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Worthington Police Department (507) 295-5400

Body Cameras and Government Data Practices

The Worthington Police Department recently announced they will be implementing the use of body worn cameras.

Minnesota Government Data Practices law classifies the data captured by body cameras and who has access to them. (Credit: mn.gov)

Body cam data is generally private and nonpublic, except when the data are active criminal investigative data (13.825, subd. 2(a)(3))

Active criminal investigative body cam data is confidential/protected nonpublic (13.825, subd. 2(a)(3); 13.82, subd. 7).

Body cam data that is not active or inactive criminal investigative data must be retained for at least 90 days (13.825, subd 3).

After an investigation is complete, body cam data is public if they document an incident where an officer discharges a weapon in the course of



duty (not including training or killing an animal) and the data must be retained for a period of at least one year (13.825, subd 2, 3).

After an investigation is complete, body camera data is public if the recording documents the use of force by a peace officer that results in substantial bodily harm and the data must be retained for at least one year (13.825 subd 2,3).

Body cam data that is public personnel data under 13.43 subd 2 remains public (13.825 subd 2(a)(4)).

Law enforcements agencies may release

any not public body cam data to the public to aid law enforcement, promote public safety, or dispel rumor or unrest (13.82 subd 15).

Subjects of the data, including peace officers, have access to the private/nonpublic data and may request to have the data made public (13.825, subd 2(a)(2)).

Publicly-released data must have redacted identities of non-consenting data subjects and undercover officers.

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Dispatch Corner

Dispatchers simply do not get enough credit for the outstanding job that they do.

Recently I came across a Facebook post from a Bay County Florida Dispatcher chronicling some of the calls they receives during Hurricane Michael.

It is almost impossible to imagine not being able to call 911 and having help sent within minutes, but during Hurricane Michael, the weather conditions were so bad emergency services could not respond to any calls, no matter how serious they were.

The following posts can be deeply upsetting and may not be suitable for everyone to read. Use your discretion.

If you do choose to continue reading, take a moment to think about the dispatchers that experienced this first hand.

I found a neighbor face down in the pool, I have started CPR, what do I do? Dispatch: I am sorry, do CPR as long as you can, we are not responding to calls at this time.

I found my husband dead. A tree fell on him, and I cannot make it without him... (gunshot sound and the line goes dead)

My mother is having a stroke, please send us help. I don't want her to die". Dispatch: I am sorry we cannot get to you, please hold her close and tell her you love her.

Help me...I can't hold on to my kids anymore... I got to let one go... (crash and line goes dead).

Help my house is on fire, please send help. Dispatch: I'm sorry get out and stay away...we can't get to you.



Please send me help my baby needs a breathing treatment, she is struggling, and I can't help her. Dispatch: I am sorry we can't get to you, we have you on the list.

My sister is dead, what do I do? I can't handle seeing her. Someone please help me! Dispatch: I'm sorry we cannot get to you. Cover her up, and move to a different part of your house.

Help me, I have run out of food. Dispatch: I am sorry the roads are not passable, we cannot get to you. We have you on the list.

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: Snow Emergency

With winter knocking on our door; what better time then now to review the Worthington Snow Emergency law!

Simply stated; when a snow emergency is declared all vehicles are required to be off the streets. This will allow the snow plow drivers to get the streets cleared in a timely manner.

Snow emergencies will be declared at least 4 hours before they take effect and will be broadcast on local radio stations, Sioux Falls television stations, on the city's Facebook page and as a Nixle alert.

Scam Alert: Counterfeit Currency

Recently the Worthington Police Department has seen an uptick of counterfeit currency being passed around the area.

There are two types of bills that are being seen more frequently.

The first bill will display Chinese writing on it in red ink.

The second type of bill that is being seen has writing that states “For Motion Picture Use

Only” on the bill.

These bills have been showing up across the United States and are not just a local problem.

If you receive currency, just take a moment to look over the bill before accepting it.

If you see the red Chinese writing or the notation “For Motion Picture Use Only” please call the Worthington Police Department at 507-295-5400.



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EVOC Training

The Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) board requires all law enforcement officers to attend an 8-hour Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) once every five years.

However, for members of the Worthington Police Department, we attend this training every three years.

In 2017, 28 law enforcement officers died in duty related automobile crashes with an additional 5 officers killed in vehicle pursuits.

Automobile crashes were the second leading cause of death for law enforcement officers behind

gunfire (45).

The EVOC training covers a wide variety of topics both in the classroom and in the vehicle.

The classroom topics include:

- Emergency vehicle operations
- Vehicle seizures and intention stopping techniques
- Use of force and deadly force
- Pursuit intervention options
- Physiological and psychological effects of pursuits
- Case law and relevant Minnesota traffic law

In-Vehicle Training includes:

- Evasive driving and collision avoidance

- Pursuit and code 3 driving techniques
- Skid control and recovery techniques
- Controlled braking including anti-lock braking and threshold braking
- Serpentine driving
- Emergency equipment effectiveness
- Backing

One of the most important topics we covered was decision making surrounding pursuits and when to terminate them.

Anytime there is a pursuit, officers are constantly weighing the risks of the pursuit compared to the need to take the suspect into custody.

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Humor in Law Enforcement

After the heart wrenching article about the experiences of dispatchers during Hurricane Michael, it is time to switch gears and cover some of the more humorous calls dispatchers have fielded.

A caller on West Point Avenue reports that a belligerent squirrel was preventing him from using his boat dock. The caller said he knew nothing could be done about it, but he wanted officers to know “what kind of

squirrels are running about in the community”.

An Oak Hill community couple discovered a thief in their home Saturday after a man told a joke and heard a laugh upstairs.

Dunn Police charged a Fayetteville man with driving a stolen vehicle after he stopped and asked police for directions.

Ashland police responded to a report of two dogs running



loose and attacking ducks on Sunday. The officer cited a residence for the loose dogs. According to the police report, the ducks refused treatment and left the area.

Credit to PoliceOne.com

Mission Statement

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

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