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Troy Appel

**Captain**

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**Sergeants**

Tim Gaul

Nathan Grimmus

Josh McCuen

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Kirk Honius

Randy Liepold

Colin Meinders

Tyler Olson

Jacob Refsland

Mark Riley

Lucky Sayveo

Madison Stearns

Gabe Vander Veen

Jake Walker

**Investigators**

Shawn Elsing

Dave Hoffman

Joe Joswiak

Brandon Peil

**School Resource**

Dan Brouillet

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## Squad Car Struck During Traffic Stop

An early morning traffic stop led to injuries to a Worthington Police Sergeant and a motorist he had stopped.

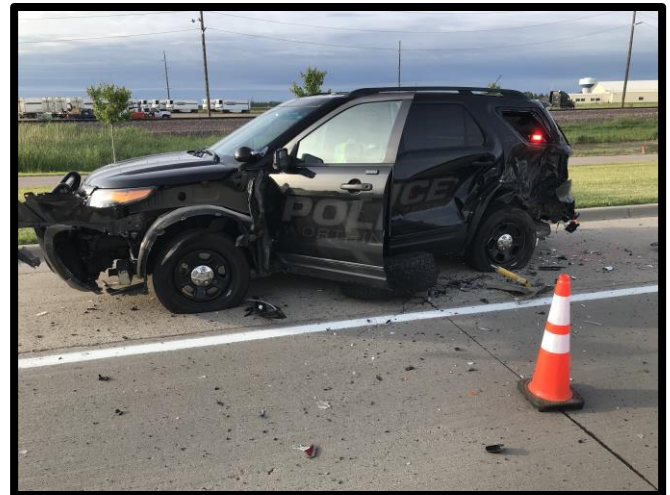
On June 18, 2019 around 6:00 a.m., a Worthington Police Sergeant stopped a motorist for a traffic violation on Highway 60 near Armour Road.

During the course of the traffic stop, the Sergeant had just returned to his patrol car when it was struck in the rear by a pickup truck.

After striking the squad car, the truck also struck the vehicle stopped by the Worthington Police Sergeant before coming to rest a little further down the road.

As a result of the crash, the Worthington Police Sergeant and the woman he stopped were both transported to the Sanford Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries.

Officers from the Worthington Police Department, Nobles



County Sheriff's Office, and Minnesota State Patrol responded to the crash, in addition to the Sanford Ambulance.

On August 31, 2000, Minnesota State Trooper Ted Foss was working on I-90 near Winona when he was struck and killed by a passing vehicle.

As a result of this tragedy, the law commonly known as the Ted Foss move over law was passed.

This law requires vehicles to move over one full lane on roads with two or more lanes

of traffic in the same direction, when they encounter stopped emergency vehicles.

If the road only has one lane of traffic, drivers need to slow down to a reasonable and prudent speed.

While the traffic crash on June 18<sup>th</sup> was serious, it could have been deadly for those involved.

Please pay attention while driving and make sure you move over for emergency vehicles, because our lives depend on it!

**Animal Control**  
Josh Erwin

**Community Service**  
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**Reception**  
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**Records**  
Shari Droll  
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**TAC/IT**  
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Zach Ramerth  
Joe Reith

**K-9 Officers**  
Frankee  
Mack  
Winston

## Happenings

### Retirements

Congratulations to Worthington City Clerk Janice Oberloh on her recent retirement from the city after 42 years of service!

### Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following employees for their years of dedicated service to the Worthington Police Department:

- Officer Kirk Honius – 29 years
- Detective Shawn Elsing – 22 years
- Detective Sergeant Nathan Grimmus – 15 years
- Sergeant Josh McCuen – 13 years
- School Resource Officer Dan Brouillet – 6 years
- Dispatcher Joseph Reith – 2 years



## Law Review: Left Lane Law

Starting August 1, left lane campers will need to move over or face fines.

Minnesota recently changed Minnesota State Statute 169.18 to require vehicles to be driven on the right half of the roadway except:

- ✓ when overtaking or passing another vehicle;
- ✓ when the right half of the roadway is closed to traffic;
- ✓ upon a roadway divided into three marked lanes for traffic under the rules applicable thereon;
- ✓ upon a roadway designed and signposted for one-way traffic as a one-way roadway;
- ✓ as necessary to comply with moving over when approaching an authorized emergency vehicle parked or stopped on the roadway
- ✓ as necessary to comply with moving over when approaching a road maintenance or construction vehicle parked or stopped on the roadway

Violators can face more than \$100 in fines and fees for violations of this statute.



**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

## Scam Alert: The Zero-Interest Credit Card Scam

Voice mail boxes across the country are being clogged with pre-recorded messages with big promises of significantly lowering your credit card interest rate; if you just pay them a fee.

The FTC says consumers that receive these calls should listen with extreme skepticism and delete them since many of them are scams.

The companies that push these sales pitches claim

to have a special relationship with credit card companies. They guarantee that the reduced rates will save you thousands, but it is only available for a limited time only and you need to act now.

The FTC says the companies behind these robocalls can't do anything for you that you can't do for yourself.

These companies don't have any clout with the credit card companies

and you are just as likely to get turned down as compared to when you do it yourself.

The FTC Telemarketing sales rule prohibits companies that sell relief services like these from charging a fee before they settle or reduce your debt.

If you are looking to reduce your interest rate, you are better off handling it yourself.

If you believe you have



fallen victim to this scam, file a complaint with the FTC on line or call 877-382-4357.

## Preventing Check Fraud

According to the American Bankers Association, check fraud accounted for \$1.91 billion in losses to the banking industry in 2014.

In fact, 71 percent of businesses surveyed in 2015 experienced actual or attempted check fraud.

By following a few simple steps, you can greatly reduce the chance of becoming a victim of check fraud.

### Consumers

- The best step for consumers to prevent check fraud is vigilance.
- Protect your checks – checks are easy to reproduce, strive to protect your account number, routing number, and other information a thief would need to print a fake check.

- Monitor your bank account – regularly reconcile your bank statements to look for fraudulent activity.
- Watch for check washing – use fraud prevention pens to prevent fraudsters from using chemicals to erase or alter your checks.
- No checks in cars – This makes it too easy for criminals to access your checks.
- Avoid mailing checks at a mailbox – This is an easy target for a thief to get your check.



### Businesses

**Identification** - The most important thing a business can do to prevent accepting a forged or stolen check is to require identification for everyone who passes a check.

**Verify** – Once you accept the ID, verify the person passing the check is the person on the ID card and verify the name on the ID card matches the name on the check.

**Third Party Checks** – Don't accept third party or business checks from people you don't know. If in doubt, contact the business or bank to verify the check is valid.

**When in doubt** – don't accept the check.

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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 story this month starts with a family returning home after a well-deserved vacation.

As they started to unload their car and bring things into the house, they heard a loud noise coming from the basement.

Fearing a burglar was in the house, the family quickly retreated and called 911.

Responding deputies found a sliding door to the basement was broke out.

Entering the house, the deputies also heard noises coming from the basement.

The deputies quietly moved down the stairs and readied to confront the burglar.

Bursting into the basement, the deputies quickly found their burglar standing on the couch.

The burglar in this case happened to be a neighbor's goat that got loose and was eating the couch.

The deputies believed the goat saw his reflection in the glass sliding door and head-butted it, breaking the door.

Not only did the goat eat holes in the couch;



he destroyed other furniture in the basement and left droppings everywhere.

Thus, concludes the story of the Great Goat Burglary.



## Mission Statement

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

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