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## MADD Tie One On For Safety and Toward Zero Deaths

With the holiday season upon us, the MADD Tie One On For Safety holiday campaign kicks off.

From November 16 until December 31, the MADD Tie One On For Safety is urging everyone to designate a sober driver and to hand over your keys.

Help keep your holiday celebrations enjoyable by preventing tragedy.

When you have a designated driver, you are more likely to make it home safely to the ones you love.

According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) almost 30 people a day die from drunk driving crashes.

While that number has fallen by a third over the last 3 decades, there

are still over 10,000 people a year who never make it home due to drunk driving.

To help support the effort to reduce drunk driving and lower driving fatalities, Minnesota participates in the Toward Zero Death program.

This program focuses on different aspects of bad driving, including distracted driving and drunk driving, with the goal to reduce the traffic fatalities below 300 by 2020.

As of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 310 people have lost their lives on Minnesota highways.

As of October 28<sup>th</sup>, 23,147 people have been arrested for DWI in Minnesota.

Don't be a statistic!

Plan ahead and find a sober driver, your life could depend on it!

Credit:  
Minnesotatzd.org  
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## Ice Safety

Winter came early across the state and Lake Okabena has already started to freeze over.

Before you rush onto the ice, there are a few things you should know!

Ice is never 100% safe!

### For New Clear Ice

- Under 4” of ice – Stay off!
- 4” – Ice fishing and other activities on foot.
- 5”-7” – Snowmobile or ATV
- 8”-12” – Car or Small pickup
- 12”-15” – Medium truck

### White Ice

Remember that there are many factors that cause ice to be unsafe.

White ice or “snow ice” is only about half as strong as new clear ice. Double the above listed guidelines when traveling on white ice.

Temperature, snow cover, currents, springs, and rough fish all affect the relative safety of ice.

Ice is seldom the same thickness over a single body of water and can be two feet thick in one location and just an inch-thick a foot away.

It is recommended that you check ice thickness at least every 150 feet using an ice chisel, ice auger, or cordless drill



along with a tape measure.

If you drive on the ice, vehicles should be parked at least 50 feet apart and should be moved every two hours.

### Helpful tip

Make a hole next to the car. If water starts to overflow the top of the hole, the ice is sinking and it’s time to move the vehicle.

Credit to the Minnesota DNR for these helpful tips!

**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

## Narcan Update

The Worthington Police Department just received 30 doses of Naloxone (Narcan) from the Southwest EMS Corporation as part of a grant to get the life-saving drug into the hands of law enforcement and first responders across Wouthwest Minnesota. This grant was provided at no cost to the Worthington Police Department

Naloxone, otherwise known as Narcan, is used to reverse the effects of opioid overdoses; which includes heroin, Fentanyl, Morphine, Codeine, and Oxycodone.

The Worthington Police Department would like to thank Ann Jensen and the Southwest EMS corporation for providing the Naloxone to our officers. The Naloxone has already been distributed to our police officers and is ready for use at a moment’s notice!

## Scam Alert: Apple iCloud Scam

Apple is requesting that iPhone users not answer calls that appear to be coming from Apple unless they specifically requested one through the official Apple online support page.

This request is being made due to a new sophisticated scam where the callers have been spoofing Apple's customer support telephone number.

This new scam started with a telephone call stating there was a data

breach on the iCloud server and it directed the individual to call another telephone number to fix the issue.

Once the Apple user called the number and went through the prompts, they were required to enter their iCloud account credentials.

This gave the scammers full access to their iCloud account and access to data and files stored there.

Apple has stated that if

you receive an unsolicited call from someone claiming to be from Apple, hang up and call them directly.

Just remember that Apple will never call you for your Apple ID password, iCloud credentials, or verification codes to provide support for your device.

To be on the safe side, setting up two factor authentications to your iCloud device can help



defeat these types of scams, by providing an extra layer of security to your Apple ID or iCloud credentials.

Credit:  
[www.iMore.com](http://www.iMore.com)

## Animal Licenses

2020 Worthington animal license are now available at the Worthington Police Department and the Veterinary Medical Center!

The cost is \$20 for spayed or neutered pets and \$30 for non-spayed or neutered pets.

Proof of a current rabies vaccination is required at the time of purchase.

The new license is required by **February 1, 2020** to prevent a citation

### Animal License Requirements

Worthington City Ordinance 90.09 requires all animals more than three months old to obtain a license for the animal from the city. This includes cats and dogs.

City animal licenses are valid for a period of two years.

New residents shall be allowed 30 days from the date residence is established or the date of acquisition of the animal in which to obtain the animal license.

License tags are to be constantly worn by the animal and attached to their collar.

The licensing requirements of city ordinance 90.09 do not apply for animals belonging to a non-resident as long as the animal is not kept in the city over 30 days. These animals shall always be kept under restraint while in the city.

### Benefits

There are multiple benefits to having an animal license for your pet. The biggest benefit to having an animal license is knowing that your pet can be quickly returned home if they get loose.



An animal having a city license ensures they are current on their rabies shot, which provides peace of mind if someone is bit.

Finally, you can avoid pesky tickets for not having your animal licensed. The tickets can easily be in excess of 2 or 3 times the cost of the license.

If you have any questions about this requirement, please contact Worthington Animal Control Officer Josh Erwin at 507-329-0070.

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## Humor in Law Enforcement

With body cameras and squad car cameras quickly becoming the norm for law enforcement, it should come as no surprise that they catch some interesting comments.

The following are actual comments made by Georgia State Troopers:

“You know, stop lights don’t come any redder than the one you just went through.”

“Yes sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don’t think that will help. Oh, did I mention that I am the shift supervisor?”

“Warning, you want a warning? O.K., I am warning you not to do that again or I’ll give you another ticket!”

“Just how big were those two beers you had?”

“I’m glad to hear that the Chief (of Police) is a personal friend of yours. So, you know someone who can post your bail.”

“You didn’t think we give pretty women tickets? You’re right, we don’t. Sign here.”

“The answer to this last question will determine



weather you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?”

“Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop”

Credit: Police Memes Facebook Page

## Mission Statement

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

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