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Halloween Safety Statistics

For kids, Halloween is one of the most anticipated nights of the year, but according to Safe Kids Worldwide™, there are some scary statistics on Halloween Safety.

Only 1/3 of parents took the time to talk to their children about Halloween safety; yet 3/4 report having safety fears.

On average, twice as many child pedestrians are killed while walking on Halloween as compared to other days of the year.

Only 18% of parents use reflective tape on their child's Halloween costumes.

Also, 12% of children aged five and under are permitted to trick or treat alone.

If these statistics don't scare you, then I don't know what will!

Halloween safety starts at home. Take the time to talk to your children about Halloween safety and the potential dangers that they may face.

A few simple safety tips can keep your little ghosts, goblins, and princesses safe this year.

- Children under 12 should trick-or-treat with an adult.
- Children under 12 should only cross the street with an adult.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks or paths

available, walk facing traffic as far to the side as possible.

- Use crosswalks whenever available. Only cross the street at the corners and remind children to watch for cars leaving parking spaces or backing up.
- Use reflective tape on costumes and bags to ensure your child is seen by traffic.
- Drivers should slow down and be extremely alert in residential neighborhoods. Children can be unpredictable and may dart out between cars.

For more safety tips, go to safekids.org



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Dispatch Corner – Unusual Calls

It should come as no surprise that our dispatchers can get some strange calls at times.

Here is a small sampling of strange, funny and unique calls police dispatchers may receive.

Shortly after 9/11 occurred, the Pipestone County Sheriff's Department received a call asking if there had been a terrorist attack in the county. It turns out the caller's cable television went out and that was the only possible explanation.

Here in Worthington, dispatch received a call to report a shadow person walking across the wall in the complainant's house.

Officer's arrived to find the house was locked up and there was no one in the house other than the complainant.

Another Worthington caller reported there was a ghost hiding behind her refrigerator. The apartment was searched and the ghost was not located. Mental health was contacted for this individual.

Looking outside the local area, some other calls received by dispatch include:

A 29-year-old male reported his brain hurt from doing drugs. It turned out he was using meth and after urinating, he injected the urine into his veins.



Another caller reported a possible domestic situation. The caller stated her boyfriend was threatening to eat all the food she just purchased.

Finally, another caller reported that she had a Martian in her house and he would not leave. The caller advised she was not kidding!

Rest assured that no matter how strange, seemingly funny, or unique the call is, our dispatchers are up to the challenge!

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: 4th Degree Assault

Minnesota State Statute 609.223 was changed as of August 1, 2016 to make it a felony for anyone to throw or otherwise transfer bodily fluids or feces at or onto a peace officer. The penalty for this violation is imprisonment for not more than three years or a payment of a fine of not more than \$6,000 or both.

Prior to this change in statute, the courts determined that the act of transferring bodily fluids or feces at or on a peace officer was not a violation of the statute unless there was another assault on the peace officer at the same time.

Scam Alert: IRS Scam Letter

Another version of the IRS scam has started to hit the area.

So many people have become aware of the IRS scam; the IRS scammers have been forced to change their tactics.

The IRS scammers are now sending out letters to unsuspecting victims demanding that they call a telephone number or visit a website to address their alleged debt.

The scammers will then

demand immediate payment of this alleged debt via prepaid debit cards, iTunes cards (because scammers like to rock out too) or Western Union payments.

The scammers will use the same threats of immediate imprisonment, sending the local police to arrest you, revoking your driver's license and such.

If you receive one of these letters, there are a

couple of telephone numbers you can call.

If you do owe taxes, call the IRS at 800-829-1040 and the IRS employees can help you with payment issues.

If you do not know if you owe taxes or not, you can report the letter to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484.

For more information about tax scams, go to



IRS.gov and type scam into the search box.

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.

You may remain anonymous.

Ask an Officer: Missing Children Searches

In missing child cases, why do the police officers search the house even when the parents have already done so?

The simple answer is that in approximately 40% of the missing children cases I have investigated, the child was found in the house.

Small children have the unique ability to fall asleep anywhere.

Children have been found sleeping in closets, in bathtubs, behind couches, under beds, in a clothes basket and so on.

In one case, a child was found sleeping under the covers on the bed, but due to the small stature of the child, it was not visible

until the blankets were removed.

In another case, a small child went outside and fell asleep on the floor in the rear of his mother's car. His mother drove to work, not realizing the child was in the car. The mother received a call the child was missing and returned home to help search for the child. The police department searched the car and found the child, still sleeping.

With children, we can never take anything for granted and we always double check the residence because of cases like this.

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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Humor in Law Enforcement

This bank robbery began with a man walking up to the teller and handing her a note.

This note, like many others before it, stated that the robber had a gun and demanded money.

The teller quickly gave the money to the man and watched as he walked to the lobby and sat down.

The bank robber started talking to the security guard and told him that he was the man they were looking for.

Law enforcement officers quickly arrived

and took the man into custody.

Where this story deviates from many beforehand was in the questioning of the bank robber.

During the interview, the bank robber, 70-year-old Lawrence Ripple, told officers that he got into an argument with his wife and told her that he would rather go to jail then spend any more time at home with her.

Ripple then wrote the robbery note in front of her and went to the bank.



For his trouble, the federal judge sent Ripple back home, pending court proceedings.

Just for the record, I have been married long enough to know that I am not touching this one!

Mission Statement

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

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