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## **Worthington Police News**

Chief Troy Appel

<u>Captain</u> Kevin Flynn

### **Sergeants**

Tim Gaul Nathan Grimmius Josh McCuen Brett Wiltrout

### **Patrol Officers**

Andrew Bromberg
Dan Brouillet
Phil Butenhoff
Austin Christianson
Chris Hillesheim
Kirk Honius
Randy Liepold
Colby Palmersheim
Brandon Peil
Mark Riley
Alex Tokar
Jake Walker

#### **Investigators**

Shawn Elsing Dave Hoffman Joe Joswiak Tyler Olson

#### **School Resource**

**Jacki Bomgaars** 

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# **Officer Profile: Andrew Bromberg**

The Officer of the Month for June is Officer Andrew Bromberg.

Officer Bromberg was hired the same time as Officer Christensen and is our other new officer.

Officer Bromberg was born in Princeton and moved to Rochester when he was two. Officer Bromberg attended John Marshall High School in Rochester, where he graduated.

After high school, Officer Bromberg attended Vermilion Community College in Ely for 3 years before graduating. Officer Bromberg then attended Alexandria Community and Technical College to complete his law enforcement skills program.

After college, Officer Bromberg spent his time applying for different law enforcement jobs



throughout the state. He received job offers from both the Minnesota State Patrol and the Worthington Police Department.

Officer Bromberg made the right decision and joined the Worthington Police Department. When Officer Bromberg is not working, he enjoys golfing, fishing, watching hockey and spending time with his girlfriend.

### Animal Control Virgil Veen

# Community Service Myra Onnen

# Reception Barb Hussong

## Records

Shari Droll Julie Jeppesen

### TAC/IT

**Gary Gerdes** 

## **Dispatch Supervisor**

**Nancy Veen** 

#### **Dispatch**

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#### **K-9 Officers**

Mack Thor



## **Dispatch Corner**

For most people, the only contact they have with a public safety dispatcher is a brief conservation over the telephone.

However, the dispatcher is an invaluable link in the chain of public safety and a good example of this comes from the Solano County, California Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center.

The dispatcher received a 911 call from a young boy who reported his father had fallen while hiking. Unfortunately, the call did not last long enough to determine

an accurate location. Fortunately, dispatch trainee Breanna Martinez came up with an idea to search the father's name in Google and found a Linked-In page, which led to a Facebook page.

The most recent entry in the Facebook page stated the father and his son would be hiking a specific trail near Lake Berryessa, which was over 30 miles from where the cell phone tower showed his location.

A CHP helicopter was requested to check the area and



was soon able to locate the son.

A medic was lowered into the area and discovered the young boy's father had fallen 150 feet off a cliff and into a tree.

The young boy's father was airlifted to a hospital and survived thanks to the ingenuity of the dispatcher.

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## **Texting While Driving Video**

Recently, an inmate named Chris Weber was released from the Nobles County Jail after he was convicted for manslaughter. Weber's crime was distracting driving. On June 30, 2014, Chris Weber was driving on Minnesota Highway 270 when he became distracted while making a call with his cellular telephone.

While distracted, he struck and killed 33-year-old Andrea Boeve near Steen, MN as she was riding her bicycle with her 4-year-old daughter Claire Boeve and her 1-year-old daughter Mallorie Boeve. Claire Boeve received a broken rib and a punctured lung in the crash. Mallorie Boeve received minor injuries and was treated and released.

Weber has assisted the Minnesota State Patrol in creating a video talking about the dangers of distracted driving. This is an important video for everyone to see; especially new and teen drivers. The video is on YouTube and is titled: DPS Media Availability: After Killing Mother of Two, Distracted Driver Speaks Up.

## **Scam Alert: The BBB Scam**

The latest scam going around the area targeting business owners is the BBB scam.

The scam starts when the business owner receives a call from someone pretending to be from the Better Business Bureau.

The man, who has been identifying himself as Drew Aldridge, tells the business that they have received an "F" rating from the BBB and they are about to be legally prosecuted.

The caller will then ask for personal and business information from the businesses and tells them they can pay a fee to avoid prosecution.

According to the BBB, there is no employee with the name Drew Aldridge and they do not call the businesses by phone to handle customer complaints.

Businesses are encouraged to verify the legitimacy of a BBB representative by calling 800-649-6818.

Additionally, any business that believes they have been contacted by someone impersonating someone from the BBB is encouraged to contact the BBB with this information.



Do you have a question about a scam or have been a victim of a scam that you would like warn others about? If so, please email <a href="mailto:chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us">chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us</a>

You may remain anonymous.

# **Law Review: Parking of Occupied Trailer Coaches**

Under Worthington City Code 72.16, it is unlawful:

- 1) To park any occupied trailer coach:
  - a. on any street or other public place for a period of time in excess of eight hours, and then only between sunrise and sunset.
  - b. For more than 72 hours on the premises of any occupied dwelling or business building lot, not more than 24 hours on any lot which is not part of the premises of any occupied dwelling or business building; except in a trailer coach park.

 For any owner of occupant of any premises to allow such premises to be used in violation of the terms of this section.

#### **Definitions:**

Under this ordinance, an occupied trailer coach is defined as any motorized or non-motorized portable structure, or motor vehicles such as a van, so constructed and designed as to permit occupancy thereof for dwelling or sleeping purposes.

**Trailer Coach Space**: A unit of adequately drained ground of definite size, clearly indicated by corner markers for the placing of

a trailer coach or a trailer coach and tow car in a trailer park.

Trailer Park: An approved site, lot, field or tract of ground upon which two or more trailer coaches are placed; and shall include any building, structure, tent, vehicle or enclosure used or intended for use as a part of the equipment of such park.



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## **Humor in Law Enforcement**

Angered that her local McDonald's was out of Chicken McNuggets, a Florida women called 911 three times to report the fast food emergency.

Latrease Goodman, aged 27, called the police to complain that a cashier would not give her a refund.

When cops responded to the restaurant, Goodman told them "This is an emergency. If I had known they didn't have McNuggets, I wouldn't have given my money, and now she wants to give me a McDouble, but I don't want one." She was arrested and the police charged her for misusing the 911 system.

In another case that will leave you shaking your head, an Ohio man called 911 after his live-in adult son refused to clean his messy bedroom.

Andrew Mizsak, a 28-year —old serving on the local school board, who lives in his father's bedroom, was reportedly "crying uncontrollably" when he promised police he would clean his room. His father declined to press charges, saying he did not want to hurt his son's political career.



Thanks to Hannah for providing the McDonald's 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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