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Worthington Police News



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Worthington Police Department (507) 295-5400

Department Changes: Officer Meinders

Officer Colin Meinders has accepted a position with the Shakopee Police Department as a police officer.

Officer Meinders completed his last shift as a Worthington

police officer on February 22, 2023.

Congratulations to Officer Meinders on his newest journey in life.

Stay safe in your new job and don't be a stranger!



Work Anniversaries

Tyler Olson

Patrol Officer

10 Years

Wanted: Isaac Flores Orellana

The Worthington Police Department is looking for Isaac Flores Orellana for 1st Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct.

If you know where Flores Orellana is, do not approach him. Call the Worthington Police Department at 507-295-5400 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS.



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Tik Tok BORG Challenge

The newest Tik Tok challenge is putting teens and young adults in the hospital for alcohol poisoning.

This “challenge” came to light after the University of Massachusetts reported that 28 ambulances were needed on one Saturday night to treat students suffering from alcohol poisoning.



Emergency services for Amherst were so overwhelmed, neighboring agencies were called in to help respond to the medical calls.

To date, none of these incidents resulted in a loss of life.

This challenge known as the BORG or “blackout rage gallons” is a form of binge drinking where the student will carry a one-gallon jug containing a mixture of alcohol, electrolytes,



flavoring, and water.

If you have teenagers or young adults, now would be a good time to talk with them about the dangers of binge drinking.



Lost Pets

Unfortunately, lost pets and animals running at large are a common call the Worthington Police Department responds to.

When a pet is picked up by the police department, we will look to see if there is an animal tag.

The animal tag will allow officers to identify the owner and aid in the return of the pet without having to take the animal to the pound. In addition, an animal license is required for both cats and dogs that live in Worthington city limits.

If you pick up a pet from the pound, you will be required to

show your animal license or obtain one before your pet is released.

If you have lost your pet, you can check the Worthington Police Department Facebook page since all found animals are featured there.

In addition, you can make a post on the Lost Pets – SW Minnesota Facebook page.

This page is not associated with the police department, however people from around Southwest Minnesota will post lost and found pets there.



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Call Crime Stoppers above to report a Tip or download the P3 Tip APP below.



Scam Alert: Healthcare Provider

Recently a Worthington resident, Bryan, reached out to the police department to report a scam telephone call he had received.

Bryan reported the caller ID listed the caller as “Healthcare Provider” with a telephone number that came back to a hospital in Los Angeles.

Normally Bryan does not answer telephone calls from numbers he

does not recognize, however the name “Healthcare Provider” caught his attention.

When Bryan did answer the call, the caller stated the hospital had intercepted a package addressed to Bryan and that he was going to be arrested by federal authorities.

Fortunately, Bryan recognized this as a scam and did not give out any personal information.

As we breakdown this incident, there are several clues pointing to s a scam.

First, hospitals do not have the legal authority to “intercept” United States mail.

Second is the threat that Bryan would be arrested by federal law enforcement.

A hospital simply would not call and threaten that a person would be arrested as



that would be interfering with an investigation.

In addition, law enforcement does not typically warn someone they are going to be arrested ahead of time.

Good catch Bryan!!!

Traffic Crashes: What Should I Do?

Traffic crashes are one of the most common calls that law enforcement officers respond to on a day-to-day basis.

What should I do if involved in a traffic accident?

If you are involved in a traffic crash, the first thing you should do is move your vehicle to the side of the road if it is safe to do so.

If someone is injured, call for an ambulance and avoid moving them from the vehicle if possible.

When should you call the police for an accident?

If there is more than \$1,000 in damage, or if someone is injured

or killed, state law requires the police to be notified about the accident.

If the accident is less than \$1,000 in damage, the drivers can exchange information themselves.

If you chose to exchange information yourself, make sure you collect the following information:

- driver’s name, driver’s license number, and contact information,
- the driver’s insurance information,
- information about the vehicle including make and model, VIN and license plate.
- Take photographs of the damage to both vehicles.

What if I am not sure what to do?

If you are not sure what to do, call the police and make a report.

After the accident, now what?

After you are involved in an accident, the first thing you should do is call your insurance company. The insurance company will typically want a copy of the police report along with any photographs you have.

Your insurance company can also direct you in what you need to do in order to get your vehicle repaired.

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Humor in Law Enforcement



Just a friendly reminder from our friends at the Shakopee Police Department that even though it has been a long winter, skiing in the street behind a vehicle is not your best choice. At least he was wearing a helmet!

Mission Statement

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

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