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## **Worthington Police News**



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## **Odd / Even Parking and Snow Emergencies**

With the beautiful weather we have been having, snow removal can be the furthest thing from our minds.

However, starting on November 15<sup>th</sup>, the oddeven parking goes into effect. You must park on the correct side of city streets based on the calendar day.

Worthington City
Ordinance 72.07(C)
states that from
November 15<sup>th</sup> through
March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year
and from 12:01 a.m. to
3:00 p.m. each day, on
odd calendar days
parking is only allowed
on the side of the street
with odd house numbers
and on even calendar
days parking is only
allowed on the side with
even house numbers.

Remember at the end of some months and the beginning of some months there are two odd days in a row. (E.g. December 31 and January 1).



What confuses many people is that the ordinance goes into effect after midnight and that is the day considered for the parking ordinance. So after 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon, park for the next day.

There are some streets in Worthington that do not follow this ordinance and they are posted with the parking requirements.

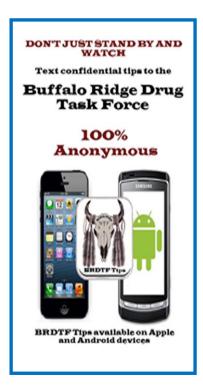
Violations of this ordinance can result in a fine and/or having your vehicle towed.

This ordinance is in effect regardless if it snows or not.

Snow emergencies may be declared on days between October 15 and April 15 and may be declared by the Emergency Official. Any snow emergencies will be broadcast on local radio stations and will expire in 48 hours, unless extended or terminated early.



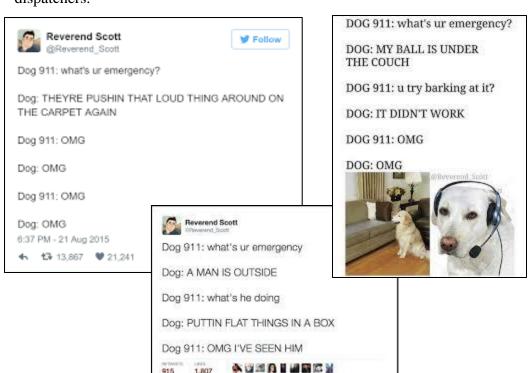
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## **Dispatch Corner: What if Dogs were Dispatchers?**

With all of the ugliness surrounding the presidential elections, officers being murdered nationwide, and the protests going on nationwide, I think we could all use a good laugh. One of the twitter posts that made me laugh recently was a post by Reverend Scott that asks what 911 would sound like if dogs were dispatchers.





## **Law Review: The Good Samaritan Law**

Minnesota's Good Samaritan Law is made up of two parts, a duty to assist and a general immunity from liability.

Under the duty to assist requirement, a person at the scene of an emergency who knows that another person is exposed to or has suffered grave physical harm shall to the extent that the person can do so without danger or peril to self or others; give reasonable assistance to the exposed person.

Reasonable assistance may include obtaining or attempting to obtain aid from law enforcement or medical personal. Violations are considered a petty misdemeanor.

### **Scam Alert: Scammers Arrested!!!**

There is some good news in the never-ending battle against telephone scammers.

Indian police have arrested 70 people and are questioning hundreds more after uncovering a massive organization that was posing as IRS agents and demanding unpaid taxes from Americans.

The police in Mumbai, India stated the yearlong scam involved a call center that was calling people in the United States and would threaten them with jail and other criminal penalties unless they "settle" their tax case out of court.

The scam was believed to bring in approximately \$150,000 a day from unsuspecting victims. Over a year, the scam would bring in approximately \$55 million.

Those arrested so far include several of the

ringleaders, as well as people accused of providing equipment and setting up the fake call centers.

The police state they are likely to file charges against as many as 600 or more people that are still being questioned on suspicion of running the fake call centers.

The criminal charges against those involved include extortion, criminal impersonation, and violation of India's



information technology laws.

I would like to congratulate the Mumbai Police Department on a job well done in bringing these scammers to justice.

## **Ask an Officer: Miscellaneous Hunting Questions**

With the start of the hunting season, I have been receiving many questions about hunting; here are some of the more common questions I have received.

#### When can you hunt pheasants?

The pheasant hunting season started on October 15<sup>th</sup> and extends to January 1, 2017. The hours for pheasant hunting starts at 9:00 a.m. and extends until sunset.

#### I heard there is a civil penalty for trespass, what does that mean?

Under the Minnesota Trespass Laws, there are civil or criminal trespass laws. Under the civil trespass laws, civil penalties are \$50 for a first violation; \$200 for a second violation in a 3-year period; a \$500 and loss of every license and registration being used for a third or subsequent violation in a 3-year period. This law also lists a \$50 for unauthorized removal of a sign posted under this law.

## Who is the DNR Officer for Worthington and how can I reach him?

The DNR Officer that covers Nobles County is Jim Robinson and he can be reached at 507-836-8739.

The DNR Officer that covers Jackson County is Mike Gruhlke and he can be reached at 507-847-4394.

# Where can I find more information about the hunting regulations?

Each year the Minnesota DNR publishes the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Handbook and copies of this can be found at the DNR website or at local retailers who sell hunting and fishing licenses.

Do you have a question for a police officer, but never had the chance to ask?

Here is your chance! Each month, one question will be selected and answered in this newsletter
Send your comments and questions to: chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us

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## **Humor in Law Enforcement**

In law enforcement, we routinely receive calls to help people resolve conflicts in a peaceful and proper manner. If we can't solve your problem, we can usually point you in the right direction.

However, for the owner of one local sanitation company, he decided to take maters into his own hands after a customer failed to pay his bill.

Instead of talking to the customer to seek payment, cutting off the garbage service, or taking the customer to court for the unpaid bill, the owner of the sanitation company did the only thing he could think of, dumping almost two tons of wet and putrid garbage on the driveway of the customer's house.

Instead of getting paid for his service, the sanitation company was fined \$1,800 for pollution violations and \$734.85 for clean-up costs.



In addition, the driver of the sanitation truck is looking at facing criminal charges for unlawful dumping and public nuisance.

### **Mission Statement**

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

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