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Worthington Police Department (507) 295-5400

Officer Profile: Chris Hillesheim

The Officer of the Month for September is Officer Chris Hillesheim. Officer Hillesheim started his law enforcement career by attending Alexandria Technical College where he received an AAS Degree in Law Enforcement.

After college, Officer Hillesheim worked as a Deputy Sheriff for the Pipestone County Sheriff's Department for 5 years before coming to the Worthington Police Department in August 2004.

Officer Hillesheim's duties with the Worthington Police Department include: Bike Patrol Officer, CPR and First Aid Instructor, EMT and First Responder Instructor, Field Training Officer and author of this newsletter.



Officer Hillesheim has also been an Emergency Medical Technician for the last 17 years and currently serves on the Sanford Regional Hospital Ambulance Service in Worthington.

When not working, Officer Hillesheim attends Metropolitan State University where he is completing his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Officer Hillesheim is also a Lieutenant with the United States Civil Air Patrol and is the current commander of the 113th Composite Squadron of the Minnesota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

In his free time, Officer Hillesheim enjoys martial arts, Amateur Radio, hunting, and spending time with his family.

Animal Control
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Community Service
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Myra Onnen

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Reception
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Records
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Dispatch
Tonya Aanenson
Stephanie Culham
Hannah Huls
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Nancy Veen

Law Review: Medical Amnesty

On August 1, 2013, a new law went into effect that grants immunity from prosecution for underage drinkers who call 911 for medical assistance.

This law came into effect after several highly publicized drinking deaths throughout the state, which could have been prevented if medical help was sought in a timely manner.

In order for immunity to be granted, the caller has to meet certain requirements.

First, the caller has to be the initial person to make the report.

Next, they need to provide their name and contact information.

Finally, they need to remain on scene and cooperate with authorities at the scene.

If these measures are met, then immunity will be applied to the caller, one or two people acting in concert with the caller, and to the person needing medical attention.

Under this statute, the immunity granted is for minor consumption of alcohol and for minor possession of alcohol.



Shortly after coming into effect, this statute was used in Worthington for a teenager who was suffering from alcohol poisoning and had to be transported by ambulance to the hospital for treatment.

Text Anonymous Information

Send confidential tips to the
Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

Text 372DTF with your tip
Send to 847411 (tip411)

tip 411

100% Anonymous

Worthington Crime Rates

Each year, law enforcement agencies around the nation report their crime rates to the FBI.

For 2012, the Worthington crime rate was 5,741 crimes per 100,000 population. While that may seem high, Marshall's crime rate was 9,440 crimes per 100,000 or about 60% higher than Worthington's crime rate. Fairmont's crime rate was 12,225 crimes per 100,000 or more than double Worthington's crime rate.

Scam Alert: The Fake Lawsuit

The latest scam to hit the Worthington area is the fake lawsuit scam.

The scam starts with a telephone call from a person claiming to be from a legal company, who just happens to have filed a lawsuit against you.

The caller goes on to say that they will be generous enough to stop the legal action against you, if you would just send some money to them.

Fortunately for our potential victim, he started asking questions about who was suing him and who the company was that was trying to settle the lawsuit, but the caller would not answer the simple questions.

So what should you do if you receive a telephone call like this? Simply hang up the telephone.

For a lawsuit to be brought against someone, they have to

be served notice of the lawsuit. This is typically done by a mailing notice of the lawsuit or by having the notice served by a deputy sheriff or process server. In some cases, the notice may be made by publishing it in the newspaper.

If you have not received notice, then you have probably not been sued. To be sure, you can go to the Minnesota Judicial Branch website at www.mncourts.gov and search your name for any court action taken against you.



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: Fake IDs

How do you determine if someone is using a fake ID card?

Most of the time we can look at the ID or driver's license and notice that something does not seem quite right.

For example, if there is a hand drawn stick figure in place of your photograph or if your photograph includes a picture of you and your girlfriend, we are probably going to determine the ID to be fake. Yes, both these examples are from actual ID cards that people have tried to pass off as real.

While we can look for the security features listed on the ID card, we typically check the license number in the driver and vehicle services computer database to determine if it is real or not.

We check to see if the license number comes back on file and that the name associated with the number matches the information provided on the ID card or driver's license. We have the ability to access driver's license data bases nationwide as well as the ability to check photographs with those we still question.

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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See us at:
www.ci.worthington.mn.us

Criminal of the Month

It should come as no surprise to our loyal readers that most of our criminal stories revolve around the abuse of alcohol and this month's story is no different.

Our tale starts out early one morning with an officer sitting in a parking lot working on reports when a vehicle caught his eye.

The officer noticed a headlight on the car was not working. As the car approached the officer, he quickly realized why.

The car appeared to have been in a recent accident as the front end was smashed and the headlight

was hanging over the bumper by the wires. If that was not enough, the front tire was completely flat, as the driver continued driving down the road.

One traffic stop and some field sobriety tests later, the driver was off to the Nobles County Jail where she was booked on a 4th Degree DWI charge.

When asked if she had anything to say about the incident, our hapless driver simply stated she was being picked on and stopped for no reason and she was mad that her friends got away with drunk driving while she got caught.



Mission Statement

Serving Worthington with honor and integrity by providing community oriented law enforcement and emergency services to all people.

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