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## **Officer Profile: K-9 Winston**

Please join us in welcoming the newest member of the Worthington Police Department, K-9 Winston!

Winston is a North Dakota native who was born and raised on a hunting farm.

Growing up, Winston developed a passion for law enforcement and attended the North Iowa K-9 school where he specialized in the detection of narcotics.

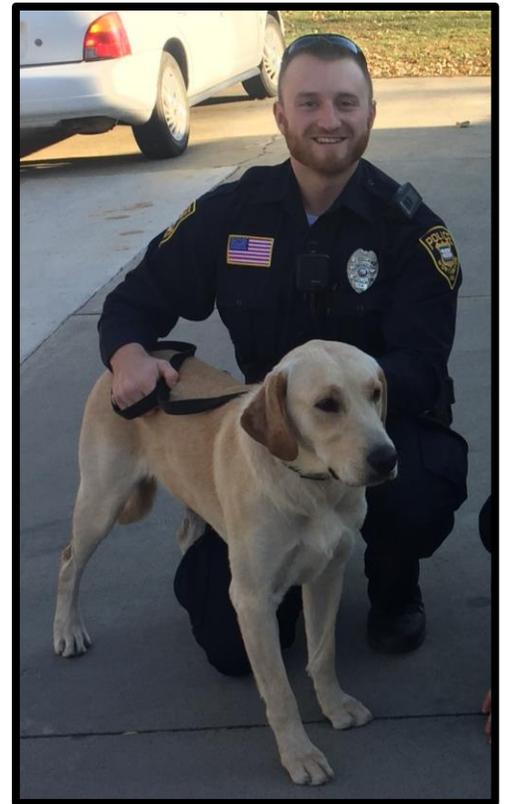
Upon graduation of the North Iowa K-9 school, Winston joined the Worthington Police Department and is partnered with Officer Jake Walker.

When Winston is not working, he enjoys playing with his ball.

Since Winston is only trained in the detection of narcotics, he loves making new friends and meeting new people. Officer Walker encourages people to come up and say hi to Winston and show him some love!

Winston was able to join the Worthington Police Department due to an extremely generous gift from the Florence Nolte estate.

Mrs. Nolte left the Worthington Police Department \$19,178.91 in her estate for the Worthington Police Department K-9 Unit.



The Worthington Police Department is extremely grateful for the donation from Mrs. Nolte and are touched that we made such a difference in her life that she felt it was necessary to donate the money.

As you go about your day, please stop and say hi to Winston if you see him working!

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Mack  
Winston

## Winter Driving Safety Tips

Winter weather can be both beautiful but frightening and dangerous for travelers.

The snow and ice can make for some dangerous travel if you are not prepared.

By following these safety tips, you can make all of your trips safer this winter.

1. Always wear your seatbelt. Seatbelts can help reduce or eliminate injuries in crashes.
2. Tires – Make sure your tires are properly inflated and have proper tread depth. Your tires are one of the most important

part of your car and underinflated or bald tires can reduce traction.

3. Cruise Control – never use cruise control on any slippery surface. Cruise control can cause you to spin out of control on icy or wet roads.
4. Warming up vehicles – Never warm up vehicles in enclosed spaces. This can cause a buildup of carbon dioxide, which can be potentially fatal.
5. Emergency Kits – Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle in case your vehicle becomes stuck



while traveling. The emergency kit should include blankets, gloves, hats, food and water.

6. Cell phone – Carry a cell phone while traveling so you can call for help if needed. Don't let the cell phone be the reason you need to call for help!
7. Slow down – In winter weather, slow down while traveling. Saving a few minutes of travel time is not worth risking your life!

**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

## Law Review: Trespass on a School Bus

The Minnesota Legislature has now made it a crime to trespass on a school bus.

The new statute, which has been added to Minnesota's Trespass statute 609.605, makes it a crime for a person to board a school bus when the bus is on its route or otherwise in operation, or while it has pupils on it, and who refused to leave the bus on demand of the bus operator.

Violation of this law is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and up to 90 days in jail.

## Scam Alert: Netflix Scam

Netflix is a popular movie and television streaming service with customers worldwide.

Netflix just issued a warning to its members worldwide about a new scam specifically targeting their customers.

This new scam comes in the form of an email that appears to be from Netflix and claims that the customer's billing information needs to be updated as it has become invalid.

The email provides a link to a realistic looking website that appears to be Netflix.

The site will ask for the users first and last name, date of birth, billing address, the name on the credit card, the credit card number, and the security code.

Netflix reports they will never ask for personal information to be sent by email.

Netflix may email to

have customers update their information with a link to their website, they are encouraging customers to be cautious of the fake emails.

If you need to contact Netflix via email, you can go to <https://help.netflix.com> to email them.

If you believe you have received an email that you believe may be a phishing email, you can forward it to [phishing@netflix.com](mailto:phishing@netflix.com).



If you have already provided your information to a fake website, immediately notify your bank or credit card company and change your Netflix password.

## Ask an Officer: How Can You Stop Annoying Calls

How can I stop annoying and scam calls to my cell phone?

The problem with these calls, typically referred to as “spam calls” has become a nationwide problem, gaining the attention of Congress, the FCC and the FTC.

Almost 60% of these calls are coming from 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries making punishing the offenders next to impossible.

Not all is lost! This surge in spam calls has led to the development of call blocking apps.

The call blocking app that I am most familiar with is called the AT&T Call Protect App. This app will flag certain calls with labels such as “Potential

Fraud”, “Telemarketer”, or “Suspected Spam”.

Calls with the potential fraud labels are automatically blocked and your phone will not ring. You may receive a pop up notice the calls was blocked, depending on your settings.

The other calls will be flagged but will still ring, allowing you to decide if you want to answer the call or not.

This app will allow you to block unwanted calls and to report telephone numbers to help make the app more effective.

I would estimate I received 90% fewer calls after using this app.

Just be aware, these apps are not foolproof and may flag certain calls as spam when they are not.

While I am familiar with the AT&T call blocker, Verizon, T-Mobile, and Sprint also have call blockers. In addition, there are 3<sup>rd</sup> party apps to help block unwanted calls.

Before downloading one of these apps, do a little research to determine if they are best suited for your situation.

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](mailto:chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us)

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We're on the Web!

See us at:  
[www.ci.worthington.mn.us](http://www.ci.worthington.mn.us)

## Humor in Law Enforcement

The Westerville, Ohio police reported that they have captured a burglary suspect after he mocked them on Twitter.

The police department reports they responded to the 800 block of Memories Lane for a report of a burglary in progress.

As officers arrived, they could hear glass breaking and saw a suspect run from the scene.

The police found several damaged homes, a damaged mailbox, broken

windows, damage to several construction vehicles and a knocked over portable toilet.

Police were notified of a Twitter account with the handle “@ty\_reinvented”, which had posted “Haha, Westerville. Couldn’t catch me this time. Even though I lost both my shoes.”

An officer was able to identify the user and asked him to meet them at the police department to pick up his shoes.



For some reason, the suspect did not take the police up on their offer.

The police went to the suspect’s house and found a marijuana grow when they arrested him.

Hate when that happens!

## Mission Statement

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

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