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## Officer Phil Butenhoff

The Worthington Police Department is saying goodbye to another one of our officers, Phil Butenhoff.

Officer Butenhoff is moving back to Winona in order to be closer to family.

Officer Butenhoff has applied for a job with the Winona Police Department and is anticipating a January hire date.

In the meantime, Officer Butenhoff will be going back to work construction.



Everyone at the Worthington Police Department would like to wish Officer Butenhoff the best on

his move to Winona and good luck with the hiring process with the Winona Police Department.

## Happy Halloween!



**Animal Control**  
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## Notable Calls

The notable call for this month started out with a request to check the welfare of a woman who may have taken an overdose of prescription medication.

While en route to the welfare check, the police department requested the ambulance to be on standby while they performed the welfare check.

As officers responded to a local business to check on the woman, they found the woman's vehicle, but were not able to find her.

After an immediate

search of the business and surrounding area, the Worthington Fire Department was contacted to assist the police department in the search.

After a quick briefing into the situation, the fire department, police department, and the ambulance service split up and started to search for the woman.

Within a short period of time, the woman was located and was transported to the hospital.

Thanks to the men and women who were willing to drop everything and rush to the aid of a total



stranger, this story had a positive outcome.

Worthington has a lot to be proud of in our first responders and cases like this just highlight the awesome job they do!

**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: Vehicle Horn Noise Complaints

Each year, the Worthington Police Department receives noise complaints from frustrated neighbors woken up by someone honking their car horn when picking up someone for work. Not only is this conduct annoying for the neighbors of these people, but it is in violation of two Worthington city ordinances.

This conduct is in violation of ordinance 92.55, which prohibits any unnecessary noise that disturbs the comfort of others. It is also in violation of ordinance 130.01, which prohibits the making or production of unnecessary noise, including the blowing of any automotive or vehicle horn.

## Scam Alert: Public Wi-Fi

A new scam that is starting to show up is the free Wi-Fi scam.

The scam works when you go to a public place and look for an internet hot spot to surf the web.

You may find a Wi-Fi connection named “Free Wi-Fi” or something similar and when you connect to it, you can fall victim to the scam.

The problem is that the Wi-Fi connection is not a Wi-Fi connection, but a

peer-to-peer network, where the scammer allows you to browse the internet with his connection.

When you use the scammers internet connection, all of the traffic goes through his computer and he can see everything you do online.

This includes showing the scammer all of your user names and passwords that you enter for any websites you

browse, including financial and other sites.

If this wasn't bad enough, because they are connected to your computer, they can see all of your files and plant malware on your computer.

The best way to protect yourself from this scam is to not use any free Wi-Fi connections that you are not familiar with.



Do you have a question about a scam or have been a victim of a scam that you would like warn others about? If so, please email [chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us](mailto:chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us).

You may remain anonymous.

## Halloween Safety Tips

It's hard to believe, but Halloween is just around the corner and it is time to talk about safety.

- Put the electronic devices down! Not only can they be a distraction for the children, but they also affect night vision, making it more difficult to see potential danger.
- Cross the street only at corners, using crosswalks and traffic signals.
- Always walk on sidewalks and paths where available. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic and as close to the curb as possible.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach your children to never dart out into the street or to cross the street between parked cars.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and if possible, use light colored costumes.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct and limit a child's vision.
- For motorists, slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods.
- Take extra time to look for children in intersections, medians, and curbs.

Let's make this a safe Halloween for all of our little ghosts and ghouls.



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## **Humor in Law Enforcement**

Our next story comes from Rochester, Minnesota where a 22-year-old woman was being accused of shoplifting.

Police were called to the Apache Mall in Rochester for a complaint that the woman had stolen about \$300 in merchandise and fought with security guards before running away.

A limo driver who was watching the police officers

search the area, stopped and asked who they were looking for.

When the limo driver heard the description of the woman, he told the officers the description sounded like the woman he had picked up at a nearby hotel and dropped off at the mall.

The officers followed the limo driver back to the hotel and arrested the woman.



At least she got to ride to and from the mall in style!

## **Mission Statement**

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

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