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Officer Profile: Sergeant Bill Bolt

The Officer of the Month for November is Sergeant Bill Bolt. Sergeant Bolt became a police officer because of his desire to care for and protect the people in his community.

When interviewed about this article, Sergeant Bolt wanted to focus on character and integrity instead of training and experience. Sergeant Bolt cares for everyone he comes in contact with and strives to treat each person as if they were his own family.

Sergeant Bolt wants everyone to know that

your concerns are his concerns and your needs are his opportunity to demonstrate his commitment to the community.

When performing his job, Sergeant Bolt prays that the Lord gives him the wisdom to make the best decisions for all involved and to protect the community and its leaders.

Sergeant Bolt would like to get to know each and every one of you and encourages anyone who would like to speak with him to call him at 507-295-5400.



Odd-Even Parking Starts November 15th

It's that time of year again when the Odd-Even parking ordinance goes into effect. It begins on November 15th.

For those not familiar with the Odd-Even Ordinance, it refers to the last digit in your house or building address number. For example, if the number ends with an odd number, you live on the odd side of the street. The ordinance requires motorists to park on the odd numbered side of the street on odd numbered calendar days and goes from 12:01 a.m. (1 minute after Midnight) until 3:00 p.m. each day.

This allows the hard working street department to plow our city streets and makes it easier for us to get around town safely.

This ordinance is in effect from November 15th to March 31st regardless of snow. Violators are subject to a \$25.00 fine and can have their car towed. Anyone with questions is urged to contact the Worthington Police Department at 507-295-5400.

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Call of the Month

The Call of the Month for October involved a suspicious male following a couple ladies walking their dogs in the downtown area.

Officers arrived and spoke with the complainants, who reported a male appeared to be following them.

Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the male.

One of the officers saw some hospital employees standing outside on a break and thought it was worth a shot to ask them if they saw anything.

While the hospital employees did not see the suspicious male, they did report another suspicious male walking his goat past the hospital.



Ask an Officer

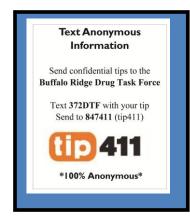
Is it legal to possess a radar detector or police scanner in a motor vehicle?

Minnesota law does allow the possession of radar detectors in noncommercial vehicles. However, the use of radar detectors on military bases is illegal.

Radar jammers, which are devices that interfere with police radar and laser

units are illegal under state law and the use and possession of them can result in hefty fines.

The use of a police scanner is prohibited in a motor vehicle unless you are a peace officer, licensed as an amateur radio operator and have your license in possession or have received a license from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.



Ask an Officer

Did you ever have a question for police officers, but didn't want to ask them in person?

Each month, one question will be selected and answered in this newsletter. So here is your chance.

Send your comments and questions to:

chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us and it may be answered here.



Scam Alert: The Craigslist Car Scam

There is a new scam going around targeting car buyers on Craigslist.

The scam starts when the criminal places an advertisement on Craigslist to sell a used car at a price too good to be true.

When the unsuspecting victim emails the scammer, they will receive a long reply from the scammer spelling out their life story and why they have to sell the car.

The criminal will usually have numerous excuses for why you can't see the car in person. Some of the more common excuses are that they are

in the military or are overseas.

They will follow up by stating the car has been placed with a shipping company and they would like you to pay for the car first and they will ship it to you for your inspection, with the option of returning the car if you don't like it.

As one Worthington residence found out the hard way; once you wire the money, you never hear from them again.

Fortunately, there is one simple thing you can do to prevent becoming a victim of this scam and that is to never buy the car sight unseen. This one act can

prevent most if not all scams from taking place.

Also, be wary of anyone who insists in using Western Union or other money wiring services and those who suggest using an intermediary such as eBay motors.

These scammers will make every excuse under the sun to try and convince you the deal is legitimate. Don't fall for it.

No matter how convincing the deal may sound, just remember the scammer is a professional and makes his living on separating you from your money.



Actual advertisements placed on the Southwest Minnesota Craigslist website by scammers!



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Dumb Criminal of the Month

The Dumb Criminal of the Month for November found out what happens when you use alcohol to try and forget your problems.

Our tale starts out one evening with a call from a local apartment complex for a fight in progress.

As officers arrived on scene, they found the fight was over and the suspect had left the scene.

During the course of the investigation, an officer found out the female victim was taking out the trash when she got into an argument with a male outside her apartment complex and was punched in the mouth.

Having a bad day, our dumb criminal decided to wash her troubles away with some alcohol and dancing at the local bar.

Being a magnet for trouble, the dumb criminal overheard a male talking about her dancing and took offense to his comments.

Fueled by alcohol and anger from being hit earlier in the night, she did the only thing that seemed reasonable to her; she began punching the dance critic in the face.

After fleeing the bar, our dumb criminal was quickly located by officers and charged with assault.

Due to a prior assault conviction, our dumb criminal is now facing a gross misdemeanor charge for assault and could receive up to a year in jail, a hefty fine and probation.



MissionStatement

Serving Worthington with honor and integrity by providing community oriented law enforcement and emergency services to all people.

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