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National Police Week

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officer's Memorial Day and the calendar week in which it falls, as National Police Week.

National Police Week, which was established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, pays special recognition to those officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty and for the safety and protection of others.

National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations that are dedicated to honoring the American law enforcement community.

The main organizers of National Police Week include:

- National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund, which hosts the annual candlelight vigil;
- The Fraternal Order of Police/Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary, which organizes the Peace Officers Memorial Service at the United States Capital;
- Concerns of Police Survivors, which holds the National Police Survivor's Conference.

National Police Week draws between 25,000 and 40,000 attendees, who come from across the United States and around the world.



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Every 53 Hours

While every 53 hours may be an insignificant period of time for most people; it stands as a stark reminder of the dangers our law enforcement officers face every day.

Every 53 hours, a law enforcement officer gives their life in service to their community and country.

First popularized by the 2012 FBI Statistics on Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted Report, the term “every 53 hours” has come to mean much more,

Since the first line of duty death in 1791, there have been 22,867 known line of duty deaths in America according to the Officer Down Memorial Page.

Texas has lost the most officers with 1,706, followed by California with 1,587, and New York with 1,453.

Minnesota has lost 242 officers in the line of duty. In addition, there have been 6 K-9 officers killed in the line of duty.

Of the Minnesota officers killed in the line of duty, 130 have been killed by gunfire, 21 suffered heart attacks while on duty, 14 were killed in automobile crashes, 12 in motorcycle crashes and 10 were killed by vehicular assault.

The Worthington Police Department and the Nobles County Sheriff’s Department have both lost officers in the line of duty.

Worthington Police Officer Roy Robert Fitch died on Sunday, June 19, 1938 from a brain hemorrhage received while on duty a week prior.

Nobles County Sheriff Terrance Joseph McCall died on Sunday, August 8, 1920 after he was shot by a man he arrested for stealing clothing from a traveler’s suitcase. While being escorted to the jail, the suspect shot and killed Sheriff McCall and seriously wounded a deputy.

The suspect, who had been released from the



Utah State Penitentiary two years’ prior after serving 15 years for murder, was captured 4 days later by a posse near Butterfield.

On January 27, 1921, the suspect was convicted of Sheriff McCall’s murder and sentenced to life in prison.

In appreciation of the sacrifice made by these officers, I think back to the words of Vivian Enry Cross, who lost her husband in the line of duty and who’s words are etched in the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial.

“It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived.”

- Vivian Enry Cross -

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

Scam Alert: IRS Scam

With people getting wise to the never-ending telephones calls from people pretending to be from the IRS, the IRS scam had to evolve.

The IRS scam has evolved from the simple but threatening telephone calls, to official looking letters sent by mail.

These new letters are

almost exact copies of the real letters sent by the IRS to taxpayers, down to the documents official numerical designations.

If you receive correspondence, written or electronic, that looks suspicious and was designed to appear as though it came from the IRS, you can call 800-

829-1040 and report this to the IRS.

If the letter is real, the IRS will verify this and will provide guidance on the next steps you need to take.

If it is fake, the IRS also wants to know so they can track where the scam is spreading.



The New Deadly Drug Mix

A new cocktail of drugs that is showing up in Minnesota is having deadly consequences.

Law Enforcement agencies throughout the United States are finding that Heroin is being mixed with the drugs Fentanyl or Carfentanil.

Fentanyl is an opioid pain medication with a rapid onset and short duration of actions.

Fentanyl is often given after surgery and is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine.

The drug Carfentanil is an analog of Fentanyl and is 10,000 times more potent than Morphine.

Carfentanil is commonly used as a general anesthetic for large animals, such as elephants.

When these drugs are mixed with the Heroin, they can have deadly consequences.

Both Fentanyl and Carfentanil overdoses cause the victim to go into respiratory arrest.

Simply stated, the drugs will cause the user's breathing to slow down and become more and more shallow before eventually stopping.

The amount of the drug needed for a fatal overdose is just a few grams.

The photographs on the right show just how little of the drug is needed to be fatal.

To make things worse, Fentanyl and Carfentanil can be absorbed through the skin or absorbed through the mucus membranes of the nose.

This puts our first responders, law enforcement officers and K-9 officers at risk of a potentially fatal exposure to these drugs.

Tune in next month to see what the Worthington Police Department is doing to protect our officers and citizens from this scourge!!!



Fatal amounts of Fentanyl and Carfentanil



2 milligrams of powder next to a penny.

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Humor in Law Enforcement

Sometimes the best intentions can fall flat and not go the way you intended. Such is life!

On February 2, 2017, the Cumbria Police (UK) were called in the early morning hours to a suspicious vehicle parked outside the Worthington Police Station.

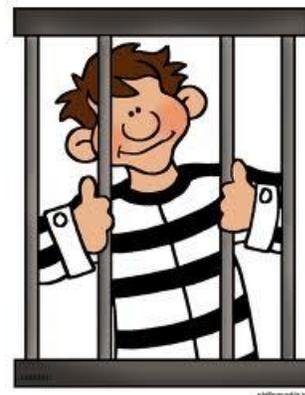
The police bomb disposal experts became concerned about some suspicious objects in the vehicle and evacuated the area.

Fearing a potential threat, the bomb squad blew up the vehicle.

In the investigation afterward, it was discovered the car was parked there by some police officers after the vehicle's owner became ill.

The police department contacted the vehicle owner and explained the incident to him and apologized.

The police department stated they will review the



incident and take on board any learning.

This one might be tough to explain to the chief!

Thanks to the telegraph.co.uk for this article.

Mission Statement

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

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