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# Worthington Police News

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## School Resource

Jacki Bomgaars

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## Officer Profile: Jacki Bomgaars

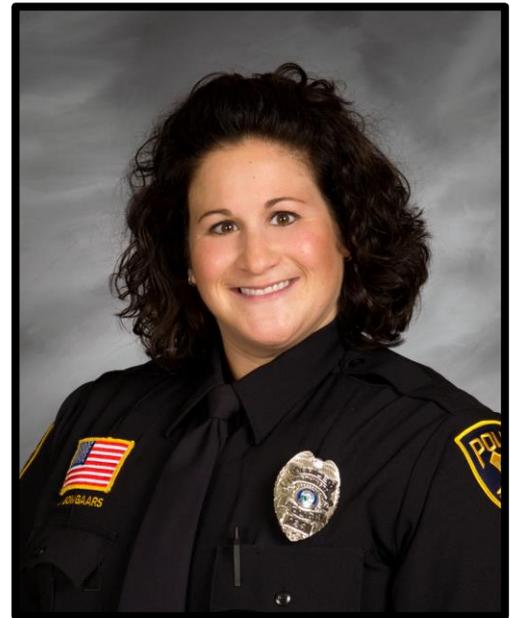
School Resource Officer (SRO) Jacki Bomgaars is from Eden Prairie and attended the Eden Prairie High School while growing up.

After high school, SRO Bomgaars attended St. Cloud State University where she graduated in 2001 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

SRO Bomgaars then went to work for the City of Richfield as a Community Service Officer until she was hired with the Worthington Police Department in 2006.

SRO Bomgaars started working patrol for the afternoon shift until she was promoted to the SRO position.

SRO Bomgaars' duties include providing basic law enforcement and police services to the Worthington schools.



These duties include investigating crimes that occur on school property, along with teaching the DARE program.

SRO Bomgaars' also investigates juvenile crimes and child protection cases for the department.

SRO Bomgaars is a current Minnesota Juvenile Officer's

Association member and is a former member of the DARE Administrative Board.

Many of you may recognize SRO Bomgaars from her tireless work with the Special Olympics and the Cop on Top fundraiser with Hy-Vee. (Cont.)

**Animal Control**  
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## Officer Profile: Jacki Bomgaars

Officer Bomgaars also provides community education programs covering a wide range of juvenile topics.

When SRO Bomgaars is not working as a police officer, she spends time with her husband and two children, ages 7 years and 6 months.

SRO Bomgaars enjoys spending time working with projects

such as 4H and enjoys camping in and around the area.

Officer Bomgaars and her family also have an entrepreneurial side with her husband owning and operating BTU Heating and Cooling, while SRO Bomgaars owns and operates a Scentsy business selling wickless candles and scented fragrance wax.



## Law Review: Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants

With the warm weather starting to head our way; peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants are following close behind.

Before a peddler or transient merchant conducts business, they need to fill out an application and receive a license from the city. A solicitor does not need a license, but they do need to be registered with the city.

Prohibited activities for a peddler, solicitor or transient merchant include failure to provide proof of license or registration and identification when requested or remaining on the property of another when requested to leave or to otherwise conduct business in a manner that a reasonable person would find obscene, threatening, intimidating or abusive.



**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: Computer Adware Scam

The latest scam to make the rounds in Worthington is the Computer Adware Scam.

This scam starts with a pop up message on your computer stating that your computer is infected with adware and directs you to call a number so tech support can have the adware removed.

In some cases, the “tech support” will ask for money first to remove the adware, where in

other cases they will not.

In both cases, the person you called will remotely access your computer and place a virus on your computer.

This virus will typically include a keystroke logger that will record your passwords and bank account information.

If you find yourself a victim of this type of scam, unplug your computer from the internet and have a

trusted person or company remove the adware.

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: Traffic Crashes and Ambulances

I came across a traffic accident and I didn't know if I should call for an ambulance or not. When should I call for an ambulance?

While there is no blanket rule that would cover every scenario in which you should call for an ambulance, an ambulance should be called whenever you come across the following scenarios:

1.) Serious injury or death – If someone was seriously injured or killed in a traffic crash.

2.) Mechanism of injury – Next we look at the mechanism of injury. If the traffic crash involved high

speeds, rollover crashes, head-on crashes, car vs pedestrian, car vs bicycle, car vs motorcycle, crashes where someone was ejected, or motorcycle crashes where the rider was thrown from the vehicle. This category includes any type of crash where someone can be injured by the mechanism of the crash.

3.) Loss of consciousness – Any crash where someone has lost consciousness, regardless of how brief the loss of consciousness is.

4.) Complaint of pain – Any crash where someone has a complaint of pain from the crash.

5.) When in doubt – Anytime you are not sure if you should call an ambulance or not, call an ambulance. In medical emergencies, time is of the essence.



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**

Over the years we have covered all types of interesting criminal stories from Worthington. Now that we have covered a majority of stories fit for print, we will expand out and include criminal stories from around the United States as well.

This story comes from the Houston Police Department where they received a call to the El Largo Restaurant for a man who walked out of the restaurant without paying for his meal.

Responding officers learned the man was last seen walking toward an abandoned building across the street from the restaurant.

The police checked the building and found an open door in the back of the building.

Entering the building, one of the officers called out "Marco". The police soon found the suspect after he called out "Polo".

A Houston police detective commented that the suspect's name was not Marco and instead, the officer was trying to inject some humor into the situation.

In this case, it looks like it worked!



## **Mission Statement**

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

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