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2016 Review

The year 2016 was another busy year for the men and women of the Worthington Police Department. Listed below are a sampling of the different calls the police department responded to:

Computer Aided Dispatches..... 10,745

Traffic

Traffic Stops	3,756
Traffic Crash without injuries (10-50)	387
Traffic Crash with injuries (10-52)	42
Traffic Crash with fatalities (10-54)	1
Hit and Run Crashes	124
Traffic Hazards	53
Gas Drive Offs	46

Crime Against Persons

Assault	47
Robbery.....	1

Crimes Against Property

Burglary.....	38
Criminal Damage to Property	147
Theft.....	146

Miscellaneous

Blue in the School.....	179
911 Calls	1,420
Disorderly Conduct	99
Trespass	85
Burglar Alarms.....	127
Assist other Departments	158
Disturbing the Peace	50
Ambulance Calls	608
Fire Calls.....	34
Coroner Calls	5

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The USB Killer

There is a new device known as the USB Killer, which is posing a threat to electronic devices.

The device, which looks like a common flash drive, is marketed as a device to “test the surge protection circuitry of electronics to their limits - and beyond”.

The device plugs into the USB port of electronics to charge it and when it is charged, it will rapidly discharge approximately 200 volts back into the device.

The device will repeat this cycle 8 – 12 times per second until the electronics are destroyed.

The device is marketed that if it is “used on unprotected equipment, the USB Killer instantly and permanently disables unprotected hardware”.

The USB Killer even has technology to counter any device that attempts to destroy it.

The USB killer can be plugged into any device with a USB port including; computers, Xbox gaming systems, and vehicles.

The device also comes with adaptors for use on cellular telephones as well. The USB Killer can be ordered without any markings that



indicate the true nature of the device.

This is a good reminder that physical security over your computers and other electronic devices is extremely important and if you ever find a USB device, do not plug it into your computers.



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: Graffiti Review

Over the next few months, we will take an in-depth look at the Worthington City Ordinances that cover graffiti.

These ordinances will talk about the elimination of graffiti, the definitions that are included in the graffiti ordinance, prohibited acts, graffiti as a public nuisance, removal of graffiti by the perpetrator, removal of graffiti by property owner or city, and the violations of the graffiti ordinance.



Scam Alert: Publishers Clearing House Scam

Recently a Worthington resident received a letter claiming to be from the Publishers Clearing House.

As the resident read the letter, she found a check enclosed with the letter for over \$20,000.

Recognizing this to be a scam, the resident called the police department and reported the scam.

In this case, the letter claimed to be from the Publishers Clearing

House, while the check had the name of another business printed on it.

Scams like this will typically claim the money is an advance on a larger winning and will direct the potential victim to cash the check and to send the money back to pay for taxes or other expenses.

The check will come back as being fraudulent and the person cashing the check will be responsible for the entire

amount of the money received.

If you ever receive unexpected money in the mail and they ask you to send money back, it is almost always a scam and you should be very wary.

If you are not sure if something is a scam, please call the Worthington Police Department and an officer will come out and talk to you about it.



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. You may remain anonymous.

Ask an Officer: Is Being Intoxicated a Defense to a Crime

Is being intoxicated a defense to a crime?

The short answer to this question is maybe. Minnesota State Statute §609.075 covers the use of intoxication as a defense.

Minnesota State Statute states: “An act committed while in a state of voluntary intoxication is not less criminal by reason thereof, but when a particular intent or other state of mind is a necessary element to constitute a particular crime, the fact of intoxication may be taken into consideration in determining such intent or state of mind”.

In looking at the statute, voluntary intoxication does not make the act less criminal. If you choose to become intoxicated, you can still be found guilty of a crime.

If the crime requires a specific intent to commit the crime, then intoxication may be considered by the judge or jury.

While I was not able to find any statistics on how often the intoxication defense is used in Minnesota courts, the consensus is that you stand a much better chance of being successful if the intoxication was not voluntary.

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

The Wyoming, Minnesota police department has one of the best Twitter feeds out there for police related humor.

They offer a wide range of helpful tips and stern warnings about what happens if you break the law. I would encourage you to check them out!

Check if your cocaine is good.
Mix with vinegar. If it makes a volcano, it's baking soda. If not, your drugs are ruined. Don't do drugs. Drugs are bad.



Mission Statement

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

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