

# Worthington Police News

## Chief

Michael Cumiskey

## Captain

Chris Dybevic

## Sergeants

Bill Bolt  
Kevin Flynn  
Tim Gaul  
Brett Wiltrout

## Patrol Officers

Erick Baumgart  
Ted Buhner  
Chris Hillesheim  
Kirk Honius  
Joe Joswiak  
Randy Liepold  
Josh McCuen  
Mark Riley  
Kirk Schelhaas  
Bruce Stugelmeyer  
Dan Walton

## Investigators

Troy Appel  
Shawn Elsing  
Nate Grimmus  
Dave Hoffman

## School Resource

Jacki Dawson

## Individual Highlights:

Call of Month	2
Ask an Officer	2
Scam Alert	3
WPD Stats	3
Criminal of Month	4
Mission Statement	4

Worthington Police Department (507) 372-2136

## Officer Profile: Captain Chris Dybevic

June celebrates Captain Chris Dybevic's 25<sup>th</sup> year with the Worthington Police Department. Chris started his law enforcement career working part-time, policing special events and band concerts, directing traffic and doing a lot of foot patrol around town. Chris was promoted to Patrol Sergeant and served in that capacity for 15 years. In 2005, he was promoted to the position he currently

holds as Captain. He, along with Chief Cumiskey, oversees a department of 36 employees that brings new challenges every day with the 24/7 work schedule.

Chris loves his job with the Worthington Police Department and he loves serving the City of Worthington. Chris and his wife, Diane, are both natives of Worthington

and have been married for 21 years. They both enjoy their time off together traveling, golfing, cooking and motorcycling.



## Promotions

There have been several exciting personnel changes at the Worthington Police Department recently.

With the retirement of Officer Bob Fritz at the end of the 2011-2012 school year, Officer Jacki Dawson has been selected as the new School Resource Officer for District 518.

Officer Dawson will start her duties in August at the beginning of the new school year.

Likewise with Sergeant

Jason Beckmann leaving for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, this left a sergeant position open.

After a series of tests, interviews, and scenarios, Officer Brett Wiltrout was selected to fill in the vacant sergeant position.

Officer Wiltrout will start his new position in July.

Please join us in wishing these officers the best as they start their new duties with the Worthington Police Department.



**Animal Control**  
Virgil Veen

**Community Service**  
Myra Onnen

**Chaplain**  
Pastor James  
Sickmeyer

**Reception**  
Barb Hussong

**Records**  
Shari Droll  
Julie Jeppesen

**TAC/IT**  
Gary Gerdes

**Dispatch**  
Tonya Aanenson  
Laura Christensen  
Candy Malmquist  
Larry Rogers  
Regan Roloff  
Nancy Veen



## Crime Alert

We are looking for your help in solving a hit and run accident. The accident occurred on June 17, 2012 around 4:00 a.m. when a vehicle struck a telephone box and street sign near Centennial Beach.

The vehicle is believed to be a red car and will have significant amount of damage to the front driver's side of the car.

Anybody with information about this crime can call the Worthington Police Department at 507-372-2136 or text their tips to 372DTF. You may remain anonymous.



## Call of the Month

The call of the month involved a sharp-eyed officer on routine patrol during the night.

While on patrol, the officer noticed a bicycle parked in an alley and turned around to investigate.

In the alleyway, he observed a man standing with his back against the wall of a garage.

As the officer exited his vehicle to speak to the

man, he noticed the window of the garage was open and there was a bag lying on the ground. After further inspection, the officer found the bag contained beer, pop and cooked meat.

The man claimed to live at the residence, but later changed his story when pressed by the officer.

The officer looked into the garage window and

observed beer cans and pop cans that matched the type the man had in his possession. After the real home owner was contacted and the garage was searched, the officer found a pot of cooked meat that was identical to the cooked meat in the man's possession.

The man was arrested for burglary and housed in the Nobles County Jail.

**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\*

## Ask an Officer

Did you ever have a question for police officers, but didn't want to ask them in person?

Each month, one question will be selected and answered in this newsletter. So here is your chance.

Send your comments and questions to:

[chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us](mailto:chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us)  
and it may be answered here.



## Scam Alert: The Paypal Scam

Have you ever tried to sell something online and had a potential buyer try to talk you into signing up for a Paypal account? Not just talk you into signing up for an account, but sounding like a Paypal commercial while doing so?

I recently had this happen when I was selling a couple items on Craigslist. The seller sent many emails trying to convince me of how safe Paypal is and why I should use it.

Fortunately, I immediately recognized this was a scam.

Recently many scammers have found a loophole in Paypal's "Buyer Protection Program" to con many people out of their property.

The scam works when someone buys an item from you and uses Paypal to pay for it. After the buyer receives the property, they will claim they did not receive the item and file a dispute with Paypal.

The loophole is that if you cannot prove the buyer actually received the item, Paypal will refund the money to the scammer

and you will be out your property and the money.

It does not matter that you can prove you sent the item, it only matters if you can prove the buyer actually received it.

Paypal customer service is usually not much help in cases such as this. In addition, Paypal is not a bank and is not required to follow banking rules.

If you choose to use Paypal, make sure you know the terms and conditions of use. If someone tries to push you into using it, it could be a scam



## By the Numbers: 2012 Worthington P.D. Statistics to Date

Type of Incident:	Number:	Compared to last year
Traffic Stops:	1805	+71%
Burglary:	10	-52%
Burglary Alarms:	121	+24%
Thefts:	102	-14%
Property Damage:	92	+2%
Assaults:	49	+60%
Accidents (Property Damage):	154	+5%
Accidents (Injury)	12	+0%
Accidents (Fatal)	0	+0%
Accidents (Hit and Run)	50	-4%
911 Calls	866	+14%

---

***In the first half of 2012, the Worthington Police Department Dispatch Center received 866 calls to 911.***

***Of those calls, 636 were from the City of Worthington.***

## Worthington Police

1530 Airport Road  
Suite 300  
Worthington, MN 56187

PHONE:  
(507) 372-2136

FAX:  
(507) 372-5977

E-MAIL:  
[bhussong@co.nobles.mn.us](mailto:bhussong@co.nobles.mn.us)

Animal Control

(507) 360-7044

Community Service Officer

(507) 372-8189

We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.ci.worthington.mn.us](http://www.ci.worthington.mn.us)

## Dumb Criminal of the Month

Our dumb criminal of the month is a young lady from Worthington who wanted to keep partying after the bars closed for the night.

This dumb criminal was on her way to a friend's apartment when she came across a couple young men enjoying a late night barbecue.

The dumb criminal spent several minutes talking to the men before pulling a plastic baggie out of her bra and asking the men if they had a lighter.

One of the men inquired to what was in the bag and our dumb criminal replied it was marijuana.

Unfortunately for our dumb criminal, the men she stopped to hang out with happened to be two off duty Worthington police officers.

After a quick call to the on duty police officers, our dumb criminal was sent on her way with a court date to replace her marijuana.

What makes this a true dumb criminal story is that the dumb criminal has had recent contact with both off duty officers in their official capacity as police officers.

It just goes to show that a police officer is never truly off duty.



## Mission Statement

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

**WORTHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**1530 AIRPORT ROAD**  
**SUITE 300**  
**WORTHINGTON, MN 56187**