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# Worthington Police News



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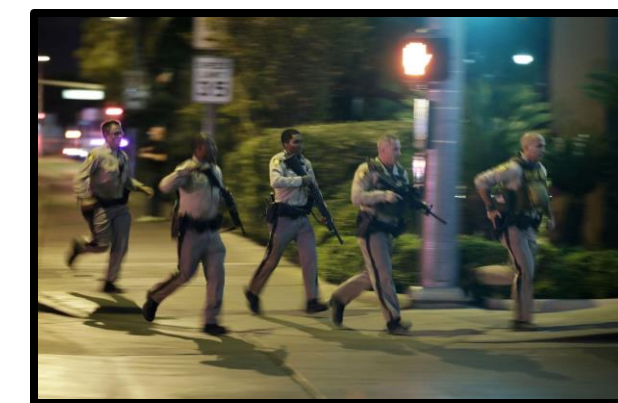
## Look for the Helpers

Fred Rogers, the host of Mr. Roger's Neighborhood, often told the story about when he was a small boy and would see scary things in the news. "My mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping'. To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers – so many caring people in this world."

(Fredrogers.org)

With news of the deadliest mass shooting in modern US history still pouring in, Mr. Roger's words are more pertinent than ever.

Even in the carnage that left 59 people dead (at time of writing) and over 500 others injured,



one did not have to look far to find the helpers.

The helpers came in the form of men shielding women from the gunfire; the waves of police officers running toward gunfire while helping people escape the carnage; the processions of Fire and EMS providers helping the injured; the nurses and doctors that tirelessly worked hour after hour saving lives; ordinary citizens who were placed in a horrific

scene, yet risked life and limb to help complete strangers; and blood donors who stood in line for hours so they could donate life-saving blood.

Yet in our darkest days, America shines the brightest.

In this time of need, the helpers could be found everywhere and that is what makes America great.

Photograph courtesy of The Advocate.com

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## Halloween Safety

It is that time of year again when little ghosts and goblins can be seen roaming the streets again in search of candy!

With Halloween almost here, now is a good time to review some safety tips to help make this holiday a fun and safe event for everyone.

Some tips that come from [safekids.org](http://safekids.org) include:

- Drivers slowing down and remain alert in residential neighborhoods.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, medians, and curbs.
- Turn on your headlights earlier in the day to help spot children from a greater distance.
- Children can be unpredictable and can run between cars and into traffic with little to no warning.
- Most importantly, don't let phones, radios, and other gadgets distract you while driving.
- For parents of children, decorate your costumes with reflective tape, stickers, or use LED lighting on costumes.
- Chose face paint over a mask, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have the child carry glow sticks or flashlight to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- Pick an appropriate size costume to reduce trips and falls.



- Have the children cross the streets only at crosswalks.
- Children under 12 should not be out alone without adult supervision.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.

Let's make this another safe year for everyone!

If you see dangerous driving happening, please call it in!



**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: Disorderly Conduct

Last month, the Minnesota Supreme Court heard the case of Robin Hensel of Little Falls, who was charged with Disorderly Conduct after displaying signs exhibiting dead and deformed children at a city council meeting and at a later meeting refusing to sit in a designated area.

The Minnesota Supreme Court determined by a 4 – 2 vote that the disorderly conduct law was overly broad and violated Hensel's first amendment rights. The court stated the state law was overly broad, because it prohibits any activity that disturbs any lawful gathering if the protester knows it will have that effect.

This ruling invalidates Subdivision 1 (2) of the disorderly conduct statute that made it illegal for someone who "disturbs an assembly or meeting, not unlawful in its character".

## Scam Alert: E-Citation Scam

This scam warning comes from our friends with the Fargo Police Department.

Recently the Fargo Police Department had received several complaints from local citizens stating they received a ticket by email.

The email contained a link that would direct you to a website in order to pay the ticket and would threaten harsh penalties if someone did not pay the ticket.

These email tickets are a scam and were not sent by the Fargo Police Department.

Here in Worthington, we issue tickets either in person or via mail. Less commonly, we may leave a ticket at the scene or residence of someone.

The Worthington Police Department does not email tickets to people.

If you receive an email similar to this, please contact the police department to report this.

If you receive a ticket and you do not know if the ticket is real, please contact the law enforcement agency listed to verify if it is real or not.



From: Department of Motor Vehicles <[violations@citygovernment.co.gov](mailto:violations@citygovernment.co.gov)>  
 Date: Sep 25, 2017 2:07 PM  
 Subject: Notice of Traffic Violation  
 To:   
 Cc:  
 Dear

This notice is to inform you that you have been cited with a traffic violation and must pay your citation within 72 hours. We have payment plans available if necessary.

DETAILS OF CITATION
Traffic Code Violation: <b>SPEEDING</b> (15-20 OVER LIMIT)
Approximate Location of Violation: 200 45th Street S
City: Fargo
State: ND

Do not mail in your checks to us. All citations must be paid online through our [EasyPay](#) Center.

If you choose to contest your citation, you must do so by [clicking here](#) to contact your local Department of Motor Vehicles via SecureMail.

*This was an automated message sent on behalf of your local Department of Motor Vehicles. Do not reply to this message.*

## Ask an Officer: Can You Resist an Unlawful Arrest?

I was recently watching a police show where one of the suspects was screaming that the police were unlawfully arresting him and he tried to fight back.

That made me wonder if the arrest was unlawful, would it be legal to fight back or resist? – Jennifer

The Minnesota Supreme Court has looked at this topic over the years in several notable cases, including; State v. Kittleson (1981), State v. Hoagland (1978) and in State v. Wick (1983).

In these cases, the Minnesota Supreme Court has ruled that there is no right to resist an unlawful arrest or an unlawful search in Minnesota. If someone does use force against a peace officer because they believe they are resisting an unlawful arrest, they are subject to criminal charges, which can include Obstruction of Legal Process and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assault.

In addition, someone being arrested simply cannot know what the officer knows and is basing the arrest on.

If someone believes that they have been unlawfully arrested or unlawfully searched, they can either file a complaint against the officer with the police department or they can contact an attorney and challenge the reason for the arrest or the search.

*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:*

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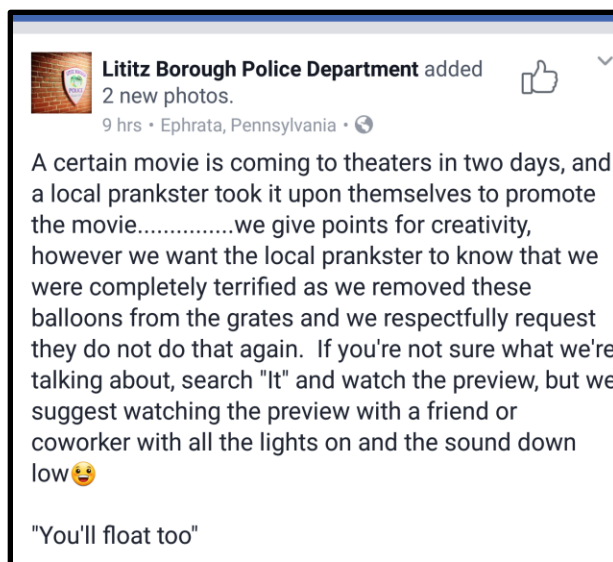
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We're on the Web!

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

## Humor in Law Enforcement

With Halloween just around the corner, the Lititz Brought Police Department has this public service announcement!



## Mission Statement

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

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