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# **Worthington Police News**



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**Captain Kevin Flynn** 

#### **Sergeants**

Tim Gaul **Nathan Grimmius** Josh McCuen **Dustin Roemeling** 

#### **Patrol Officers**

**Chris Hillesheim 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** 

#### Individual Highlights:

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Worthington Police Department (507) 295-5400

## **Department Happenings**

#### **Madison Stearns**

Congratulations to Officer Madison Stearns, who has successfully completed her field training. Officer Stearns will be working the afternoon shift.

Please stop and say "Hi" when you see her!

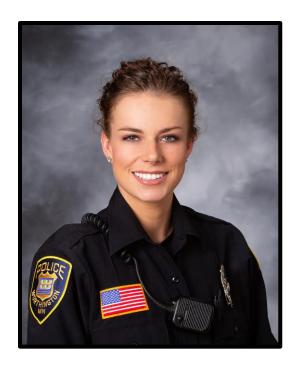
#### **Barb Hussong**

Congratulations to Barb Hussong, who was awarded the 2019 Excellence in Service Award by the Professional Law **Enforcement Assistants** Association.

Barb received the award for the administrative duties she provides to the Worthington Police Department and Nobles Sheriff's Department over the last 17 years.

#### **Brett Wiltrout**

Congratulations to Sergeant Brett Wiltrout who has accepted a position with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as a Conservation Officer.



After 12 weeks of training with the Minnesota DNR. Sergeant Wiltrout will be assigned to the Hutchinson post.

Sergeant Wiltrout has already completed his last shift as a Worthington Police Officer. Good luck in your new career!!!

#### Micah Mesman

Congratulations are finally in order for Officer Micah Mesman who has accepted a job as a deputy sheriff with

the Pennington County Sheriff's Department.

Officer Mesman has already completed his final shift with the Worthington Police Department

#### **Anniversaries**

**Detective David** Hoffman (19 years)

Administrative Assistant Barb Hussong (17 years)

Sergeant Brett Wiltrout (15 years)

## Animal Control Josh Erwin

## Community Service Myra Onnen

#### Reception

**Barb Hussong** 

#### Records

Shari Droll Julie Jeppesen

#### TAC/IT

**Gary Gerdes** 

#### Dispatch Supervisor

**Nancy Veen** 

#### Dispatch

Tonya Aanenson Stephanie Evers Jodi Mulder Zach Ramerth Joe Reith

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

Frank'ee Mack Winston

## **Worthington ATV Ordinances**

The Worthington City Council just passed Ordinance 73.01, which regulates All-Terrain Vehicles on city streets.

This new ordinance incorporates all provisions of Minnesota State Statute Chapter 169 and Minnesota State Statute 88.922 through 84.929.

In order for an ATV to be operated on city streets; they must meet the following requirements:

ATVs must have a permit issued by the City of Worthington for operation on the city streets.

ATVs must be insured before operation.

ATVs must be registered with the MN DNR.

ATV operators must have a valid state issued driver's license.

All operators between 16 and 18 years old and all passengers under the age of 18 must wear DOT approved helmets.

All ATVs must have at least one headlight and one taillight turned on at all times.

Class 2 ATVs are also required to have a rollover bar, seatbelts,



front and rear turnsignal lights, operational hand or foot brakes, and an exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side.

See page 3 of this newsletter for operating rules and prohibitions for ATVs.



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## **Law Review: Wage Theft**

New legislation that was passed in May 2019 has invested \$3.1 million in new funding to help combat wage theft in Minnesota.

The most common wage thefts that occur in Minnesota include:

- Paying less than the minimum wage
- Not paying time and a half for overtime
- Not paying earned tips (requiring tips to be shared or deducting cash shortages from tips)
- Deducting pay for short rest breaks
- Requiring or allowing work off the clock without pay
- Not paying a final check upon separation of employment
- Misclassifying employees as independent contractors
- Paycheck deductions for loss of or damage to property

If you believe you have been the victim of wage theft, contact the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry at 651-284-5075.

## **Section 73.05 Operating Rules and Prohibitions**

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#### ATVs may not operate:

- 1. On roadways at a speed in excess of the posted limited for motorized vehicles
- 2. Other than in single file on a roadway
- 3. Carelessly or recklessly
- 4. In a manner that damages public road rights-of-way
- 5. In a manner that violates or constitutes a public nuisance under state law of the City Code including noise violations
- 6. On private land except with the permission of the owner or occupant
- 7. On publicly owned land, including school, exclusive city streets, park property, playgrounds, recreation areas and golf courses, except where permitted by this ordinance.
- 8. In a manner so as to create a loud, unnecessary, or unusual noise that disturbs, annoys, or interferes with the peace and quiet of other persons.
- 9. On a public sidewalk or walkway provided or used for pedestrian travel or any bike trail except for those located upon a roadway.
- 10. At a place while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habit-forming drugs.
- 11. At any place in a careless, reckless, or negligent manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property or to cause injury or damage thereto.
- 12. On any public street, highway, or right-of-way unless registered, if so required, pursuant to Minnesota law
- 13. So as to intentionally drive, chase, run over, or kill any animal, wild or domestic.
- 14. By halting an ATV carelessly or heedlessly in disregard of the rights or the safety of others or in a manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property.

#### **Section 73.07 Penalty**

The City of Worthington has the right to revoke driving and/or riding privileges of any individual on an ATV within the city limits by direction of the Director of Public Safety based upon complaints received and/or violations of statute or ordinance.

Any person violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction may be punished to the maximum extent allowed by law.



Class One ATV

Width of 50 inches or less

Class 2 ATV

Width greater than 50 inches but not more than 65 inches



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### **Humor in Law Enforcement**

In the continuing saga of a Florida man, here are some of the top headlines of his exploits:

- Florida man doesn't get straw, attacks McDonald's employee;
- Florida man arrested after hitting dad with pizza because he was mad he helped birth him;
- Florida man denies syringes found in rectum are his;
- Florida man arrested after argument over cheesesteak;

- Florida man chews up police car seat after Cocaine arrest;
- Florida man threatens to kill man with kindness, uses machete named kindness;
- Florida man pepper sprayed mom because she was a narcissist;
- Florida man finds a WWII grenade, places it in his truck and drives to Taco Bell;
- Florida man learns hard way he stole laxatives, not opioids.



- Florida man thought he'd do donuts on the airport runway, police were not amused.
- Florida man caught on camera licking doorbell.

If you see Florida man, you might just want to walk the other way, quickly!

### **Mission Statement**

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

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