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Officer Profile: Sergeant Brett Wilttrout

The Officer of the Month for February is Sergeant Brett Wilttrout.

Sergeant Wilttrout, a Worthington native, started his law enforcement career in 2004 when he was hired as a patrol officer for the Worthington Police Department.

In 2005, Sergeant Wilttrout joined the Emergency Response Unit and continued on to become a K-9 officer.

In 2012, Sergeant Wilttrout was promoted to sergeant, filling the vacancy left when Sergeant Jason Beckmann left to join the DNR.

Sergeant Wilttrout's duties currently include supervising the afternoon shift, as well as the Police Reserve Unit.

When Sergeant Wilttrout is not working, he enjoys spending time with his family as well as fishing and hunting.



Congratulations

The Worthington Police Department would like to congratulate Nobles County Deputy, Kenny Willers, for being accepted into the Minnesota State Patrol Trooper Academy.

Deputy Willers has already started his training at the state patrol academy and upon successful completion; he will be a Minnesota State Trooper.

Deputy Willers, your friends and family at the Worthington Police Department wish you the best of luck and look forward to seeing you around soon.

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Ticket Writer Training

Recently the members of the Worthington Police Department received special training on the use of the ticket writers that are installed in the patrol cars.

The ticket writers are a great asset to the patrol officers as they allow driver and vehicle information to be auto-populated into a ticket. The program also has the ability to search drop

down boxes to locate statutes by name or by statute number.

With this latest training, the Worthington Police Department will be set to go online with the State of Minnesota for e-citations. This means that the ticket information will be sent electronically to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and to the Nobles County Court Administration Office.

This will help streamline the charging process and make the system more efficient.



Ask an Officer

What types of handguns are used by the Worthington Police Department?

The Worthington Police Department uses the Glock 22C handgun. The Glock 22 handgun is used by an estimated 65% of law enforcement agencies throughout the United States.

The Glock 22C was selected as the Worthington Police Department's handgun after testing out numerous other handguns, including ones by Smith & Wesson and Beretta.

Two of the biggest reasons the department uses the Glock handguns are reliability and ease of use.

Also, the Glock 22C is a 40 caliber handgun with

15-round magazines. The gun has a compensated barrel, which reduces muzzle recoil allowing officers quicker sight alignment between shots.

In addition to the compensated barrel, our Glock 22C has night sights for target acquisition at night, and extended slide releases and magazine released for ease of use with gloves.

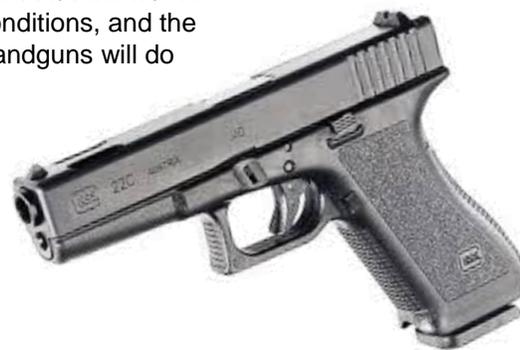
The equipment used in police work is exposed to all types of weather and conditions. We need equipment that will work in those conditions, and the Glock handguns will do that.

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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**Text Anonymous
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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 Fake Invoice

The latest scam to strike the Worthington area is the fake invoice scam.

In this case, a local church received an invoice for office supplies from an unfamiliar vendor.

This scam takes on many forms and can range from invoices for supplies not ordered or received to poor quality supplies sent out to victims who never ordered the products.

In either case, the scammer is hoping the business is too busy to verify the bill before paying.

Scams like this are big business. Two men in New York were arrested after sending out thousands of fake invoices for florescent lights out of the collection agency they operated.

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In a few short months, the two had scammed over one hundred companies to the tune of over \$700,000.

So what can you do to protect yourself and your business from this type of scam?

The biggest step you can take to reduce the chance of being a victim of this scam is to issue purchase order numbers for every purchase and to verify the purchase order number against the order received. This one simple step can prevent most if not all fake invoice scams.

No matter how official something looks, do not trust it to be authentic without first verifying it.



Correction

Barb G. has written in asking why Officer Colby Palmersheim was not listed as being a member of the Worthington Police Department on the newsletter.

When new officers enter the field training program, I wait until the officers have successfully completed the program before including them in the newsletter. From time to time we have officers that fail to successfully complete the field training program or resign for a number of personal reasons, so I don't include them in the newsletter for these reasons.

In Officer Palmersheim's case, I simply forgot to add his name to the list of police department personnel after he completed the field training officer process. I would like to give a big thank you to Barb G. for catching this oversight and offer my apologies to Officer Palmersheim for forgetting to add his name to the newsletter!



Highway 60 Changes

For a few months, motorists can drive Highway 60 in Worthington without a detour as the short detour around the UP Railroad Bridge will be removed on Friday, March 1. Motorists will need to continue to heed the 3-way STOP with Nobles County Road 33 and the 4-way STOP with Noble County Roads 5 and 35.

The third and final phase of reconstruction on Highway 60 from north of Nobles County Road 35 to Interstate 90 will resume with a detour for Highway 59 to the west and Highway 60 to the east in the spring. The work includes pavement reconstruction and construction of two additional roundabouts, and one signalized intersection.

For more information on the Highway 60 project and detour maps for the 2013 construction season, visit www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/projects/hwy60/.

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Dumb Criminal of the Month

Our dumb criminal of the month is a motorist who had the right to remain silent, but not the ability.

Our story starts off one evening with an officer noticing a car fishtailing down Humiston Avenue. The car began to turn east onto Clary, but then whipped around to go west on Clary, in the process cutting off another driver.

Our officer stopped the dumb criminal due to his driving conduct. As the officer was exiting the patrol car, our dumb criminal decided this was a good time to check his rear wheel in an effort to explain his poor driving conduct.

The dumb criminal was ordered to get back inside his vehicle for his safety as well as the safety of the officer.

The dumb criminal decided this was an excellent time to tell the officer how he truly felt about getting stopped and used multiple curse words to do so.

A back up officer arrived and monitored the dumb criminal while the first officer prepared a traffic citation for the traffic violation observed.

Upon receiving the traffic citation, our dumb criminal started screaming and swearing at the officers. The dumb criminal was

warned that if he continued to yell and swear, he would be arrested.

Not to leave well enough alone, the dumb criminal walked a couple hundred feet away from the officers and started screaming curse words at them.

Needless to say, he was arrested.



Mission Statement

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

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