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# Worthington Police News

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## Officer Profile: Dan Walton

The Officer of the Month for March is Officer Dan Walton.

Officer Walton grew up in the Twin Cities area and attended Minnesota State University in Mankato, where he graduated in 2011 with a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement.

Officer Walton then attended the Hibbing Community College skills program and completed the program in June 2011.

Outside of work, Officer Walton enjoys the outdoors and is an avid hockey player and fan.

After two years with the Worthington Police Department, Officer Walton resigned on January 31, 2014 upon accepting a position with the Bloomington Police Department. Officer Walton started his duties with the Bloomington Police Department on February 3, 2014. Officer Walton has greatly enjoyed his time with the Worthington Police Department, but is looking forward to moving back home to be closer to his family and friends.



While we hate to see Officer Walton leave, we know he will do well in his new career.

## Stay in Touch with Worthington Police Department

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- Receive Nixle alert announcements including weather related items by signing up for Nixle on the City of Worthington website above.
- Worthington Police Department is now on Facebook! Like our page to receive up to date information.

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## New K-9

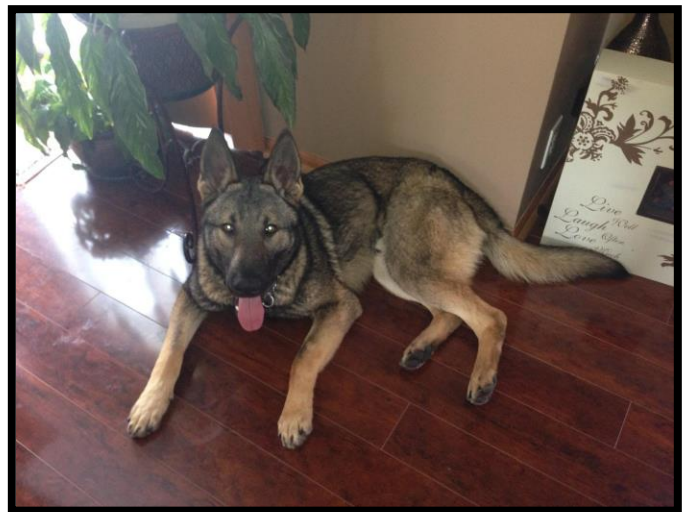
The Worthington Police Department is pleased to announce our newest member to the force, K-9 Mack.

Mack was picked up at the St. Paul Police Department and will be staying with his new partner, Officer Riley.

K-9 Mack and Officer Riley began training on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. This training is a three month course and specifically trains both dog and handler to

accommodate the widely varying requirements of law enforcement.

Good luck to Officer Riley and Mack as they attend K-9 school.



**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

## Law Review: Windshield Law

Minnesota State Statute 169.71 makes it unlawful to operate a vehicle with a windshield that is cracked or discolored to an extent that it would limit or obstruct proper view.

This statute also prohibits placing anything between the driver and the windshield other than sun visors, rearview mirrors, driver feedback and safety monitoring equipment (mounted slightly above, behind or below the rear view mirror), GPS or navigation systems (mounted in the bottom-most portion of the windshield), and electronic toll collection devices.

This statute also makes it unlawful to place any sign, poster, or other nontransparent material upon the front windshield, side wings, side, or rear windows of the vehicle other than a certificate or other paper required by law or authorized by the state director of the Division of Emergency Management or the commissioner of public safety.

## Scam Alert: The One Ring Scam

The latest scam appearing in Minnesota is the “one ring scam” or “473 area code scam”.

This scam starts when you receive a call to your cell phone that only rings once and hangs up.

When you call the number back, you are hit with a \$19.95 fee for an international call and another \$9.00 per minute fee. Often times when you call back, the number will play music followed by advertising in an effort to keep you

on the telephone as long as possible.

Many of these calls are coming from the area code 473, which originates out of Grenada or the Grenadine Islands of Carriacou and Petite Martinique. Still other calls have originated out of the Caribbean Islands of Antigua, Jamaica and the British Virgin Islands.

If you receive a call from a telephone number you don't

recognize, simply don't answer it. If it is important, the caller will leave a message.

If you miss a phone call, don't call back. If you really want to know who called you, do an internet search of the telephone number.

If you answered the call or called the number back, notify your cellular telephone carrier immediately and document the call. The sooner you document the fraud, the better chance



you have of getting some or all of the charges removed.

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](mailto:chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us). You may remain anonymous.

## Ask an Officer: What is a CAD ?

This month, Linden had a question about what CADs are in law enforcement and what do they include.

The term “CAD” stands for Computer Aided Dispatch. The Worthington Police Department uses this type of system to dispatch officers to calls.

When a CAD is created, it lists all of the relevant information regarding the call or traffic stop including: the nature of the call, the location of the call, the complainant, and any other information the dispatcher believes is relevant.

In the CAD itself are clickable links that allow officers to look up information about the people listed and any reports made.

The CAD also has other information attached to it such as when the CAD was created, when the officer goes enroute to the call, when officers arrive at the call and when they clear the call. If the officer performs any driver's license checks or license plate checks, they will be attached to the CAD as well.

CADs are made for all calls and almost all other officer activity, such as traffic stops and checking on suspicious people. Last year the Worthington Police

Department had 11,400 CADs which averaged over 31 CADs per day.



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:

[chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us](mailto:chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us)

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## Criminal of the Month

Drugs are called "dope" for a reason; they cause you to do dopey things such as smoking marijuana in front of your roommate, who just happens to be a law enforcement student.

Our criminal of the month did just that and was paid a visit by two officers from the Worthington Police Department and a deputy sheriff from the Nobles County Sheriff's Office.

The officers barely stepped foot into the apartment building and were greeted by an overpowering odor of marijuana drifting down the hallway.

The law enforcement student led the officers

back to his haze filled apartment where they came across the two that were responsible.

After the look of shock wore off their faces and denials were made about not knowing why the apartment smelled like marijuana, the two were instructed to produce identification.

Both individuals stated their identifications were in their individual bedrooms, so officers accompanied them while they retrieved them.

Once in the bedroom, the officers were quick to notice drug paraphernalia in both bedrooms.

During a quick search, officers found marijuana,



marijuana grinders, a water bong, several packages of marijuana seeds, and a small grow operation that we were assured was only for lettuce!

## Mission Statement

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

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