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## Family in Need

In the early morning hours on September 4, 2021, the home of Joe and Angie Joswiak caught on fire and was destroyed.

While the family of 6 was able to get out of the house safely, almost everything they owned was destroyed.

If you would like to help out the Joswiak family, a gofundme page has been set up to help the family as they



try and recover from this life altering event. Go to [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) and search for "Joswiak Family Fire Relief".

## Employee Anniversaries

Dispatcher Stephanie Evers  
Detective Jacob Walker

9 Years  
7 Years



**Animal Control**  
Laura Garcia

**Community Service**  
Open

**Reception**  
Barb Hussong

**Records**  
Shari Droll  
Julie Jeppesen

**TAC/IT**  
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**Dispatch Supervisor**  
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**Dispatch**  
Tonya Aanenson  
Stephanie Evers  
Jodi Mulder  
Zach Ramerth  
Joe Reith

**K-9 Officers**  
Frankie  
Winston

## New Public Safety Bill

The Minnesota state legislature has been extremely busy this year when it comes to public safety.

A summary of the new laws includes:

### **The Arik Matson Law (609.221):**

This law includes stiffer penalties for 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Assaults against peace officers, prosecutors, judges, and correctional officers.

This law now includes a 25-year felony for a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Assault or 30-years if a dangerous or deadly force is used.

This law also eliminates early release.

### **Anti-Doxing Law (609.5151)**

It is now unlawful to dox a peace officers' personal information. A violation is a misdemeanor or a gross misdemeanor if an officer or family member suffers great bodily harm or death.

POST data for peace officers is now private under the Minnesota Data Practices Act.

### **Statute of Limitation Changes on Criminal Sexual Conduct (628.26)**

The statute of limitation on Criminal Sexual Conduct charges has been eliminated and the crimes can be charged anytime.

### **Prostitution**

Patronizing an adult prostitute is a



gross misdemeanor and additional offenses within 10 years are a felony.

### **Safe Harbor Statute for Victims of Sexual Assault (604A.06)**

The victim and reporter of a sexual assault have immunity from alcohol and drug charges and prevents their probation or parole from being revoked.

### **Forfeiture Changes**

DWI forfeitures will be limited to 1<sup>st</sup> Degree DWI (felony) or a 3<sup>rd</sup> DWI in 10 years.

Vehicle Drug Forfeitures – vehicles used in the transportation or exchange of a controlled substance are subject to forfeiture.

Money Forfeiture – Cash in the amount of \$1,500 or more is subject to forfeiture if there is probable cause to believe it was exchanged for a controlled substance.

### **Child Torture Law (609.3775)**

The intentional infliction of extreme mental anguish or extreme psychological or physical abuse when committed in an especially depraved manner is now a separate crime from the child abuse laws.



## Assorted Calls

August has been a busy month for the Worthington Police Department. Listed below is a sample of calls the officers have been responding to.

**Motor Vehicle Theft** – the stolen vehicle was later recovered by the Nobles County Sheriff's Office at Lake Bella.

**Property Damage** on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue – all four windows were broken out of a car.

**Domestic Assault with a Knife** – an adult female was arrested for 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault and domestic assault.

**Fleeing from a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle** – The suspect in this case was also determined to be a felon in possession of a firearm

and had an arrest warrant from the South Dakota Department of Corrections.

**Fleeing from a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle** – The suspect in this case was also in possession of a controlled substance and stolen property. A male was also arrested for a South Dakota Department of Corrections warrant.

**Report of Gunshots** – An adult male was arrested for felon in possession of a firearm and carrying a firearm while intoxicated. The firearm also had the serial number scratched off.

**Traffic Stop** – A traffic stop lead to a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Controlled Substance charge and approximately 300 pounds of marijuana was seized.



This is just a small sample of the good work being done by your police department in August!



## Ask an Officer: Pretextual Stops

**I have been hearing a lot about pretextual stops in the news. What is a pretextual stop?**

A pretextual traffic stop is a traffic stop by a law enforcement officer for a minor traffic offense in order to investigate a separate or unrelated offense.

A common version of this is an officer stopping cars for minor traffic violations in order to look for intoxicated drivers.

In Minnesota, case law does not allow police officers to expand

the scope of a traffic stop without reasonable suspicion.

The officer has to have a basis for expanding the traffic stop beyond the original reason for the stop. An example of this could be a driver stopped for a headlight out and the officer observed an open alcohol container in the vehicle.

Domestic terrorist Timothy McVeigh was arrested after Oklahoma State Trooper Charles J. Hanger stopped him for no license plate only 70 minutes after the Alfred P. Murrah Federal

Building was bombed in Oklahoma City.

This simple traffic violation lead to McVeigh being arrested and jailed for carrying a concealed weapon and to his subsequent arrest and conviction for the bombing.

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

Clint Butler spent the last few months eluding the British police after escaping from jail after serving 14 years of a 17-year sentence for robbery and weapons.

Butler's time on the lam quickly came to an end when Birmingham police officers noticed he was acting suspiciously and kept changing directions after spotting the police officers.

When asked by the police officers, why

he was in town during the pandemic lockdown, Butler and his friend said they were in town to get the new Call of Duty game because they can't sit around in lockdown.

Butler mistook real life for a video game and tried to attack the police.

He was quickly subdued by the police officers and was sent back to lockdown in the local jail, without his video game!



## Mission Statement

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

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