to victims of stalking and domestic abuse.

Parents should be very concerned as well since many children add

people they do not know to their social media accounts.

Fortunately, there is a way to deactivate this feature.

Go to the camera screen and pinch it with two fingers. This will cause the map to load. Once the map loads, click on the icon on the top right and that opens the option for Ghost Mode.

Click on Ghost Mode to deactivate the tracking feature.



New Defibrillators

According to the American Heart Association, over 350,000 people go into cardiac arrest in the United States.

Cardiac arrest is the abrupt loss of heart function in a person who may or may not have been diagnosed with heart disease.

The time and mode of death are unexpected and cardiac arrest can occur instantly or shortly after symptoms occur.

The out-of-hospital Chain of Survival for those in cardiac arrest include:

1. Recognition and activation of the emergency response system.
2. Immediate high-quality CPR.
3. Rapid defibrillation

4. Basic and advanced EMS

5. Advanced life support and post-arrest care.

The Worthington Police Department has recognized the importance of rapid defibrillation and has carried Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in our patrol cars for over the past 15 years.

In that time, the AEDs we carried have been used on numerous occasions and have finally reached the end of their useful lifespan and were in need of replacement.

Detective Brandon Peil applied for and received a grant from the Worthington Healthcare Foundation to cover half the cost of six new AEDs.

Chief Appel and Captain Flynn went

over the budget and found money to cover the remaining cost of the AEDs.

Because of the hard-work of those involved and the generosity of the Worthington Healthcare Foundation, six LifePak 1000 AEDs have been ordered and have been placed in the patrol vehicles.



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Humor in Law Enforcement

Law enforcement officers are used to hearing excuses from people who just don't want to go to jail for one reason or another.

While some people go to jail gracefully, others may go kicking and screaming.

One suspect arrested by Officer Vai of the Dakota County (MN) Sheriff's Department had a different idea.

After being arrested by Deputy Vai on a controlled substance warrant, deputies

found an ace up the suspect's sleeve.

The resourceful suspect had a Monopoly "Get out of jail" card in his wallet!

The suspect told the deputies that he kept the card in his wallet "just in case".

Unfortunately for the suspect, the deputies did not accept his card and are making him pay for his bail in real money.

Just like in



Monopoly, there are sometimes you just can't catch a break.

Thanks to the Dakota County Sheriff's Department for sharing their story!

Mission Statement

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

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