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## Lifesaving Awards

Monday, June 12, 2017 started out just like any other day in Worthington.

Officer Honius and Officer Hillesheim had just started their shift at 4:30 a.m. and by 5:00 a.m. were dropping the night shift officers off at their homes.

With school being out for the year, School Resource Officer Brouillet was working summer hours and had started his shift at 5:00 a.m.

For another Worthington man, who will remain nameless to protect his identity, his day was just coming to an end.

Having worked the night shift, the man returned home from a long night at work and made a quick call to his family before he planned to head to bed.

Just minutes after 5:00 a.m., the 911 phone in dispatch screamed to life.

Shocked family members told the dispatcher, Hanna Hulls, they found the man had collapsed on the floor and he was not breathing.

Dispatcher Hulls, in her



Officers Hillesheim, Brouillet, and Honius

ever-calm tone of voice, quickly gathered the necessary information to send help to try and save this person.

Soon police radios across the city screeched to life with dispatch stating they were sending an ambulance to the residence in an attempt to save the man's life.

Emergency lights lit up the sky in red and blue as the sounds of sirens broke the quiet solitude of the early morning.

Officer Honius arrived on scene within just minutes.

Being a trained Emergency Medical

Technician with years of service under his belt, Officer Honius quickly gathered the medical equipment from the back of his squad and rushed into the house.

Officer Honius found the unresponsive man on the floor. For all intents and purposes, the man was dead. His heart was not beating and he was not breathing.

Officer Honius opened the cover to the brand new Lifepak 1000 portable defibrillator that was just brought into service, replacing the outdated and aging Lifepak 500s.

**Animal Control**  
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**Community Service**  
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**Reception**  
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Winston

## Lifesaving Award (Continued)

As the defib started to call out commands, Officer Honius attached the electrode pads to the man's chest.

After quickly analyzing the man's heart rhythm, the defib called out "Shock Advised".

The man's body jumped as the electrical current entered his body.

Officer Honius started CPR as Officer Brouillet arrived at the house to assist him with performing chest compressions and rescue breathing.

Officer Hillesheim arrived shortly afterward with the Sanford Ambulance right behind him.

Officer Hillesheim jumped in to help perform CPR and allow one of the other officers a chance to catch their breath.

As CPR continued, the Sanford Ambulance crew of EMTs Lisa Barkeim and James Limmer, brought in a brand-new device of their own, the LUCAS device; a machine that automatically performs chest compressions on the patient.

Officer Hillesheim, who like Officer Honius is also an experienced EMT, assisted the

ambulance staff with placing the LUCAS device on the patient.

Within minutes, officers and EMTs on scene experienced something rarely seen after cardiac arrest; the patient was moving on his own!

The patient was quickly assessed again and was found to have a return of spontaneous circulation. The man's heart was beating again on its own!

The officers on scene assisted the EMTs with placing the man on the ambulance cot and loading him into the ambulance.

As the ambulance rushed toward the hospital with Officer Hillesheim behind the wheel, Officers Honius and Brouillet stayed behind to clean up the house and to ensure the family's needs were taken care of.

The man was transferred to another hospital where he received continuing care for his cardiac event.

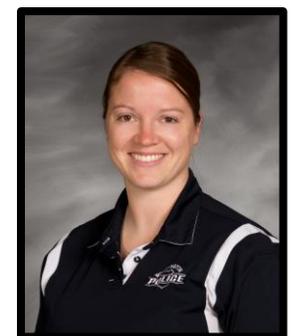
After everything was said and done that day, the officers involved simply went back to their daily duties; patrolling the streets, responding to calls, and assisting the public.



Fast forward to February 7, 2018, Officers Honius, Brouillet, and Hillesheim were recognized by Chief Appel for their efforts that day and were awarded the Worthington Police Department Life Saving Award for their actions.

In looking back that day, it would be a great disservice to overlook the forgotten hero of this call, Dispatcher Hanna Hulls.

Hanna was the calm in the storm that allowed information about the call to be gathered and the proper emergency services to be sent.



**Dispatcher Hannah Huls**

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Text confidential tips to the  
**Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force**

**100% Anonymous**

**BRDTF Tips available on Apple and Android devices**

## Crime Stoppers

BLOOMINGTON, MN -- (January 31, 2018) --The Worthington Police Department and Crime Stoppers of Minnesota are working together to gain more crime information from persons who want to remain anonymous.

Chief of Police Appel has made the proactive move to support the Crime Stoppers Law Enforcement Partnership Program, which enables Crime Stoppers' ability to invite citizens to anonymously turn in information that may save thousands of dollars of investigators' time and speed the solving of cases.

In addition to staying anonymous, persons giving

tips may be eligible to collect up to \$1,000 in rewards paid by Crime Stoppers. Because of Crime Stoppers' access tools, the Worthington Police Department is increasing its reach for investigative information to be statewide and worldwide.

Through this partnership, the Police Department investigators receive tips that Crime Stoppers collects, because citizens may be reluctant to talk directly with the authorities, but still want to 'do the right thing'.

People with knowledge about a crime, criminal or a fugitive can call Crime Stoppers toll free from

anywhere in Minnesota (1-800-222-TIPS [8477]); go online at their website [www.CrimeStoppersMN.org](http://www.CrimeStoppersMN.org); or add the free P3 Submit a Tip APP to their smartphone. If the tip leads to a felony arrest the tipster may qualify to receive a reward of up to \$1,000 and still remain anonymous.

The non-profit Crime Stoppers of Minnesota operates separate and independent of law enforcement and government funded solely by tax deductible donations.

It has been working with law enforcement helping build safer communities in Minnesota since 1979 as one of over 500 Crime Stoppers programs around the United



States. Crime Stoppers of Minnesota offers the same commitment to anonymity and offer of a reward to help law enforcement solve crimes.

For more information or to donate visit their website [www.CrimeStoppersMN.org](http://www.CrimeStoppersMN.org).

## Worthington's Top DWI Enforcers

The Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety was created in 1966 with the purpose of reducing crashes, deaths, and injuries on Minnesota's roads and highways by improving driver behavior, implementing traffic safety education to the public and to administer traffic-law enforcement programs in Minnesota.

Recently, the Worthington Police Department was notified that two of our officers made the list of top DWI enforcers across the state.

Out of 4,391 officers who made DWI arrests in 2017, Officer Refsland ranked 55<sup>th</sup> in arrests across the state with 27 DWI arrests and Officer Riley ranked

64<sup>th</sup> in DWI arrests with 18.

What makes their achievement even more impressive is that it was done in a rural area of the state and that it was done in addition to their other law enforcement duties.

Congratulations to Officer Refsland and Officer Riley for their achievements in DWI

enforcement and for making our streets and highways safer for everyone!



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## Humor in Law Enforcement

No one likes snow removal parking tickets.

The public does not like receiving them and the police don't enjoy issuing them.

Living in the north, they are necessary to allow the hard-working snowplow drivers to perform their job and keep the roads open for everyone.

For one Canadian artist, Simon Laprise, he decided to have a little fun with the snow removal team.

Simon crafted a full-sized sculpture of a DeLorean DMC-12 complete with a real windshield wiper.

His creation soon caught the attention of local police, who were enforcing the snow removal parking ordinances.

After casting a suspicious eye on the "car", they soon realized they'd been had.

The police left Simon a note saying "you made



our night!  
Hahahahaha".

Just goes to show you need to have a sense of humor to live here!



## Mission Statement

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

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