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Worthington Police News

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Worthington Police Department (507) 295-5400

Officer Profile: Colby Palmersheim

Our newest officer to complete the field training program and join the ranks of the Worthington Police Department is Officer Colby Palmersheim.

Officer Palmersheim grew up in Rochester, Minnesota playing hockey for Century High School.

After completing high school, Officer Palmersheim attended Rochester Community College and later transferred to Alexandria Technical College.

Throughout his high school and college years,

Officer Palmersheim worked as a landscaper in the Rochester and Winona areas.

The Nobles County Jail hired Officer Palmersheim as a correctional officer until he began his duties with the Worthington Police Department.

Like all new officers employed at the Worthington Police Department, Officer Palmersheim completed a rigorous field training program in early September. When Officer Palmersheim is not working, he enjoys jeeping, ice fishing and playing hockey.

Officer Palmersheim has the goal of eventually becoming a K-9 Officer.



Questions about Curfew

Recently I had several people approach me with questions about Worthington's curfew ordinance.

If you are 16-17: Curfew on Sunday through Thursday is 11:00 p.m.

Curfew on Friday and Saturday is 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)

If you are 15 or under: Curfew on Sunday through Thursday is 10:00 p.m.

Curfew on Friday and Saturday is 11:00 p.m.

There are some exceptions for children coming directly home after work or a school event, or are with their parents or legal guardians.

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Call of the Month

The call of the month for Octobers started with officers being called to a local hotel for a large fight involving multiple suspects.

While investigating the fight, officers quickly discovered the fight started when an intoxicated male tried to pick a fight with multiple members of a wedding party, who were celebrating at the hotel.

The fight started when the intoxicated suspect threatened to shoot members of the wedding party.

After a quick search of the hotel, officers were able to locate the suspect and recover a 9mm handgun.

The suspect was booked into the Nobles County Jail on a felony charge of Terroristic Threats.



K-9 Fundraiser

The Worthington Police Department and Nobles County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Eastern Star and Masonic Family for sponsoring our recent fundraiser.

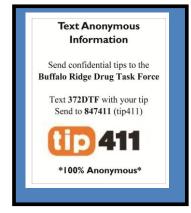
The fundraiser brought in approximately \$1274 and the Eastern Star and Masonic Family matched the donations received for a grand total of \$3000.

All money raised during

this event will be split between the police department and sheriff's department to be used to replace the retiring K-9 officers.

Anyone interested in donating to help support this cause can contact Sergeant Brett Wiltrout of the Worthington Police Department or Deputy Dustin Roemeling of the Nobles County Sheriff's Office.





Ask an Officer

Our Ask an Officer question for this month is: What is the best excuse you or your co-workers have heard from people in order to get out of a ticket?

Detective Sergeant Flynn wins the best excuse award when the driver on

a traffic stop told him "Tie me kangaroo down, sport".

Send your comments and questions to:

chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us and it may be answered here.



Trick or Treat: Tips to Keep your Children Safe This Halloween

It's hard to believe that October is already here and it won't be long before our streets are filled with little ghosts, goblins and zombies.

The number one threat to children on Halloween is motor vehicles. According to the Center for Disease Control, children are four times more likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than any other day of the year.

By taking a few simple precautions, you can make this year safe for everyone:

- The number one thing you can do to keep your children safe is to properly supervise them.
- To ensure that motor vehicles see your children, you can use flashlights, glow sticks, or reflective tape to increase visibility.
- Everyone should use sidewalks whenever possible and make sure you cross the street using the crosswalks.
- Avoid using full face masks that can block

- the child's vision, which can prevent them from seeing safety hazards.
- Use fire retardant costumes and be cautious around candles and other open flames.
- Use props that are soft and flexible to prevent injury in case the child would fall or accidently run into someone else.

If you take a few small steps, Halloween can be safe for you and your little ones.





SCAM ALERT: The CC Global Scam

The CC Global Scam is an older scam that is starting to show up in Worthington. The scam starts when the criminal discovers your checking account number. They start by drafting a 1 cent check from your account. If the check clears, they will then make a second draft from your account for \$20.95.

The name that typically shows up on the bank drafts is a fake company that goes by the name CC Global. If you call CC Global, they will claim they are a check clearing Verification Company for an adult website with the hope that you don't question the charges. If you do question the charge, they will promise to refund the money, but they never actually refund it.

The key to protecting yourself from this scam is to stay vigilant and monitor your checking account. Always question any suspicious charge on your account and if you do not recognize it, work with your bank or credit union to block the suspicious charges.

If you believe you have been victimized by this scam or others, please contact the Worthington Police Department at 507-295-5400 and talk to a police officer about the incident.

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Dumb Criminal of the Month

Our dumb criminal of the month just happened to find something worth fighting over, fried chicken.

The story started when our dumb criminal wanted some chicken from a local restaurant, but for reasons to be left unmentioned, she was not permitted to do so.

Not to be denied a savory dinner of fried chicken, the dumb criminal decided to go to her neighbor's house and ask him to get the chicken for her.

The neighbor agreed to help her and went uptown to pick up the fried chicken.

While on the way home, the neighbor was overcome by the delicious smell of the fried chicken and decided to help himself. The neighbor took several pieces of the chicken and left behind some money to pay for it.

Upon discovering the missing chicken, our dumb criminal ran into the street in front of the neighbor's house and started screaming and swearing at him and his family.

Officers soon arrived and she was warned for trespassing and disorderly conduct.



MissionStatement

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

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