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Sgt. Roemeling – National Recognition Award

Back on March 10 2018, Sergeant Dustin Roemeling made a traffic stop on I-90 that made Worthington Police Department history.

After stopping a van with Florida registration, Sergeant Roemeling discovered the rear of the van was packed from floor to ceiling with large garbage bags.

With assistance from his K-9 partner Frankee, who confirmed the presence of a controlled substance, a search of the vehicle was initiated.

The search of the vehicle indicated the substance in the van was marijuana and there was a lot of it. Exactly 482 pounds!

Along with Sergeant Roemeling’s stop, a Minnesota state patrol trooper stopped another



vehicle that appeared to have been traveling with the van and located another 342 pounds of marijuana.

The combined value of the marijuana seized was approximately \$3.3 million.

Due to the actions of Sergeant Roemeling and K-9 Frankee, they were awarded the United States Police Canine Association Fourth Quarter Detector case of the year.

Sergeant Roemeling and K-9 Frankee were formally recognized by the Worthington City Council for their record breaking traffic stop.

Sergeant Roemeling was awarded the Thin Blue Line award for his hard work and dedication to keeping the streets of Worthington safe.

Congratulations Sergeant Roemeling and K-9 Frankee!

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Law Review: Roundabout Rules

Recently I had a local resident tell me about an experience they had while in one of the local roundabouts.

The citizen reported that they were in the roundabout when a car entering the roundabout cut them off and later yelled at them, claiming that the roundabout required them to yield to every other vehicle.

The claim that the roundabout requires vehicles in the roundabout to yield to every other vehicle is not true.

When you approach a roundabout, there are yield signs facing all entrances that require motorists entering the roundabout to yield to vehicles already in the roundabout. In addition, the law requires motorists to yield to pedestrians in

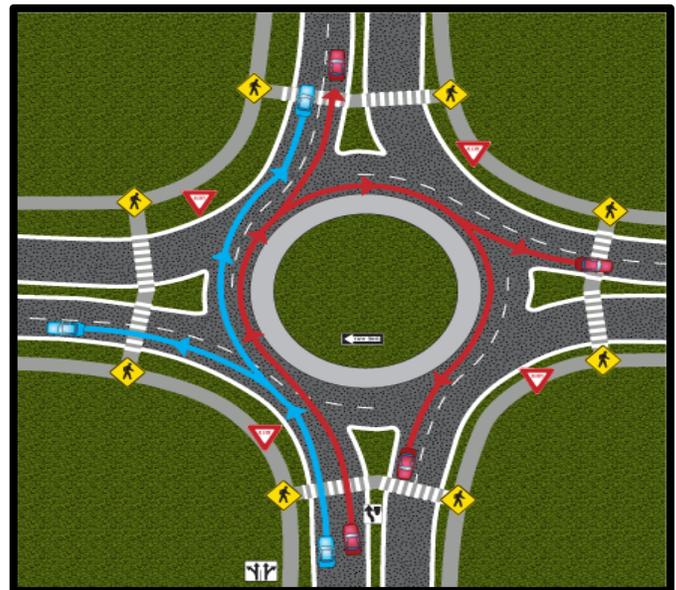
the crosswalk of the roundabout as well.

Large trucks are allowed to straddle both lanes of the roundabout while driving in a multilane roundabout.

If you encounter an emergency vehicle while in the roundabout, exit immediately and pull over.



Below is a diagram showing proper lane usage in a roundabout.



Officer Fitch -80th Anniversary of LODD

June 19, 2018 will mark the 80th anniversary of Officer Roy Robert Fitch's death due to injuries suffered in the line of duty for the Worthington Police Department.

Please take a moment to remember the sacrifice Officer Fitch made. He gave his life in service to the citizens of Worthington and left behind a wife and five children.

Please watch the Worthington Police Department Facebook page as we remember the ultimate sacrifice made by Officer Fitch.

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: Cell Phone Porting Scam

A new scam that is starting to show up is the cell phone porting scam.

The scam works by the scammer collecting as much information as they can about you; including name, date of birth, social security number, and etc.

Once the scammer collects this information, they will contact your cellular telephone provider and pose as you in order to have your cell service transferred to a

new device. Once this is complete, the real damage is done.

Once your service is ported to their phone, they can access any of your accounts that require two-factor authentications.

These accounts can include bank accounts, email accounts, and social networks.

In order to protect yourself from this, contact your cell phone

provider to set up a pin or additional security measures to prevent your cell phone from being ported.

In addition, you should be mindful of any measures that pop up on your phone that state “Emergency Calls Only” or something similar. This may be a sign your phone has been ported.

Finally, be vigilant to any messages you receive regarding two-factor authentications.



If you do fall victim to this scam, notify your cell phone provider immediately as well as your bank.

Ask an Officer: Funeral Escorts

Justine asks: “What is the proper etiquette for a driver who encounters a funeral procession? Should you pull over to the side, like when an emergency vehicle is approaching? Also, what etiquette is involved if you are part of a funeral escort?”

Thanks for the question Justine!

The proper etiquette when you encounter a funeral escort is to pull over to the side of the road and yield the right of way to all vehicles in the escort and stay stopped until all vehicles have passed by.

This is required of every motor vehicle expect for emergency vehicles.

For those that fail to do so, they can be issued a ticket for failing to yield the right of way.

If you are a participant in the funeral escort, proper etiquette would be to turn on your vehicle’s headlights and to keep in close formation to the vehicle ahead of you.

This helps to recognize the group of vehicles as a funeral escort. When possible, the Worthington Police Department has a car leading the funeral escort and one following the escort to help identify them.

Even with this in place, people sometimes fail to pay attention to what is going on around them and try to pass or otherwise fail to yield to the escorts.

During one recent funeral escort, a Worthington Police Sergeant traveling with his emergency lights on went to block an intersection and had a car pass immediately behind him, nearly striking the funeral hearse.

Needless to say, that driver received an expensive reminder of why you should pay attention while driving.

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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Humor in Law Enforcement

Thinking his hometown could use some more police protection, Jose Santiago Jr. decided to take things into his own hands.

Jose went out and purchased a retired police car and outfitted it with red and blue dash lights.

When a car pulled into the apartment complex where Jose lived, he blocked the car in with his car and motioned for the driver to come and talk with him.

Jose, who was not wearing a police uniform, asked the driver "if he had a problem" and accused him of driving 65 miles per hour in town.

The driver asked Jose if he was a cop and when Jose replied that he was; the driver asked to see Jose's police department ID.

Jose refused and continued with his tough cop routine.

Jose then demanded to see the driver's ID



and the driver produced his ID; his police department ID.

For Jose's trouble, he received a trip to jail for Impersonating a Police Officer.

Mission Statement

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

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