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# **Worthington Police News**



Chief Troy Appel

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# **Sergeants**

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# **Patrol Officers**

Chris Hillesheim
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Lucky Sayveo
Kyle Schreier
Madison Stearns
Gabe Vander Veen
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### **Investigators**

Shawn Elsing Dave Hoffman Joe Joswiak Brandon Peil

### **School Resource**

**Dan Brouillet** 

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Worthington Police Department (507) 295-5400

# **Officer Profile: Kyle Schreier**

The Worthington Police Department has a new officer patrolling the street, Kyle Schreier!

Kyle is from Slayton and graduated from Murray County Central in 2016.

After briefly attending construction management classes at Mankato State
University, he quickly decided that was not the career path he wanted and switched to the criminal justice program at the Rasmussen College in Mankato.

Kyle then completed his skills training here



in Worthington at Minnesota West Community and Technical college.

Kyle was then hired by the Worthington Police Department and has already completed the field training program and is patrolling on his own.

When Kyle is not working, he spends his time volunteering with the Slayton Ambulance service as an Emergency Medical Responder.

# **Work Anniversaries**

Records Clerk Julie Jeppesen 29 years Police Officer Christopher Hillesheim 15 years Detective Brandon Peil 6 years



# Animal Control Josh Erwin

Community Service
Myra Onnen

# **Reception**

**Barb Hussong** 

## Records

Shari Droll Julie Jeppesen

### TAC/IT

**Gary Gerdes** 

# **Dispatch Supervisor**

**Nancy Veen** 

### Dispatch

Tonya Aanenson Stephanie Evers Jodi Mulder Zach Ramerth Joe Reith

### **K-9 Officers**

Frankee Mack Winston

# DONT 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

# **Blue Alert**

The Blue Alert Act of 2013 is a federal law that instructed the United States
Department of Justice to create a national blue alert communications system to spread important information about officers killed or hurt in the line of duty.

Minnesota is one of 29 states that have enacted the Blue Alert System.

A Blue Alert is an emergency message similar to an Amber Alert except that a Blue Alert is sent out when a law enforcement officer has been killed or seriously injured and the suspect poses an imminent threat to public safety.

Blue Alerts will include similar information to the Amber Alerts, including detailed information about the vehicle, the suspect, and the circumstances of the incident.

A Blue Alert is typically distributed in several ways including:

- Email, text
   messages, and faxes
   to media and
   subscribers to the
   Minnesota Crime
   Alert System
- A wireless emergency alert on cell phones
- A recorded emergency alert system message
- Electronic highway message signs



Fortunately, there have been no such activations since the system's creation in 2015.



# **Law Review: Yield to School Bus**

Minnesota State Statute 169.20 Subdivision 7, has now been modified to require the driver of a vehicle in the right hand lane of traffic to yield to any school bus attempting to enter that land from the shoulder, right-turn lane, or

other location where the school bus has stopped to load or unload passengers.

The school bus is required to indicate intent to enter the right-hand lane of traffic by activating a flashing left turn signal.

This law already exists for transit buses and has now been expanded to include school buses.



# **National Suicide Prevention Month**

September is National Suicide Prevention Month with September 10<sup>th</sup> being World Suicide Prevention Day.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for Americans overall and the second leading cause of death for young people aged 10 to 34.

If that wasn't shocking enough, the suicide rates increased more than 30 percent in half of the states since 1999.

Overall, nearly 45,000 lives are lost each year to suicide across the United States.

Deaths are only part of the problem. More then 1.3 million

adults have self-reported suicide attempts and nearly 10 million adults self-reported serious thoughts of suicide.

# **Risk Factors of Suicide**

- Family history of Suicide
- History of child maltreatment
- Previous suicide attempts
- History of alcohol and substance abuse
- Feelings of hopelessness
- Impulsive or aggressive tendencies
- Local epidemics of suicide
- Isolation or feeling cutoff from other people
- Loss (relationships, social, work, or financial)
- Physical illness
- Unwillingness to seek help

# Help is Available

If you or someone you love is suicidal, help is available with a simple phone call!

### **National Suicide Prevention**

Lifeline: 800-273-TALK 800-273-825

or

# **Worthington Police Department**

507-295-5400 or 911

## **Coming Soon**

Federal legislation was recently passed to grant the National Suicide Hotline a 3-digit number similar to 911 you can call for help. The number, which is not active yet, will be 988.

Suicide is preventable and a phone call can save your life!

# **King Turkey Day Events**

### Thursday, September 12

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. King Turkey Day Mixer at Pioneer Village

### Friday, September 13

4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Beer Garden<sup>2nd</sup> Ave and 10<sup>th</sup> St

4:00 p.m. till Dark Inflatables9<sup>th</sup> Street

5:00 p.m. till Dark
Sign p.m. Ride the Sky Helicopters 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and 8<sup>th</sup> St.
Monster Truck Car Crush – Fire Hall Parking Lot

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Music Entertainment by Kalea Appel – Government Center Lawn

6:00 p.m. Fowl Play  $-10^{th}$  St and  $2^{nd}$  Ave

7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Pulver's Tipsy Towing – in town tow or free ride (Call 507-828-3450) 8:00 p.m. Inflatable Movie "Secret Life of Pets" – Government Center Lawn

### Saturday, September 14

9:00 a.m. YMCA Fun Run – 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 10<sup>th</sup> Street
9:00 a.m. to noon Free Pancake Breakfast – Worthington Fire Hall
11:00 a.m Family fun bike ride – Worthington Fire Hall

2:00 p.m. Grand Parade

Visit www.kingturkeyday.net for the full list of King Turkey Day event.



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# **Humor in Law Enforcement**

# **Truth is Stranger** than Fiction

Last month, officers in Tierra Del Sol, Florida received a call about a woman who appeared to be intoxicated in a vehicle.

When officers arrived on scene, the woman tried to bet the officers a quarter that she would test more than double the state's legal blood-alcohol limit of 0.08%.

The woman bet that she would test a 0.190

BAC. She then provided two breath samples of 0.229 and 0.210.

The woman was arrested for driving under the influence and resisting arrest.

Credit: The Florida Man Times

# Overheard on the Scanner

Authorities in Sioux Falls found a 6-yearold who said she drove from her home in Brandon (SD) to Sioux Falls. Officers were able to locate



her parents and one of the officers was overheard saying "bring mom to our location as I don't think we should let the 6-year-old drive home"!

Credit: Tea Storm Chasers Facebook Page

# **Mission Statement**

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

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