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# Worthington Police News



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## Officer Profile: K-9 Frankee

The latest officer to join the ranks of the Worthington Police Department is K-9 Frankee.

K-9 Frankee is a 3-year-old Belgian Malinois who started his career with the Nobles County Sheriff's Department and recently joined the Worthington Police Department along with his handler, Officer Dustin Roemeling.

K-9 Frankee is certified in Patrol and Narcotic work and will join K-9 Thor and K-9 Mack on patrol as our third K-9 officer.

Please join us in welcoming K-9 Frankee!



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## Important Reminder – Odd-Even Parking

With our recently stretch of warm weather, snow removal is the last thing on most people's minds right now. However, the Worthington Police Department would like to remind everyone that the Odd-Even parking ordinance is still in effect until March 31<sup>st</sup>. Until then, please be mindful of where you are parking in case we get more snow this year.

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**K-9 Officers**  
Frankee  
Mack  
Thor

## New Glock Handguns

The Worthington Police Department just replaced their ten-year-old Glock model 22 handguns with new Glock model 17 handguns.

The change in handguns was made by the officers who trained with the new handguns.

The Glock 17 and 22 are identical in size and shape, which allowed officers to quickly adapt to the new handgun.

The new Glock has the advantage of replaceable handgrips to accommodate officers of all sizes.

The biggest change with the new handgun

is the switch from .40 caliber to 9mm.

This switch came after careful consultation with other agencies that were extremely knowledgeable in the field of handguns.

The switch also had several benefits. The 9mm round has less recoil than the .40 caliber, making follow up shots easier to stay on target.

The 9mm has less wear and tear on the handguns from the lower recoil. This will allow the handguns to last longer with fewer repairs.

With the smaller



round, the magazine capacity has increased from 15 to 17, giving officers more ammunition in case of an emergency.

The ammunition for the 9mm is significantly less expensive when compared to the ammunition for the .40 caliber. This will allow the officers to practice more, while providing a cost savings to the department.

**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: Drive Around Barricades

With the recently closure of I-90 due to the blizzards we had, this would be a good time to review Minnesota Statute 160.2715, which covers driving around barricades.

Under Minnesota State Statute 160.2715, it is a Misdemeanor to drive over, through, or around any barricade, fence, or obstruction erected for the purpose of preventing traffic from passing over a portion of a highway closed to public travel or to remove, deface, or damage any such barricade, fence, or obstruction.

A motorist who violates this statute can be fined up to \$1,000 and/or be sentenced to 90 days in jail. In addition, if a violator needs to be rescued from a closed road, they can be billed for the expense of the rescue.

## Scam Alert: Hy-Vee Giveaway Scam

If you have been on Facebook recently, you may have seen a post recently stating that Hy-Vee is giving away \$150 in groceries for your birthday.

All you have to do is click the link and provide your information.

The only problem is that Hy-Vee is not behind this “too good to be true” offer.

Hy-Vee recently issued a press release about this very issue stating that, “The giveaway is not affiliated with or supported by Hy-Vee, and customers are urged not to engage with the scam website or provide their personal information”.

This scam is just another attempt to gain personal information from victims or to potentially infect the victim’s computer with a virus.

Anyone who has clicked on this scam link and provided personal information is encouraged to monitor their credit reports for any changes, scan their computer for viruses and malware, and to change the passwords for all accounts accessed from the computer.

Just remember, if it seems too good to be true, it probable is. 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: Hands

Why are officers obsessed with where someone places their hands or what they are holding?

For an officer, it can be a matter of life and death. As soon as we start our training to become police officers, we are taught that hands can kill.

Hands can be used to assault officers or hold items that can be used to assault them. Officers have been hit with everyday objects such as chairs, canes, phones, and books.

As police officers, we can never assume something or someone is harmless. Officers frequently run into weapons that are disguised as everyday items. Shotguns have

been painted to look like super soakers and handguns have been disguised as cell phones or have been painted to look like toys.

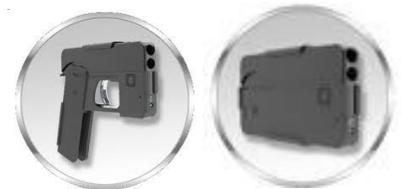
As you can see from some of the guns shown here, looks can be deceiving. If an officer is wrong about what someone is holding, they may not go home to their family at the end of their shift.

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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## Humor in Law Enforcement

Ask any police officer who has been working for any amount of time and they will be quick to tell you that they have seen about everything.

Every now and then, we see something that leaves us shaking our head and this is one of those times.

Police in Roselle, Illinois recently stopped a 54-year-old woman for DUI late one night, which is not unusual, but the reason they stopped her was.

The woman was stopped because she

was driving down the street with a 15 foot tree stuck in the grill of her car.

Even after hitting the tree and the air bags going off, this woman drove at least 3 ½ miles until she was stopped by police!



## Mission Statement

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

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