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Worthington Police News



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Officer Profile: Ryan Golombiecki

Join us in welcoming Ryan Golombiecki to the ranks of the Worthington Police Department.

Officer Golombiecki has just completed the 12-week field training program and has joined the Worthington Police Department as a patrol officer.

Officer Golombiecki grew up in Bigelow and attended Minnesota West Technical and Community College for law enforcement.

Officer Golombiecki has always respected the idea of becoming a law enforcement officer as a way to give back to the community and to help make the community a safer place for everyone.



In his free time, Officer Golombiecki really enjoys spending time outdoors hunting and fishing.

If you see Officer Golombiecki, please take a moment to welcome him to the department.

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Minnesota State
Peace Officer
Memorial, St. Paul



National Police Week – May 15-21, 2022

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K-9 Officers
Frankee
Winston

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15th as Peace Officer's Memorial Day and the week that May 15th falls into as National Police Week.

National Police Week is designated to honor police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Since Constable Darius Quimby became the first law enforcement officer to die in the line of duty in 1791, there have been an additional 25,749 officers to date that have given their lives in the line of duty according to the Officer Down Memorial Page (odmp.org).

Minnesota has lost 284 law enforcement officers in its history with Special Police Officer Mathew Hamilton of the Winona

Police Department being the first officer to die in the line of duty on December 3, 1874.

2021 was one of the deadliest years for law enforcement officers with 616 officers dying in the line of duty.

Covid-19 was the leading cause of death with 438, gunfire was next with 62, and automobile crashes was third with 24.

Minnesota lost 6 law enforcement officers and 1 K-9 officer during 2021.

The Worthington Police Department lost one officer, Roy Robert Fitch on June 19, 1938, at age 50 when he died of a brain hemorrhage received from an injury on duty.

The Nobles County



Sheriff's Department also lost one officer, Sheriff Terrance Joseph McCall on August 8, 1920, when he was shot to death by a suspect he arrested for stealing clothing. Sheriff McCall was 51 years old at the time of his death.

This Peace Officer's Memorial Day, please take a moment to honor the ultimate sacrifice made by so many men, women and K-9 officers who gave their lives to protect their fellow citizens and allow them to live their lives in peace and safety.



Minnesota Line of Duty Deaths - 2021

Detention Deputy Mark Anderson	Olmsted County Sheriff's Department	Heart Attack
Conservation Officer Sarah Grell	Minnesota DNR	Vehicle Crash
Police Officer Charlie Banks Jr.	Deerwood Police Department	COVID-19
Police Officer Ryan Bialke	Red Lake Nation Police Department	Gunfire
Police Officer Ronald Smith	New York Mills Police Department	Covid-19
Deputy Sheriff Jayme Williams	Itasca County Sheriff's Department	Covid-19
K-9 Luna	Duluth Police Department	Gunfire

Retirements: K-9 Frankee

K-9 Frankee has announced his retirement from the Worthington Police Department effective April 26, 2022. K-9 Frankee came to the Worthington Police Department in 2016 after working with the Nobles County Sheriff's Department.

In K-9 Frankee's time at the Worthington Police Department, he was deployed over 110 times and has won numerous awards and recognition in K-9 trails.

K-9 Frankee will spend his retirement living with his K-9 handler Dustin Roemeling and family.



Law Enforcement Suicide Amendment

Senator Tammy Duckworth has introduced a bill that would amend the Public Safety Officer's Benefits (PSOB) Program to include officer suicide as a line of duty death.

In any given year, police suicides will greatly surpass the number of officers killed in the line of duty often doubling or tripling that number.

According to addictioncenter.com, police officers are at a higher risk of suicide than any other profession due to the intense stress and human devastation they are exposed to on a routine basis.

Senator Duckworth's bill would recognize suicide as a line of duty death, but it would also recognize post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and acute stress disorder

as a line of duty injury, which would allow officers to apply for disability benefits.

Duckworth was quoted as saying "It will not be presumed that your mental health injury is a result of you engaging in doing your job" and "We have to understand that a wound to the brain is just as traumatic as an amputation or some other injury that you receive".

National Missing Children's Day

President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25, 1983 to be the first National Missing Children's Day in memory of Etan Patz, a 6-year old boy who disappeared from New York City. National Missing Children's Day is dedicated to encouraging parents, guardians, caregivers, and others concerned with the well-being of children to make child safety a priority.

Every year on May 25th, the United States Department of Justice honors the heroic and exemplary efforts of agencies, organizations, and individuals to protect children.

Force on Force

Officers from the Worthington Police Department recently teamed up with deputies from the Nobles County Sheriff's Department for several days of Force-on-Force Training.

Force on Force training is realistic training that allows officers to hone their skills in dealing with difficult situations that are based on real-world calls.

What is unique about Force-on-Force training is that many of the scenarios have different outcomes based on the decisions of the officers involved. Officers are often able to talk down difficult subjects and come to a peaceful resolution and avoid using force. If not, the officer learns about the proper use of force for the situation.

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Humor in Law Enforcement

Meth will cause people to do some strange things...like keeping an "attack squirrel".

Mickey Paulk was arrested in Alabama in 2019 after the Limestone County Sheriff's Department received a tip about the meth drugged squirrel attacking people.

Paulk was arrested for drug trafficking and child endangerment and the squirrel was released back into the wild.

Meanwhile in Louisiana, Livingston Parish Sheriff's Department deputies were conducting a traffic stop when they

decided to arrest the driver of the vehicle.

What started out as a routine arrest changed in a heartbeat when the passenger of the vehicle, a pet squirrel, jumped out of the vehicle and onto the back of the deputy.

The deputy is seen spinning around several times trying to get the squirrel off while another deputy swatted at the squirrel.

Sheriff Jason Ard stated that no humans or squirrels were harmed during the incident.

According to the Yahoo



news article, the squirrel must have been nuts to think he could get away with a stunt like that.

If you would like to see the video, you can go to the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Department Facebook page where it was posted on March 1, 2022.

Mission Statement

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

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