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## Officer Profile: Colin Meinders

Please join us as we welcome Officer Colin Meinders to the Worthington Police Department.

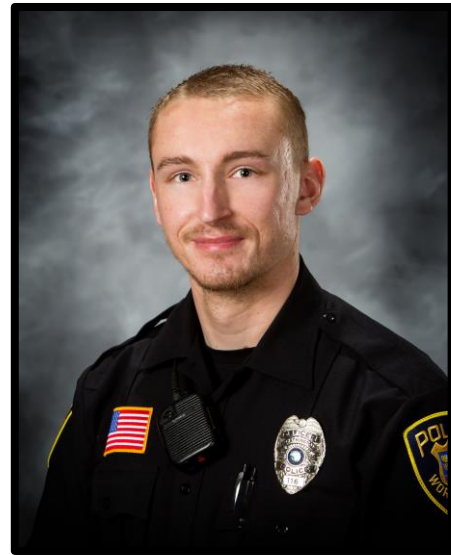
Officer Meinders was born in Sibley, IA to Dean and Teresa Meinders and grew up in Brewster with his brother Jared and his sister Brianna.

Officer Meinders attended Round Lake-Brewster School until he graduated in 2013.

After graduating from high school, Officer Meinders attended Minnesota West Law Enforcement Program, graduating in 2015.

While in high school and college, Officer Meinders worked at Pizza Hut where he worked as a cook, shift manager and delivery driver.

Officer Meinders joined the Worthington



Police Department as a reserve police officer starting in April 2014 and continuing until December 2015.

In December 2015, Officer Meinders accepted a position with the Waseca Police Department as a police officer.

Officer Meinders worked at the Waseca Police Department until April 2018 when he was hired by the

Worthington Police Department.

When not working, Officer Meinders keeps busy hunting, fishing, golfing, running, riding motorcycle and being outdoors.

Most of all, Officer Meinders enjoys spending time with friends and family especially his nephew Alexander.

**Animal Control**  
Virgil Veen

**Community Service**  
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## There is no 912

“It’s a scary feeling sometimes, being the person who responds to a 911 call. There’s no 912. Your it.

You have to put yourself in a position to be the only possible solution to what can be a terrible situation. That sometimes feels like a bad mistake.

All the hero nonsense goes out the window pretty quickly in the reality of the job.

You just do the very best you can to keep it together and render the best care possible. The outcome isn’t yours to own, good or bad.

You finish the report and go back in

service. There are more 911 calls to answer”.

*-Author unknown*

If you have always wondered what it is like to be a first responder, whether it be police, fire, EMS or dispatch; this poem sums up the experience we all go through from time to time.

There are times when we just can’t save



everyone, no matter how hard we try.

Even though we can’t save everyone, our first responders will continue to rush toward danger and do the very best we can in the situation given.



## Peddler, Solicitor, and Transient Merchants

It’s that time of year again when peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants hit the streets to sell their wares. Before they do that, peddlers and transient merchants are required to obtain a license from city hall, while solicitors are required to register with city hall before conducting business.

Worthington City Ordinance 113.10 prohibits peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants from certain conduct including; conducting business before 7:00 a.m. and after 9:00 p.m., failing to provide proof of license or registration and identification when requested, making false or misleading statements about the product or service being sold, and remaining on the property of another when requested to leave or otherwise conduct business in a manner a reasonable person would feel is obscene, threatening, or abuse.

**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

## Warm Weather Injuries

With the recently stretch of extremely hot weather that has settled in the area, warm weather injuries should be in the back of everyone's mind as we go about our business.

The first heat injury to watch out for is heat exhaustion.

Signs of heat exhaustion include; feeling faint or dizzy, excessive sweating, cool pale clammy skin, nausea or vomiting, rapid weak pulse, or muscle cramps.

If someone is showing signs of heat exhaustion get them to a cooler or air conditioned place

and have them drink water or drinks with electrolytes, such as Gatorade.

Also consider having the person use cold packs to cool off or take a cool shower.

If heat exhaustion is not treated, it can progress into heat stroke. Heat stroke is a life threatening emergency and 911 should be called if someone is suffering from heat stroke.

Signs of heat stroke include; a throbbing headache, the victim stops sweating, body temperatures above 103

degrees, the skin becomes red, hot, and dry, nausea and vomiting, a rapid strong pulse, or the victim may lose consciousness.

If you encounter someone suffering from heat exhaustion, call 911 and start efforts to cool off the victim immediately.

If you have to be out in the heat, take frequent breaks and make sure you drink plenty of water to prevent suffering from heat emergencies.

## Ask an Officer: Fireworks

What fireworks are legal in Minnesota?

According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety website; fireworks that are legal are sparklers, cones and tubes that emit sparks, and novelty items such as snakes and party poppers.

Illegal fireworks include firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles, roman candles, motors and shells, anything that flies, and anything that explodes.

In addition to the state laws, Worthington has several ordinances that ban the use of fireworks in city limits.

The first ordinance is 93.17 Prohibited Behavior in Parks.

This ordinance makes it unlawful to possess, set off, or discharge firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, or other fireworks in city parks or to discharge or throw them into city parks.

The second city ordinance that prohibits fireworks is 130.09 Discharge of Firearms and Explosives.

This city ordinance makes it unlawful to fire or discharge firecrackers, rockets, or other fireworks in city limits.

This city ordinance does allow for displays of fireworks by organizations that have received authorization from the city council.

If you have a complaint about illegal fireworks, please do not call 911. Every year, the Worthington Police Department receives numerous telephone calls for fireworks related complaints and they can overwhelm the 911 system.

If you have a fireworks complaint, please call 507-295-5400. This telephone number is answered 24 hours a day!



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Community Service Officer  
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We're on the Web!

See us at:  
[www.ci.worthington.mn.us](http://www.ci.worthington.mn.us)

## Humor in Law Enforcement

Our friends with the Bay Village Police Department (OH) have been receiving numerous calls reporting coyote sightings in their city and have put out a guide on when to call the police when you see a coyote.

Having seen coyotes in Worthington on numerous occasions, we believe this is good information to pass on.

Merely seeing a coyote is not a reason to call the police;

however, if you see the coyote doing any of the following; call immediately:

- Coyote carrying a box marked ACME
- Coyote dropping an anvil from a hot air balloon
- Coyote posting signs such as "Detour" or "Free Bird Seed"
- Coyote in possession of a giant magnet
- Coyote in possession of a catapult



- Coyote detonating explosives or TNT
- Coyote launching itself with a giant crossbow

Please contact the police department or animal control if you witness these behaviors!!!

## Mission Statement

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

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