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Worthington Police News



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Retirement: Dispatch Supervisor Nancy Veen

After 26 years of faithful and dedicated service to the citizens of Nobles County and the City of Worthington, Dispatch Supervisor Nancy Veen has finally retired!

Nancy retired October 31st.

With her newfound time off, Nancy plans on spending more time with her family, reading, gardening, and maybe looking for some new hobbies.

If you see Nancy around, take the time to congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement!



Work Anniversaries

Tim Gaul	Sergeant	29 years
Troy Appel	Chief of Police	26 years
Nancy Veen	Dispatch Supervisor-retired	26 years
Bryant Schroeder	Patrol Officer	2 years
Kirk Honius*	Community Service Officer	1 year

*Officer Honius' years of service does not include his prior service as a police officer

Condolences

The Worthington Police Department would like to send out thoughts and prayers to retired dispatcher Larry Rogers and his family. Larry's daughter Jennifer passed away on November 5, 2022.

Animal Control
Open

Community Service
Kirk Honius

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Snow Emergency Parking

With winter just around the corner, now is a good time to remind everyone that when a snow emergency is declared, all vehicles need to be removed from the street until the snow emergency is over.

When a snow emergency is declared, it will be posted on Nixle and Facebook.



Winter Survival in your Car

Minnesota winters can be a beautiful time of year but the cold, snow, and ice can turn deadly in a moment's notice.

Every driver should take the steps recommended by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and help arrive at your destination safely:

Vehicle Tips

- Prepare your vehicle for winter travel. Make sure your vehicle is in good running condition.
- Check your tires to ensure they have proper tread for the snow and that they have proper air pressure.
- Clean all snow, ice, and frost from the windows for proper visibility.
- Avoid using cruise control on wet, snow covered, or icy roads.
- Make sure you have at least a half tank of fuel in case you become stranded in your vehicle.
- Carry a winter survival kit in your car with some non-perishable food, blankets, flashlight, small shovel to clear your tail pipe, and sand or cat litter to place under your tires in case you become stuck.

Stay in your Vehicle

If you become stuck, stay in your vehicle. Walking in a storm can be very dangerous and you might get lost, collapse, and risk your life. Your vehicle is a good shelter and easier to find.

For more winter safety tips, go to <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/weather-awareness-preparedness/Documents/WinterSurvivalInYourCar.pdf>



Church Vandalism

On October 22nd, the Worthington Police Department investigated three different cases where local churches were vandalized with graffiti. The graffiti occurred sometime between 6:00 p.m. on October 21st until approximately 10:00 a.m. on October 22nd. The churches targeted were St. Mary's Catholic Church, American Lutheran Church, and the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to call Officer Hillesheim at the Worthington Police Department at 507-295-5400 or make an anonymous tip at Crimestoppers of Minnesota on the app or at telephone number 800-222-TIPS. Anyone who lives around these churches who has a home security system or ring doorbell camera style system is encouraged to check their video footage as well.



Winter Pet Tips

Winter weather can be hard on everyone, including our pets!

Here are some quick and easy tips to help keep our furry friends safe and healthy this winter.

1. If it is possible, bring your pets inside during inclement weather such as snowstorms and extremely cold weather.
2. Make sure your pets have a proper shelter in place that allows them to escape from the elements. Worthington city ordinance requires the pet shelter to be a wind-proof and moisture-proof structure made of durable material with a moisture-proof floor that is at least two inches off the ground.
3. If your pets are outside for more than a few minutes at a time, make sure they have access to food and water that is not obstructed by snow drifts or ice.
4. Salt and other chemicals used to melt snow can irritate your pet's paws. Clean their paws if

they walk through areas treated by salt. Be aware your pet may lick their paws and the salt could irritate their mouth.

5. Anti-freeze is a deadly poison. Due to the sweet taste, your pets may try to drink it. Wipe up spills and store antifreeze out of reach.
6. Pets can suffer from frostbite and hypothermia just like humans. Symptoms of hypothermia in pets include shivering, lethargy, lack of appetite, and a weak pulse. If you believe your pet is suffering from frostbite or hypothermia, contact your veterinarian immediately.



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Humor in Law Enforcement

This month we turn to Reddit to find out some of the weirdest things police officers have arrested someone for.

My dad was on World's Dumbest Criminals for arresting a guy who kept checking out books at the library, pooping in them, and returning them!

I was the manager at the city pool and we had to call the police to arrest a man who was forcefully baptizing all the children at the pool and would not stop.

When I was a corrections officer, I booked in a kid for "chicken at large".

We arrested a drunk sailor who showed up at a local music

festival with a medieval flail (spiked ball attached to a handle with a chain). When confronted about his weapon, he claimed it was for self-defense.

I arrested a trucker once. He stopped at a rest stop for his break and was drinking heavily. We went out to use the rest room and got in the wrong truck. The truck was from the same company and the other driver did not notice the drunk in the back. After six hours, the drunk trucker woke up and thought he was being hijacked! A fight ensued and the truck crashed off the road. Neither driver remembered much from the crash. It took a week to figure out why there were two truck drivers for the same company but only one truck!



Mission Statement

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

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