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Worthington Police News

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Officer Profile: Tyler Olson

The Officer of the Month for June is also our newest officer, Tyler Olson.

Officer Olson graduated from the Round Lake – Brewster High School in 2009.

In the fall of 2009, Officer Olson enrolled at Minnesota West Community and Technical College and graduated in the spring of 2011 after receiving an Associate in Science in Law Enforcement.

In the fall of 2011, Officer Olson was hired by the Nobles County Sheriff's Department as a part time Deputy Sheriff and worked there until he was hired by the Worthington Police Department in March 2013.

Officer Olson is also a two-year volunteer member of the Round Lake Fire Department.

When Officer Olson is not working, he enjoys spending

time outdoors hunting and fishing, as well as spending time with his family and friends.



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Watering Ban Still In Effect

Even with all of the rain we have received recently, there is a watering ban still in effect in the City of Worthington until further notice.

Violations of the watering ban can result in citations starting at \$95.00 and repeat violations can result in higher fines and disconnection of water service.

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Law Review: Worthington City Ordinance 90.09 (Animal License)

Seldom does a week go by without the police department coming in contact with someone who did not understand that their cat or dog needed a City of Worthington Animal License.

The requirements under this ordinance are fairly straight forward. Any cat or dog that lives in the City of Worthington needs to be licensed when they reach three months of age.

New residents to Worthington have a thirty day grace period to get an animal license.

Temporary residents to Worthington who live here for more than 45 days are considered residents and are required to obtain the animal license.

The fine for a first time violation of this ordinance is \$90.00, while repeat violations increase to \$160.00.

The fee to obtain an animal license is \$20 if the animal has been spayed or neutered and \$30 if the animal has not been.



Annual City Wide Spring Trash Pickup

The City of Worthington will provide for City residential utility customers an opportunity to dispose of items not normally picked up as a part of the weekly garbage/recycling collection day. Pickup will begin on Monday, June 17th. Tags will be required and a fee must be paid prior to collection for the following items:

- Dehumidifier, humidifier, water softener, sinks, commodes, bath tubs
- Appliances: stoves, refrigerators, washers/dryers, air conditioners, microwaves
- Furniture: mattresses, box springs, day beds, futons, recliners, chairs, couches
- Rolls of carpet, padding or linoleum 10 ft by 10 ft or larger, computers, printers, television, radios
- Electronics: computers, printers, televisions, radios

Cleanup will include lumber, doors, windows, metal/iron at not charge. Those items must fit in one regular pickup box.

ITEMS NOT TAGGED PROPERLY OR ILLEGALLY DUMPED OR PLACED ON ANOTHER PERSON'S PROPERTY ARE SUBJECT TO A TICKET OR FINE.

Retirements

Last month the Worthington Police Department had two retirements. Officer Bruce Stugelmeyer retired after 27 years of service to the department, officially retiring on May 24, 2013.

Dispatcher Candy Malmquist also retired from the Worthington Police Department after 34 years of service, officially retiring on May 30, 2013.

On behalf of everyone at the Worthington Police Department, we wish Officer Stugelmeyer and Dispatcher Malmquist the best as they continue their lives outside the Worthington Police Department.

Text Anonymous Information

Send confidential tips to the
Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

Text 372DTF with your tip
Send to 847411 (tip411)

tip 411

100% Anonymous

Scam Alert: The Online Shopping Email Scam

The newest scam making the rounds on the internet is the *Online Shopping Email Scam*.

This scam starts when the potential victim receives an email from a popular online retailer such as Amazon.com, eBay.com or Groupon.com stating there was a problem with a credit card. The problems listed range widely from the credit card being declined to it being expired.

The email asks you to update your information by clicking on a link.

When you click on the link, you are sent to a web page that looks identical to the actual retailer webpage.

However, when you type in your credit card information, the scammer receives it.

The easiest way to protect yourself from this type of scam is to never click on a link in an email. Always type

in the website of the site you are trying to reach.

Don't count on being able to recognize the fake website by looks. Most of these fake websites look identical to the real thing.

As always, if you believe you have been the victim of a scam, notify the Worthington Police Department



Ask an Officer

The “Ask an Officer” question for this month comes from Austin who asks if license plates have to be displayed right side up on a motor vehicle.

The short answer is yes, the license plate has to be displayed right side up.

Minnesota State Statute 169.79 lists several requirements for the display of license plates. The

first requirement is that the license plate is securely fastened to the vehicle to prevent swinging.

The second requirement is that the license plate be displayed horizontally and with the identifying numbers and letters facing outward.

The third requirement is that the license plate is mounted in the upright position.

Other requirements under this statute include that the driver of the vehicle keep the license plate unobstructed and free of dust and grease.

This statute also prohibits the use of any substance, including clear or colorless material that affects the plate's visibility or reflectivity.

Do you have a question for a police officer, but never had the chance to ask?

Here is your chance! Each month, one question will be selected and answered in this newsletter

Send your comments and questions to:

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Dumb Criminal of the Month

The dumb criminal of the month started out with the police department receiving a call of two small children walking by themselves late one night.

Officers responding to the scene and found a 3 year old and a 4 year old walking by themselves near a local convenience store

In talking with the children, they said their dog got out of the house and ran away so they went to look for him.

Fortunately, the children knew where they lived and were able to guide the officer back to their house.

When the officer arrived at the house, he found the front door left wide open. Knocking several times, the officer did not receive a response from the residence.

The children stated there was someone home, so the officer entered the residence to check on the status of the occupants.

The officer found a male sleeping on the couch in the living room and attempted to wake the male.

The four year old told the officer that the male will not wake up because he has been drinking a lot.



Mission Statement

Serving Worthington with honor and integrity by providing community oriented law enforcement and emergency services to all people.

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