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Worthington Police News

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Worthington Police Department (507) 295-5400

Officer Profile: Jake Walker

The newest officer to join the ranks of the Worthington Police Department is Jake Walker.

Officer Walker has just finished the field training process and has started his patrol duties.

Officer Walker is a native of Nobles County and graduated from Round Lake-Brewster High School.

After completing high school, Officer Walker attended Minnesota West Community and Technical College for Law Enforcement.



his free time, enjoys watching sports and fishing.

Officer Walker is the oldest of three siblings.

After college, Officer Walker applied for and was hired by the Worthington Police Department.

Officer Walker has been a member of the Round Lake Fire Department for the past two year and in



Pet Adoption

If you or someone you know would like a pet, please check out the animals up for adoption through Worthington Animal Control. Call Virgil at (507) 360-7044 if interested.



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New Police Captain

The Worthington Police Department has selected Detective Sergeant Kevin Flynn to be the next Captain.

Captain Flynn will replace the position vacated by Chris Dybevick, when he accepted the Chief Deputy position with the Nobles County Sheriff's Department.

Captain Flynn joined the Worthington Police Department in 1991 as a patrol

officer and worked in that capacity until he was promoted to Detective in 1996. Captain Flynn was promoted to Detective Sergeant in 2005 and has served in that capacity until 2014, when he was appointed as interim Chief of Police.

Captain Flynn has already started his duties.

Congratulations Captain Flynn in your new endeavors!



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Law Review: Odd –Even Parking

It's that time of year again! With snow in the near future, the Odd-Even parking ordinance goes into effect again on November 15, 2014.

Just a reminder:
The odd-even ordinance is in effect from November 15 until March 31.

On even number days, vehicles have to park on the even side of the street and on odd days, vehicles have to park on the odd side of the street. Look at the house numbers to determine the odd or even side of the street.



The ordinance starts every day at 12:01 a.m. (just after midnight) and is in effect until 3:00 p.m. every day.

Violations of this ordinance may result in a \$25.00 ticket and violators may have their car towed.

Scam Alert: Credit Card Lockout

Recently a Nobles County resident called to report a scam that they fell victim to.

In this scam, the victim received a call late one night from someone posing as an employee from a credit card company.

The caller stated the victim's Mastercard had been blocked and they need the victim's Social Security number to have the card unblocked.

Unfortunately, our victim was still half-asleep when the call came in and they gave the caller their Social Security number.

The victim of this scam also reported a friend of his had also received a similar call, except they were asked to enter their Social Security number in the telephone keypad.

If you inadvertently fall victim to one of these scams, there are a few things you can do to help

protect yourself. The first thing you should do is to notify your credit card company and notify them of the incident so they can take actions to prevent your credit card from being accessed online.

The next thing you should do is to place a credit freeze on your credit reports. This can be done by contacting the three major credit bureaus (Experian, TransUnion, Equifax) and requesting the credit freeze. While there is a small fee to freeze your credit and



unfreeze it, the added protection is well worth it.

Do you have a question about a scam or have been a victim of a scam that you would like warn others about? If so, please email chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us. You may remain anonymous.

Ask an Officer: The Power Hour

The "Ask an Officer" question this month comes from Mike, who asks "I'm turning 21 soon and I just heard that I cannot drink at midnight on my birthday. Is that true?"

The short answer is that you cannot drink until 8:00 a.m. on your 21st birthday.

In 2005, the Minnesota State Legislator passed Minnesota State Statute 340A.503 (5a) which is commonly referred to the power hour law.

Power hour is a term used to describe the time frame from midnight on a person's 21st

birthday until the bar closes, where someone who turned 21 would drink as much as possible before bar close.

The power hour law was a response by legislators to attempt to curb binge drinking and prevent deaths that occur from binge drinking for those just turning 21.

The law did away with the power hour by defining the age of 21 years old as occurring at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the person's 21st birthday.

In the years since the statute has gone into effect, there has been a reduction in binge drinking

among 18 to 24 year olds. Thanks for the question!



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:

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Call of the Month

The Call of the Month started off one day with our victim stopping at a local restaurant for a bite to eat.

As our victim left the restaurant to continue her journey, she forgot her purse. A fact not overlooked by the suspect in this case.

After scoping out the restaurant for other patrons, the suspect quickly grabbed the purse and left the restaurant.

Later on, our victim realized what had happened and she called the restaurant and asked them to see if the purse was still there.

The Worthington Police Department was contacted and was able to retrieve the surveillance system video of the incident and photographs of the suspect.

After showing other officers the photograph, the suspect was identified.

Several days later, the suspect was seen driving on Oxford Street and was stopped by the investigating officer.

The officer asked the suspect her name and she gave the officer the name of the victim who had her purse stolen.



Needless to say, the suspect was arrested and the victim received her purse back.

Mission Statement

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

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