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Kevin Flynn

Captain
Chris Dybevic

Sergeants
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Tim Gaul
Brett Wiltrout

Patrol Officers
Bill Bolt
Dan Brouillet
Chris Hillesheim
Kirk Honius
Joe Joswiak
Randy Liepold
Tyler Olson
Josh McCuen
Colby Palmersheim
Brandon Peil
Mark Riley

Investigators
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Nate Grimmus
Dave Hoffman

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Worthington Police Department (507) 295-5400

Officer Retirement: Chief Cumiskey

After 28 years in law enforcement, Chief Michael Cumiskey has announced his retirement from the Worthington Police Department.

Chief Cumiskey started his career in law enforcement with the Winona Police Department where he attained the position of sergeant.

In August of 1999, Chief Cumiskey was hired as the Public Safety Director for Worthington and continued work here until his retirement in May.

During his years as Public Safety Director, Chief Cumiskey played a key role in bringing technology to the Worthington Police

Department. He supported the Armer Radio System and also led Suite, the new Records Management System used by Nobles County Law Enforcement. Another of Chief Cumiskey's achievements was the development of the Public Safety Plan for the department, which is modeled by other departments in the state. In his retirement, Chief

Cumiskey has been helping his wife Leigh around the house and is planning a trip to Korea in the near future.

Everyone here at the Law Enforcement Center would like to wish Chief Cumiskey a very happy retirement!



Watering Ban

Just a reminder that Worthington has imposed a ban on non-essential water use until further notice.

Non-essential water use includes irrigation, washing driveways, sidewalks, decks, patios, and siding, non-commercial car washing and other wasteful non-essential use.

Animal Control
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Julie Jeppesen

TAC/IT
Gary Gerdes

Dispatch
Tonya Aanenson
Stephanie Culham
Hannah Huls
Jodi Mulder
Larry Rogers
Nancy Veen

K-9 Officers
Mack
Thor

Congratulations: Officer Riley and Mack

Congratulations to Officer Mark Riley and his K-9 partner Mack on graduating from the St. Paul Police K-9 Program.

Officer Riley and Mack spent the last three months in St. Paul learning how to work as a team in detecting narcotics and apprehending criminals.

The St. Paul Police K-9 Program is the second oldest K-9 unit in the United States and they have won over 300 awards for national, regional,

local, and department recognition for quality police K-9 work.

Officer Riley and Mack are currently assigned to the night shift and are looking forward to resuming patrol duties.



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Law Review: Water Emergency Conditions

Worthington City Ordinance § 53.04 **Lawn Sprinkling; Water Emergency Conditions and Water Shortages** gives the city the authority to restrict non-essential water use in times of emergency.

This ordinance prohibits water use for lawn and garden sprinkling, irrigation, car washing, or any other uses specified in the notice. Other water uses banned during the water emergency include: washing driveways, sidewalks, decks, patios, siding, non-commercial car washing, and other uses that are determined to be wasteful non-essential use.

Violations of this ordinance are considered to be misdemeanors and can result in a \$90 fine for a first violation and \$160 fine for a second violation. Repeated violations can result in the water service being disconnected.

Anyone with questions about the watering ban can call the Worthington Public Utilities Department at 507-372-8680.

Scam Alert: Car Wrap Advertising

Recently, a Worthington resident was scammed out of thousands of dollars by the car wrap advertising scam.

The scammer will typically look for victims on different websites like Craigslist or different job hunting websites.

The scammer will contact the victim with an offer to pay them \$300 a week if they agree to have their car wrapped with advertisements from widely recognized

companies such as Coca-Cola, Budweiser, and Monster Energy.

Once the victim agrees to this, the company will send a check to be cashed with a portion of the money to be sent via Western Union or other money wiring services, to the company that will install the car wrap.

Just like the other money wiring scams, the check turns out to be a fake check. The

person cashing the check is held responsible for paying the bank back for the amount of the check.

Corporations are very careful about their image and have large marketing departments to handle their advertising needs.

The easiest way to prevent yourself from being a victim of this scam is to never agree to wire money to anybody that you do not know personally.



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 chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us. You may remain anonymous.

Ask an Officer: Different Squad Car and Retirement of Chief

I have seen a dark colored SUV driving around town. Is this vehicle a police car?

The vehicle you have seen is a Ford Explorer patrol vehicle owned by the Worthington Police Department and driven by one of our sergeants.

This vehicle has a different graphic design on it compared to the other patrol vehicles you may be used to seeing. The graphics are subdued, but become reflective when light shines on them.

How does the police department run now that the police chief has retired?

With the retirement of Chief Cumiskey, Detective Sergeant Flynn has been appointed as Interim Chief to run the Police Department until a new chief is hired.

As an Interim Chief, Detective Sergeant Flynn can run the department for a maximum of six months before a permanent chief is hired.

Other than someone new working as chief, there is almost no change in the day to day operations of the department.

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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www.ci.worthington.mn.us

Criminal of the Month

While this call does not qualify as a typical Criminal of the Month story, it is one that does leave us wondering what some people are thinking.

The call started off one afternoon with a call to a local residence for a man painting his fence.

While most people would be happy to see their neighbors painting their fence, these neighbors were shocked to see the paint was actually used motor oil.

Officers responded to the call and talked to the painter who stated that the used motor oil is used to treat the wood and keep it from rotting. After a lot of research, it was determined that the oil was not considered a hazardous substance under state laws and because it was not dripping onto the ground or contaminating the ground water, the actions were legal.

Hopefully our painter has a no smoking policy around the fence!



Mission Statement

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

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