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New Less Lethal Tool – 40 mm Launcher

The Worthington Police Department will soon have a new less lethal tool at their disposal to help keep our officers safe while responding to dangerous situations.

The Worthington Police Department has purchased several 40 mm launchers to be placed in the patrol cars.

The 40 mm launcher is

a less than lethal tool that will launch a foam round at a person to incapacitate them.

The 40 mm launcher will allow officers to maintain a greater distance from suspects as compared to other less lethal options.

Once training and new policies are in place, the new 40 mm launchers will be brought into service.



A Life Saved

On January 30th, Officer Refsland was on patrol when he observed a suspicious vehicle at a local gas station. It was extremely cold that day and the window of the vehicle was open. Checking on the driver, Officer Refsland found him unconscious with a weak pulse and barely breathing.

Removing the driver from the vehicle, Officer Refsland recognized the male had overdosed on opioids and administered Naloxone (Narcan) to the male. Officer Sayveo arrived shortly after and administered a second dose.

The male was transported to the hospital, where he recovered from the overdose. Thank you, Officer Refsland and Officer Sayveo, on a job well done and for making a difference on the night shift!

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Training, Training, Training

One thing the Worthington Police Department takes pride in is the training that the officers receive every year.

2021 started out strong with officers attending several day-long classes.



Taser Training

Worthington Police Officers receive yearly training on the use of Tasers.

This 4-hour training includes covering the safety aspects of Taser use, relevant statute review, tactical uses, and also requires each officer to fire two Taser cartridges into a target.

Use of Force Training

Another yearly training all Worthington Police Officers receive is Use of Force training.

This training is split into classroom training and hands on training.

In the classroom, officers learn about Use of Force statutes and case law, changes in the Use of Force laws, and department policy regarding Use of Force. The hands-on training this year placed an emphasis on proper handcuffing techniques. Officers also received training in pressure points, baton use, distraction techniques, and weapon retention.

Force on Force™

Force on Force™ training is best described as live action role playing for police officers.

Officers will go through stressful scenarios to see how they react to the different calls in front of them and when the scenario is completed, the instructors will critique how the officer performed and offer suggestions to improve outcomes.

Some of the scenarios will have a predetermined outcome, while the outcome of other scenarios will be determined by the officer response.



This training will provide valuable feedback on how officers are responding to training and will help identify deficiencies in training.

In some scenarios, the officer will know what the call is and in other scenarios, they will be blindfolded, walked into a scenario and will have to determine what is happening quickly.

EMT Refresher

Finally, officers that are Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) went through the 20-hour EMT Refresher class.

This class, along with 20 additional hours, is required every two years to keep the EMT certification.

This training covered a wide range of emergency medicine topics, including pediatrics, trauma, drug overdoses and treatment.



2020 Year in Review

	2019	2020	Change
Crimes Against Persons			+/-
Murder	0	0	0%
Attempted Murder	0	0	0%
Robbery	2	1	-50%
Assaults	61	44	-28%
Domestic Assaults	116	123	+6%
Criminal Sexual Conduct	20	15	-25%
Threats	54	59	+9%
Indecent Exposure	2	4	+100%
Harassing Communications	102	110	+8%
Disorderly Conduct	97	118	+22%
Property Crimes			
Burglary	30	28	-7%
Burglary Attempts	15	12	-20%
Arson	1	0	-100%
Theft	134	148	+10%
Shoplifting	26	35	+25%
Motor Vehicle Theft	37	27	-27%
Bicycle Thefts	15	6	-60%
Property Damage	126	144	+14%
Gas Drive Off	51	60	+18%
Fraud/Forgery/Counterfeit	40	42	+5%
ID Theft	10	10	0%
Scam Calls	62	41	-34%
Trespassing	154	139	-10%
Animal Complaints			
General Complaints	101	87	-14%
Barking Dogs	39	38	-3%
Dog at Large	106	142	+34%
Dog Bites	7	17	+143%
Fire/EMS Calls			
Fire Calls	24	29	+21%
EMS Calls	528	414	-22%
Quality of Life Calls			
Disturb the Peace	455	114	-75%
Junk Vehicles	56	6	-90%
Parking on the Lawn	28	18	-36%
Loud Parties	73	2	-97%
Illegal Burning	12	31	+158%

	2019	2020	Change
Traffic Enforcement			
Traffic Stops	3670	3107	-15%
Motorist Assists	96	93	-3%
Vehicle off the Road	19	11	-42%
Traffic Accident	525	311	-41%
Traffic Accident w/ Injury	73	20	-73%
Traffic Accident w/ Fatality	0	1	N/A
Hit and Run Accidents	129	110	-15%
Parking Complaints	104	92	-12%
Driving Complaints	91	121	+25%
Community Service Calls			
Blue in the School	182	64	-65%
Business Walk Through	250	99	-60%
Business Checks	379	414	+9%
Lift Assists	104	86	-17%
Open Door Calls	13	12	-8%
Found Property	39	39	0%
Lost Property	24	16	-33%
K-9 Assists	15	16	+7%
Funeral Escorts	66	77	+17%
Miscellaneous Calls			
Suicidal Person	70	40	-43%
Coroner Call	12	12	0%
Verbal Arguments	73	61	-16%
Parental Calls	79	68	-14%
Runways	21	15	-29%
Missing Person	41	21	-49%
Child Custody Issues	25	30	+17%
Civil Matters	122	106	-13%
Firearms Calls	6	5	-17%
Suspicious Activity	166	242	+46%
Suspicious Persons	244	195	-20%
Alarm Calls			
Burglary	167	97	-42%
Panic	26	35	+25%
Fire	45	33	-27%
Medical	14	24	+42%

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Humor in Law Enforcement

Our story this month comes from our neighbors to the north in Toronto, Canada.

The police in Toronto were investigating a burglary where the suspect broke into a commercial business.

While in the business, the burglar snacked on some food before the copy machine caught his attention.

Not being able to resist himself, the burglar walked over to the copier and made a copy of his face.

If that wasn't bad enough, the burglar left the copy on the copy machine before leaving the business.

The police released the photo to the public and the suspect was quickly identified and arrested.

At least the burglar's booking photo was much clearer than the photo he left behind.



Mission Statement

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

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