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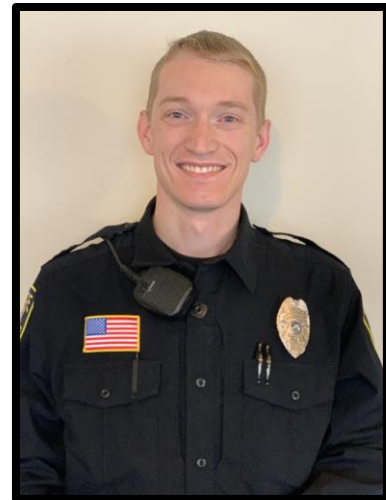
Officer Profile: Alex VanSomeren

The newest officer to join the ranks of the Worthington Police Department is Alex VanSomeren.

Officer VanSomeren grew up in Hudson, Wisconsin and his passion for law enforcement started when he joined the Hudson Police Explorer Post.

After graduating from the Hudson High School in 2014, Officer VanSomeren attended the University of Northwestern in St. Paul and received his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

After completing his bachelor's degree in 2017, Officer VanSomeren continued his law enforcement education through Rasmussen College's Law Enforcement Skills Program.



After completing the skills portion of his education, Officer VanSomeren worked as a police officer with the Eden Prairie Police Department shortly before accepting a police officer position with the Worthington Police Department.

Officer VanSomeren is excited to serve the diverse community of Worthington and hopes to provide excellent

service to all of Worthington's citizens.

Officer VanSomeren has completed the Worthington Police Department FTO program and has started his duties as a patrol officer.

Please join us in welcoming Officer VanSomeren to our community!

Bedding Collection

Worthington Police Department Animal Control is requesting old sheets or blankets that can be used as bedding for stray animals brought to the pound. There is a box in the front entrance of the Prairie Justice Center for collection.



Animal Control

Community Service
Myra Onnen

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Office of Traffic Safety Award

According to the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety, there were 364 traffic deaths across the state in 2019 with 89 being caused by drunk and impaired driving.

That is nearly 1 in 4 traffic deaths being caused by impaired driving.

In Nobles County, there were two fatal crashes with two people being killed.

During the October 26th Worthington City Council Meeting, Scott McConkey from the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety took the time to recognize two Worthington Police Officers for their efforts in reducing the number

of alcohol and drug related crashes and fatalities.

McConkey recognized Officers Jake Refsland and Gabe Vander Veen with the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety DWI All Star Honorable Mention award for their dedicated work in keeping our



community safe from the dangers of Drunk and Impaired Driving.

Congratulations Officer Refsland and Officer Vander Veen on your well-deserved award!



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Winter Survival Kit

With winter on the way, now would be a good time to make A winter survival kit for your car.

Some basic items for the survival kit should include items to keep you warm such as blankets, warm clothes, hats and gloves, hand warmers, and other portable heat sources that are safe for indoor use.

Some other items for your survival kit should include food and water, power cords for cell phones, a shovel to keep your vehicle's tail pipe clear, an ice scraper, a flashlight, and extra batteries.

Taking a few minutes to plan a head can be literally be a life saver.



Scam Alert: Remote Access Scam

A local business was recently contacted by someone claiming to be from the corporate IT department.

The caller demanded that the employee download a remote access program onto the company's computer.

The employee stated he was not comfortable with doing that and asked the caller to call back when the manager came in.

The caller stated he was

from the corporate office and threatened to fire the employee if he did not immediately download the program.

The caller then ordered the employee to place a towel over the computer monitor.

Unfortunately the caller was a scammer who was using a technique known as social engineering.

Social engineering is simply the use of psychological

manipulation of people into performing actions or divulging confidential information.

In this case, the scammer used the fear of termination to pressure the employee to follow his directions.

The towel over the monitor was to prevent the employee from seeing what was on the screen and being suspicious over what was happening on the monitor.



The company had a computer technician review the computer and it does not appear the scammer was able to steal any data.

Snow Emergency

Winter is almost here and that means it is time to go over the Snow Emergency Ordinance.

When a snow emergency is declared, there is no parking on any Worthington City Street until the emergency is lifted.

This allows the Worthington Street Department to plow the streets so the Ambulance, Fire Department and Police Department can respond to emergencies and to allow the motoring public to get around town.

In order for this to happen, everyone needs to remove their car from the street, so the plows can clear the entire street! Just a reminder that you cannot park on the street until the snow emergency is lifted.

Snow emergencies will be announced on social media, local radio, Sioux Falls TV stations, and the JBS Human Resource Department.

If you have not signed up for Nixle Messages, now would be a good time to do so.

Nixle messaging is used by the Worthington Police Department and Nobles County Sheriff's

Officer for emergency messages, such as weather announcements.

To sign up for Nixle Messages, go to the City of Worthington web page under public safety and sign up or simply text your zip code to 888777.

Vehicles that remain on the street during the snow emergency can be ticketed and towed.



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Humor in Law Enforcement

This month's dumb criminal comes from the Windy City of Chicago.

Looking for some quick cash, our dumb criminal went to a local muffler shop, flashed a gun, and demanded money from the staff.

The staff informed the dumb criminal that the money was in a safe that only the manager could open, and the manager was not in.

Not wanting to miss out on the money in the safe, the dumb criminal did the only thing that made sense, he left his telephone number for the manager to call when he returned.

A short time later the dumb criminal received a call to return to the muffler shop to collect his reward!

As the dumb criminal arrived, he saw the police waiting for him.



After a brief foot chase and a shootout, the dumb criminal was arrested and taken to jail.

Mission Statement

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

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